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Attachments:

- A. Port of Gdynia (6 pages).
- B. Map sketch of Gdynia, with accompanying legend (3 pages).

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Port of Gdynia

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Sketch and short description of locality:

(see attachment ~~A~~<sup>B</sup> with legend)

Improvements in progress: Two wrecks (Nos 1 and 2 of the legend) are being salvaged, and the old entrance to the harbor obstructed by wreck No. 2 of the legend is under repair [text reads constructed for obstructed]. This work was begun more than a year ago and is still in progress. Several divers and a pontoon moored near No. 2 of the legend are assigned to this project.

Inspection aboard

As soon as the ship is berthed, it is inspected. A police officer assisted by 15 policeman or soldiers conducts the inspection, which is generally similar to the practice in ports beyond the "curtain" and already described. It is emphasized that contrary to last year's usage, no seals were placed on the radio set, binoculars and cameras

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Pilots

Three uniformed pilots serve the port. They come aboard at Point A (Attachment ~~1~~<sup>E</sup>) accompanied by a cadet pilot or a soldier or two.

Surveillance

An armed guard (with German machinegun) is stationed ashore where the vessel is berthed. He very carefully checks all persons boarding or going ashore.

The port area and its entrances are guarded by a woman's auxiliary corps, whose members must be unmarried and have a maximum age of 30 or 35. Upon termination of service, they may go home in civilian dress if their families resides locally. Armament is small and automatic arms of Allied make.

Passes

Every member of the crew and other personnel of a ship who has a (legitimate) reason for going ashore is furnished with a pass issued by the police. Shipboard personnel passes are based on the ship rolls, and shore personnel such as long-

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shoremen, stevedores and steamship agents apply through their companies.

All passes are in custody of the guard on the wharf. When going ashore, shipboard personnel acquire their passes by showing their shipping booklet, which is the only identification accepted. The guard takes back the pass when anyone returns aboard.

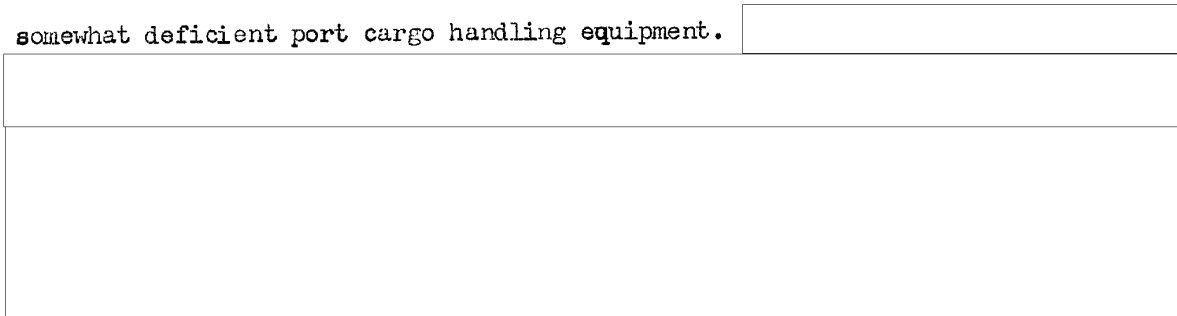
Shore personnel request a pass before going aboard, and surrender it at the bottom of the plank. This method keeps a check on the movement of both shipboard and shore personnel.

Port traffic

Numerous Russian steamships and colliers have been noted. The Russian ships which call in Gdynia do not exceed 4,000-ton capacity. They usually depart with a full cargo of coal for the USSR.

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There is also a good amount of other traffic, which sometimes taxes the somewhat deficient port cargo handling equipment.



Almost half of the coal loaded on these vessels is shipped in exchange for the ore loaded in Lulea.

Occasionally ships engage in this traffic.

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Cargo handling capacity

The average time consumed for loading a 10,000-ton capacity ship is about 5 days, with continuous workshifts (coal cargo).

However, it often happens that there are not enough railroad coal cars to supply heavy shipping in the port, so that loading will take 8 or 9 days.

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8 This is not the case with Russian ships because they are handled preferentially and are never delayed in loading or unloading.

Port facilities

See *Attachment B* ~~Chart no. 1~~ for shore installations.

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Bunkering of liquid

This is done by means of barges.

Water supply

There are hydrants along the piers, wharves etc; the coal quay alone has about 10 hydrants.

Food supply

It is possible to buy any kind of food at reasonable cost, but with hard currency (dollars). The agency assigned is the Baltona, which is a chandler and even handles tableware at reasonable prices in hard currency.

It is emphasized that the local residents have little purchasing power on the local market because food prices are high and wages are low.

Tugboats

Four tugs have been seen.

Depth of water

Depths are generally as shown on charts in use, except that in the coal-loading area a 10,000-ton capacity ship has to stand off shore when half loaded to avoid scraping bottom.

Tides

Tides and currents are negligible and are as shown in publications.

