

## 4.0 SYNTHETIC OIL PRODUCTION

### 4.1 GENERAL

The outstanding feature of German oil economy during the past ten years has been the spectacular development of her synthetic oil plants for the production of oil from coal. This attempt at complete oil autarchy, made without regard to cost or orthodox financial considerations, has no parallel elsewhere and is a striking example of the character of the German master plan for world domination which called for the production, within her own boundaries, of all the resources essential to modern warfare. It is evident that one of the essentials in such a plan is the securing of adequate oil supplies and since the attempts to find natural petroleum deposits within her own borders met with a very limited success Germany naturally turned to other expedients. The complicated structure of the enormous synthetic oil industry has been built up, therefore, on the basis of political and strategic expediency, and on the foundation of Germany's wealth of coal deposits, especially of lignite or brown coal, as compared with her poverty in natural oil resources.

The extent to which the programme of synthetic production has been carried forward may be illustrated by the fact that approximately five out of every six gallons of gasoline and gas oil produced in Germany are derived not from oil wells, but from synthetic oil plants, and that the German synthetic production amounts to something like 60 per cent of total European (a) natural crude oil production.

A detailed history and an accurate economic appraisal of the synthetic oil industry is rendered difficult by the fact that, almost from its inception, the Germans realized the potential strategic importance of this industry, with the result that all but its broad outlines were closely shrouded in a cloak of secrecy, as were many features of their armament industries and other important elements of their national planning. Also, despite the rapid basic progress made in the prewar years, the greatest expansion in the synthetic industry actually has taken place since 1938. However, as a result of certain early commercial contracts a considerable amount of technical data were acquired from the Germans prior to the war which, supplemented by Allied aerial reconnaissance over the German synthetic plants themselves, has made possible fairly accurate appraisals of their processing methods and capacities.

What the synthetic program has cost the German nation, either in terms of monetary investment or of materials and manpower required for the construction and operation of the plants and the production of the required coal, has never been revealed. The structure of the industry is so complicated by government participation that it is difficult to estimate with any accuracy the capital investment in the synthetic oil industry or the cost of the synthetic oil produced. Both, however, are known to be enormous as compared to the cost of plant and production in the natural petroleum products industry. It has been estimated that the present German synthetic plants (b), having a total capacity of close to 5,000,000 metric tons of product per year, cost something like 4 or 5 billion Reichsmark or 1.6 to 2 billions of dollars. This is said to be from ten to thirty times the plant cost to produce similar quantities of liquid fuels from petroleum, depending upon the processes used.

By way of further comparison, prior to the war, the cost of a gallon of gasoline ex American refineries, excluding profits and taxes, was generally considered to be approximately 4 U.S. cents per gallon (adding some 2 cents for profits and shipping cost this gasoline could be layed down in Germany for about 6 cents per gallon), while the cost to manufacture a gallon of gasoline from coal by either of the major synthetic processes is at least 20 cents (c), or five times as great.

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(a) Excluding Russia.

(b) The bare plant cost exclusive of mines, coke ovens, coal carbonization plants, or other ancillary or auxiliary processes.

(c) Approximately 200 Reichsmarks per ton.

In consideration of the foregoing, as well as for other reasons, the participation of the German petroleum companies, and particularly those with international affiliations, in the synthetic oil industry has been small. Rather, it is the German coal, chemical, and heavy industries, under government direction and subsidy, which have been responsible for the development of synthetic plants and production.

From its earliest days the synthetic oil industry has been the subject of government encouragement and subsidies, and eventually and inevitably due to the magnitude of the program and the nature of the German state, to government direction and control. All the experimental work with the process discovered by Professor Bergius was carried on under the sponsorship of I.G. Farbenindustrie, and the second of the two main synthetic processes was worked out by Professor Fischer and Dr. Tropsch under the auspices of the Ruhr Coal Owners Association, but because of the heavy investments required, industry was slow to embark on large scale commercial production. However, the leaders of the German coal, chemical, and heavy industries no doubt realized the vital role these processes might play in any future war and proceeded with their development fully confident that any German government would, sooner or later, foster their growth.

The advent of the Nazi government merely accelerated the development of this and other German key industries by greatly increasing the already existing governmental subsidies and direction. This trend came into full maturity with the inauguration of the Four Year Plan under which all resources and industries were incorporated in a gigantic and strictly controlled production program subordinated to national strategy, regardless of the usual commercial and economic considerations. To carry out the ambitious and vital synthetic program, companies, in which the coal, chemical, and heavy industries participated, were formed under State direction. The State assisted by granting extensive and generous credits and subsidies, which, in many cases, covered half the cost of new plant construction which from then on was pushed with intensity. As pointed out under "Government Corporations" on page 13, all the companies in the industry must belong to the "trade association", Wirtschaftsgruppe Kraftstoffindustrie, through which channel government instructions to the industry are passed.

