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The following units of the Soviet Fleet were observed at Kronshtadt between February and April 1951:

Coast Guard Vessels.

- 1. From February to April 1951 the following were seen in Kronshtadt port: BUREN, (sic), VIKHR, BUG, and SNEG. 25X1
- 2. They have diesel engines, and are armed as follows: one 75 mm gun in an armored turret at the bow; one 45 mm gun at the stern; two single-barrel machine guns, on port and starboard of the lower bridge; single launching apparatus (sic), which is not on all the vessels.

Submarines in Kronshtadt Port in 1951

- 3. Class K-1 and K-2, two minelaying submarines, armed as follows: two guns of 75 mm or 105 mm on deck, one forward and one aft of the conning tower; two 30 mm single-barrel, interchangeable machine guns; four torpedo tubes at the bow; mines and launching apparatus on the stern. These two submarines were built in the Leningrad shipyards. 25X1
- 4. The L-55, an ex-British submarine sunk in the Gulf of Finland in 1917 or 1918. Its tonnage is less than K-1 or K-2 and it has a 30 mm machine gun aft of the conning tower.
- 5. SHCHUKA class submarine; its tonnage is less than the L-55. There are about 20 of these submarines, in series from 535 to 555, or 530 to 550. They were built at Leningrad in 1938. Their

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armament consists of one gun at the bow, and a 45 mm machine gun at the stern.

Submarine Rescue Boats ("Submarines' Mamas" in Soviet naval slang)

6. These boats consist of two hulls joined together by arched iron bridges. The commander's bridge is located between the first and second arch. Each hull has its own machinery and propeller. There is a shielded 3-inch gun located at the bow of each hull. A glycerin pump with a capacity of 100 tons is used for raising submarines. The rescue boats' crew consists of between 200 and 250 men. See page 3 for sketch of a submarine rescue boat.

Motor Torpedo Boats

7. [redacted] ten motor torpedo boats. [redacted] 25X1
They were built about 1939 or 1940 at Leningrad. Their armament consists of: a short-barrel gun in a swivel turret, built into the commander's bridge; a shielded machine gun, about 30 mm; three torpedo tubes at the stern.¹ It has a steel hull and is driven by two aircraft motors.
8. [redacted] about 15 torpedo boats of pre-1939 type. They are continually changing their base. [redacted] 25X1
Their armament consists of: two torpedoes with a pincer launching device (sic) and a 30 mm shielded machine gun. This type torpedo boat is shorter than the 1939/40 model. It has an aluminum hull, and is powered by two aircraft engines. 25X1

Miscellaneous Ships

9. The following miscellaneous ships were observed [redacted] at Kronshtadt: 25X1
- a. GORNYAK, a naphtha tanker, of about 2,000 tons. It has no armament, but does have space for a 75 mm gun on its armored forecastle.
- b. Tugs, for local use. Marked KP (Kronshtadt port) and followed by a number. [redacted] KP-5 was sunk during the Soviet-Finnish war. 25X1
- c. JAKOBINETS, a tug. Was in Lomonosov port in 1951. There are several of this type in the Baltic, equipped for military service.
- d. School sail-ship AVRORA.

