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1. The winter harbor (Appendix B) is used by Czech, Soviet, Hungarian, Rumanian, and Bulgarian ships; however, the only ships which tie up at the docks are those of the Bulgarian Danube merchant fleet and the Danube navy. The harbor is kept free of ice throughout the winter.
2. The quay walls are being repaired, but are still in poor condition. The harbor and harbor entrance are dredged regularly by one bucket-type dredge.
3. The Danube navy which anchors at Ruse during the winter months normally consists of six small motor launches with two machine guns in their bows, one small motor boat approximately 12 meters long, and one minelayer approximately 40 meters long.
4. The navy personnel is housed in two 2-story buildings, one 25 x 10 meters, the other approximately 350 square meters. (See No. 5, Appendix B.)
5. A train ferry operates twice daily between Ruse and Giurgiu, Rumania. The round trip, including unloading of wagons, takes approximately two hours. When necessary, the ferry makes three trips, but does not normally operate at night. During September, October, and November 1950, when the USSR was shipping military supplies to the Bulgarian army, the ferry made up to eight trips per day.
6. The ferry is mounted on twin hulls each fitted with a diesel engine; however, only one engine is used on normal loads. The ferry has a platform approximately 40 x 16 meters in size and four sets of rails, each approximately 16 meters long. The ferry was built by the Germans and brought to Ruse by the Germans in 1951; it is now owned and operated by Bulgarians. The capacity of the ferry is 16 two-axle wagons.

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7. The Georgi Dimitrov factory (No. 26, Appendix A), which produced sea mines during World War II, now manufactures only agricultural equipment.

8. Attached hereto are two appendices and their keys:

A: The City of Ruse; and

B: The Harbor of Ruse.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: In May 1951 it was reported that two oil pipe lines existed between Georgia, Rumania, and Ruse, approximately at the Danube, at the end of 1950. (See No. 65 and No. 66, Appendix A)

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment: Grid locations are for the AMS M506 1:250,000 Map Series.

Key to Appendix A (pages 7, 8, 9)

1. Vosrazhdanie Avenue.
2. The 3 Militia station; a large 3-story building which was once part of the French School; approximately 130 militia men are billeted there.
3. Railway trainees school; once part of the French School; the railroad course is a 3-year course with 350 students per course.
4. Football field.
5. State hospital.
6. Barracks of 5 Infantry Regiment.
- 6a. Military hospital.
7. Gymnasium.
8. Elementary school.
9. Covered bazaar.
10. Stalin Street, formerly Tsar Alexandrov Street.
11. Cabinet-Makers school.
12. Elementary Engineering school; a large 4-story building and a number of smaller buildings; operating and maintenance of light industrial equipment and lathe Operators school.
13. East railway station.

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14. Central power station; supplies current to the whole city; voltage often falls too low to operate wirelesses; coal-fired generators; 220 volts; one large brick chimney; one large water cooling tank.
15. Elprom electrical equipment factory; manufactures light bulbs, dry batteries and domestic electrical fittings.
16. Sedinenie Boulevard.
17. Cemetery with government timber yards along Dedinenie Boulevard (No. 16).
18. Bicycle racetrack.
19. Barracks, headquarters of 5 Division.
- 19a. Gardens.
- 19b. Radio mast, lattice construction.
20. Barracks of 1 Artillery Regiment.
21. Light metal factory producing tins, buckets, shovels, etc.
22. Soap factory.
23. Paint and chemicals factory.
24. Lippenick Boulevard.
25. Sunflower seed oil processing factory.
26. Zavod Georgi Dimitrov group of agricultural equipment factories; was once the Muhlhaupt factory, a German concern producing agricultural machinery, and specializing in flour milling machinery; now manufactures threshing and reaping machines, combine harvesters, etc.; employs 900 laborers on three 8-hour shifts.
27. Soap factory.
28. Textile factory (Posto Yansvo); employs 2,800 laborers.
29. Market place.
30. Park.
31. Sabedna Palata, Court house; large 3-story building.
32. Wax office; large 3-story building.
33. Russian Intelligence Service office; numbers of Soviets both in uniform and civilian dress are seen there; considerable activity every day.
34. Ruse state theater.
35. Roman Catholic church.
36. Municipality building

