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"The following Polish ships visited the port of Hamburg between March and August 1953:

- (a) s/s BRYGADA MAKOWSKIEGO (1,700 BRT) arrived from Gdynia on 3 Apr. 53 and tied up at the Czech wharf 41 A. Cargo consisted of 650 tons of brewers' malt; 500 tons were unloaded in Hamburg. She left next morning for Antwerp, where the remaining cargo was to be unloaded. She took on no new crew in Hamburg.
- (b) s/s JEDNOSC ROBOTNICZA (2,000 BRT) arrived in Hamburg for the first time on 18 Mar. 53 from Gdynia. Cargo consisted of 2,300 tons of barley. She unloaded 1,300 tons in Hamburg, the rest being destined for Rotterdam, and left after only eight hours. No shore leave was granted the crew.
- (c) s/s KUTNO arrived from Gdynia on 23 Mar. 53 carrying 2,500 tons of barley, of which 1,000 tons were unloaded on the Kuehwerder Wharf. On 24 March she went to Rotterdam to unload the rest of the barley without taking on any new cargo.
- (d) s/s WARMIA arrived from Gdansk on 2 Apr. 53 and unloaded her whole cargo consisting of 217 tons of onions (about one-fourth of her capacity). In Hamburg she took on 200 tons of galvanized ware, ammonia and piece goods. With this she left for Gdynia. This was her first visit to Hamburg, after a period of repairs at Newcastle.

Again, WARMIA arrived from Antwerp on 15 May with a cargo of 700 tons of iron scrap, to which she added 350 tons of iron pipes at Hamburg. She later sailed for Poland.

On 6 June WARMIA called at Hamburg again on her way from Gdynia and unloaded her whole cargo consisting of 393 tons of eggs.

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- (e) s/s SLASK came to Hamburg in the second week of March 1953 from Newcastle and Rotterdam. She discharged 200 tons of iron pipes and sheet iron, another 600 tons of same remaining on board. In Hamburg the SLASK took on in addition 300 tons of machine parts and piece goods, after which she proceeded to Gdynia.
- On 15 May s/s SLASK arrived from Antwerp with a cargo of 700 tons of iron scrap. She took on at Hamburg 350 tons of iron pipes.
- Later [date not specified] SLASK arrived from Gdynia, unloaded 500 tons of eggs (her whole cargo) and on 2 June proceeded to Rotterdam in ballast.
- (f) s/s LUBLIN (1408 BRT) arrived from Gdynia on 1 Apr 53 carrying 2,500 tons of onions, sweets, paper and flax. Seven hundred tons were unloaded at Hamburg, and 90 tons of anchor chains, capstans and shellac were taken aboard. With this cargo the ship left for the port of Hull.
- s/s LUBLIN's next visit to Hamburg was on 13 April, also from Gdynia. She unloaded her entire cargo 200 tons of eggs, and returned to Gdynia.
- On 12 May s/s LUBLIN arrived in Hamburg with 625 tons of eggs and piece goods. She discharged 500 tons of eggs at the refrigerator building in Rosshafen. Then the ship moved to the Czech wharf, loaded some small but apparently important cargo and left for Rotterdam.
- s/s LUBLIN arrived again in Hamburg on 22 June, tied up in the Grenzcanal and unloaded 300 tons of eggs, sugar and paper. The remainder of this cargo was taken to Rotterdam the next day.
- (g) s/s BIALYSTOK came to Hamburg on 27 May, unloaded seven tons of bed feathers, and tied up at the Deutsche Werft for extensive overhaul and repairs which would last at least a month. She carried a skeleton crew, a little over half the usual strength.
- (h) s/s MAZURY called at Hamburg at the beginning of May, and unloaded her whole cargo of 260 tons of onions, enamel ware and glass. Then she left immediately in ballast for South Shields in England where she was to be inspected and repaired.
- On 5 June s/s MAZURY arrived from Rotterdam carrying 564 tons of piece goods
- (i) m/s CZECH (3649 BRT) came from Gdynia on 6 May, loaded to only half her capacity with eggs, preserved meat and some piece goods. At Hamburg she unloaded 600 tons of eggs and some piece goods. She then proceeded to Antwerp to unload the rest.
- m/s CZECH made a second visit to Hamburg at the end of May unloading all her cargo, 1,200 tons of eggs and some piece goods. On the evening of 27 May the ship left for Rotterdam in ballast; no shore leave had been given the crew.
- (j) s/s LECH arrived from Gdynia on 27 June and unloaded her cargo of 900 tons of eggs at the refrigerator building, after which she left immediately for Antwerp.
- (k) m/s PIAST made her first call at Hamburg from Szczecin on 18 August and unloaded her whole cargo, 2,500 tons of sugar. On 22 August she left for an unknown destination.
- (l) m/s MICKIEWICZ (4345 BRT) arrived from Gdynia on 11 May, travelling in ballast, and tied up at the Deutsche Werft for repairs to engines and refrigerator repair to last about three weeks. She carried only about two-thirds her usual crew.

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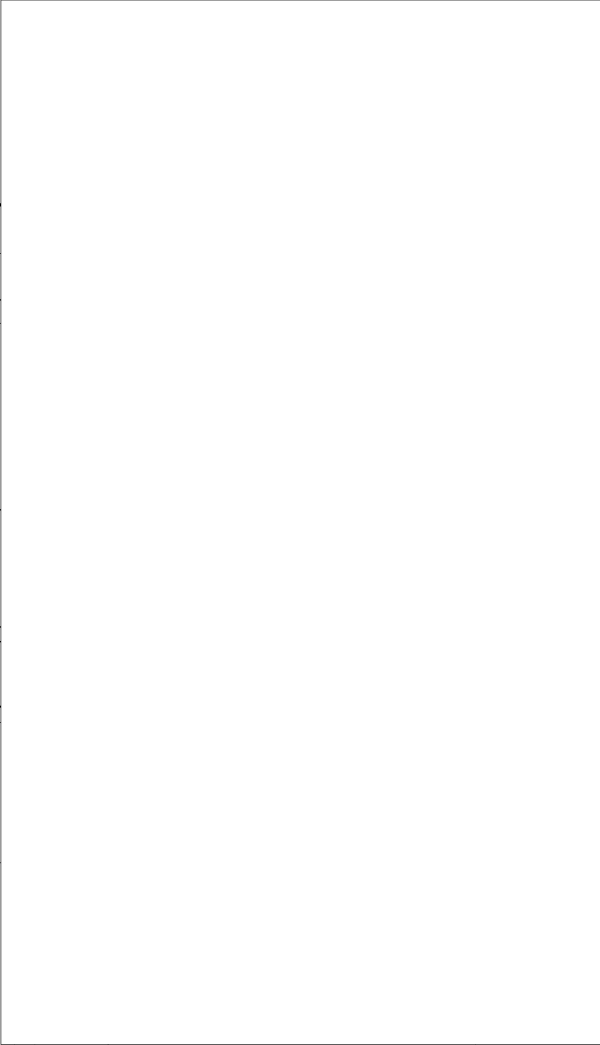
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(1) m/s HUGO KOLLATAJ (3765 BRT) arrived at the end of April with very little cargo. The bulk-349 tons, mainly eggs and sugar-was unlcaded at Hamburg. The ship was moved to the Deutsche Werft for repairs. The crew was given shore leave but warned to stay on the western bank of Elbe and only to cross to Hamburg in groups. At the beginning of May the ship was ready to sail again."

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