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Itinerary and Charter Information

1. **Port** **Dates** **Remarks**

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Gdynia.

Gdynia

Discharged 13,805 tons grain
Departed in ballast.
Loaded 13,775 tons grain for Gdynia.
Discharged 13,775 tons grain from Montreal.
Departed in ballast.

Gdynia

Holtensau
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Arrived in ballast. Loaded 1400 tons coal

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Security Measures and Pilotage

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FIRST VOYAGE TO GDYNIA

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[Redacted]

6.

[Redacted]

SECOND VOYAGE TO GDYNIA

7.

[Redacted]

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Port Facilities

10.

[Redacted] The silo, which was made of cement, was described to be about 75 to 100 feet in height. [Redacted]

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11.

The outer breakwater was made of cement and in good condition. [Redacted] further [Redacted] no work being done on the outer breakwater. [Redacted] there was work being done during the night time at the inner breakwater and that there was a work boat anchored off the inner breakwater. [Redacted] they might be widening the inner breakwater because it was very narrow.

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12.

[Redacted] there was an average of between six and seven ships coming in every day, [Redacted] living in Gdynia was like living in a paradise.

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13.

[Redacted] there was a shortage of penicillin in Gdynia. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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14.

Ships Observed

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15. One [redacted] vessel (name unknown) docked at Polish Quay. The ship arrived in ballast and loaded general cargo (port unknown). One Polish vessel (name unknown) docked at Indian Quay [redacted] discharged fuel. 50X1-HUM
Two Polish vessels (names unknown) docked at Rotterdam Quay (cargo and ports unknown). One [redacted] vessel (name unknown) docked at Indian Quay [redacted] (cargo and ports unknown). One Soviet vessel (name unknown) anchored at approximate position 54°31'30"N - 18°37'25"E. [redacted] the vessel [redacted] being between four and five thousand tons and very old. This vessel was discharging cargo onto two litters. No naval ships were seen 50X1-HUM

SECOND VOYAGE

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16. The S/S Capetan Yemelos (LI) docked port side to at the French Quay, discharged grain, and left in ballast. One Soviet freighter (name unknown) docked at Indian Quay [redacted] and was [redacted] very old. 50X1-HUM
[redacted] no armed guards around this ship. [redacted] one destroyer (otherwise unidentified) in the Kanal Portowy off the Norwegian Quay. [redacted] the destroyer had four guns forward. There were also 50X1-HUM
three smaller naval vessels in this area, one of which might have been a minesweeper. [redacted] there were many fishing vessels in the Outer Harbor. One Soviet small destroyer was sighted in the Baltic Sea off the Island of Bornholm.

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General Observations

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17. [redacted] a club for seamen called the Inter Club. [redacted] ?
[redacted] A bottle of wine at the Inter Club sold for US\$1, while a bottle of beer could be purchased for US\$.10. [redacted]
[redacted] at the Inter Club [redacted] many Chinese sailors who wore black uniforms. [redacted] they might have been connected with a naval school. [redacted]
[redacted] several naval 50X1-HUM
officers in the streets of Gdynia. 50X1-HUM

18.

19. [redacted] the rate of exchange through a bank is four zlotys for US\$1, but through the black market you can get 150 zlotys for US\$1. 50X1-HUM

20. Conditions in Gdynia were described as very poor. An agency clerk earns 700 zlotys per month; one pair of shoes costs between 700 and 800 zlotys.

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