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report, with sketch, on the location, production, and working methods of the Wilhelm Pieck Iron Works in Győr. The plant is described as a purely military factory, producing antiaircraft-gun carriages, artillery ammunition and various spare parts, and employing about 900 individuals. According to the report, the factory is supervised by a Soviet citizen in civilian clothes.

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WILHELM PLECK Iron Works, GYOR ; 1956

1. This is a purely military factory producing A.S. 37 and 85 mm four-wheeled gun carriages and mountings (since November 1955), and 20.3 shell-heads for heavy field artillery. The gun carriages with mountings are accounted for and declared as mowers, and shell-heads as pipes. The factory is situated approximately 2 km north-east of the outskirts of the town. See sketch at Appendix "A".
2. Description of buildings: (See appendix "A")
 - i) Headquarters and offices, marked (a)
 - ii) Shell-head works, marked (b)
 - iii) Gun carriage and mounting parts Department, marked (c)
 - iv) Assembly plant, marked (d)
 - v) Welding Department, marked (e)
 - vi) Spare parts and raw material stores marked (f)
3. Approximately 800 labourers and 100 technicians and employees worked at the factory managed by Ede HORVATH, General Manager, approximately 35, 180 cm. dark, thin. A Russian in civilian clothes was attached to the office and supervised the factory. Instructions arrived at the works written in Russian and were translated by an interpreter.
4. The monthly norm was fixed at:-

80	37 mm A.S. gun carriages with mountings
40	85 mm A.S. gun carriages with mountings

which was always fulfilled. The only delay in fulfilment of the norm was caused by the shortage of raw materials delivered by the DIOSGYOR Ammunition works, but on receipt of the materials work was carried out at unpaid overtime so that the norm was not affected.

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5. The manufactured gun carriages and mountings were tested for exactness of dimensions and approximately 8-10 per cent were sent back as defective. The following defects were found:

- Side supports of unequal length or badly welded
- Defects and cracks of welded parts
- Bearings broken
- Wheel-springs broken

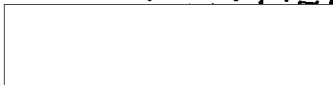
The rejection of defective carriages never affected the norm.

6. The manufactured gun carriages were delivered to DIOSGYOR works, where barrels and recoil-mechanism^s were mounted. The guns were then shot in, towed around for about 400 km and were returned to the G/CR works to be handed over to a Major from the Hungarian War Ministry. 30-40 workers of the PIDEK works were attached to the DIOSGYOR factory to learn further procedure with the guns and occasional defects shown at further tests were pointed out to them.

7. Shell-heads were mechanically cut from iron tubes, pressed into conical shape with two grooves for copper rings, and turned to the right calibre. The shell-heads were then delivered to DIOSGYOR, where the copper rings were mounted. The shell-heads were never returned to G/CR.

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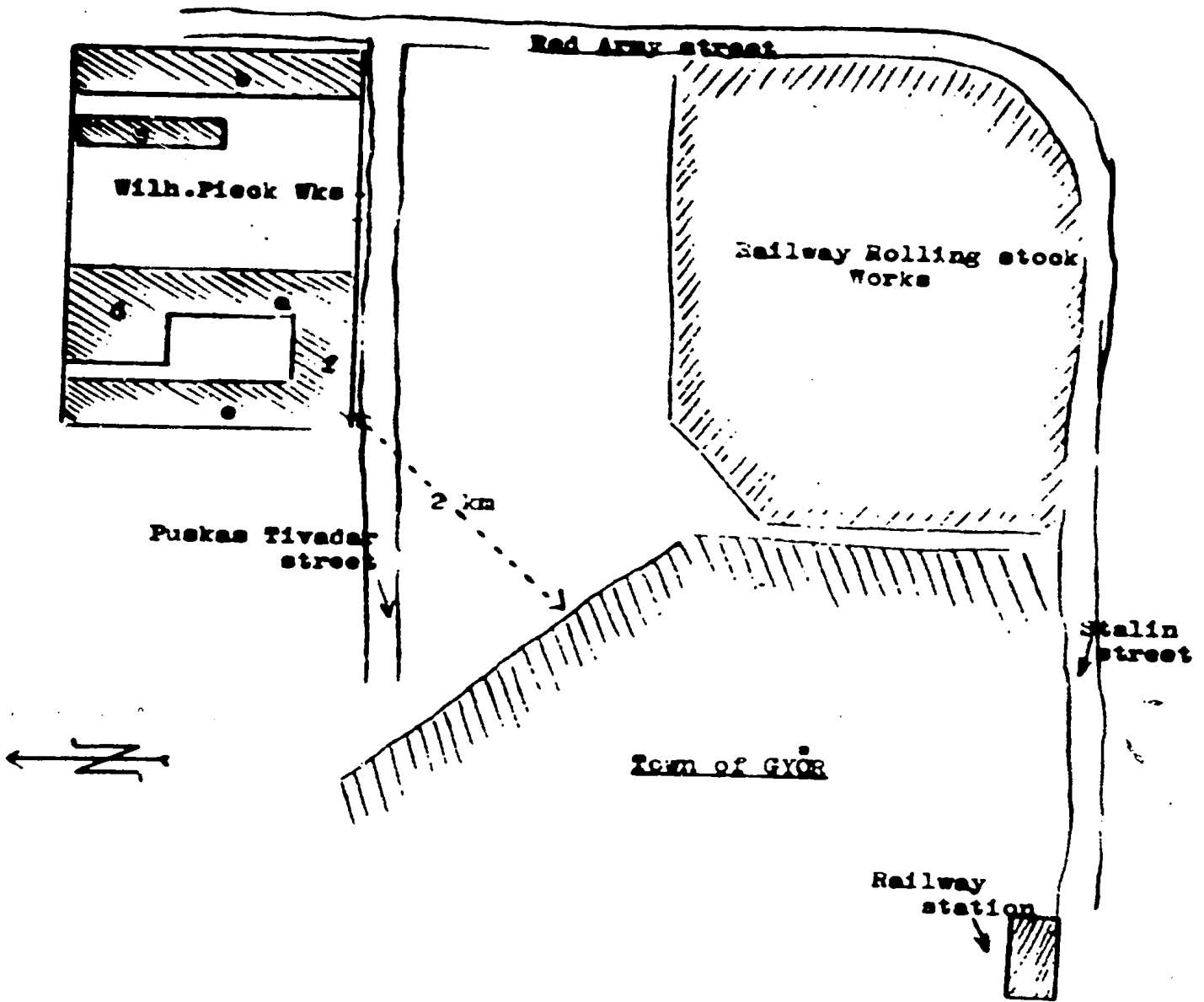
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