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Between 22 and 28 February 1955, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the harbor  
of Swinemuende. The following details were obtained:

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	<u>Class</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Harbor</u>	<u>Berth</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	speedboats	Elco	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	-
	submarine chasers	Kronstadt	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstoerer Pier	-
	submarine	?	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstoerer Pier	Size: 750 to 1,000 tons; no flag; gun forward of tower; forward section of tower rounded at the sides; two platforms aft of tower; three tubes tapering to the top projected from the starboard side of the tower. The tubes ended in a ball-shaped device.
	destroyer	?	22 February	0700	Swinemuende	Zerstoerer Pier	One-stack destroyer, apparently of the "G" Class. No details.
	submarine chaser	Kronstadt	22 February	0730	Swinemuende	put to sea from Swinemuende	
2.	submarine chaser	Kronstadt	22 February	0740	Swinemuende		The submarine put to sea from Swinemuende, turned around and ran off to sea. There was a thick layer of ice in Swinemuende; although the ship seemed to have run at a speed of 5 knots without too much effort.

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submarine ? 22 February 0740 Swinemuende Zerstoerer Pier

The submarine had the tactical mark painted in white color at the tower; the tower was closed; the upper section of the tower to the aft was open and the forward edge of tower slightly inclined to aft. The protective cover was rounded on top; the tower had two steps in the aft section. A gun of approx 88 mm was forward of the tower; aft of the tower on the lower platform an AA gun covered with canvas was seen. The submarine flew no flag.

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destroyer ? 22 February 0740 Swinemuende Zerstoerer Pier

The destroyer had a short, thick stack and two masts. It was similar to the G Class destroyers; however the vessel seemed to have no elevated foc'sle and no major sheer.

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submarine chasers Kronstadt 22 February 0740 Swinemuende Zerstoerer Pier

tug ? 23 February 0830

The tug put to sea from Swinemuende with a convoy of three steam trawlers. The tug was approx 35 meters long, painted grey and flew a blue flag and at the upper corner at the flagstaff a white jack with red star and anchor. The tug seemed to function as ice-breaker.

speedboat Elco 23 February 1000 Swinemuende propped up on shore below the lighthouse near Osternothafen

A total of six speedboats of the Elco type were propped up on shore. The torpedo tubes and the masts with pear-shaped radar sets were removed.

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motorboats	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	propped up on shore below the lighthouse near Osternothafen	The boats were smaller than the speedboats of type Elco; they were old and in poor condition. ✓
speedboats	Elco	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	A total of six Elco boats were seen in Osternothafen. 25X1
submarine chasers	Kronstadt	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	Intensive activity. Groups of sailors fell in on shore and aboard. They apparently received instruction.
submarine	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier, near the submarine chasers	A sentry stood on deck. Size: 750 tons. The tactical number was painted in white color at the tower. The tower had two steps to the aft. The upper section of the tower had a protective glass cover. A 88-mm gun was forward of the tower. An AA gun was mounted on the lower step aft of the tower.
motorboat	?	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier, approx 100 meters up-stream of the submarine, in front of a small floating dock	
mine sweeper	T-301	23 February	1000	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier, upstream of the small floating dock	

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ex ? tug	?	23 February	daytime	Swinemuende		Both vessels functioned as ferries between the town of Swinemuende and the Soviet-occupied sector of Swinemuende. [ ] was similar to a former German torpedo-recovery vessel. Tug [ ] was painted grey and flew a blue flag with white jack with red star and anchor.	25X1 25X1
destroyer	?	23 February	1700	Swinemuende		Entered harbor from the sea and berthed in front of submarine [ ]. The destroyer had one stack and did not appear to have been a vessel of the G Class. Destroyer [ ] had a major sheer, and flew the Soviet war ensign and a pendant at the foremast. All ships sighted on 23 February 1955 were dressed.	25X1 25X1
destroyer	?	24 February	0800	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	The destroyer ran off during heavy fog toward Kaiserfahrt. At 1650 on 24 February, the destroyer was sighted near the former mine depot at the right side of Kaiserfahrt. She took on oil from a hose.	25X1 25X1
tugs	?	24 February	at noon	Swinemuende	Zerstörer Pier	A coal lighter and the two tugs put into Swinemuende from sea. The tugs were painted grey and flew the blue service flag. [ ] was considerably larger than [ ]. Having moored, [ ] moved alongside the coal lighter and bunkered coal by means of a gantry crane aboard the lighter.	25X1 25X1
mine sweeper	T-301	26 February	1150	Swinemuende	at Am Eichstaden, in the port of the former Seefliegerhorst (naval aviation base).		25X1

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auxiliary ship	?	26 February	1150	Swinemuende	at the former bastion of the Seedienst Ostpreussen (Sea Service East Prussia).	No work was done aboard ship. She was an old freighter with a long stack and two masts and painted grey. Size: approx 1,500 to 2,000 BRT. Identification [ ] was not clearly determined.	25X1
mine sweepers	T-301	26 February	1200	Swinemuende	Zerstoerer Pier, Osternothafen		25X1
speedboats	Elco	26 February	1700	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	Nine speedboats were sighted	
mine sweeper	T-301	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	harbor basin upstream of Eichstaeden	-	
mine sweepers	T-301	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	Zerstoerer Pier	-	
speedboats	Elco	26 February	1600	Swinemuende	Osternothafen	No activity was noticed aboard the speedboats in Osternothafen and at the vessels propped up on shore below the lighthouse. No flags were seen.	
						Vessels [ ] were no longer seen in Swinemuende at 1600 on 26 February 1955.	25X1

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