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1. In Batumi the formalities of pratique are the same as those for the other Iron Curtain ports.

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[Redacted] a military transport moored to the same buoy. [Redacted]

2. The area outlined by the dotted lines at 2 on Attachment 1 is used exclusively for fishing.

3. At 4, on the head of the outer breakwater at 3, there is a brick tower which supports a beacon light. Immediately behind the beacon there is a large, four to five meter-high sea wall which is built of bricks and which lies approximately as indicated on Attachment 1. The whole area enclosed by this wall is well-paved and well cared for.

4. Tankers moor at the four places indicated with a 6 on Attachment 1. Each place of mooring is furnished with the installations for the loading and unloading of fuel and raw materials. On Attachment 2, one of the moorages is shown in detail. It is 16 meters long and projects out from the quay at A. The two sides perpendicular to the quay extend out more than the rest of the pier and at the heads of these extensions there are 15 outlets for hoses. The conduit for the material is underground at the edge of the quay, but on the jetties at B it is above ground. In the middle of the pier there is a concrete passageway at the end of which is a concrete booth with a telephone that is directly connected to the pumping station. Fuel can be loaded at the rate of 500 tons per hour and tankers up to 15,000-tons capacity can moor alongside.

5. The water outlets are at 7 on Attachment 1 while at 8 there are a few masonry one-story buildings with sloped roofs of red tile.

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These probably are offices and tool warehouses. At 9 on Attachment 1 there is a barracks where the military assigned to the port area are quartered. This is a two-story structure with a sloped red tile roof.

6. The patrol station at 10 on Attachment 1 is a glass-walled sentry box on top of a 15 or 20 meter-high tower of either iron or concrete. The sentry box is reached by means of an iron ladder. The sentries are lodged in the barracks at 9.
7. There are a few shops for the repair of ships at 11 on Attachment 1. Alongside, [REDACTED] some apparatus for hauling up the ships. 50X1-HUM
8. [REDACTED] the military craft docked at 12 because [REDACTED] two patrol boats, a MAS, and two or three German-type landing craft moored there. The motor patrol boats were armed with a 20 mm machine gun at the prow while the MAS had a four-barreled machine gun of undetermined caliber at the prow. 50X1-HUM
9. Other craft observed included the following:
 - a. A dredge at 13
 - b. Various wooden fishing boats at 14
 - c. A Soviet passenger ship at 15
 - d. A motorboat moored at 16. The latter was probably the only pilot boat that the port had.
10. The security of the port area is the task of Navy detachments (sic-MGB?). These patrol the area, check the passes, grant permissions, and conduct the inspection of the visiting foreign merchantmen.
11. [REDACTED] many fuel tanks at 17 on Attachment 1 [REDACTED] the area might be a refinery. [REDACTED] Rumanian raw material (sic) was either sold abroad or sent to the refinery at Batumi. 50X1-HUM
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12. Batumi itself is a large industrial town with wide tree-shaded streets that are well-lighted and sidewalks that are well cared for. Even the townspeople seem different from the inhabitants of all the other Black Sea port towns, Odessa included. They seem more carefree, less worried, and their confidence is more easily gained.
13. In the area between the cathedral at 18, the beacon light at 19 and the military athletic field at 20 there are many barracks and military schools.