Port Lighting

Has been called unsatisfactory. There are extensive areas which are not lighted or poorly lighted.

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First aid stations: see chart no. 1

Lights and beacons: as shown by Nemedri.

#### Mined areas

As shown by Nemedri.

In the area indicated by letter "B" of attachment No. 2, which is mined according to charts and the same Nemedri, a coastal type submarine was seen diving and surfacing [redacted].

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#### Agencies

Baltona: Ship chandler

Carbo-Transport: concerned only with coal shipped [redacted]

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#### Port Captain:

Housed in a large structure on Pier No. 7.

Customs, Police, etc: see attachment No. 1.

#### Electronic Communications

In the area marked No. 5, on <sup>Attachment B</sup> ~~chart No. 1~~ there are two radio towers which have constantly interfered with shipboard radio communications.

#### Lookout post

There is a lookout post in area No. 5 on <sup>ATTachment B</sup> ~~chart No. 1~~ and on the outer end of the coal pier (post No. 13). The post in area No. 5 (<sup>Attachment B</sup> ~~chart No. 1~~) stands on a hill. Polish Navy personnel man both stations.

#### Port Railroads

This is in good condition, with maintenance and repair work in progress. However, the stock is old and was unused for many years. The rails are often spikeless, causing more deterioration. The port railroad net is in the care of

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women workers mostly, who do very heavy work.

#### NAVY SHIPS

A coastal type submarine berthed at No. 4 on attachment 1; maneuvering area [redacted] the sub maneuvered in this water area. 50X1-HUM

A destroyer which may be the Polish BLYSCAWICA, if we rely on [redacted] 50X1-HUM description of its armament ([redacted]) [redacted]; 4 twin mounts (2 forward and 2 aft) with 120 millimeter guns - 50X1-HUM machine guns amidships and on the bridge. Swept-back funnel; berth at No. 5 on attachment **B**.

An auxiliary vessel of 7,000 or 8,000 ton capacity berthed in the same No. 5 area.

Four minesweepers of the "beams" type; one berthed in the area mentioned above, and 3 seen at sea off the harbor entrance, probably sweeping. 50X1-HUM

An auxiliary of 3,000 or 4,000 tons seen moored (at anchor), [redacted]  
[redacted]

#### Miscellaneous

People are low in morale, living as though under an iron hand, are suspicious of the person sitting at the same table, of work companions, of one's own relatives.

The city has a gloomy air; there are no well-stocked shops in good taste. The main reason for the dismal and oppressive feeling is the political "propaganda" which is everywhere apparent; portraits of Stalin are found on walls, in public offices, and in shopwindows to hide the empty shelves.

The leading type of shop is the bookstore, with its endless stock of propaganda publications and photos of Russian and Polish personalities in the public eye.

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[redacted] an elegantly dressed woman cannot be seen, so that the bleakness of the city as a whole is emphasized by the wretched dress of its people.

Many [redacted] automobiles have been seen moving about uptown and in the port area, but they are left over from the war.

The cost of living is high on the basis of wages earned by workers, as shown in the following data:

One kilogram of meat	150 zlotys
One shirt	315 "
One suit	350-400 "

The pay of a stevedore is about 400 zlotys a month.

The black market in foreign cigarettes is thriving and profitable. They are sold on board. [redacted] cigarettes bring 50 zlotys a pack on board.

Some articles such as meat are still rationed, and often the poor housewife comes home empty-handed because the stock gave out after she waited for hours.

