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report on Nowy Port (Neufahrwasser - N 54-24, E 18-40). This report includes buoy locations, security measures, naval ship sightings in the port, description of the Nowy Port airport and 3 sketches with legends showing the fairway, harbor and airport and details of the coal basin in Nowy Port.

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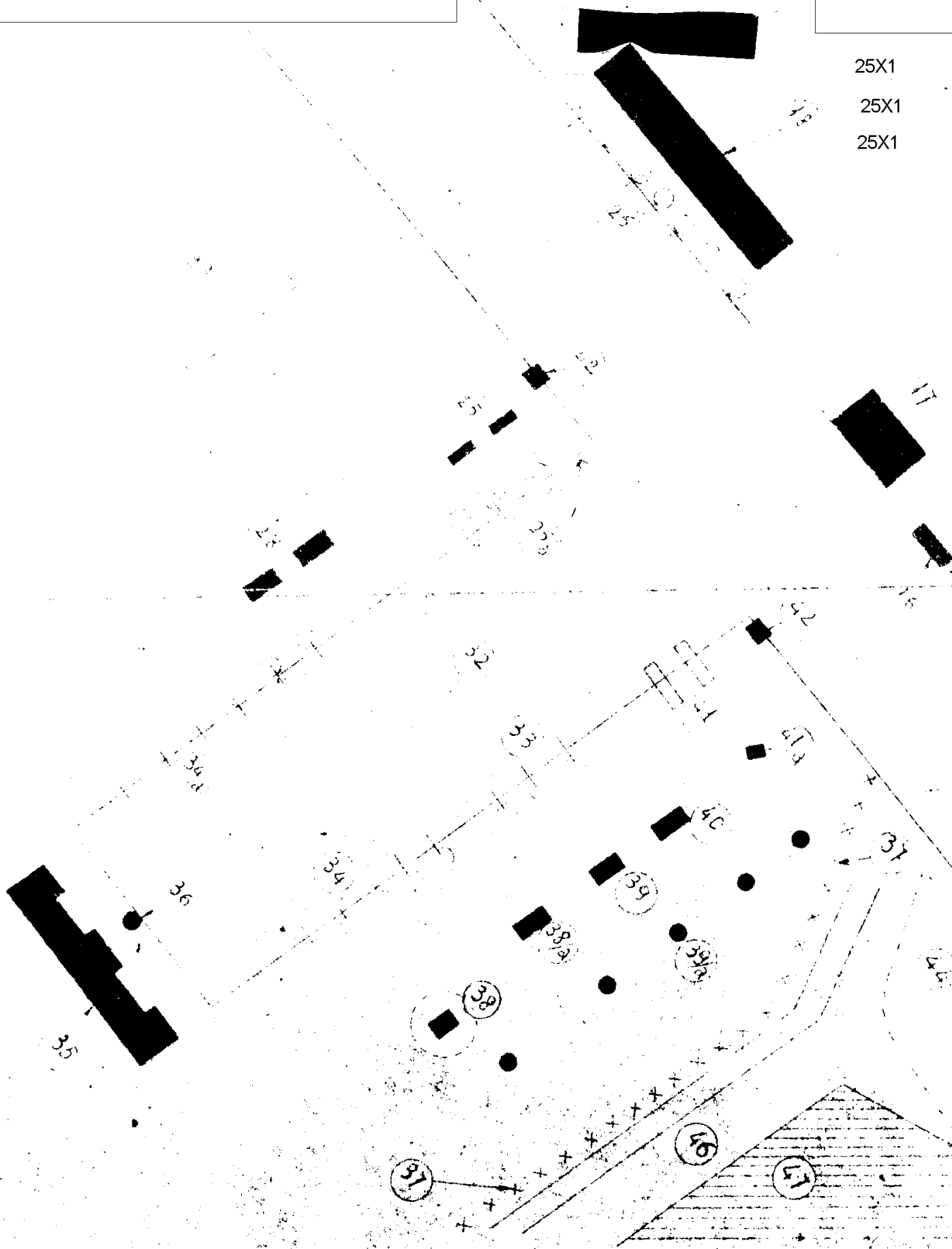
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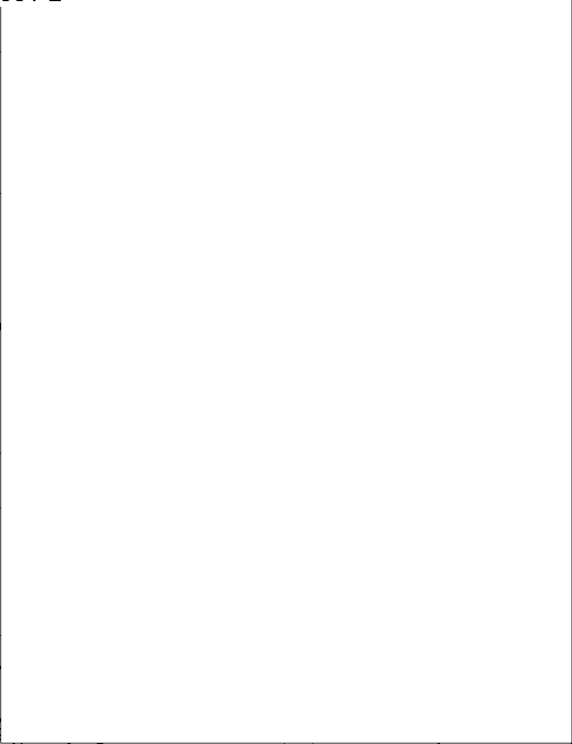
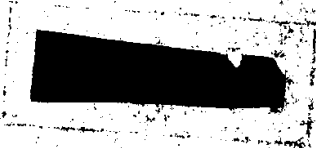
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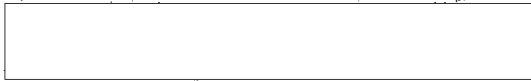


