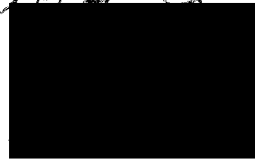


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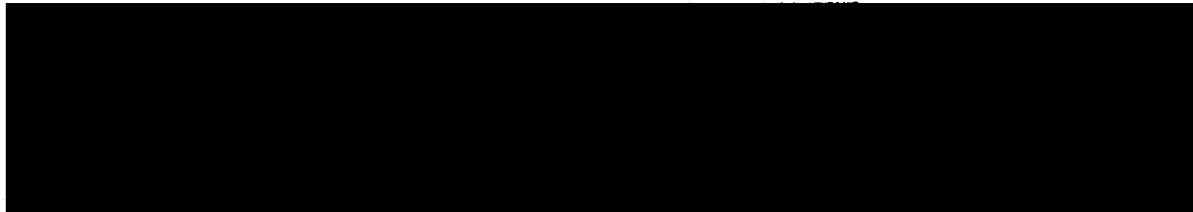
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1. The "Nurnberg" arrived at Libau from Wilhelmshaven on 11 January 1946; twenty of the German crew remained on the ship as instructors. The ship moved to Revel on 6 June 1946 and was still there on 14 July 1946.
2. The German instructors returned to Kiel in late July 1946, from Revel via Helsinki to Swinemunde in Russian 10,000 ton merchantman(?) "Helene" (ex-British, 58 years old) and from Swinemunde onwards in Russian mine-sweeper 251 of approximately 60 tons (ex-U.S.).
3. The "Nurnberg" has been renamed the "Admiral Markorov" and the Captain is Comdr. Vorkov, with as Second-in-Command and Political Commissar Schwarzmann
4. Daily routine on board the "Nurnberg" left the Red Naval rating little time for himself. Work such as cleaning the ship, working parties, exercises, and tactical instruction took up the following:

0700 - 1130 hours
 1300 - 1750 "
 1930 - 2200 "

5. Political instruction lasting three hours was given twice a week by the Political Commissar. A further lesson was given once a week during the crew's free time in the evening. The Political Commissar thus came more into contact with ratings than any other officer and was therefore much feared. At 1800 hours the general political talk of the day was transmitted and all radio sets had to be switched on. After "Stand Easy" at 2200 hours the routine for the following day was announced at "Night Muster".
6. The Red Naval officers on board the "Nurnberg" were intelligent, but did not bother about the ratings. The ratings for their part only respected the Captain and the Political Commissar, although the specialist officers (Gunnery, Torpedo, Engineer, Navigation) have disciplinary powers which they do not hesitate to use. These ratings who were long-standing members of the Communist Party had cabins, regardless of age, rank, or length of service.
7. The Russian complement of the "Nurnberg" in July '46 was approximately 800, including 70 officers. Difficulties were experienced in obtaining trained seamen and technicians. Most of the ratings had only 14 days' training before their arrival, while some had no previous training at all and others came direct from

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the school. Some transferred from the Red Army and were still wearing Army uniforms. The average age of the ratings was 17 - 18; the reason according to the officers was that, at the end of hostilities, the Red Fleet had to release all older men for work in the factories, to ensure maximum technical developments in the new Spring Plan.

8. Boys of 10 and 12 served on board as deck hands or stokers. The Political Commissar can take young boys for work in factories as "Young Communist Workers" after two years' basic education and in the same way he can send them into the Services. These boys do duty on board, without taking part in gunnery exercises, and go to school ashore twice a week.
9. The new twin-mounted 37 mm. A.A. guns on board were dismantled and taken ashore.
10. The Russians experienced considerable difficulty in getting to know how to run the ship. They were unable to detect faults in the electrical equipment. Guns were poorly maintained. It was impossible to carry out gunnery practice without the help of German instructors. The Russians failed to understand the radar equipment, the fire control installations, the stabilizing element, ABC Sontrollant and A.A. direction and stabilization. These last two were wrecked within a week and only repaired with help of a specialist from Moscow and a German gunner's mate.
11. Rates of pay in Red Fleet (scaled in accordance with length of service) are as follows:

O.S.:	40 - 60 rubles per month
Acting P.O.	
(Slagina):	350 - 400 " " "
Lieut.:	1,000 - 1,200 " " "

The Captain of the "Hirnberg" received 2,400 rubles per month.

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