#### ATTEMPTED DESERTION BY NAVY SAILOR

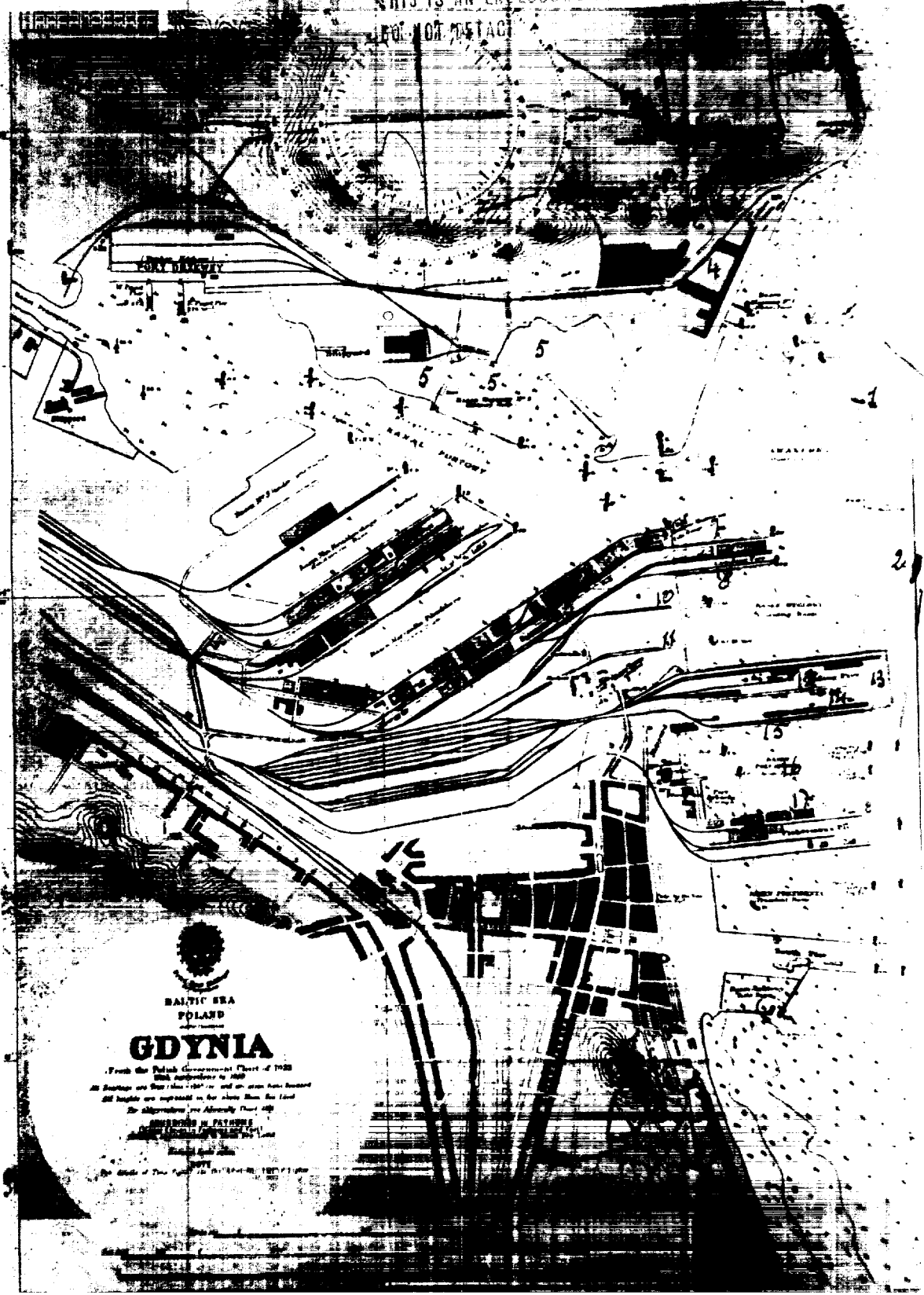
[redacted] a sailor in the Polish Navy slipped by the gangplank watch and went aboard the Marialuisa R1, hiding in what was probably Hold No. 4. The sentry quickly gave the alarm. Shortly thereafter, a police officer with about 20 soldiers or policemen and 2 police dogs went aboard. Before conducting the search, the officer requested permission of the shipmaster and explained his reasons. After some searching, the deserter was found and taken into custody. It was pointed out that the sailor's flight, if successful, would have meant one or more accomplices among the stevedores in the hold. [redacted]

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The incident caused a careful inspection of the ship Antonietta Bazzo, and the inspectors had all the holds reopened.

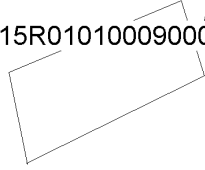
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Legend for Attachment ~~SECRET~~ B.

- 1) Wreck of former Polish naval vessel.
- 2) Wreck of former German battleship, which is being salvaged to clear old entrance to port.
- 3) Old entrance, now obstructed.
- 4) Old fort; no emplacements noted.
- 5) Military reservation: berthing for warships. A lookout post, on a hill or bluff, is in this area.
- ✓ 6) Grain elevator, in good condition
- 7) Berthing for passenger boats. The pier has a structure housing the port captain's office ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ); police station and port guard dormitory occupy the other half of the structure.
- 8) Quay used for unloading ore from Lulea. It has 4 or 5 luffing cranes.
- 9) First aid station
- 10) Coal transporter (endless belt); 120-meter pier. Shore end of pier has freight car tipping machine
- 11) Coal transporter (endless belt); 100-meter pier, various cranes with luffing scops.
- 12) Coal pier, 2 cranes with large capacity grabs and various cranes with grabs with adjustable jibs
- 13) Lookout post for the Polish Navy; constructed of half wood and half masonry and topped by a small signal tower.
- 14) Customs Office, in the center of the pier.

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N.B.  Pier No. 12, the coal pier, and Piers Nos. 7 and 8. 50X1-HUM  
 passenger pier and  material unloading pier, do not have the structures shown on the chart

15) Berths for ships shown in red lead

The presence of units pictured in red lead may be a sign of a shipyard in the vicinity or at least of repair shops)

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16) Fishing boat berths

17) Berthing quay for a postal boat operating on a coastal line ?

✓ 18) New entrance to port, smaller than the former entrance; on the starboard side, when inbound there is a small buoy at the entrance proper.

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