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An observation post of the USSR Navy is located on the so-called Coltul Regimei.

The principal purpose of this observation post is to watch the movement of ships particularly of foreign merchant vessels.

On the roof of the building there is a signal mast. The observation post also has a direct telephone connection with the headquarters of "Sovromtransport TEU of CONSTANTA."

A Russian officer and Russian sailors are on duty.

Russian warships, before leaving the port of CONSTANTA, always wait until the observation post gives a go-ahead signal (hoisting three flags.) If the observation post does not hoist the flags, the unit waits, but does not give a return signal.

Some three or four Soviet torpedo boats are usually moored in the small basin between the shore and the building "Salvamar" and the small quay F/I.

Their armament is composed of one machinegun on the prow, and two anti-submarine bomb guides on the stern (central stern.) Their characteristics:

length: 10 meters;
beam : 2,5 meters;
height in the center: less than one meter;
a small four meter mast in the stern of the deck;
speed: 12 to 13 nautical miles (not exact);
square prow;
two crews;
a RT station, length of antenna between the insulators about 2,5 meters;
crew : 5 to 7 men;
commander: an officer with three stripes on his sleeves.

The crews of these Russian units are billeted in the building "Salvamar."

In April 1951, four Russian mine-sweepers arrived. Their characteristics are as follows:

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length : 25 meters (approximately;)
beam : 5 meters (approximately;)
height in the middle: more than one meter;
Radar system;
armament located on the prow: (type unknown;)
exhaustion tubes (motor propulsion;)
a reel with two for magnetic dragging on the stern.

They are moored at the moorings Nos 37 and 31.

Toward the middle of May 1951 another three units of the above described type arrived.

During 1950 various Russian mine-sweepers carried out dragging operations.

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