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Moscow-Odessa Highway**

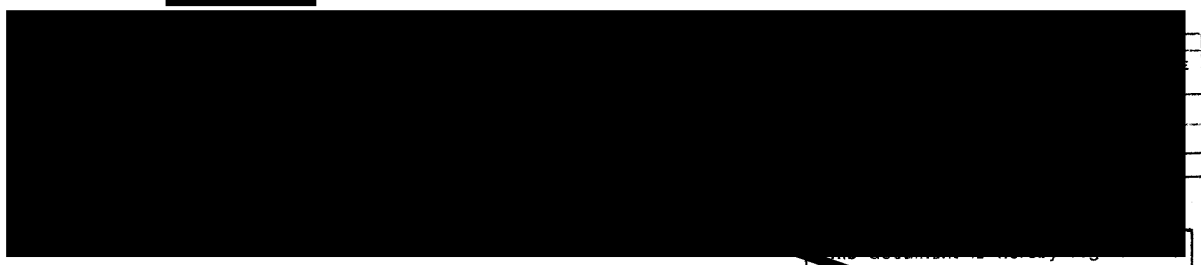
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Riga, Latvia

1. A large factory, manufacturing radio and radar sets, is located at the naval piers. About 1000 German PW specialists work here under the strictest security control. They are forbidden to make notes or talk to other PW's, and are searched daily for possession of paper or pencil.
2. A china factory, situated at the edge of town near the Siratava RR station, turned out 7,000,000 phosphorous inserts for incendiary bombs between October and December 1945. The work is done by 400 PW's.
3. Shop 29, a tank and tractor repair shop, is situated at the Riga RR station. Nearby is a rubber factory which produces rubberized protective clothing, car and bicycle tires, and rubber cushions for tank treads.
4. Partisan activities appear to be continuous in the Riga area. Russian truck convoys are attacked, drivers and soldiers disarmed, and the PW's removed are released after being provided with food and documents. Partisans in the uniforms of Russian officers take these PW's to Sweden, from where they are able to make their way back to Germany.

Ribinsk, USSR (38°46' E - 58°3' N)

5. There is a huge underground factory here which produces aircraft and locomotives, and is manned by the occupants of a very large labor camp. In addition to these people, who are reputed to be Russians, Poles, and other nationals who were in Germany during the war, there are some 20,000 PW's also working in the plant.
6. It was learned from various Russians that a large power plant is being built in this area to supply the Volga region and inner Russia. The construction work, being performed by PW labor under the supervision of a German engineer, is scheduled for completion within five years. PWs working

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on this project are kept entirely incommunicado from their families and completely segregated from other prisoners, even to the extent of having their own hospitals and infirmaries. Even the physically unfit here are required to continue work.

Moscow - Odessa

7. A 7-meter-wide highway, scheduled for completion by spring 1947, is under construction between these two cities, from materials imported from Rumania and Czechoslovakia. The approximately 1,000,000 PW's and civilians working on the highway are required to dig not less than five cubic meters of earth per man daily. Continuous work is carried on in three 8-hour shifts.

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