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WAR DAMAGE REPORTS FROM:

1. INTELLIGENT'sIYa'S FRIEND, SERVING IN LIVERPOOL REGIMENT STATIONED IN NORTH WALES
2. A GRU OFFICIAL WHO HAS ARRIVED FROM LIVERPOOL (1940)

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To DIREKTOR

1. INTELLIGENT'sIYa[1] has reported that his friend, a serviceman in a LIVERPOOL[LIVERPUL'SKIJ] regiment[a] which is stationed in North WALES[WELLS], [B% has handed over][b]

[47 groups unrecovered]

German exercise, with dive-bombers taking part.

2. Our official [NASH RABOTNIK][c] who has arrived from LIVERPOOL[LIVERPUL'] has reported the following:

a. The port is full of vessels, many old and new

[47 groups unrecovered]

30,000 tons of cargo. In the docks berths[d]

[17 groups unrecovered]

the centre and the railway stations[,][e] LIVERPOOL has not suffered from the bombing.

[33 groups unrecovered]

and the station.

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c. The port of BIRKENHEAD [BIRKENHEAD]

[17 groups unrecovered]

.Between LIVERPOOL and MANCHESTER everything - industry,

[33 groups unrecovered]

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BRION [ii]

- Notes:
- [a] Presumably a regiment recruited in LIVERPOOL. However, "The LIVERPOOL Regiment" is also possible and, in the unlikely event of this being the correct interpretation, it might be a regiment with the word LIVERPOOL in the title is "The King's Regiment (LIVERPOOL)" or "The LIVERPOOL Scottish".
  - [b] Or "is handing over".
  - [c] "NASH RABOTNIK": presumably a member of a Soviet diplomatic or official mission, working for the GRU.
  - [d] This could be either the singular "a berth/the berth" or the plural "berths/the berths".
  - [e] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] INTELLIGENTsiYa:

[ii] BRION: Lt. Col. I.A. SKLYAROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in LONDON 1940-1946.

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