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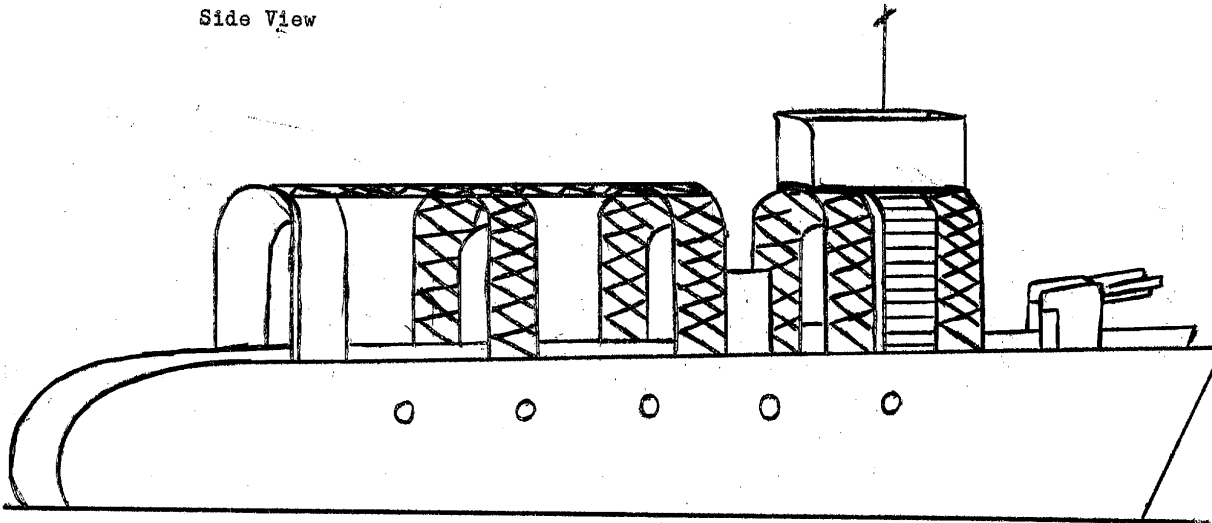


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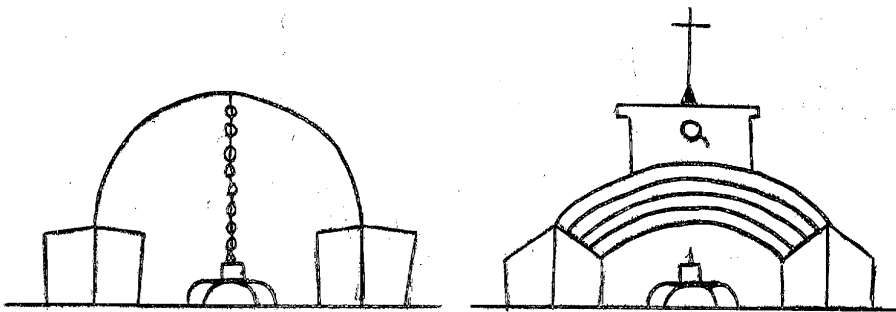
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Submarine Rescue Boat

Side View



Forward View



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Legend to the map of Naval Base at Kronshtadt

1. Military zone which begins with the fence designated C.
 - A. Barracks for an infantry unit.
 - B. Ammunition stores. [redacted] six of them, indicated by b; three are at the right and three at the left of the street E. The entrances to the six stores are not large enough for motor vehicles. Next to the door of each store, there is a stone stairway leading to a corridor. On both sides of the corridor there are cells for the different caliber artillery shells used by coastal artillery and by ships. Narrow gauge tracks extend through the corridor of each store, which has four trolley barrows. The track leads to the entrance door and traverses a slight elevation between the storeroom level and the entrance door. 25X1
 - C. A barbed wire fence, two or three meters high. [redacted] it is located just in front of the building indicated as No. 49 on the map. 25X1
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 - D. Entrance door to the zone with a control post. A special permit is required to enter the zone which is issued only by the Glavnyy Shtab (Headquarters) (No. 42).
 - E. The road leading to the zone continues through the zone to a fort (F) located at the extreme northwest end of the island.
 - F. Fort; [redacted] The whole zone mentioned under No 1, the space from the barbed wire fence (C) to the fort (F), is completely covered with pine trees. The subterranean entrances to the stores and the barracks (A) are not visible from any great distance, as the area is covered by dense vegetation. [redacted] the coasts north and south of the zone are fortified by artillery nests. 25X1
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2. Cemetery for military personnel and civilians.
3. Zone for civilians, most of whom are workers at the local shipyard, or employees and families of the military.
4. Fort; [redacted] 4a indicates an emplacement or light artillery, and 4b an emplacement of heavy artillery. The fort was observed from a distance. 25X1
5. A submarine net supported by wooden beams which acts as a floating pontoon. Each beam is moored on a small buoy.
6. Entrance door, which may be closed easily by means of a net, supported by beams designated as 6a. The opening and closing of the door is ordered by the Glavnyy Shtab 5 Base Command (sic). Orders are given by telephone to the vedette station (No. 50), and from there forwarded to a towboat type KP moored near the door (No. 6). The orders are transmitted by a flag signal during the day, and by means of a light signal at night. The net obstruction begins at the buoy marked 6b; nearby there is another buoy which is illuminated by red flashes. The port and the area which is delimited by the above net obstruction are connected by means of a passage, which can be closed by another obstruction (6d); when the passage is open the obstruction is moored at the small buoy 6e. In the bay formed by the net obstruction, there are six buoys, 6f; these buoys are the usual mooring place for large ships. Probably all the buoys, but certainly the one at 6g, are connected by telephone with the Glavnyy Shtab (No. 42). The telephone line is designated by 6h on the sketch. 25X1