#### 4.2 PRINCIPAL COMPANIES

Although German corporate structures are complex, the more important companies that have been identified as engaged in the production of synthetic oil in Germany are listed below. Further details on these and other companies may be found in the German year book "Handbuch der Internationalen Petroleum-Industrie".

Braunkohle-Benzin A.G. (Brabag). - This company with head office at Berlin W8, Schinkelplatz 1/2, was formed in 1935, under State direction which required joint participation by the various German brown coal (lignite) interests. The capital stock is subscribed jointly by:

A.G. Sächsische Werke, Dresden  
Anhaltische Kohlenwerke, Halle  
Braunkohlen- und Brikettindustrie A.G., Berlin  
Deutsche Erdöl A.G., Berlin  
Elektrowerke A.G., Berlin  
I. G. Farbenindustrie A.G.  
Ilse Bergbau A.G., Grube Ilse  
Mitteldeutsche Stahlwerke, Riesa  
Rheinische A.G. für Braunkohlen Bergbau und Brikettfabrikation, Cologne (Köln)  
Werschen-Weissenfelder Braunkohlen A. G., Halle

In June 1939, the capital of the company was RM. 100 million, and provision was made for increasing this by RM. 25 million over the next five years. The value of the plants already erected or under construction in 1938 was, according to the balance sheet, RM. 295 million.

It operates three large hydrogenation plants (Magdeburg, Böhlen and Zeitz) and one large Fischer-Tropsch plant (Schwarzheide).

Chemische Werke Essener Steinkohle A.G.- This company, with head office at Essen, Huyssenallee 92, operates the Fischer-Tropsch plant at Kamen-Dortmund. It was organized in January 1937, with a capital of RM. 12 million, and is a joint subsidiary of:

Essener Steinkohlenbergwerke A. G., Essen  
Harpener Bergbau A. G., Dortmund  
Dortmunder Grundstücks A. G., Essen  
Gewerkschaft Stolberg, Essen  
Fritz Körzel G.m.b.H., Dortmund

Gelsenberg Benzin A.G.- Gelsenberg Benzin A.G. of Gelsenkirchen was formed in December 1936, as a joint subsidiary of:

Vereinigte Stahlwerke A. G., Düsseldorf  
Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A. G., Essen  
August Thyssen Hütte A. G., Duisburg  
Bochumer Verein für Gusstahlfabrikation A. G.  
Dortmund Hörder Hüttenverein A. G., Dortmund

The original capital of RM. one million was increased to RM. 50 million in 1937 and to RM. 100 million in 1930.

Gewerkschaft Viktor.- This concern operates the Fischer-Tropsch synthesis plant at Castrop-Rauxel and is owned jointly by Wintershall A.G. and Klocknerwerke A.G.

Hoesch Benzin G.m.b.H.- This company, with head office at Dortmund, was formed in 1936 as a subsidiary of the Hoesch A.G. of Dortmund. It was capitalized for RM. 3 million.

Hydrierwerke Pölitz A.G.- Hydrierwerke Pölitz A.G., with office and plant at Pölitz, was founded in 1937 by I. G. Farbenindustrie with a capital of RM. 20,000, under the name Hydro G.m.b.H. Later the capital was raised to RM. 4 million, and the name changed to Norddeutsche Hydrierwerke G.m.b.H. Still later capital was increased to RM. 80 million and the name changed to Hydrierwerke Pölitz A.G. The capital was later reported increased to RM. 110 million. The capital stock is held as follows:

I.G. Farbenindustrie A.G.	25 Per cent
Ammoniakwerke Merseburg (a)	34 " "
Deutsche Gasolin A.G. (a)	6 " "
Delbrück Schickler & Co. (Banking firm)	35 " "

I. G. Farbenindustrie has assumed a 25 per cent guarantee, and the Industriebank Berlin a 75 per cent guarantee covering a bond issue of RM. 80 million.

Hydrierwerke Scholven A.G.- Hydrierwerke Scholven A.G., at Scholven-Buer, was organized by the Hibernia A.G., which in turn is controlled by the Prussian State. In July 1939, the share capital of the Hibernia company was increased from RM. 100 million to RM. 250 million and the company received permission to issue a public loan of RM. 120 million.

I.G. Farbenindustrie A. G.- I. G. Farbenindustrie A. G., head office Frankfurt, occupies the leading position in the German chemical and synthetic oil industries. This company holds the Bergius hydrogenation process patents and was the pioneer of experimental and commercial production at its Leuna plant operated by a subsidiary company, Ammoniakwerke Merseburg G.m.b.H. Together with Ammoniakwerke Merseburg and Deutsche Gasolin A.G. (also a partial subsidiary of I.G.), I.G. has a controlling interest in the Pölitz synthetic oil plant, and, though details are lacking, is known to have a large interest in the two plants at Blechhammer and in a plant at Oswiecim in Poland.