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37. Militia district office ( Okolisko Upravliene Na Militsiata); 4-story building.
38. Bulgarian Danube Waterways office (Bulgarsko Retchno Klavane, lit. Bulgarian River Navigation); 3-story building.
39. Harbor station.
40. Gymnasium; 1,300 students; 3-story building.
41. Mayor's office (Oblastno Upravlenie, lit. Oblast administration); 3-story building.
42. Prison; 1-story building with 2,000 prisoners.
43. Post office; 3-story building.
44. Square.
45. Gymnasium; 1,200 students; 3-story building.
46. Fire station; approximately 35 vehicles and 150-200 firemen.
47. The 1 Militia station; 2-story building with 130 men.
48. People's Bank.
49. Pontoon.
50. Pontoon.
51. Pontoon; cutting-in bank to enable troops to walk onto barges tying up to the bank.
52. Naval barracks; two 2-story buildings.
53. Iarpati furniture factory; two 2-story buildings and one 1-story building; employs approximately 300 workmen.
54. Papan textile factory; one 4-story building and a number of smaller buildings; employs 1,200 workers.
55. -
56. Flour mill; 2-story building with extensive warehouses.
57. Flour mill; 3-story building.
58. Agricultural equipment repairs factory; three 1-story buildings.
59. Iron foundry and machine parts factory; 2-story buildings with 250 workers.

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60. Sub-power station; power line runs from Giurgiu, Rumania, under the river to the buildings; five buildings for staff, others for equipment; supplies power to:

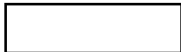
Kubrat (N4348 E2630)  
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 Tutrakhan (N4402 E2636)

- A. Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard.  
 B. Tsar Osvoboditel Boulevard.  
 C. Nikolaevska Street.  
 D. Road to Byala (XH-2935).  
 E. Cheren Lom Stream.  
 F. Road to Kubrat (XH-9970).
61. Railway repair shops; engines and rolling stock.  
 62. Explosives factory; two buildings.  
 63. Sugar beet factory; one 3-story building and a few small buildings.  
 64. Trut brick factory.  
 65. Fuel oil distillation plant; pipeline connects plant with tank farm on the opposite bank of the river, on the outskirts of Giurgiu; plant has two storage tanks 7-8 meters in diameter and 6-7 meters high.  
 66. Oil pipeline.  
 67. Water front; this section is stone-faced; height from river bed is five meters; in the spring, the water is approximately two meters deep along the water front; in the spring of 1942, the water flooded over the embankment.  
 68. Tractor repair and overhaul shops (MFC).

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Key to Appendix B (page 10)

1. Railway station.
2. a. Warehouse
  - b. )
  - c. ) Goods yard and warehouses.
  - d. )
3. Shipyard; carries out repairs to Bulgarian Danube shipping; at present working on the TSARITSA IONNA, sister ship of the ALEXANDER STAMBULISKI (formerly TSAR BORIS) which was recently salvaged after being mined in 1943. No ship construction was in progress.
4. Train ferry docks here.
5. Naval barracks; two 2-story buildings and a number of smaller buildings, accommodate a total of 350 men.
6. Kazan factory (see No. 54 in Appendix A).
7. Factory producing light metal work, such as iron bedsteads, etc.
8. Factory.
9. Iron foundry.
10. Silk factory.
11. Sunflower seed oil extraction plant.
12. Furniture factory.
13. Silted up portion of dock.
14. Silted up area of harbor.
15. a. )
  - b. ) Electrically operated cranes installed by Germans during World War II.
  - c. )
16. Anchorage used by the Danube fleet; normally six small motor-launches, fitted with two machine guns mounted in the bows, and one small motor minelayer, approximately 12 meters long, are anchored here.
17. Chereu Lom Stream.
18. Road to KYALA (XH-2935).

