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Attachment No. 1 --- A three-page report on the facilities of the port of Odessa, with a sketch of the port; this report includes a resume of security procedures to be followed by vessels proceeding from Odessa to Zhdanov, and some information on living conditions and prices in Odessa.

Destroyers were in Odessa.

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Attachment No. 2 --- One page of information of the port of Odessa and naval vessels in the port submarines and destroyers are in the port.

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Conditions in the Port of ODESSA

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1. Installations.

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a) All the cranes in the Port of ODESSA are new

[Redacted]

For a ship of about 150

metres in length there are three cranes, each with a capacity of between 8 to 20 tons.

b) Slowness in loading ships in ODESSA is [Redacted] very marked.

[Redacted]

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c) There is a new electric power station in the Port of ODESSA with 5 generators (see Item 2 of Plan A attached).

d) All cargo is consigned by the Russian company LIFLOT.

[Redacted]

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2. Security.

a) Security on approaching ODESSA is not so strict

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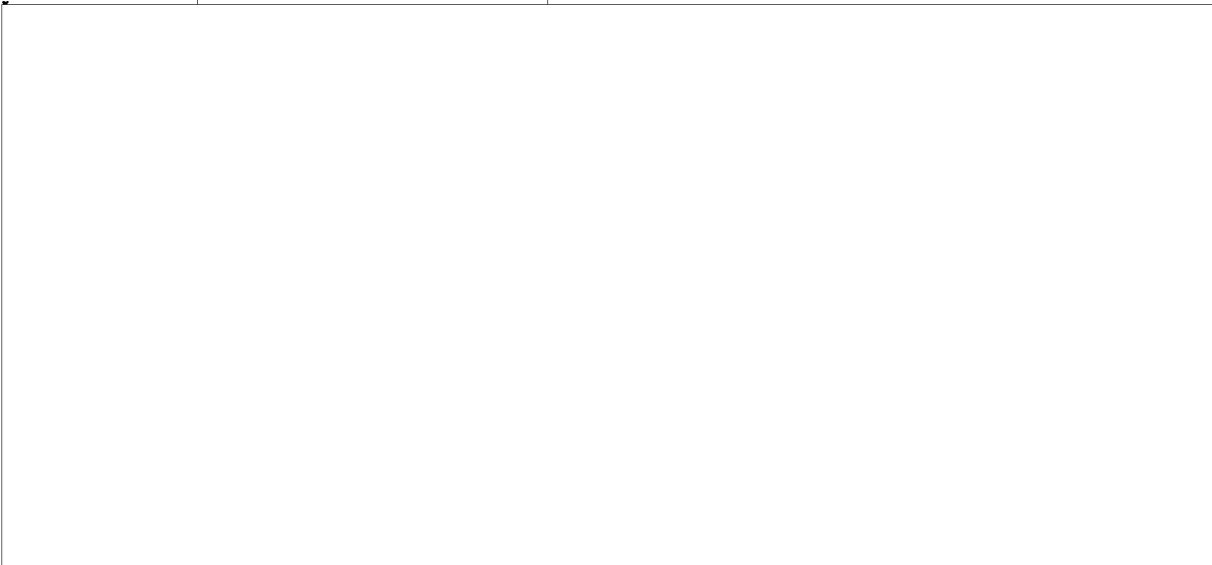
When leaving ODESSA ships have to keep away from the CRIMEA, especially from SEBASTOPOL. Instead of following the normal course from ODESSA to KERCH of 345 miles they have to do a course of 450 miles and enter KERCH from the South.

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d) The Military Port (Naval) is separated from the Commercial Port and entry into the Military zone is absolutely forbidden (see Item 6 on Plan A attached).

3. Shipping.

a) Local merchant shipping in the port

Only two Soviet coasters with cargo arrive and there are no local passenger ships. There are 3 or 4 foreign vessels in the Port.

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b) there were at ODESSA 4 Soviet Destroyers



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The destroyers are modern with one funnel each and two turrets of 4 guns forward and one turret with 4 guns aft. Aft of the funnel on each side are 4 torpedoe tubes in two layers of two. Depth charges are in the normal position in the stern. The radar was the normal curved type high up on the mast.

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4. Local conditions.

a) There is a Club Internacional in the Port

The Secretary of the Club is RAZINSKY

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c) Prices. A bottle of beer costs 5 roubles; beer and sandwiches 20 roubles.



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Everything bought for a foreign ship has to be paid for in U.S. dollars.

The [redacted] rate of exchange was 4 roubles to the dollar.