(a) This company is a subsidiary of the I. G. Farbenindustrie A.G.



Krupp Triebstoffwerke G.m.b.H.- Head office address, Essen, Thomaestrasse 100. Formed in 1937 with a capital of RM. 20 million as a joint subsidiary of Friedrich Krupp A.G., and the A.G. für Unternehmungen der Eisen- und Stahlindustrie.

Oberschlesische Hydrierwerke A.G.- This company, operating the large new hydrogenation plant at Blechhammer, North and South, was organized by I. G. Farbenindustrie A.G. in early 1940. The original capital of RM. 50 million was subsequently raised to RM. 100 million and again, in January 1941, to a total of RM. 150 million.

Rheinpreussen, G.m.b.H.- This company, with head office at Hamburg, is controlled by Gutehoffnungshütte who also controls Mülheimer Bergwerks Verein. Capital RM. 500,000.

Ruhrbenzin A.G.- This company, with head office at Oberhausen-Holtien, was formed in 1935 through participation of twenty-two Rhenish-Westphalian mining companies and Ruhrchemie A.G.; there is an agreement for the pooling of profits or losses on a 50-50 basis between Ruhrbenzin A.G. and Ruhrchemie A.G. Capital is RM. 9 million.

Ruhröl G.m.b.H.- Head office Mülheim, Ruhr. Controlled by Matthias Stinnes G.m.b.H. and capitalized for RM. 1 million.

Schaffgottsch'sche Benzin G.m.b.H.- A subsidiary of Gräfliche Schaffgottsch'sche Werke G.m.b.H. of Gleiwitz. Capitalized for RM. 10 million.

Union Rheinische Braunkohlen Kraftstoff A.G.- This company, with head office at Köln, Kaiser Friedrich-Ufer 47 and whose plant is at Wesseling, was formed in January 1937 as a joint subsidiary:

Rheinische A.G. für Braunkohlenbergbau & Brikettfabrikation, Cologne (Köln)  
Braunkohlen Industrie A.G., Weisweiler bei Aachen  
Horremer Brikettfabrik G.m.b.H., Cologne  
Braunkohlenbergwerk & Brikettfabrik Leblar G.m.b.H., Leblar  
Hubertus Braunkohlen A.G., Brüggen  
Vereinigungsgesellschaft Rheinische Braunkohlenbergwerke G.m.b.H., Cologne

This company was formed with a capital of RM. 45 million and a State loan of RM. 45 million.

Wintershall A.G.- Head office, Kassel, Hohenzollernstrasse 139. Originally a potash concern, this large German firm has many interests in the petroleum and the synthetic oil industries. It is capitalized for RM. 125 million. Wintershall A.G. owns the synthetic plant at Lützkendorf and interests in Gewerkschaft Viktor and Mitteldeutscher-Treibstoff und Oelwerke A.G.

The important hydrogenation plant at Brůx, in Sudetenland (Czechoslovakia), while not located in the area covered by this report, is operated by Sudetenländische Treibstoff A.G., which is probably controlled by Brabag, though all such plants are, no doubt, State enterprises directly under Göring's Four-Year Plan organization.

No attempt is made to list the numerous coal mining companies, and companies operating coke ovens and low temperature carbonization plants which are, in varying degrees, associated with the synthetic oil industry.

#### 4.3 PROCESSES

##### 4.3.1 General

The four important processes in use for the synthetic production of oil are:

1. High Temperature Carbonization of coal (coke ovens and gas plants). (H.T.C.)
2. Low Temperature Carbonization of coal, lignite, shale, etc. (L.T.C.)
3. Hydrogenation (Bergius-I.G.).
4. Hydrocarbon Synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch).

It is the last two of these processes that are commonly thought of when synthetic oil is mentioned and which are, by far, the most important means of production.

All these processes are more or less closely interrelated. Ordinarily, the low temperature carbonization (L.T.C.) plants are operated as ancillaries to hydrogenation plants, the tar produced by the L.T.C. plants providing the feed stock for the hydrogenation plants. The low temperature coke produced as a by-product in these plants is mostly utilized as fuel for big power plants, whereas a smaller part is used for the manufacture of hydrogen for hydrogenation plants or other chemical enterprises. High temperature carbonization plants are usually run primarily for the production of metallurgical coke or for the production of industrial or town gas and the tars produced are merely by-products. Consequently, there is ordinarily no such close tie-up between these plants and the hydrogenation plants as exists in the case of the L.T.C. plants. In common practice the liquid products from all these processes are referred to as synthetic oil, though technically only the Fischer-Tropsch is truly a process of synthesis.

The fundamental fact upon which the manufacture of synthetic oil is based, is that coal contains the same basic elements as petroleum, but in different proportions, and the conversion of coal into oil, stating the problem in its simplest terms, requires the addition of more hydrogen to the coal molecules; the result is oil. The two major synthetic processes, however, differ fundamentally in their means of obtaining this end. The hydrogenation, or Bergius process, proceeds to liquefy coal by forcibly combining the coal with hydrogen under great pressure. The Fischer-Tropsch process is one of synthesis--that is, it first reduces the coal to a simpler form, similar to water gas, and then builds up this gas to liquid oil.

