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Stalin Factory

1. The Stalin Factory (ЭЛЕКТРО-МЕХАНИЧЕСКИЙ ЗАВОД ИМ. СТАЛИНА)  
[See USAF Mosaic of Kharkov 02349995-5-25 MA Prov. The Stalin Factory which is  
indicated as #34 on the map] began about 1932 to manufacture engines for sub-  
marines. The plant employed 10-15 thousand workers. When the Soviets retreated  
in March 1942, they burned the interior of the building but the outside was  
intact. The factory was built by a Belgian firm about 1905-06. There have  
been additions to the plant since its original construction.

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Serp I Mollett

2. The Serp I Mollett Factory (Серп-Моном) consisted of two shops in the early  
1930's. One division manufactured farm machinery. The second shop had a  
small foundry and produced bases for grinding machines. [redacted]  
artillery shells being produced in this plant. They appeared to be 150 mm  
and about 75 mm. [The Serp I Mollett Plant is indicated on the map as #32]

Kharkov Bicycle Factory

3. The Kharkov Bicycle Factory (ХАРЬКОВСКИЙ ВЕЛОСИПЕДНЫЙ ЗАВОД) manufactured  
bicycles, and [redacted] began to produce motorcycles. [The  
Kharkov Bicycle Works is indicated on the map as #31.]

Komintern Locomotive Works

4. The Komintern Locomotive Works at Kharkov (ХАРЬКОВСКИЙ ПАРОВОЗСТРОИТЕЛЬНЫЙ  
ЗАВОД КОММУНИСТЕРНА) produced only eight or ten locomotives per month  
during the period of approx 1929-34. The bulk of the production was devoted  
to tractors and tanks. The factory employed 40-50 thousand workers. Approx-  
imately 8,200 Komunir type tractors were produced per month. They also manu-  
factured prime movers for artillery. Buildings in the southeastern corner of

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the plant were built in 1929-30 and produced 70-80 tanks per month. The Locomotive Works was the largest factory in Kharkov. Production was on a 24 hour basis, with shifts of seven am- four pm; four pm - twelve pm; and twelve pm - seven am. All factories in the Kharkov area were suppliers of the Komintern Locomotive Works. The BT tank, the predecessor of the T-34, was built in this plant approx in about the mid 1930's. [redacted] other tank factories at Chelyabinsk and the Putrolowckay Factory at Leningrad which produced the T-34. The Kharkov Locomotive Works - Komintern is indicated on the map as #30.7

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