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	ships sighted in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende)
and Szczecin (Stettin)	

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1. SWINEMUENDE.

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Minesweeper [redacted] was working right outside the entrance, aligning bouys.

At the destroyer wharf: Minesweepers [redacted] and 50X1-HUM depot ship [redacted]

In Osternothafen: 15 MTB's. [redacted]

In the shipyard harbor: 2 BO-subchasers [redacted] One MTB on the building ways.

Out in the stream: Minesweeper [redacted] lying at anchor. Minesweeping operations are still in progress on the east route from SWINEMUENDE, the minesweepers work in teams of three. 50X1-HUM

b) [redacted] the following vessels were in the harbor: 50X1-HUM

At the destroyer wharf: 2 BO-subchasers [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2 minesweepers of the T-300 class [redacted] were observed.
The Depot ship [redacted]

In Osternothafen: An undetermined number of MTB's. [redacted]

In the shipyard harbor: One MTB on the building ways.

At the E quay lying north of the Osternothafen: One minesweeper of the T-43 class, completely camouflaged with branches, so that it can only be noticed from a very short distance.

Out in the stream: The Russian steamer SURIKOV.

In the east route: Minesweeping by six minesweepers. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Three were underway at a greater distance. 50X1-HUM

[Redacted]

2. STETTIN

a) WYSPA GRYFIA, situated across from VULKAN-ODERWERFT, is a shipyard area. The southernmost quay is a ship fitting and a shipyard quay. On the ways lay two Polish landing craft, both 3 screwed. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM

b) VULKAN-ODERWERFT. On the building ways, 4 ships, probably cargo ships. At the ship fitting wharf 3 new constructions, cargo ships, about 2000-3000 tons. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM

3. Observations at sea.

a) [Redacted] 8 East German patrol boats were observed a little bit south of GREIFSWALDER OIE; they were holding gunnery practice. [Redacted] 50X1-HUM

Right off of GREIFSWALDER OIE two trawlers were observed [Redacted] They were working on something or other together with a larger vessel. 50X1-HUM

b) [Redacted] 5 large minesweepers passed outside the RANTZAU light. The lead ship [Redacted] flew a unit command pennant. [Redacted] They turned from a course of south and took up a new heading toward SASSNITZ. 50X1-HUM

c) [Redacted] minesweeper [Redacted] was observed lying at anchor 2 1/2 nautical miles SE of ARKONA. 50X1-HUM

SOURCE COMMENTS:

The large ship observed off of GREIFSWALDER OIE was the ERNST THALMANN.

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