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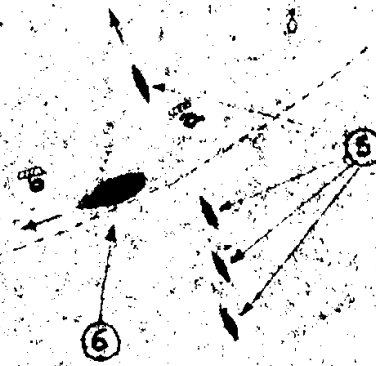
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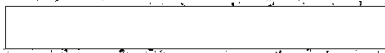
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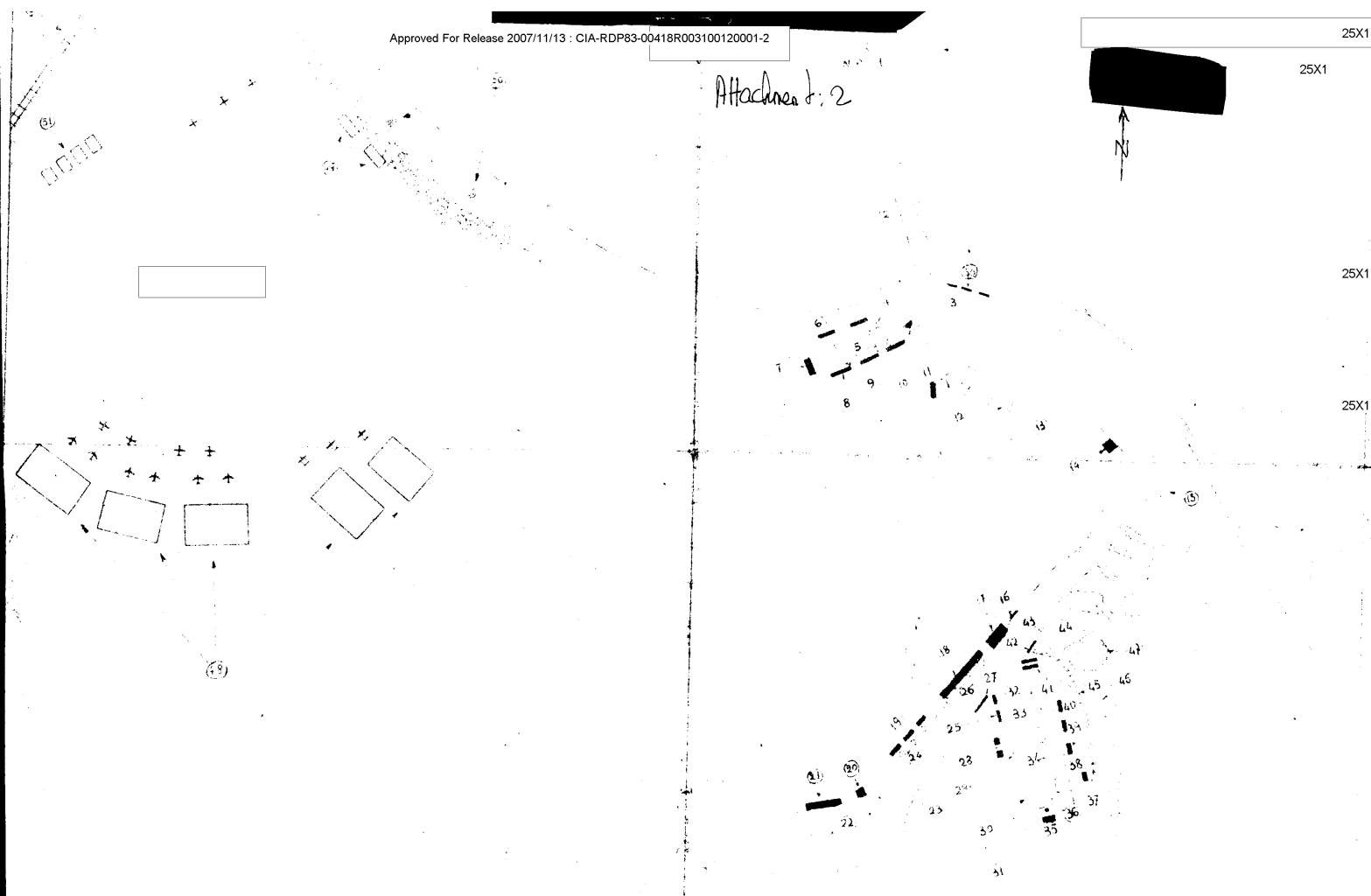
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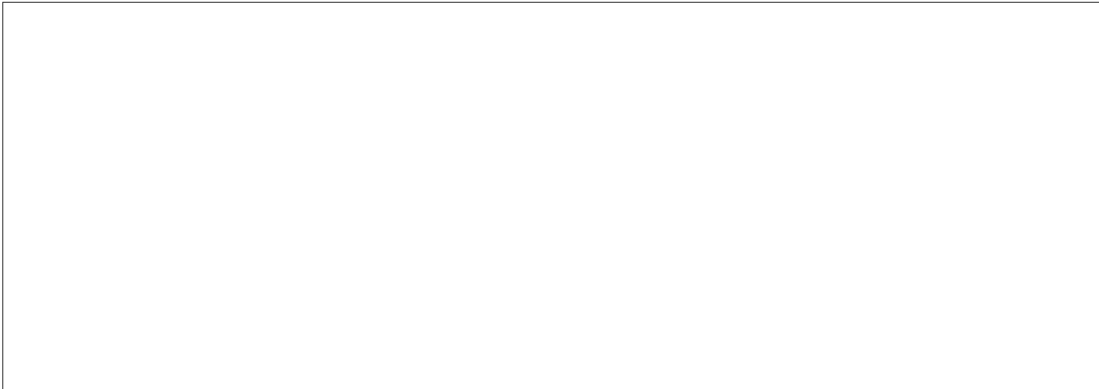
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Information