Considerable work has been done on the development of the Pott-Broche process where coal is de-ashed by solvent-extraction and the resultant pitch hydrogenated, but this is a variation in detail rather than in principle and has not reached great importance industrially.

#### 4.3.2 High Temperature Carbonization of Coal

This process is over 100 years old, and is widely used throughout the industrial world primarily for the production of metallurgical coke and gas. Coke ovens and gas plants distill coal at high temperatures (above 600°C). In the process about three per cent tar and one per cent crude benzol is produced, depending on the type of coal used. These by-products are essential in the manufacture of chemicals, dyes, drugs, explosives, solvents, plastics and a variety of other products.

Much of the H.T.C. tar is a heavy pitch which is not readily convertible to liquid fuels. However, the lighter fractions of the tar, the so-called tar oils, are more readily usable as feed stock for hydrogenation (Bergius) plants. Also, a relatively small portion of the tar oils is distilled and blended by conventional refining methods to produce gas oils and fuel oils, and in some instances, low grade lubricants. Some synthetic oil is made from reacting benzol or naphthalene from HTC tar with paraffin oils or wax from the Fischer-Tropsch process. However, the major production of H.T.C. products is based on the demand for coke by the steel industry and the liquid fuels production, though important, is merely a by-product.

#### 4.3.3 Low Temperature Carbonization

The low temperature carbonization of coal, lignite, shale, etc. also has been known for many years. However, it is primarily a German process and is very little used in other countries. During the ten years preceding the present war this process was greatly improved and expanded as a means for utilizing Germany's extensive deposits of low grade lignites as feed stocks for the hydrogenation (Bergius) process synthetic oil plants.

The principal L.T.C. process is that developed by the Lurgi Gesellschaft für Warmetechnik. Lignite, after air drying to about 15 per cent moisture content (a), is briquetted and fed through a shaft divided into two compartments where hot gases pass horizontally across the briquets. In the first section the remaining moisture is driven off and the lignite pre-heated to reaction temperature. In the second section the volatile hydrocarbons which form the L.T.C. tar are driven off by hot gases passing horizontally through the second section. Each shaft or oven has a capacity of between 250 and 300 tons of briquets per day and a plant will have batteries of these ovens providing individual total plant capacities ranging from 500,000 to 5,000,000 tons of lignite per year. A rotating grate at the bottom removes the coke. This process is of high thermal efficiency, some 80 per cent of the fuel value of a low grade lignite being converted to tar and coke. Three or more tons of coke, depending on the quality of the lignite, are produced for each ton of liquid tar. Most of the tar is used as feed stock for the production of gasoline and other liquid fuels by the hydrogenation process. The coke is mostly utilized as fuel for the generation of power, and some of it for the manufacture of hydrogen ( $H_2$ ) for the hydrogenation and other processes.

