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1. The Oder River bridge near Hohenwutzen (N 53/V 47) was a combined rail and road bridge. It was destroyed during the war, but the wreckage has been cleared from the navigable channel of the river. The bridge was a semi-parabolic girder structure resting on two concrete river piers. The western pier projects about 2 meters from the water, while the eastern pier is undamaged and supports an apparently undamaged superstructure. The roadway of the undamaged section of this bridge is about 12 meters above water level.
2. The bridge carried National Highway No 158 and the single-track standard-gauge branch line from Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 28) to Zehden (N 53/V 39). The track was in the middle of the bridge, sunk into the asphalt cover of the road bed. National Highway No 158 is in good condition as far as the bank of the river.
3. There is no rail traffic from Freienwalde in the direction of Hohenwutzen, but [redacted] traffic would soon be resumed as far as Alt-Glietzen (N 53/V 28). The line has not been dismantled.
4. There is no permanent guard detail stationed at the bridge, which is patrolled by the border police which has a detail of seven men stationed in Alt Glietzen. [redacted] the Polish side of the bridge is said to be guarded by a detail of 10 to 15 men armed with carbines.

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5. There are no indications of intended reconstruction of the bridge. \*\*

\*  Comment. Mail traffic on the Bad Freienwalde Alt-Glietzen line was not resumed by mid-May 1950.

\*\*  Comment. The bridge was effectively demolished late in the war. It was of local importance only, since the railroad line crossing it ends in Zehden and has no connection to a trunk line. This is probably the reason why the bridge has not yet been rebuilt.

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