The fairway begins about one and one half miles from the tip of the Hela peninsula, off the two lighted buoys which are about one half mile apart from each other.

This fairway is marked on the stretch of sea Hela Cape-Gdynia by three cigar-shaped buoys painted black, on which <sup>appear</sup> the letters, in white, a, b, and c (see attachment No 1) up to the two lighted buoys, about one half mile from each other, one of which bears the initials G. D. , indicating the boundary of the port of Gdynia.

In order to continue toward Nowy Port, it is necessary to change course near the G.D. buoy ~~marked~~ following the ~~marked~~ fairway marked with four other small <sup>cigar shaped</sup> buoys bearing the letters f, g, h, and i until a lighted buoy, bearing the initials N.P. is reached. This indicates the boundary of the port of Nowy Port, which is about one and one half miles from the ~~marked~~ entrance mole.

The pilot comes aboard off the buoy marked N.P. where there is an area of about 600 square meters used for anchorage.

Clearance

The clearance operations, both inbound and outbound, are carried out by the following personnel:

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Eight/ten enlisted men of the Border Police under the command of a noncommissioned officer who inspect all the sleeping quarters and other places aboard, the cargo, ships' papers, and then even check on some members of the crew.

A noncommissioned officer of the Border Police who checks on the seamen's papers.

Moreover, the ship's officers must declare any arms and photographic cameras aboard; the cameras are placed under seal.