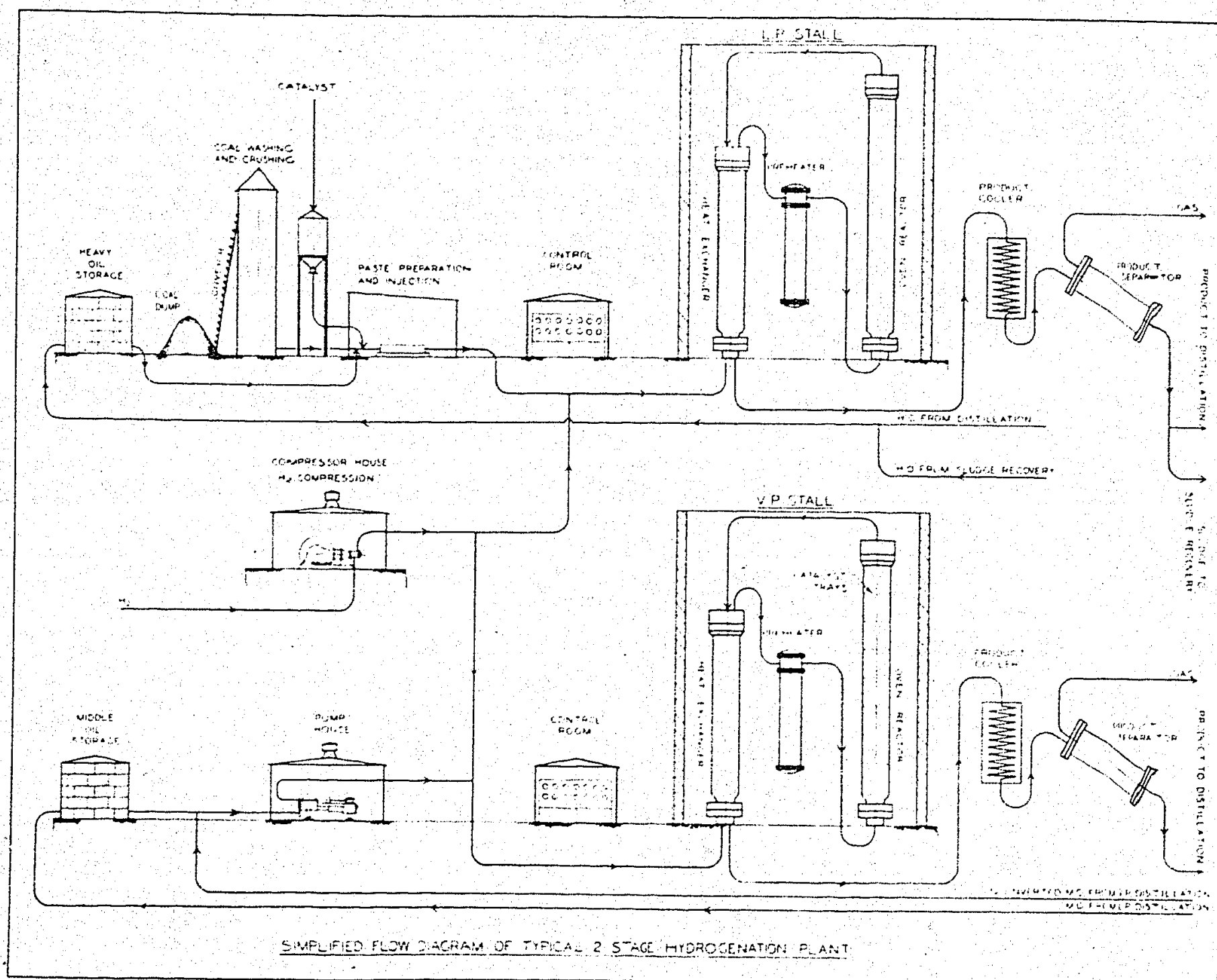
#### 4.3.4 Hydrogenation (Bergius - I.G.)

During World War I considerable amount of work was done in the German laboratories toward the manufacture of oil from coal and it was Professor Bergius of the Heidelberg University who succeeded in adding hydrogen to coal under a pressure of 200 atmospheres and a temperature between 400 and 500° C. In 1916 a small scale experimental plant to further develop the work of Bergius was built at Mannheim and in the years following World War I, considerable amounts were spent on research by the Bergius group. However, it was not until the I.G. Farbenindustrie with their much greater resources and background of experience with catalysis (I.G. developed the high-pressure synthesis of ammonia) took an active interest in the matter, that substantial progress was made with this process. Dr. Pier developed catalysts which made it possible to convert brown coal tar into gasoline with substantially higher yields than had previously been possible and in 1927 I.G. constructed in their hydrogenation plant at Leuna, the first industrial plant to produce gasoline from lignite and tar on a commercial scale. I.G. has continued to carry on intensive research for the perfecting of the process and eventually plants were constructed in Germany to manufacture gasoline and other fuels and lubricants, not only from brown coal tar but from brown coal, bituminous coal, bituminous coal pitch, etc. The center of I.G.'s hydrogenation research is located at their extensive chemical works and research laboratories at Ludwigshafen (Oppau). A location plan of this plant appears on page 214. I.G. Farbenindustrie holds the basic hydrogenation process patents in Germany, but the patent rights outside Germany were acquired by some of the American and British/Dutch Oil companies. The hydrogenation process is often referred to as the Bergius process and also sometimes as the I. G. process.

The hydrogenation process operates at high pressure (3,000 to 10,000 pounds per square inch) and at temperatures of 350 to 550° C. The feed stock may be either coal or a liquid hydrocarbon such as tar or petroleum. About half of the hydrogenation plants in Germany operate on tar produced for that purpose from lignite by the L.T.C. plants.

When coal is the feed stock the process is as follows. The coal is finely ground, a catalyst added, and mixed into a paste with heavy recycle oil from the process. This paste is pumped through a heating coil where it is heated to about 420-450°C, mixed with hydrogen and passed at a pressure of 300-700 atmospheres through a series of reactors (the paste contains 40 per cent pure coal (b) and 5 to 10 per cent ash), where some 90 to 93 per cent of the a.m.f. coal is converted into gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons (including wax) with a consumption of hydrogen of 7 to 10 per cent based on the a.m.f. coal. The ash, unconverted coal and catalyst

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- (a) German lignite has about a 53 per cent ash and moisture content.
  - (b) Pure coal is defined as ash and moisture free, often abbreviated to a.m.f. coal.



are drawn off as an oil sludge, from which part of the oil can be recovered and recycled to the process. The liquid product is fractionated, the heavy fraction boiling above  $325^{\circ}\text{C}$  being recycled to paste the coal, the middle oil or  $185\text{--}325^{\circ}\text{C}$  boiling point fractions being further hydrogenated in a second stage to gasoline. The sump or liquid phase product also contains some gasoline which is recovered. None of the products from this first stage of hydrogenation are finished products; they contain oxygen (phenols and cresols) and other impurities requiring further treatment. The gasoline may be hydrofined by vapor phase treatment with hydrogen over a catalyst. This hydrofining process operates to dehydrogenate naphthenes to aromatics while reducing the unsaturated oxygen compounds and removing sulphur almost completely.

