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1. On permanent station in Constanţa are three Soviet motor gunboats, averaging about 300 tons each. The armament of each is:

   2 guns, believed 75 mm.
   3 guns, 37 mm.
   4 machine guns, 20 mm.

   The crews vary from seventy to a hundred men. Speed of the motor gunboats is 22 to 25 knots.

2. There is also a group of nine to twelve torpedo guard boats. These are of two types: "Power", and a Soviet type.

   a. The "Power" type is built of wood, displaces about 45 tons, has a speed of 32 knots. It has three 900 hp. 12 cylinder Rolls Royce motors. It has four torpedos, all in tubes, and two gunshields, to port and starboard of the bridge, carrying 20 mm machine guns. There is a muffler to silence the noise in case of attack.

   b. The Soviet type is of metal, displaces 35 tons, has a speed of 32 knots. There are three motors. The craft carries two deck torpedo tubes, launching torpedoes from the stern. Some of these vessels are armed with "Katiusha" rocket launchers, firing a 9 mm projectile with a length of 50 to 60 cm.

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3. There is also a group of nine or ten "KFK" submarine chasers. These are captured German vessels, built of wood, with 45 tons displacement and a speed of nine knots. They have one 4-cylinder Diesel motor of 120 hp. There is one 37 mm gun in the bow and each vessel has 12 antisubmarine depth bombs, German type, on the bridge. There is also a "listening apparatus using emission of waves", which is presumably radar. Each carries a crew of sixteen to eighteen men.

4. The group of patrol boats totals seven to eight, displacing eight to ten tons each with a speed of ten to fifteen knots. They are armed with light machine guns and have crews of twelve men.

5. In addition to these vessels of the Soviet Navy, one also sees at Constanţa the following Rumanian naval vessels:

   a. Brig, Mircea, school ship.

   b. Destroyer, Marasesti, 1,800 tons. This has a sixteen-hour cruising radius and a present maximum speed of 18 knots. She has two torpedo tubes, one forward, one astern. Each vessel has two 88 mm guns, for AA guns (37 mm), one AA quadruple 20 mm gun, and six torpedo tubes in groups of three, installed amidships. The crew consists of 200 men.

   c. There are three Rumanian gunboats, Stihi, Ghiculescu, and Dumitrescu. These range between 250 and 300 tons with maximum speeds of 16 knots. Each has a 45 mm gun forward, another astern, plus two 37 mm guns and one 20 mm AA gun.

   d. One torpedo boat, Sborul. This displaces 300 tons with a speed of 12 knots and a crew of seventy men. It has two 75 mm guns and two 20 mm guns, all four presumably machine guns, though source does not specifically so state.

   e. One pilot boat, Duca, unarmed. This has two 75 hp. Diesel motors and a speed of ten knots. It is assigned to the hydrographic service, marks mined regions, places and keeps up buoys, and does various police services.

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