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d) Labourers in the Port receive 18 roubles for 8 hours work; for 12 hours they receive 30 roubles, which is the maximum wage. The price of meat is 18 roubles a kilo, and an ordinary pair of shoes costs between 120 and 150 roubles. There are a large number of women working,



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5. Plan A attached shows the following:-.

Item 1: The Inflat building

Item 2: The new electric power station.

Item 3: The lighthouse.

Item 4: The quay for local Soviet ships.

Item 5: The quay where [redacted] ships, [redacted] [redacted] unload.

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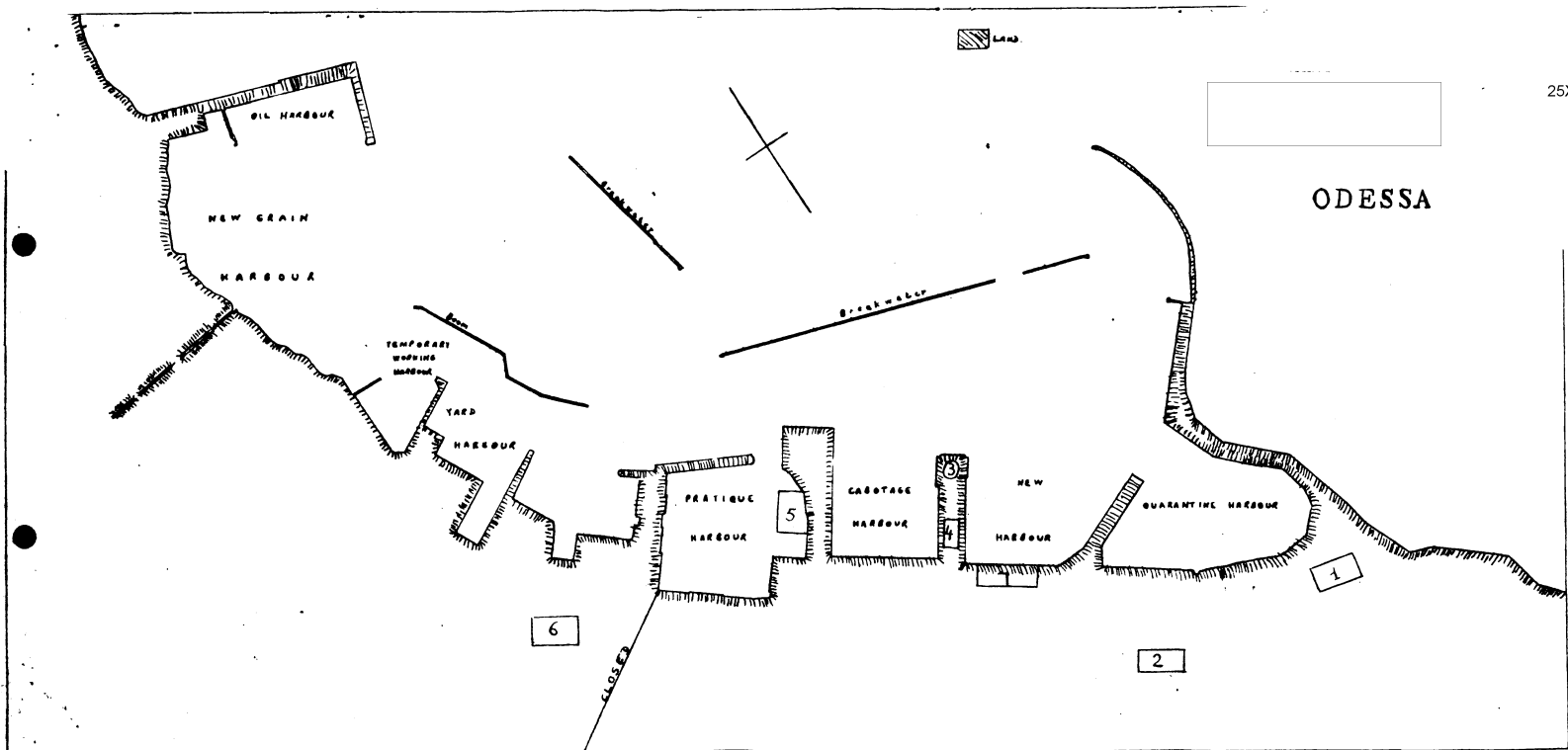
Item 6: The Military zone.

Item 7: The quay for cargo vessels carrying heavy loads where there are the most modern cranes.



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