

Departure Date	Origin	Deportees	Arrival Date	Destination
2 nd March 1943	Berlin	1756	3 rd March 1943	Auschwitz

The identifier "III" we assign to the third major transport out of the Reich after the "Factory Action". On the 3rd March 1943, the arrival of two major transports was registered in Auschwitz. The first "RSHA transport" of that day – presumably from Berlin – is said to have contained some 1500 men, women and children. After the "selection" in Birkenau, 535 men and 45 women were taken into the camp as detainees. The remaining people were brought to the gas chambers.

The "32nd Transport to the East" out of Berlin – and thus the second transport after the ""Factory Action"" – was augmented by at least 37 persons from Tilsit and Insterburg (East Prussia). Among these the writer Gertrud Kolmar - who was at that time not widely known - was deported to Auschwitz under her civil name, Gertrud Käthe Chodziesner (1894-1943). In addition to the many people from Berlin there were 5 persons from Magdeburg, 1 man from Hamburg, as well as 5 persons from the Pomeranian townships Stolp and Daber. It is an open question whether 158 persons who had immigrated to Norway but had been held in Oslo and Drontheim in the course of "campaigns against Jews" ("Judenaktionen") and had been sent to Auschwitz via Stettin were on this transport or on the next.

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