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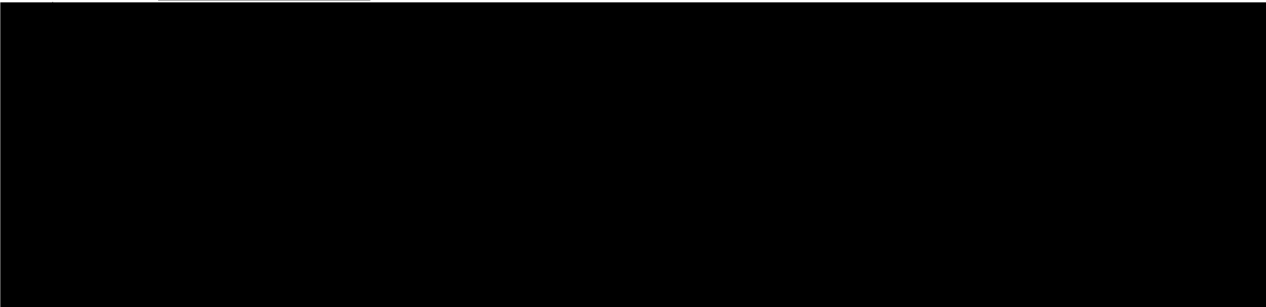
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1. Docks in the Port of Gdynia

- a. The Polish dock (possibly renamed the Paderewski dock) is constructed of stone and wood pilings, or fenders. This dock appeared to be in excellent condition and superior to most docks found in Norwegian ports. Its equipment comprised thirteen 1½-ton cranes. Two legs of each crane ran on a track on the dock, while the other two legs ran on a track which was mounted on a long warehouse on the dock. These were electrically driven and had a 360° working radius. There were two other cranes situated on this dock, one of 3-ton capacity, the other of 5-ton. Three lines of broad-gauge railroad tracks ran onto this dock. Several warehouses, one of concrete, were seen. In addition, a new warehouse appeared to be under construction. Nearby was a loading platform.
- b. Rotterdam dock. The equipment of this dock comprised four 1½-ton cranes which ran on tracks set flush with the pavement.
- c. India dock. Though the equipment of this dock did not include cranes, a grain elevator, a copra oil tank, a copra mill, and a cold storage plant were noted.
- d. United States dock. This dock was equipped with fifteen 3-ton cranes mounted on rails in the same way as those on the Polish dock. In addition, there were three large warehouses of concrete construction, and three railroad tracks built into the dock.
- e. Czechoslovakian dock. This dock had four 3-ton cranes and one line of railroad track.
- f. Rumanian dock. This dock, badly destroyed during the war, has been rebuilt. No cranes or warehouses were seen, however.

2. There was little activity in the harbor, and almost none in the shipyards or naval yards. Ships observed in the port were the TARIFA (Norwegian), the VINGARLAND and AGERHOLM (Swedish), and the former OREGON EXPRESS (now Polish).

3. Naval Vessels

a. The BLYSKAWICA was observed in the harbor. Its crew was on board and was

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seen drilling constantly.

- b. Three destroyers of unknown tonnage were observed in the bay heading towards Hel. Each had a vertical stack painted red at the base.
- c. Seven small craft, between 50 and 60 feet in length, were observed. These had no masts and no superstructure, with the exception of a windshield. About six men made up the crew of each craft.

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