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7. The outer pier is of stone construction, 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ meters high, 5 meters wide, and 60 meters long; these measurements are only approximate. [redacted] At the head of the pier there is a signal station. 25X1
8. Outer pier is approximately 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ meters high, 5 meters wide, and 350 to 400 meters long. Between No. 7 and No. 8 there is a passage which [redacted] a reclaimed area, but [redacted] it had been closed by a net obstruction. 25X1
9. A small stone building used as a lodging for sailors, who are in charge of the survey and maintenance of the net obstructions.
10. A signal station for the regulation of port traffic, controlling the arrival and departure of ships. There are about nine sailors assigned to this station. There is no net obstruction across the entrance, which is approximately 25 to 30 meters wide. (10a).
11. Coal store for local use. The store is covered with a shed of corrugated plate.
12. Outer pier, approximately 15 to 20 meters wide and 750 meters long.
13. [redacted] 25X1
14. A small landing pier for passenger ships of the local coastal line.
15. Marine guard post, to check on passengers who enter and leave the island. The military command of the naval base at Kronshtadt controls port movement; no one can enter or leave the base without special authorization.
16. An old pier on piles. Stones and rocks have been thrown among the piles and the pier cannot be used for mooring.
17. [redacted] some dredging going on; three dredgers are excavating to increase the depth of the bay. 25X1
18. Anchorage place of the school ship AVRORA.
19. Anchorage place for submarine supplies and lifeboats.
20. Open air store for buoys, anchors, chains, etc.
21. A graving dock which can accommodate two minelayers in a row; [redacted] This dock is approximately 40 meters wide, and is believed to be the largest dock on the island. The basin has four electric cranes, which move on tracks along the entire length of the dock. [redacted] the minelayers STEREGUCHIY and YAKOV SVERDLOV lying in the dock. 25X1
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22. Open air store of scrap material, which may be material from salvaged ships.
23. Railroad ties which occupy the space from the workshops (No. 24) to the end of the bank.
24. Workshop for artillery repairs; it is manned by civilian workers and sailors. An officer is the director of the workshop. No unauthorized personnel, which includes the military, are allowed to enter the workshop. It is located in a building which has a ground floor only; the building has large windows and is about 12 meters high. [redacted] It is certain that work connected with artillery and arms in general is done in this building. This work is done both for ships and coastal emplacements. Mines and torpedoes are also tested in this building. Until 1933 or 1934 these tests were carried out in a torpedo park situated on an islet. 25X1
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However, in 1933 or 1934 the park was completely destroyed as a result of two explosions. At present the mines are sent elsewhere [redacted]

