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- Summary:** The use of a pilot into the subject port was mandatory, although the use of one was considered unnecessary. No improvements to the approaches or harbor were observed. The channel's bottom was described as sandy and firm. No port defenses were in evidence. Two German and one Soviet ships were in port, all unidentified. No replacement of waterfront facilities was noted. A drydock capable of handling vessels of about 10 thousand tons was seen at the bend of the middle estuary. There were mobile cranes of about 40 tons capacity. Roads from the waterfront to town were good. An unidentified large scale construction project was rumored on the Island of Ruegen. Port security and customs were German and considered very efficient. The inhabitants were formal and cold when in groups but friendly when encountered individually.

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- Approaches to Wismar:** Approaches to port of Wismar could be negotiated readily without a pilot's service, but the use of one was mandatory. The pilot usually was picked up at the Wismar approach buoy located at 54°5'N, 11°28'E, but on the instant voyage he was picked up at the Hannibal South Buoy. No indications of any improvements to the approach or harbor of the subject port were noted nor were any dredging operations in evidence. The coast lines of the approach were from 10 to 12 ft in height and heavily forested. The channel's bottom was described as being sandy and firm.
- Port Defenses:** No naval vessels or patrol craft were observed in subject port, nor was any aircraft activity in evidence.
- Vessels Present:** Two German ships and one Soviet ship were in the harbor. The German ships were estimated to be about four thousand tons and the Soviet ship to be about 10 thousand tons. The names of the vessels are not recalled.

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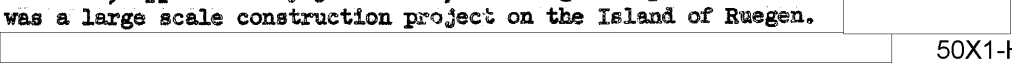
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6. Port Facilities and Construction: No replacement of waterfront facilities was in evidence. There was a drydock located on the bend of the middle estuary of the harbor. No activity was noted but ships of 10 thousand tons could be docked. Mobile cranes of approximately 40 tons capacity and in a good state of repair were along the dockside. In the instant case, however, the ship's booms were used in loading. Roads from the waterfront to the town were of stone and concrete, approximately 30 ft wide, and in good repair. Rumors were that there was a large scale construction project on the Island of Ruegen.

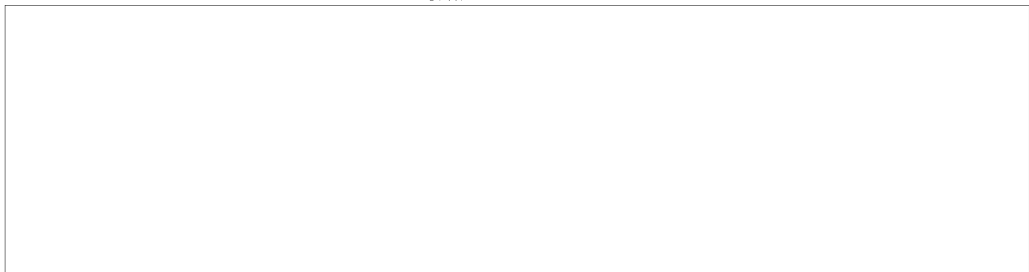


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7. Port Security and Populace: The security team boarded the ship with the pilot. All members, as well as the pilot, were Germans. The security team was comprised of members of the German People's Police and was very thorough in its activities. The customs representatives were women and were described as being very efficient. The inhabitants of Wismar are in a group, very formal, cold, and often refused to enter into conversation. When they are encountered individually, however, they are described as being very friendly. Their conversation centers around one theme, which is, "Don't forget us, we too are Germans." No indication was present of any concerted effort for a change of conditions.

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