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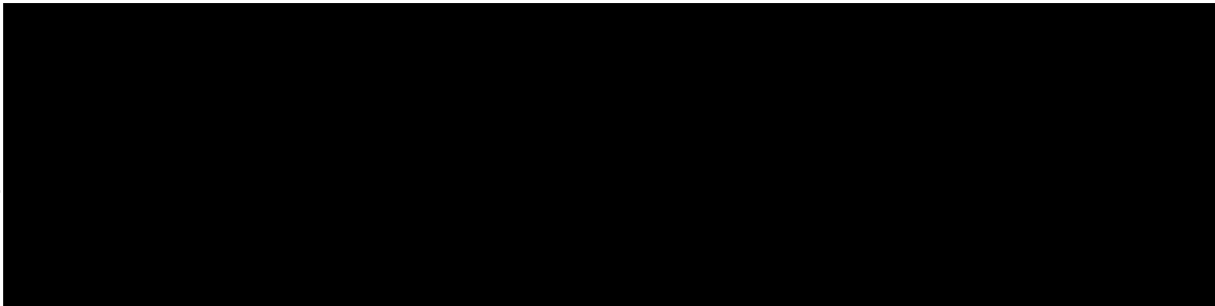
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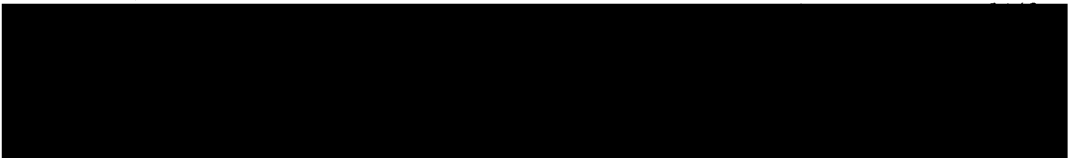
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1. The supreme headquarters of the Soviet Far Eastern naval forces is at Vladivostok, under the command of a rear admiral. A headquarters at Port Arthur, also under a rear admiral, is subordinate to the Vladivostok headquarters.

2. Other Soviet naval installations in the Far East are: 25X1A

- a. Vladivostok--an assembly plant for midget submarines (); a repair shop, under command of a Naval captain; and a flotilla of twelve midget submarines.
- b. Nikolaevsk (140-42, 53-10)--an advance base of one flotilla.
- c. Alexandroski (sic; probably Aleksandrovsk, Sakhalin - 142-10, 50-54)--an auxiliary base.
- d. Wonsan, Korea (127-26, 39-10)--second flotilla.
- e. Port Arthur--third flotilla.
- f. Manchouli, China (117-27, 49-36)--a gunboat base on the Amur river.

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Comment. It is not clear whether the "flotillas" mentioned above refer only to formations of midget submarines, or to major fleet components.)

3. The strength of the Soviet navy in the Far East is estimated as follows:

- 3 battle cruisers (sic)
- 6 medium cruisers (sic)
- 12 light cruisers
- 37 torpedo-destroyers
- 55 gunboats and sloops
- about 100 large, medium and midget submarines

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In addition to the above vessels, there are estimated to be twelve squadrons of seaplanes, three marine divisions and two naval divisions (sic) under Soviet naval command in the Far East. The two naval divisions form a corps.

1. The marine rifle is semi-automatic. Rapid-firing rocket guns (75 mm.) support each regiment in the field. Amphibious tanks, equipped with a three-inch gun and two medium machine guns, one flame thrower and, in certain types, a mine detector, form another supporting arm.

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