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1. Pinpoint location: On the super highway from NUERNBERG (M 50/O 40) via LEIPZIG (N 52/E 21), to BERLIN (E 53/Z 75), 12 km northeast of DESSAU (M 52/E 7), near VOCKERODE (N 52/E 17).

2. Length: 654 m.

3. Width: 22 m; 8 m at the section repaired in a makeshift way (roadway, 6.10 m, 2 sidewalks of one meter each).

4. River clearance. Not stated.

5. Type of construction: Steel, with two through-main girders resting on seven concrete piers; Concrete abutment; Eight spans (I - 55.60 m, II - 69.60 m, III - 76.60 m, IV - 90.50 m, V - 128.30m, VI - 90.50 m, VII - 76.56 m, VIII - 69.60 m). Navigable channel under span V. Of the eight bridge spans, span No. V, length 128 m, over the river, and the three adjoining spans VI, VII and VIII over the river flood area, were destroyed (see attached sketch). The piers were undamaged.

6. State of the reconstruction work: The bridge was repaired in a makeshift way in 1946. The destroyed spans were bridged by steel and wooden latticework superstructures, and six further supports (one wooden and five concrete piers) were added under bridge spans IV thru VIII (see sketch).

7. Load capacity: 80 tons

8. Two annexes (sketches):

- a. Bridge after demolition.
- b. Bridge after reconstruction.

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