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25. Grazes.
26. Mooring place for medium-ton transports which load and unload artillery.
27. Same as No. 26.
28. Open air store for heavy artillery barrels. [redacted] about fifteen of these. 25X1
29. Round basin; [redacted] it is connected with the Petrovskiy basin (No. 35) by means of underground canals. 25X1
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30. The so-called International Park, gardens, theaters, etc. Both military personnel and civilians have free access to the park. It is utilized by low ranking officers only; the high ranking officers frequent other places.
31. Petrovskiy Park. In this park there is a monument of Peter the Great, and a pyramid where the old Imperial banner is preserved. There is also an open air theater with free admission for military personnel.
32. A wooden quay on which there is a fixed crane with a revolving arm.
33. Food store for the supply of local units. It is a masonry building with a red brick roof. This building has only a ground floor, and is approximately 15 by 5.5 meters in height (sic).
34. Former church. The building has an orthodox cupola. It is now used as a movie theater for both military personnel and civilians.
35. Petrovskiy Dock, a graving dock for repairing submarines. It can accommodate one K-type submarine. [redacted] 25X1
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36. A small canal leading to the dock.
37. A small stationary hand crane.
38. Barracks. The building has three floors and a two-sloped, red-brick roof; it lodges numerous soldiers.
39. Barracks. Lodging for sailors and marines.
40. Old buildings; they were barracks built during the Tsarist period. The buildings are connected by arches. There is a Navy school at Kronshtadt, which may be located in buildings Nos. 38, 39, and 41.
- 40a. Probably the same as No. 40.
- 40b. Theater for sailors; location is uncertain.
41. Barracks for sailors and marines.
42. Glavnyy Shtab; residence of the Kronshtadt and Lomonosov naval base command [redacted] Rear Admiral Billausso (fnu), the supreme commander.³ Billausso did not distinguish himself

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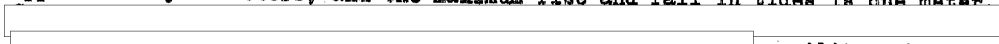
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during the last war, and does not live at Kronshtadt. The building is surmounted by a typical Byzantine cupola. It is probable that there is a broadcasting station and also an infantry command in a four-story building on the base.

- 43. Mooring place for passenger ships.
- 44. Reclaimed zones.
- 45. Gate.
- 46. Ruins of old destroyed barracks; only the outer walls are erect.
- 47. Office for ships of the auxiliary fleet.
- 48. A mooring pier for minelayers; the banks and piers are not distinguished by special names, or numbers.
- 49. Masonry building, which has no roof, but has large windows; this may be a destroyed house.
- 50. Vedette station, which is connected by means of an underwater tunnel with the Glavnyy Shtab (No. 42) and with the units which are moored at the buoys (6f). All the buoys are painted red and are not distinguished by numbers. There are some sailors on duty at the vedette station, which is in contact with the towboat moored at the entry to the barrage (No. 6) by means of flags during the day, and by light signals at night.
- 51. Yuzhniy Island (South Island). An islet, former location of a torpedo park (see No. 24).
- 52. May be a fuel store.

Miscellaneous Information

The following miscellaneous information concerning the Naval Base at Kronshtadt was observed: the maximum depth of the sea in the Kronshtadt port area is approximately 20 meters, and the maximum rise and fall in tides is one meter.



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_____ a military hospital is located in one of the buildings at Nos. 38 or 39. The illumination of the port area and the island in general is very poor, and it is probable that electricity for the Kronshtadt base is supplied by Lomonosov station. The water is drinkable, and does not have to be transported from land.

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_____ several floating cranes in the port _____

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_____ the following streets indicated on the maps by letters followed by an arrow:

- A. Probably Karl Marx Street.
- B. Red Fleet Street.
- C. Probably Karl Marx Street.

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1. [redacted] Comment; It seems unlikely that the vessel could fire torpedoes from the stern. Probably the vessel functions like the assault boats. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment: STEREGUCHIY is carried as a destroyer, not a minelayer. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment: Bilausso may be a garbled version of Belousov.

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