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1. Sremska Mitrovica

- a. The port area consists of approximately 600 yards of earth embankment on the north bank of the Sava River, on the south and southwest side of the town. At the western end, four barges can lie simultaneously alongside a steeply sloping earth bank 18 feet high topped by a stone parapet and backed by a road. Four sets of narrow stone steps run down from the road to the water at approximately 80-yard intervals. Loading is done by manual labor across wooden gangplanks placed from the steps to the barges.
- b. The eastern half of the north bank, at which four barges can lie simultaneously, has a timber loading station and the loading is done by the use of wooden planks direct from the river bank to the barges. There is no mechanical equipment or a railroad on the north bank.
- c. On the south bank of the Sava, opposite the town, there is a small river shipyard with horizontal slipways for six 700-ton barges. At the end of May 1950 there were five 700-ton barges under repair on the slipways and a double row of three 700-ton and two 1,000-ton barges in the water in front of the shipyard. The tug LIKA and the dredger TAMIS were also in the shipyard area.

2. Sabac

- a. The river port office is located on the right bank of the Sava River. There is a stone quay about 300 yards long, served by a single track narrow gauge railroad some 40 yards from the river bank. The only mechanical equipment available is a small crane of approximately one-ton capacity.
- b. The Zorka chemical factory has a quay and a 60-yard stone jetty carrying a narrow gauge railroad track. There is a crane with a capacity of one to two tons mounted on the end of the jetty.

3. Titel

- a. This port is located on the Tisa River just above the point where the Tisa joins the Danube. It has a sloping earth embankment on the right

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bank opposite the Begej canal lock at which four barges can lie simultaneously. At the south end of the bank there is a 30-yard metal jetty on which a small crane is located. Loading from barges alongside the bank is by manual labor with the aid of planks and a metal gangplank.

- b. Early in May 1950 the only vessels in the port consisted of three 1,000-ton barges lying alongside the bank and a derelict pontoon dredger moored below the railroad bridge.

4. Osijek

- a. There is a small timber loading station on the south bank of the Drava River above the winter harbor, which has an earth embankment to accommodate three or four barges. Loading is done by manual labor as there is no mechanical equipment available.

5. Vukovar

- a. The port area on the right bank of the Danube River immediately below the town has an earth embankment along which five or six barges can lie simultaneously, and is served by a single track railroad branch line.
- b. The upstream portion of the port area consists of a timber loading station alongside which three 700-ton barges were lying early in May 1950. Loading is carried out by manual labor. At the downstream end of the bank there is one 5 to 10-ton crane.

6. Slavonski Brod

- a. The main port area is located on the left bank of the Sava River between the railroad bridge and road bridge. This has approximately 1,200 yards of earth embankment with a 40-yard long stone jetty on which a small crane is mounted. Barges also lie alongside the opposing right hand bank just above the railroad bridge.
- b. The port was extremely quiet in early May and only two 700-ton barges were seen there.

7. Sisak

- a. The main port area is situated above the road bridge across the Kupa River on the west side of the town. The left bank has about 450 yards of sloping stone quay, in which steps have been cut in six places to facilitate loading. Water level was about 8 yards below the top of the quay in early May 1950.
- b. The quay is served by railroad sidings and has one 2 to 3-ton crane at the downstream end. Three 700-ton barges were seen alongside the quay. Barges also lie alongside the opposing right hand bank, which has an earth embankment without facilities of any kind.
- c. The oil refinery, located on the right bank of the Kupa about 1,400 yards above the point where it joins the Sava River, has a stone quay approximately 200 yards long.

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