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Germany

Noted out on the 1st were **110463** on RB29173 the 06:37 Dortmund to Soest and **120135** with IC2357 the 07:19 Koln Hbf to Berlin Gesund. Seen on the 3rd were **218213** hauling IC2693 the 11:16 Zurich to Munchen, from Lindau, after taking over from SBB **421384** and **218403+218418** headed EC194 the 12:34 Munchen to Zurich as far as Lindau, before giving way to SBB **421379**. On the 4th **110430** headed RE15406 the 09:53 Frankfurt(M) to Koblenz, **110436** did RE15423 the 11:55 Koblenz to Frankfurt(M) and **110440** had control of RB15521 the 11:10 Koblenz to Wiesbaden. Noted a day later, still on loan from Lubeck, **218487** worked IC2694 the 13:26 Munchen to Zurich into Lindau. This train is timed 2 hours non stop between Munchen and Memmingen, so therefore it was not surprisingly it arrived Memmingen 25 early, this allowed passengers to empty the station shop of remaining supplies of beer! IC2694 then departed Memmingen 20 late (ie 45 mins after it arrived) due to a typical general collapse of DB. Not widely reported (unless my old eyes missed it) **103245** stretched her legs on the 6th October with a gentle jaunt from Munchen to Brennero on EC81 / 88. On to the 14th **110452** did the 09:34 Bremen Hbf to Bremmerhaven Lehe and **110472** topped the 10:34 Bremen Hbf to Bremmerhaven Lehe. On the 15th **120118** headed thwe05:15 Koln Hbf to Westerland into Itzehoe for **218105+218495** to take forward.

France

On the 2nd **Y8210** was noted shunting stock in Briancon, **67364** worked the 09:18 Briancon to Lyon and **67370** headed the 12:24 Valence to Briancon. Later in the day **26104** did train 4388 the 22:51 Marseille to Dijon and followed this be working the following day's train 4366 the 08:39 Dijon to Culmont Chalindrey. Wednesday the 15th saw plenty of action for the 255XX class, **25659** did train 81141 the 09:05 Les Arcs to Ventigmilia, **25592** headed train 81170 the 11:48 Ventigmilia to St Raphael, **25665** handled train 81490 the 15:41 Toulon to Marseille, **25661** hauled train 81631 the 16:12 Marseille to Hyres, **25617** topped train 81071 the 16:35 Marseille to Aubagne, **25681** worked train 86189 the 17:10 Valence to Avignon, **25624** powered train 86195 the 17:38 Lyon Perrache to Avignon, **25677** did train 79594 the 18:07 Arles to Avignon, **25618** headed train 79291 the 18:46 Avignon to Cavaillon and **25626** topped train 86196 the 18:30 Avignon to Lyon Perrache.

Belgium

'P' train action from the 13th included **1344** on IC2115 the 15:36 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg, **2507** topping P8066 the 15:45 Brussels Zuid to Gent-St-Pieters, **2345** with P8511 the 16:02 Schaerbeek to Tournai, **1602** powering P8400 the 16:09 Brussels Midi to Welkenraedt, **2006** heading P8602 the 16:15 Brussels Midi to Jemelle, **2331** leading P8067 the 16:23 Brussels Midi to Aalst, **2005** powering IC2116 the 16:36 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg, **2213** in charge of P8741 the 17:02 Schaerbeek to Binche, **2371** heading P8906 the 17:05 Schaerbeek to Oudenaarde and **2204** with P8010 the 17:21 Schaerbeek to St Niklass.

Switzerland

Action fro the 13th included **11156** on IR2178 the 14:45 Luzern to Basel, Cargo allocated **11321** leading IR2479 the 15:44 Basel to Zofingen, **11145** IR2181 1604 Basel-Luzern, **11228** powering IR1981 the 16:14 Basel to Zurich, **11121** leading EC101 the 16:22 Basel to Zurich, **11149** topping IR2482 the 16:44 Basel to Zofingen, **11224** handled IR1982 the 17:36 Zurich to Basel, **11222** powered EC101 the 17:37 Zurich to Chur, **11204** lead EC165 the 17:40 Zurich to Buchs, **11225** did RE2939 the 17:41 Zurich to Luzern, **421397** turned out on EC197 the 18:16 Zurich to Lindau and **11118** did EC174 the 19:05 Zurich to Schaffhausen. The following day found **11129+11209** leading EC151 the 07:09 Zurich to Chiasso, **11198** at the head of IR2159 the 07:21 Luzern to Locarno, **11164** topping EC170 the 09:31 Chiasso to Zurich and **11237** powering EC106 the 10:31 Chiasso to Luzern.

Portugal

Noted on the 3rd October was **5612** which now bears a new livery, with all pale green body-sides between the existing red cabs with a slogan declaring 20 years of IC services in the centre. I'm not

sure if this is going to standard for the IC fleet or just a one off. Also on this day **4701** worked the first revenue earning freight for the class with squadron service now expected to begin this month. Currently **4707** (and possibly **4708**) are now at Poceirão for testing, with new locos appearing at around 1 per month. Unconfirmed, but not surprising, reports that the class **2501's** and **2551's** will be taken out of traffic by the end of the year.

Austria

Information from 'bahnbuilder' suggests that there has been a swap round of Innsbruck and Villach class 1216 electric locs as of the 1st of October, apparently **1216004 – 010 & 141** moved from Villach to Innsbruck while **1216015 – 025 & 1216239/240** went the other way. In practice the transfers won't take effect until after the relevant fitting of SZ, FS equipment. The 5th October was the final running of the year on the 'Staudenbahn' with **2143021** working at least 09:04 Augsburg to Markt Wald, and 10:46 return. Noted in action on the 7th were **1216236** heading the 05:00 Innsbruck to Wien West, **1216233** topping the 09:44 Wien West to Salzburg and **1216008** with the 09:08 Salzburg to Wien West.