Attachments: Two

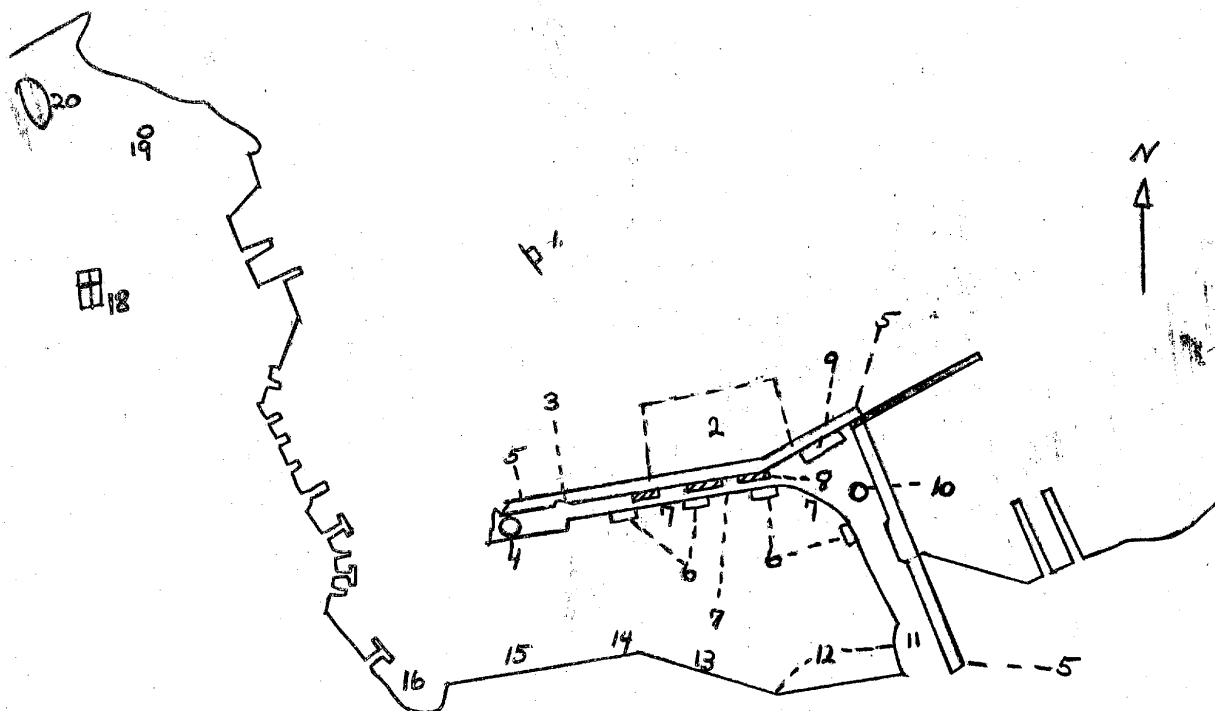
1. Sketch Map of Batumi
2. Sketch Map of a Tanker Moorage

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Attachment 1

Sketch Map of Batumi



Legends:

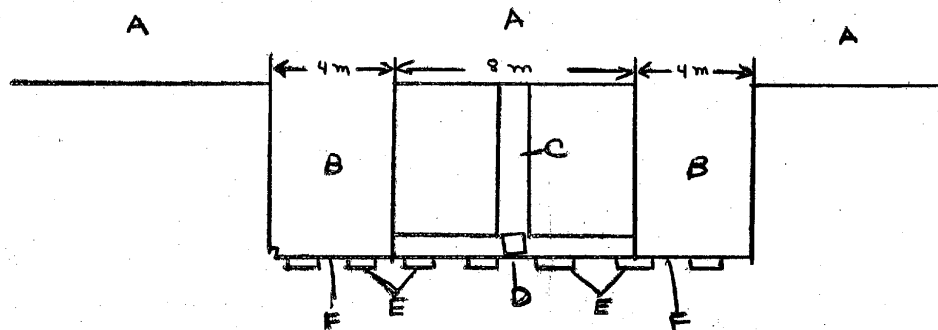
1. Outer buoy
2. Fishing area
3. Breakwater
4. Beacon light
5. Protective sea wall
6. Tanker moorages
7. Water outlets
8. Offices and warehouses
9. Barracks
10. Patrol station
11. Shipyard for repairs
12. Moorage for military craft
13. Moorage for local craft
14. Moorage for fishing boats
15. Moorage of the Soviet passenger ship
16. More local craft moored
17. Storage tanks and probable refinery
18. Cathedral
19. Beacon light
20. Military stadium.

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Attachment 2

Sketch Map of Tanker Moorage at Batumi



Legend:

- A. Quay
- B. Concrete jetties
- C. Concrete platform
- D. Telephone booth
- E. Wooden piers
- F. Hose outlets

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