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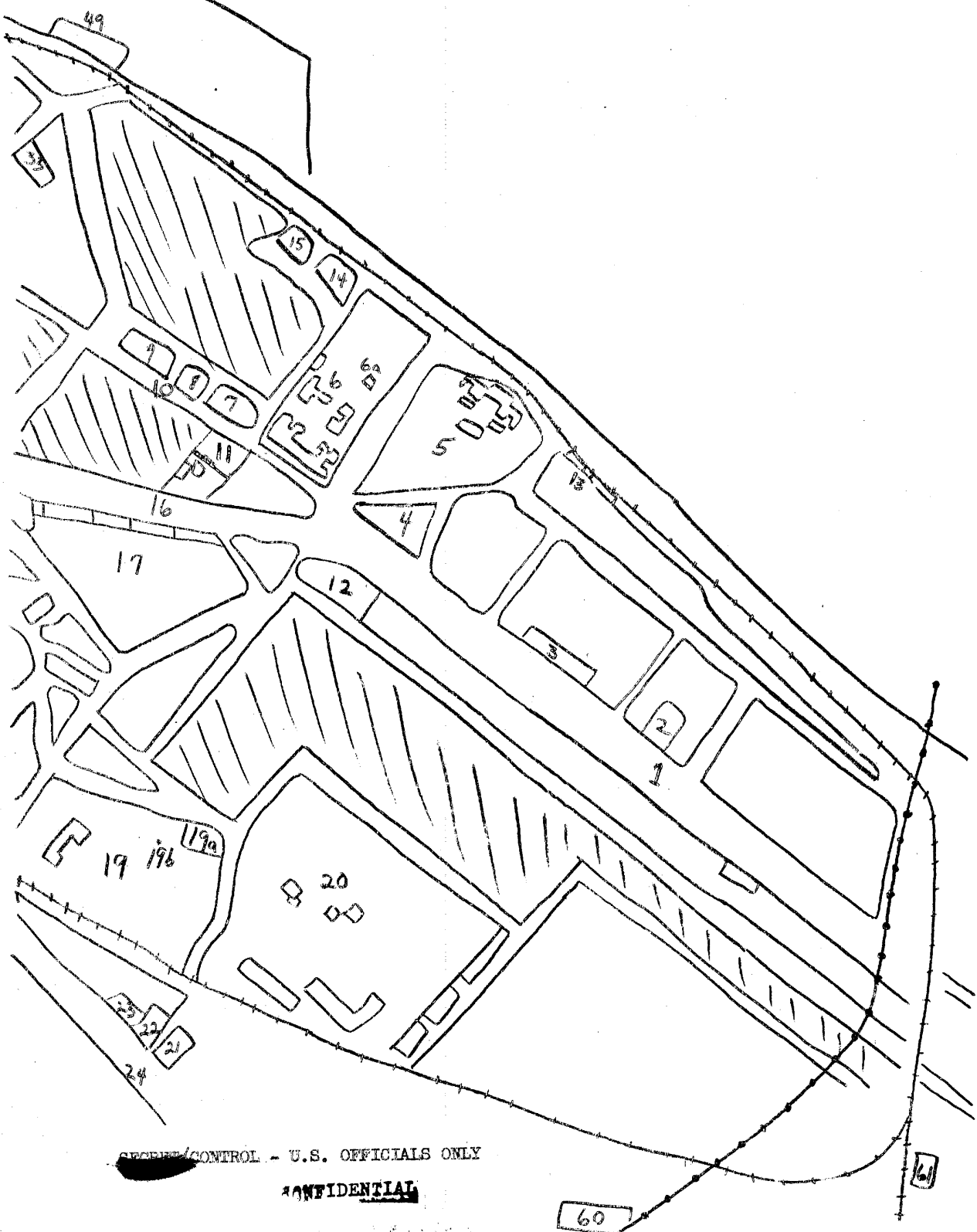
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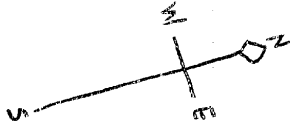
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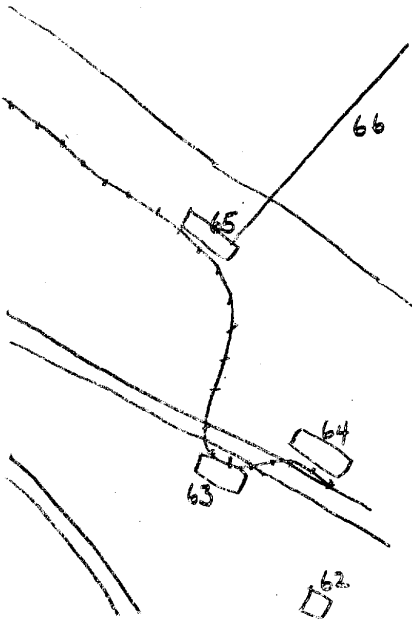