The middle oil is hydrogenated in a second stage in the vapor phase over fixed bed catalysts at conversions to gasoline of from 10 to 60 per cent per pass depending on the products desired. This may be done in one or two stages. If a delicate catalyst is to be used there is a preliminary refining step with low conversion to gasoline but directed to remove oxygen and nitrogen impurities from the oil before carrying out the main reaction over a sensitive catalyst. The type of gasoline produced depends upon operating conditions. With a sensitive catalyst and low temperatures the gasoline is primarily naphthenic with an octane number of 70 to 74 (motor method), but if the conversion is carried out at high temperatures a gasoline is produced with 40 to 50 per cent aromatics. The yields are lower in the latter operation and the gases contain a substantially lower percentage of butane than in the low temperature conversion.

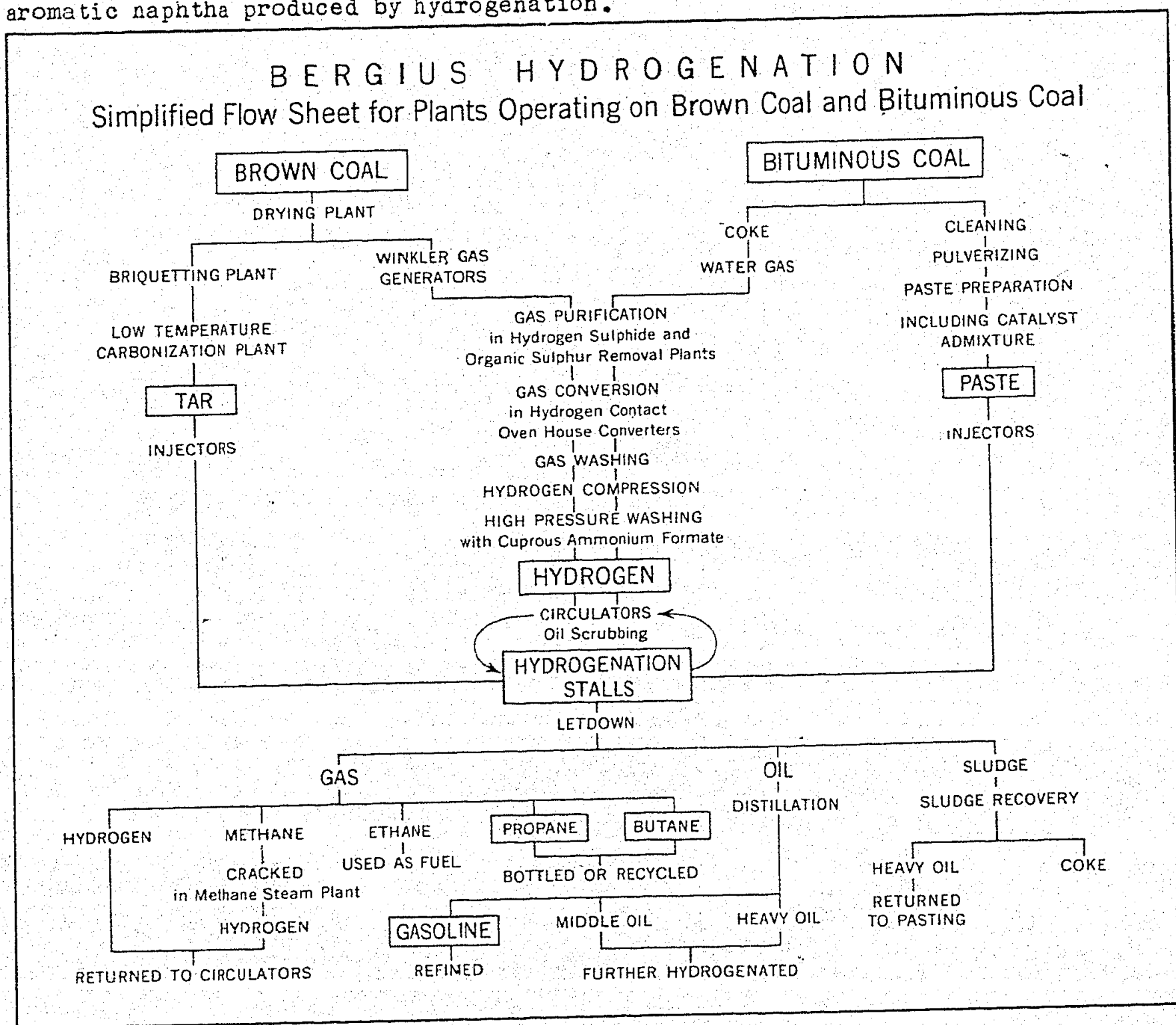


A large excess of hydrogen is circulated through the reactors (about 10 times consumption) and an important part of the process is the purification of the hydrogen and recycling it to the process. The hydrogen is purified to 70 to 80 per cent by either of two methods: (1) by scrubbing with oil to remove gaseous hydrocarbons or (2) by fractional distillation of part of the gas at low temperatures to remove the gaseous hydrocarbons.

