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- 180,000 Axis PW's (Germans, Italians, Romanians, and Hungarians) have built a line of fortifications from Yalta through Fedorovska, Kachovska, Aleshki, Kherson, Nikolayev, and Anutolevska to Novo Odessa.
- The sector between Yalta and Fedorovska contains approximately 700 bunkers. Drainage and ventilation systems were first installed in these fortifications by Soviet chemical warfare troops. In March and April 1946, before the PW's were evacuated to other parts of the Soviet Union, these troops were replaced by armored and artillery units.
- All bunkers are connected by a network of trenches 1.2 meters deep and 80 cm wide. Where bunkers are grouped together in this line, subterranean tunnels, seven meters below the surface, 2 meters wide, and 1.5 meters high, have been built. These lead 300 to 800 meters to the rear. In two instances, foundations for chambers seven meters deep and twenty by twenty meters in size were constructed at the rear of the tunnels, allegedly to be used as electric power stations. Deserted farms and houses in the area of the line have been connected with subterranean passages. On several occasions, bunker foundations have been laid down inside such houses.
- The PW's were closely guarded by MVD troops, equipped with armored reconnaissance cars, each with two machine-guns and a crew of three soldiers. Foundation diggers were not permitted to return to former work-sites where other PW's had begun concrete construction. Strict separation of work-crews was maintained.
- Attached is a map of the area, with the line of fortifications marked ///////////////.

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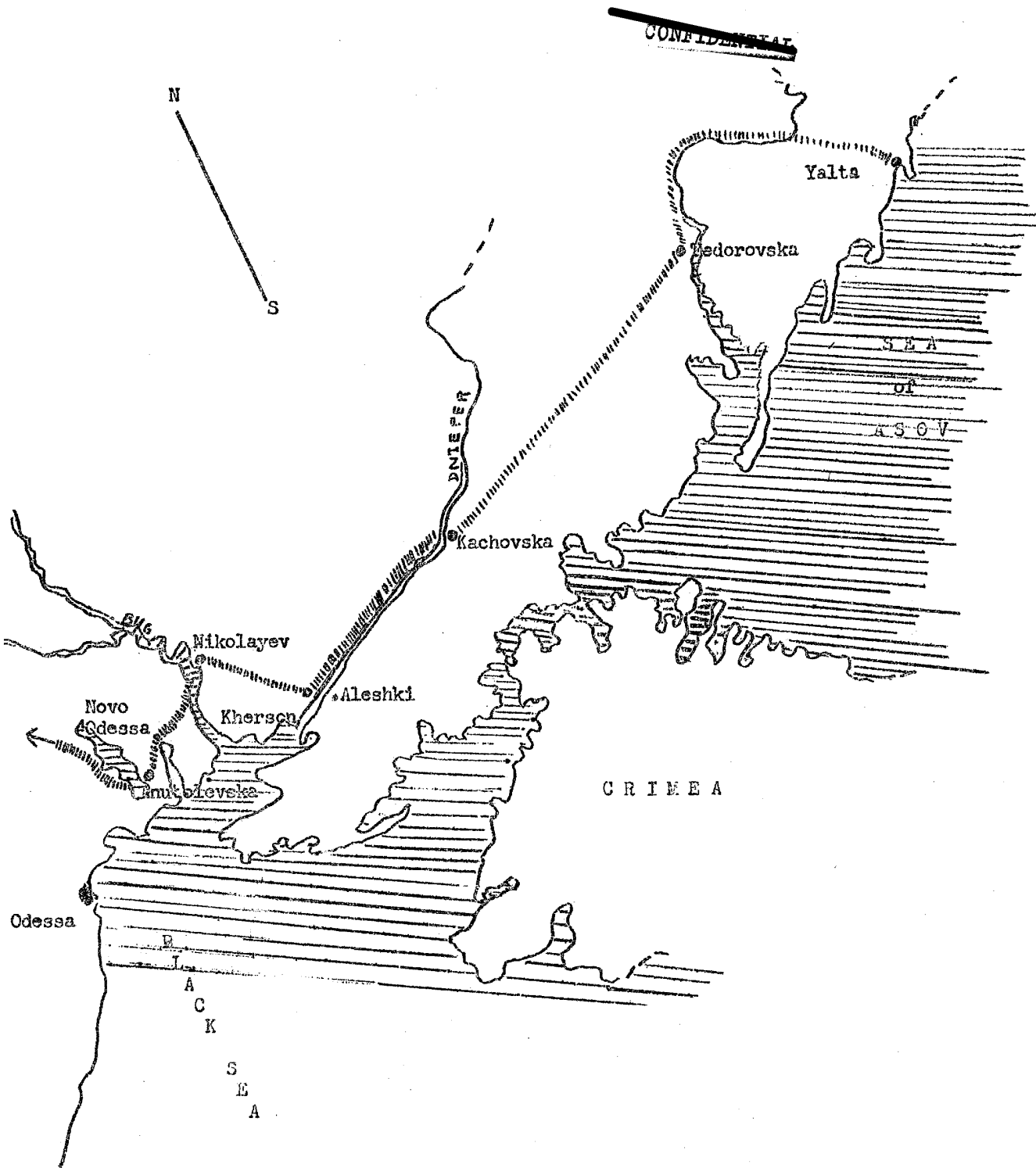
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