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1.	The following troop trains were	between	25X1
	20 September and 4 October: 20 and 21 September: five troop trains	from Magd	.eburg
	to Gardelegen; 20 September: two troop trains from Burg to Letzling	en; 20 to	
	22 September: nine troop trains from Altengrabow to Jaevenitz and G	ardelegen	13
	20 to 24 September: 18 troop trains from Tangerhuette, Genthin and	Mahlwinke	el to
	the Halle railroad district; 20 to 22 September: nine troop trains	from Hald	lensleben
	and Hillersleben to Schoenhausen; 20 and 21 September: 12 troop tra	ins from	the
	Schwerin Railroad Headquarters to Gardelegen; 21 to 24 September: 1	.3 troop t	crains
	from Hillersleben, Haldensleben, and Wolmirstedt to the Halle railro	ad distri	et;
	22 September: six troop trains from the Berlin railroad district to	Jaevenit	œ,
	Letzlingen, and (ardelegen; 25 September: two troop trains to Burg;	26 Septer	mber:
	three troop trains from Hillersleben and Letzlingen to Burg; 25 and	1 26 Septe	ember:
	nine troop trains from Wolmirstedt and Hillersleben to Satzkorn, Do	oeberit <b>z,</b>	and
	Brandenburg; 29 and 30 September: 17 troop trains from Vinzelberg,	Mahlwink	el,
	Argern, and Tangerhuette to Schwerin, Hagenow, Ludwigslust, Parchim	, Techent	in,
	Wigner and Parlaharge 29 September: six troop trains from Jaevenitz	z and Let	zlingen

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to Magdeburg; 1 October: one troop train from Magdeburg to Solpke; 29 September to 3 October: 20 troop trains from Mahlwinkel, Letzlingen, Tangerhuette, and Jaevenitz to Altengrabow; 1 October: one troop train from Jaevenitz to Rathenow; 1 and 2 October: two troop trains from Mahlwinkel to Premnitz; 1 October: one troop train from Wolmirstedt to Eisenach; 3 October: two troop trains from Tangerhuette to Dessau; 3 and 4 October: six troop trains from Gardelegen, Stendal, and Jaevenitz to Quedlinburg; 3 October: one troop train from Altengrabow to Schoeneweide; 3 October: one troop train from Wolmirstedt to Glauchau; 4 October: one troop train from Stendal to Dessau-Rosslau.

five troop trains were dispatched from Gross Behnitz, Rathenow,

Premnitz, and Buschow to Oranienburg, seven troop trains from Gross Behnitz to

Prenzlau, three troop trains from Rathenow to Eberswalde, one troop train from

Premnitz to Eberswalde; and one troop train from Premnitz to Vogelsang. 1 25X1

the following troop trains were dispatched: 9 October: two troop trains with troops of one of the artillery brigades of the XXIX Guards Rifle Corps from Mechterstaedt and Eisenach to Merseburg, and two troop trains, including one with troops of the 497th AAA Regiment, from Ohrdruf to Rudolstadt; 9 and 10 October: five troop trains from Donndorf and Rossleben to Halle; 10 October: three troop trains from Donndorf and Rossleben and two from Ohrdruf and Eisenach to the Halle railroad district. The Erfurt Regional Railroad Headquarters was ordered to make railroad ramps and platforms available at the following stations: Naumburg, Weimar, Weissenfels, Zeitz, Gera, Jena, Saalfeld, Rudolstadt, Ohrdruf, Crawinkel, Georgenthal, Emleben, Eisenach, Mechterstaedt, Bad Koesen, Rossleben, and Donndorf. On 4 and 5 October, maneuvers were held in the Nochten-Weisskessel-Rietschen area.

An engineer unit with tanks allegedly crossed the Neisse river near Pechers, southeast of Muskau. The tanks belong possibly to the 9th Mechanized Division. On 5 October, eight JS-1 tanks and motor vehicles of the 9th Mechanized Division from Spremberg were observed on the road from Muskau to Nochten. 2

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- 5. Troops arrived by road and rail in the Dessau area between 4 and 9 October.

  Subsequently, troop concentrations were observed on both sides of the Elbe river

  between Dessau and Aken, near Raguhn and Koethen and near Zerbst. During the night

  of 11 to 12 October, three bridge constructions over the Elbe river were observed

  between low-water markers 268 and 276. One was an emergency wooden bridge. The

  other two bridges had a load capacity of 60 tons. The command post of this

  maneuver was allegedly located in Rosslau.
- 6. On 10 October, 69 tanks were unloaded at the Grimmarrailroad station and subsequently moved to the two barracks installations. The headquarters building in the Nagema plant was also occupied.
- 7. Only a rear detail was still located in the Werder-Markendorf camp on 12 October.
- 8. On 9 and 10 October, the following equipment was observed arriving in Fuerstenwalde coming from the direction of Lieberose: 11 T-34/85 tanks, 40 sidecar motorcycles, two amphibious vehicles, and AT guns at the entrance of the Pionier Kaserne, and nine T-34 tanks, 12 AT guns, and motor vehicles of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division at the Kaserne on Braunsdorferstrasse.
- 9. The following trains were observed at the Muellrose railroad station: two empty troop trains from Cottbus to Kuestrin and shuttle train 104 with 50 converted boxcars with troops from Kuestrin to Cottbus on 2 October; shuttle train 109 with 53 boxcars with troops from Kuestrin to Cottbus on 3 October; and shuttle train 108 with 51 empty boxcars from Jueterbog to Frankfurt/Oder on 4 October.
- 10. On 7 October, an eastbound shuttle train with 55 empty converted boxcars was observed at Frankfurt/Oder. On 8 October, 55 boxcars with troops arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Brest-Litovsk.
  - 1. Comment: Elements of the 25th Tank Division as well as other units of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army returned to their posts after completion of maneuvers in the Rathenov area. These maneuvers had started on about 5 October
  - 2. Comment: The maneuvers of this division were scheduled for the period after 5 October.

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