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Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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- C - Coach
- CB - Converted Boxcar
- B - Boxcar
- F - Flatcar
- SSy - Heavy-duty Flatcar

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1. The following troop trains operated in the Dresden railroad district

<u>Date in August</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
1	24 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Klotzsche	Koenigsbrueck	1
9	20 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Klotzsche	Koenigsbrueck	1
18	52 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Klotzsche	Neubukow	2
19	19 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	"	2
8	32 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Aue	Chemnitz;	3
14	17 cars, 13 SSy with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	Glauchau	Plauen	4
24	2 cars, 3 SSy with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	"	Bad Koestritz	4

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27	8 cars, 4 SSy with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	Glauchau	Zeitz
28	53 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Flauen	Ohrdruf
	20 cars with soldiers and vehicles	"	"

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2. Troop trains listed in railroad between 13 and 23 September included

<u>Date in September</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
13	12 B, 33 F	Rathenow	Altengrabow
	11 CB, 3 B, 41 F	Rathenow	"
	5 B, 41 F	"	"
	9 CB, 7 B, 25 F	Kroepelin	Burg
	8 CB, 2 B, 30 F	Neubukow	Burg
14	10 CB, 7 B, 34 F	Kroepelin	Weimar
	3 CB, 4 F	Neubukow	Dresden railroad district
	6 CB, 3 B, 15 F	Neubukow	Weimar
	11 CB, 3 B, 35 F	Mechterstaedt	Altengrabow
	1 CB, 3 B, 32 F	Altengrabow	Wildpark
15	9 CB, 2 B, 14 F	"	Rathenow
	9 B, 18 B	Brandenburg	Altengrabow
	14 CB, 3 B, 32 F	Altengrabow	Rathenow
	12 B, 10 C	Lindau	Jueterbog
18	7 CB, 1 B, 22 F	Altengrabow	Brandenburg
20	11 CB, 3 B, 40 F	Altengrabow	Erfurt railroad district
22	12 CB, 3 B, 31 F	Neubukow	Chemnitz
23	2 B, 15 F	undetermined	Jerichow

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3. [redacted] major loadings were to be made in the Hillersleben, Genthin and Magdeburg areas in late September. The operations were supervised by special control staffs.⁷

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4. On 26 September, the Soviet transportation control headquarters ordered that, at noon on 27 September, 44 converted boxcars were to be made available. The cars were to be dispatched to Brest Litovsk. 8

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1. [redacted] Comment. The troop trains probably carried components of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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2. [redacted] Comment. These two troop trains [redacted] hauled components of the 4th Gds AAA Div to Wustrow.

3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] unidentified AAA regiment of the 6th Gds AAA Div [redacted] in Chemnitz until 8 August 1953.

4. [redacted] Comment. As the three troop trains were dispatched from Glauchau, they probably carried elements of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt. The unloading of the troop train on 14 August 1953 was observed at Plauen [redacted] on 15 August 1953. [redacted] The unit unloaded participated in local field exercises conducted by components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The units entrained on 24 and 27 August 1953 probably moved to field exercises held by contingents of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in the Gera-Zeitz area; no details could be obtained.

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5. [redacted] Comment. On 28 August 1953, elements of the 37th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div possibly moved to Ohrdruf. According to other observations, they returned from Ohrdruf to Plauen on 5 September 1953.

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6. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Troops returning from Wustrow on 13 and 14 September 1953 included: Two trains to Burg with elements of the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps.

Two trains to Weimar with components of the 13th AAA Div; the unloading of the troop train [redacted] at Weimar was previously observed [redacted]

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The troop train [redacted] with a detail of the 4th Gds AAA Div which probably was unloaded at Dresden-Klotzsche. It is believed that, between 14 and 20 September 1953, an artillery unit of the XXIX Gds Mecz Corps from Kimmel still was at Altengrabow for combat firing practice. The troop train [redacted] possibly carried units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which were to participate in major fall maneuvers in the northern sector of Letzling Heath and the Rathenow area. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] Comment. The loadings intended in the Hillersleben, Genthin and Magdeburg area probably are connected with the beginning of the fall maneuvers.

8. [redacted] Comment. The converted boxcars were probably used for the repatriation of German POW's from Brest Litovsk to Germany.

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