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report containing miscellaneous information on the port of Nakhodka. An annotated layout sketch of the port area is also included.



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The depths of the harbor, at least at the point where the [redacted] ship docked, exceed 30 ft., as the ship's draught was 29 ft. 9 inches when same sailed in laden. The mole where the [redacted] ship docked, can receive 6-7 ships of 3,000-9,000 tons in capacity.

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Light-houses and fanals: Same are shown on hand drawing. Their positions are approximate ones, as the drawing was made out from memory.

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The dotted line on the drawing, shows the approximate course of the [redacted] ship from the point where same was received by the pilot till anchoring near the point it docked at the mole.

Four (4) merchandise warehouses made of bricks, were seen near the dock where the [redacted] ship moored.

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The mole where the [redacted] ship docked, is served by a railroad track. This track is connected with Vladivostok on one of its directions.

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Many cranes were seen on the mole where the [redacted] ship docked. Some were electric ones, old, most probably of Russian make, moving on iron rails and turning at least 2/3 of the circle. [redacted] there must be about forty (40) of them there, at least ten (10) of which must be of 15 tons hoisting power. The rest are smaller in size.

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Four (4) tug-boats - two large and two small ones - were observed. The

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 ship made no use of a tug-boat, neither upon its arrival, nor upon its departure. A passenger ship (ferry boat) was further observed. This makes regular daily trips to Vladivostok.

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Four (4) soviet sub-marines and two (2) coast guard vessels were observed being anchored near the mole of the naval base. Details were not observed.

Upon the ship's arrival, the Captain signed ready-made declarations with regard to armament, ammunitions, radio sets, pigeons, etc., but no search was carried out on board the ship by either the security or the customs, nor were the members of the crew going ashore subjected to any search. The ship was guarded day and night throughout its stay in the harbor, by three (3) policemen armed with pistols. These guards stood on the mole at the bows, the stern and near the ladder.

The crew were free to go ashore on the basis of their seamen's booklets and a pass perforated into two parts. The guard at the ladder, after checking the identity of the man going ashore on the basis of the picture on his seaman's

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booklet, kept one of the two parts of the pass, which he surrendered to the seaman upon his return to the ship.

The area around the port, is distinguished for being very rocky. Mountains and rocky hills, as well as thick green areas around the port, are shown on the hand drawing.

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The monetary unit in circulation is the ruble. [REDACTED]

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Supplying one's self with any articles, is quite disadvantageous. Lines of the local populace, were observed outside of stores, to supply themselves with food-stuffs on rations.

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1. The dock where the [redacted] ship moored.
2. Approximate point where the [redacted] ship docked.
3. Mole used by battleships.
4. Naval Base
- A. Areas where laborers were engaged in cleaning up the areas of rocks. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
5. A small mole for ships of small draught. This was mainly used by ferry-boats making trips to Vladivostok
- B. A small island.
- C. Building under construction. Probably a SILO.
- D.
- + [redacted] 50X1-HUM
6. A semaphore station.
- ☀ Mountains, hills or rocky areas.
- 999 Trees.
- E. Area where villas and a hospital were observed.
- F. Flocks of apartments.
- G. A factory. It is not known what same manufactures.
- H. Small communities.
- I. Approximate position of the seamen's recreation
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