

Departure Date	Origin	Deportees		Destination
14 th December 1942	Berlin	815		Auschwitz

The present transport under discussion is the last one out of Berlin before the traffic closure set in for Christmas 1942 and the New Year 1942/3. Besides Berlin residents, the deportees included 18 persons from the Britz Forest Camp and 37 young people aged between 12 and 21 from the youth centre at 2-4, Rosenstrasse, Berlin. For a long time, the destination of this "25th Transport to the East" was quoted only as "to the East". Occasionally it was also erroneously assigned the destination "Riga". On the basis of the "Death Books from Auschwitz" ("Sterbebücher von Auschwitz") it has since been learned that the last person to be registered on arrival as "able to work" had already lost his/her life in the camp by the beginning of February 1943.

On 16th December 1942, SS-Gruppenführer Heinrich Müller, as Head of the Gestapo in the RSHA, sent a telex message to Heinrich Himmler in which he detailed proposals by Adolf Eichmann to have 45,000 people deported to Auschwitz in the space of a few weeks, as soon as the traffic closure on the State Railways was lifted starting from 10th January 1943. These deportees were to include: 30,000 people from the Bialystok district which had been attached to East Prussia, 1,000 Jews from the Theresienstadt Ghetto, 3,000 Jews from Holland ND 2,000 Jews from Berlin. Out of these 45,000 people, a total of only 10,000 to 15,000 were supposed to be kept alive in Auschwitz Camp.

A. Gottwaldt and D. Schulle, *Die "Judendeportationen" aus dem Deutschen Reich 1941-1945*