When tar or oil is hydrogenated the process is much simpler and the plant investment considerably less. The heavy fractions of tar (boiling above 325°C) are hydrogenated in the liquid phase at temperatures where the tar is largely liquid. The catalyst is suspended in the oil and hydrogen blown through it. Tar (or oil), catalyst and hydrogen are pumped through heat exchangers and a heating coil under pressures of about 300 atmospheres into a series of reactors as in the coal liquification step. The oil is fractionally distilled and the heavy fraction recycled to the process while the lighter fractions are treated by vapor phase hydrogenation over fixed bed catalysts in the same manner as the lighter fractions from coal.

The thermal efficiency of converting a good young bituminous coal to gasoline by this process is about 30 per cent. From the thermal efficiency point of view it is somewhat more efficient to convert the coal first to tar by low temperature carbonization and hydrogenate the tar to gasoline.

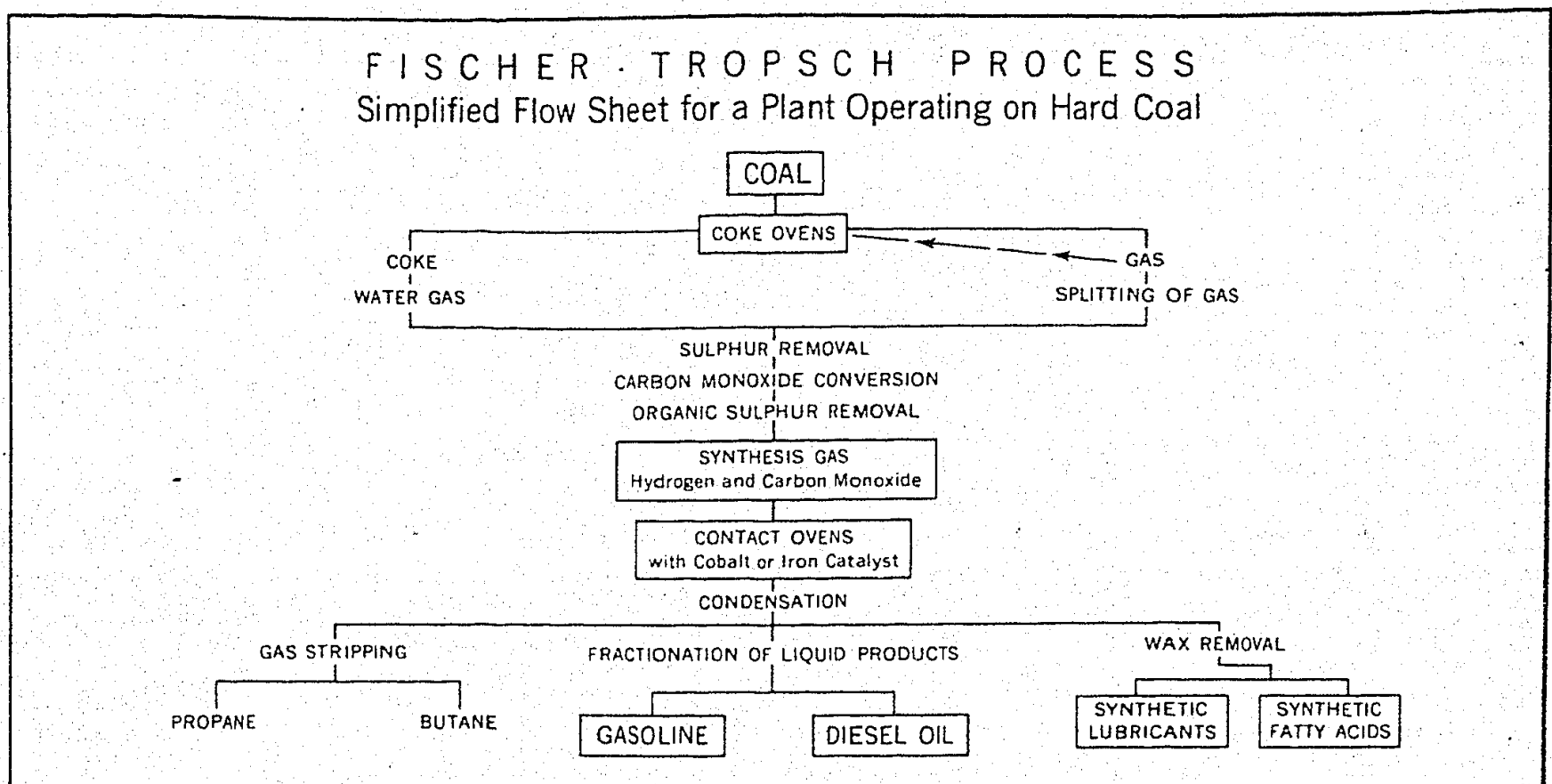
The hydrogenation plants produce aviation and motor gasoline, diesel oil, lubricating oil and wax. The base stock for German aviation gasoline is a highly aromatic naphtha produced by hydrogenation.



