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[redacted] seven Soviet destroyers coming from the direction of Porkkala and passing at high speed on an easterly course were sighted in the Gulf of Finland. When heaving into sight [redacted]

[redacted] the destroyers put up a smoke screen and left a brown oily layer on the water surface from which thick yellow wisps of fog developed. The destroyers were of identical type. They had two smoke stacks. There was a high mast on the foredeck and a short one aft.

[redacted] Comment. The vessels cannot be identified. A concentration of such a large number of destroyers in the Gulf of Finland was observed for the first time. The vessels possibly were minesweepers of the Polukhin Class rather than destroyers.

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