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1. Rostock:

In the middle of October, the former German M boats [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] were taken in hand by the Neptun yard for overhauling. The work will take about three months. The German Volkspolizei crews are being quartered in the Ulmen barracks during this period. During the overhauling the boats will be rearmed. Besides this the Tw-7, an old German torpedo boat, is in the yard without armament. All these boats have two mine rails. The ship "Mauhafen", smaller than the German M boats, was launched recently.

2. On 2 October, the drifters [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] were launched. These drifters are destined for Koenigsberg. In one of the slips, space has been cleared and construction has begun on a large ship, probably an 8,000-ton freighter.

3. All former fliers and laborers from the Heinkel works have been registered at the yard. There is talk of the construction of aircraft at Puetnitz, where the former Bachmann airplane factory is to be reconstructed. The area occupied by the Diesel motor factory is to be incorporated in the yard.

4. Rostock Harbor:

Swedish motor sailers still come in loaded with briquettes. Some West German ships are loading for Finland. In October, several trainloads of reparations goods arrived, consisting of numerous cases marked "Techno-Import Moskau". Some large drums about ten meters long and two meters across were also unpacked. In addition, there were iron trusses which could be used for trains or light bridges, a concrete-mixing machine, two or three times as large, and two large carwheels on a single axle about a meter apart. Several carloads of drums similar to cable drums, but enclosed in wood, were also included. All these goods were taken aboard by a 3500-ton ship whose home port was Riga.

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5. The feeling of the people generally is that of awaiting what Adenauer will say about the free elections.
6. The Rostock Volkspolizei:

There are daily exercises with various types of armored vehicles, self-propelled anti-tank guns, amphibious tanks and observation cars of the old German type, as well as numerous T-34's.
7. The strength of the Volkspolizei units in both barracks is now about 2500 men. The armament and equipment has been steadily improved. The rifle companies are carrying out their formal training according to the German manual.
8. The combat instruction of the rifle companies is limited at this time to exercises in platoon and company units. Special weight is laid on forest and house fighting.
9. The people trained for sabotage jobs have partly gone to West Germany, but the rest of them have left for unknown destinations.
10. There is less anti-tank training than formerly. For some days Volkspolizei in 200-men units have been working at Oberwarnow at building pontoon bridges. They are equipped with rifles, light mortars, assault guns, and machine pistols. The Red Army has delivered some assault boats, and exercises with them are taking place at Warnemuende.
11. Russian Units

New Russian troop units have been observed in the Rostock heath area. Trucks carrying Russian soldiers are more frequently seen in Rostock than before. Very frequently jeeps are observed transporting Russian soldiers of Mongolian origin.
12. Warnow Yard

At the Warnow Yard work is continuous on the high pressure installations of the three large passenger ships. They are being equipped very luxuriously. There has been an extraordinary wastage of material through continuous small acts of sabotage, such as burning swastikas into wood paneling, painting words and bulkheads, etc.

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