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25X1X Shipbuilding in Rumania

1. Two small warships called "monitor boats" have been completed, and two more are now under construction at the Braila shipyards. These vessels are 45-50 meters in length with 2.00 - 2.50 meters draft. Each ship is equipped with four guns, two fore and two aft.
2. Barrack-type ships are under construction at Braila and Galati. These vessels resemble barges, with quarters fore and aft, and a sliding deck amidship which can be rolled back to expose the hold. Each ship is estimated to accomodate 400-600 men.
3. Wooden sloops 20-25 meters long are now being manufactured in assembly-line fashion at the Rumanian shipyards in Oltenita. The local inhabitants refer to these sloops as fishing boats.

Danube - Black Sea Canal

4. Progress has been slow on the construction of the Danube - Black Sea Canal. Flood waters in Cernavoda inundated various works connected with this canal. Although most of the manpower for this project is supplied by political prisoners, some volunteers have signed up for canal work in order to avoid compulsory military training.

Rumanian Munitions Factory

5. The Franco-Romano factory in Braila is currently engaged in manufacturing artillery shells, bullets and gunpowder.

Railroad Cars for the USSR

6. The Rumanians are building railroad cars in Stalin (Brasov) for delivery to the USSR. These cars are equipped with adjustable axles which permit their passage over Rumanian railroad lines and also over the wide gauge Soviet rails. The railroad cars are dispatched in lots of 35-40, via Galati, Rumania and Reni, USSR.

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Security Measures

7. On the Soviet-Rumanian border, a 20 meter strip along the bank of the Prut River has been plowed and is kept harrowed as a security measure. Soviet soldiers patrol this area. In the vicinity of Reni guards are posted at 50 meter intervals, each guard having access to a field telephone at his post.
8. Rumanian officers are forbidden to tell members of their families where they are stationed, or to mention unit locations in correspondence. It is forbidden also to place forwarding addresses on the private mail of military personnel.

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