#### Security Measures

On the pilot boat there was an armed sentry.

During the stay in port, there was an armed sentry on duty at all times below the ship who <sup>made</sup> ~~was~~ sure that all the persons leaving the ship or coming aboard <sup>had</sup> ~~had~~ the permit issued by the Border Police. This sentry was armed with a semi-automatic rifle of Russian manufacture (with a half-moon or round clip) and also a <sup>portable telephone</sup> ~~radio~~ transmitter and receiver <sup>packed</sup> ~~packed~~ inside a cloth bag the same ~~color~~ color as the uniform which is carried over the shoulders. The set has an antenna and also a plug which, when plugged in, will put the sentry in immediate contact with the ~~polite~~ headquarters.

In the port area, there were several armed patrols (the noncommissioned officer <sup>radio</sup> in charge of the patrol has a portable/telephone transmitter and receiver), road blocks, and sentry boxes mounted on trellises.

Along the quays other sentries were observed (women), armed with Russian-made semi-automatic rifles; they were wearing male uniforms, blue in color with red ~~shoulder epaulettes~~ collar insignia and visor caps with a red star.

#### Local Craft

There were three tugboats (one small and two large), with steel hulls and steam propulsion; the two larger ones had an estimated power of about 800 HP while the smaller one had about 500 HP; all had civilian crews. On each tug, however, there was an armed sentry.

No armament aboard.

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A floating crane with a slewing jib with an estimated capacity of 60 tons; length of float was about 30 meters.

A couple of steel water tankers with a capacity of about 250 tons.

Three small/motor tankers, steel hull, with

Naval Vessels Observed While Under Way

About halfway along the fairway, on the stretch of sea from Bela Cape to Gdynia, [redacted] ship crossed four submarines whose route is shown on Attachment No 1.

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They were proceeding single file and passed astern of the ship (see sketch).

These submarines were of the "U.Boote" class, of about 400/450 tons, with no armament on deck, with no flags flying; [redacted]

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sketch [redacted]

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Naval Vessels Observed in Port

Two modern/motor vessels, very likely mine sweepers, with steel hulls, with a single 20-millimeter machine gun forward;

A tug with an estimated power of 500 HP, armed with a single 20-millimeter machine gun aft; these units were moored at position No 3 (see Attachment No 2).

Merchant Vessels Observed in Port

Four vessels of the Liberty type, of 7,000/8,000 tons, [redacted]

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a few river motor barges, flying the Russian flag, of 700/800 tons (rather obsolete), were loading coal;



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a Polish motorship, new, of 5,000/6,000 tons, was loading large cases, very likely containing machinery, at position 18;

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two Russian motor fishing boats, of new construction, with steel hull, and unarmed ;

At the head of the coal pier there were two motorships of about 350/400 tons, one of which was [redacted] Russian, waiting for a loading berth. 25X1

#### Maximum Depth

The maximum depth along the fairway, the port zone of Novy Port, the coal basin, and the port area of Danzig is 28 feet and 3 inches.

#### Topography of the Port Area

See Attachment No 2 and its legend .

#### Novy Port-Airport

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About 3 kilometers west of the main port there is an airport [redacted] [redacted] It is not even marked on recent nautical charts. 25X1

The airport starts about 150 meters from the beach and extends for two kilometers along [parallel] to the beach. It is about 4 kilometers long (see Attachment No 2 and its legend.)

On the beach there is a small wooden pier on which is located a small wooden barrack.

Along the beach, in front of the airport, there are two trellises with sentry boxes on top, ~~each~~ about 300 meters distant from <sup>each</sup> other (50).

~~Always along the beach,~~ Behind the sentry boxes, there is a ~~small area~~ <sup>air field</sup> running for about one kilometer parallel to the beach, and about 150 meters deep. At the edge of the forest, toward the ~~main port~~ it is possible to see the roofs of two masonry buildings (49) above which are mounted an undetermined number of antennas for radio transmitters, some of which are painted white and others are painted red.

At the edge of the <sup>air</sup> field, at the opposite end from the beach, there are five hangars, as shown on Attachment No 2, whose dimensions are approximately 100 by 50 meters, with corrugated sheet iron roofs (48).

In position No 51 there are four masonry buildings (perhaps used as ~~main~~ living quarters), two stories high, whose dimensions are approximately

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15 by 5 meters.

On the field  several airplanes, all propeller-driven and most of them with two engines, some painted silver and others painted ~~and dark~~ a dark color (perhaps gray).