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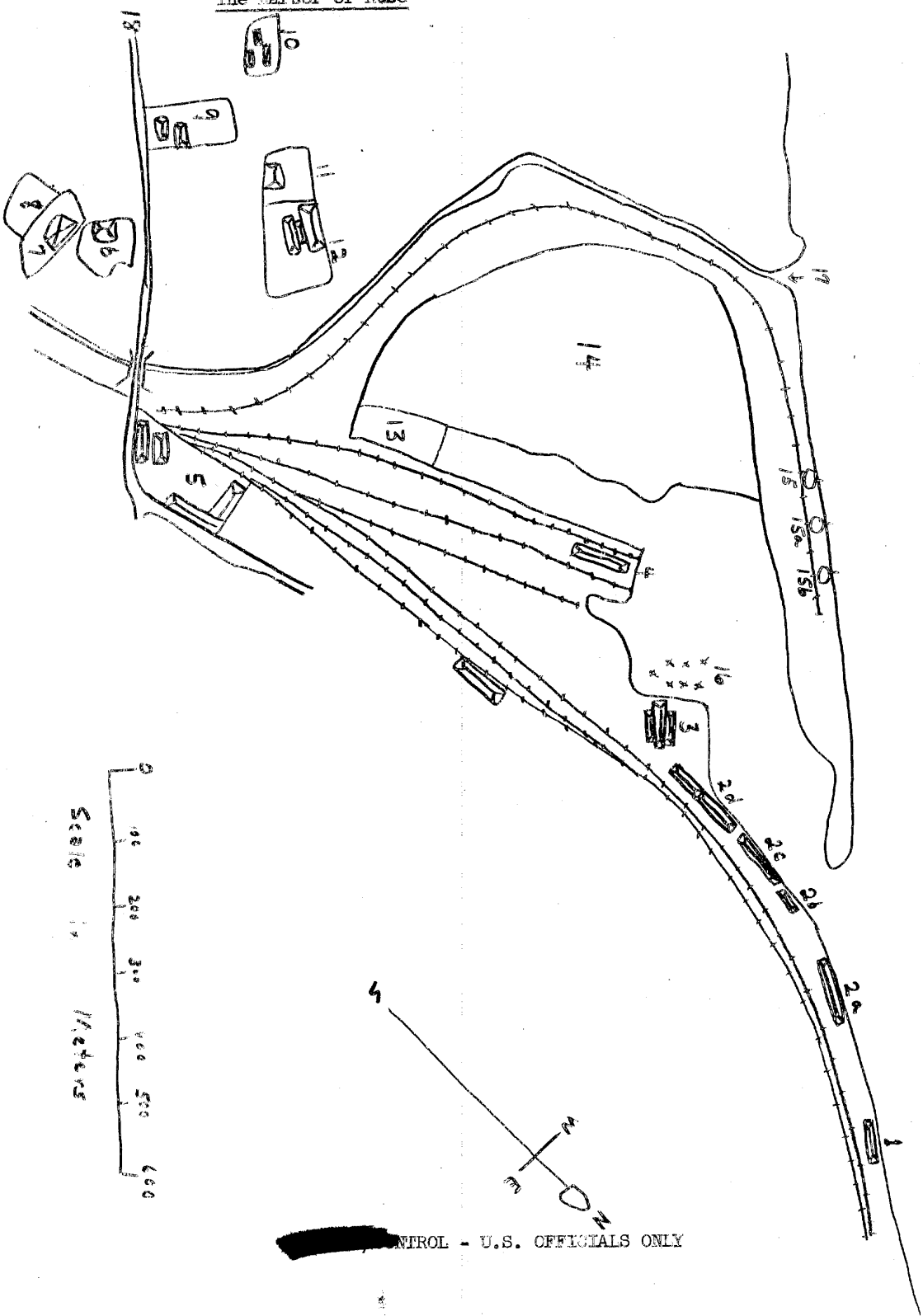
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The Harbor of Ruse



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