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1. Construction of fortifications has been in progress on the northern, western, and southern coast of the island of Premuda for the past several months. Approximately one thousand soldiers and workers attached to the Littoral (Primorje) Military Construction Enterprise are employed in the project.
2. Several medium caliber naval batteries and machine gun emplacements are located on top of the hill at a short distance from the coast on the northwestern cape of the island. Along the western coast are several platforms of reinforced cement on which naval cannons and anti-aircraft guns have been installed of recent date. Other batteries have been observed extending from the northern cape of the island as far as the heights of the Port of Premuda proper.
3. Two garrison barracks currently occupied are located on the northeastern side of Premuda, at a distance of approximately two hundred meters from the coast. Eight barracks housing the military and workers of the Littoral Military Construction Enterprise are located approximately thirty meters northeast of the Port of Premuda.
4. An observation station containing a radio telegraph set is located in the vicinity of the two garrison barracks. The antenna of the station is visible from a distance.
5. Several motor boats arrive daily at the Port of Premuda, with cargoes of cement, iron and wood employed in the current construction projects. Navigation between the northwestern cape of the island, and the island of Kamenjak is strictly forbidden. The reason for this is to prevent foreigners from observing the work in progress. It is reported that the guards have been instructed to open fire on intruders, without prior warning.

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