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Some tractors were also seen pulling ~~planes~~ planes from the Hangars toward the masonry ~~structures~~ buildings (51).

There were also three planes, presumably ready to take off (see sketch).

No signal tower was observed, nor any cement runways. No radars stations were noticed.

Behind the airport, in position No 52, there is the Danzig-Gdynia railroad line.

The air traffic was light.

#### General Information

From what has been said so far, it can be seen that security measures regarding both the ship and the crewmen are quite strict. In this connection, it is of interest to point out that crewmen on leave are not permitted to move about the port areas of either Novy Port or Danzig. Once they come ashore, the crewmen are required to enter a bus placed at their disposal by the local authorities and then are taken to Gdynia to a place called the "Interclub." This club is run by party members, one of whom was wearing the uniform of the Navy. The patrons of this club vary from one night to the other.

Ruins and debris were very much in evidence everywhere in Danzig and Gdynia. Nothing or very little has been done to reconstruct since the war.

Only the port facilities of Novy Port are adequate to meet the traffic requirements.

The standard of living of the people is low; salaries are not high enough to meet the demands of modern life.

The corruption of women is rather high; suffice to say that a deal can be concluded with a package of American cigarettes or a pair of nylon stockings.

LegendNOVY PORT- Port Area

- 1- Anchorage area while waiting for berthing space
- 2- Completely-rebuilt mole
- 3- Berth for naval vessels
- ~~4~~ 3 a- Barracks for sailors
- 4- 12 electric cranes
- 5- Basin with masonry quays
- 6- Warehouses
- 7- Warehouse
- 8- Warehouses
- 9- Electric cranes
- 10- Office buildings
- 11- Pilot House- Port Office
- 12- Electric cranes
- 13- Masonry quay
- 14- Grain elevator
- 15- Small craft port
- 16- Berth for small steamers
- 17- Grain elevator
- 18- Large masonry warehouse for general cargo
- 19- Wooden barracks
- 20- Electric power plant
- 21- Warehouse for cement
- 22- Completely-abandoned mole, on which are visible piles of rubble
- 23- Storage area for cut lumber
- 24- Three cranes
- 25- Scales
- 26- Ten cranes, "mancina" type
- 27- Berth for small steamers
- 28- Various offices

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- 29- ~~Structure~~ Bridge transporter
- 30- Crane with grab
- 31- Barracks of the Border Police
- 32- Coal basin
- 33- Three cranes, "mancina" type, with a capacity of 7 tons  
bridge transporters
- 34- Five ~~bridge transporters~~ with a capacity of 7 tons
- 35- ~~Structure~~ Offices for the Customs, Border Police, and Morska Agentia.
- 36- Wooden trellis for sentry box
- 37- Wall of reinforced concrete
- 38- Masonry building, fenced in
- 39- Shop for the repair of cranes
- 40- Administrative offices
- 41- Belt conveyors
- 42- Berth for small steamers
- 43- Shore completely walled
- 44- Fenced-in area
- 45- Wall of reinforced concrete
- 46~~X~~ - Road
- 47- Inhabited area
- 48- Hangars
- 49- Two masonry buildings over which several radio transmitting antennas are  
visible.
- 50- Two wooden trellises supporting sentry boxes  
Four
- 51- ~~S~~Small masonry buildings (perhaps used as living quarters)
- 52- Danzig-Gdynia railroad

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Attachment No 3-

Details of Coal Basin- NOVY PORT

- 16- Berth for small steamer
- 17- Grain elevator
- 18- Large masonry warehouse for general cargo
- ~~19~~ 26- Ten "mancina" type cranes
- 23- Storage area for cut lumber
- 25- Scales
- 25/a- Electric ~~transporters~~ bridge transporters
- 28- Various offices
- 32- Coal basin
- 33- Three "mancina" type cranes with a capacity of 7 tons  
bridge transporters
- 34- Five ~~transporters~~ with a capacity of 7 tons
- 35- Offices for the Customs, Border Police, and the Morska Agentia
- 36- Wooden trellis for sentry box
- 37- Enclosing wall of reinforced concrete
- 38- Masonry building, fenced in
- 38/a- Shop for the repair of cranes
- 39- # " " " "
- 40- Administrative offices
- 41- Conveyor belts
- 42- Berth for small steamer
- 41-a- Guard post
- 39/a- Steel trellises
- 44- Fenced in area
- 46- Road
- 47- Inhabited area