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- 25X1 1. In November 1951 orders for the manufacture of ten Red Cross trains were given to Lova Waggonbau Goerlitz VEB by an unidentified Russian unit stationed in Potsdam. Each train was to consist of five cars: one operating car, one kitchen car, two hospital cars, and one car for electrical machinery. The cars were to have the normal Reichsbahn symbols outside, but were not to be marked with a red cross; instructions inside the cars were to be in Russian. The cars were to be for standard gauge rail lines, nonconvertible to broad gauge.
- 25X1 2. The first two trains were delivered to a Russian commission at the beginning of January 1952 and were moved to Wildpark, near Berlin. A further six trains were delivered to a Russian commission in March 1952 but in April were still in Goerlitz awaiting minor alterations ordered by the commission. The remaining two trains were not to have been completed before the beginning of May 1952.
- 3. On 15 April 1952 an order to paint the cars with a preservative was issued by the Russian authorities.
- 4. As of April no further orders had been given to Waggonbau Goerlitz, although originally a figure of 35 trains had been mentioned.
- 5. At that time, work was being carried out by the Goerlitz plant and by Lova Waggonbau Niesky VEB on an order for flatcars, type RR 80. An order for 1,600 of these cars had been placed with the Niesky plant while Waggonbau Goerlitz was to make 400 axle sets (Drehgestell) for the flats. The cars, four-axle flatcars capable of carrying a weight of 80 tons, were being built for standard and broad gauge conversion.
- 6. The Goerlitz plant was also in receipt of an order for 700 flatcars, type RR 60, capable of carrying up to 60 tons. It was reported that these cars were to be built between July and November 1952.

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