#### 4.3.5 Hydrocarbon Synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch)

This process for the production of liquid fuels from gaseous mixtures of carbon and hydrogen (which can be readily produced from coal or other solid carbonaceous materials) was evolved in 1926 by Professor Frans Fischer and Dr. Hans Tropsch at the Coal Research Institute at Mulheim/Ruhr under the auspices of the Ruhr Coal Owner's Association. During the 1930's the process was further developed under government stimulation and industrial scale production began in 1936.

In this process the solid fuel, usually coal or coke, though any combustible form of carbon may be used (a), is gasified to produce a synthesis gas, which is water gas ( $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$ ) enriched with  $\text{H}_2$  to get the desired proportion between  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CO}$ . This synthesis gas, after exhaustive purification, is passed over a catalyst at rigidly controlled temperatures (about  $200^\circ\text{C}$ ) and at either atmospheric or low pressures (5 to 20 ats.) with the result that a series of hydrocarbons are formed.



A typical arrangement for a plant using hard coal would be as follows: after being raised, the coal is washed and graded, and passed to a battery of coke ovens. The coke from the ovens is fed to a water-gas generator, which produces a hydrogen/carbon monoxide mixture. The coke oven gas is cracked in a decomposer or split by a deep cooling process to provide more synthesis gas. This gas, together with that from the water-gas generators, is purified from hydrogen sulphide by passage through iron oxide or by other means, and the excess of carbon monoxide in the mixture is corrected by passage through converters in which the gas is brought into contact with a catalyst in the presence of steam, with the result that further hydrogen is produced, together with carbon dioxide, which is removed by washing with water under pressure.

The synthesis gas, now in correct proportion is passed through the organic-sulphur purification plant, and when purified, passes to the contact ovens, in which actual synthesis takes place over the catalyst at temperatures ranging from  $185^\circ$  to  $360^\circ\text{C}$ , depending upon the catalyst used, and at pressures ranging from atmospheric to 20 atmospheres. The earlier designs operated at atmospheric pressure but most of the plants now operate at 15 to 20 atmospheres pressure. One catalyst used is the metal cobalt on magnesia and activated with thoria. This catalyst is operative at about  $200^\circ\text{C}$  and at pressures from atmospheric to about 15 atmospheres. Another catalyst is activated iron that operates at around  $350^\circ\text{C}$  and at higher pressures, preferably about 20 atmospheres.

(a) In the United States the process has received serious consideration for converting natural gas to oil.

The reaction is highly exothermic, with the result that large quantities of heat must be dissipated by means of cooling towers usually situated near the contact oven house, and an abundant water supply is essential. The process usually takes place in two stages; in the second the gas, which has already passed through the first stage, is sent over the catalyst a second time to complete the synthesis. By this two-stage process it is said that yields as high as 90 per cent of the theoretical yield of the synthesis gas have been obtained.

The products of synthesis, all in gaseous form, are taken from the contact ovens to condensers, where the liquid hydrocarbons are drawn off, fractionally distilled, and passed on to the refinery for appropriate treatment. Surplus gases are washed with a light oil, the butane-propane fractions are drawn off, and the remainder is passed on to gas holders for ultimate use as fuel, either in the plant or in neighboring towns. In addition to oil and gases, the Fischer-Tropsch process produces paraffin wax, which is of value as a starting point for the manufacture of lubricating oils and synthetic soap. The most recent developments include successful research, on a laboratory scale, into the synthetic production of iso-compounds as constituents of high octane fuels.

The primary product from the Fischer-Tropsch process is a mixture of paraffins and olefins distributed over a wide boiling range that varies somewhat with operating conditions within the range.

Distribution of Products in Fischer-Tropsch Process  
Synthetic Crude Oil

	<u>Per Cent of Weight</u>
C <sub>3</sub> and C <sub>4</sub> (propane and butane)	5 to 10
Gasoline 200°C End Point	30 to 60
Diesel Oil 200 - 325°	20 to 30
Wax and heavy oil	40 to 5

The gasoline quality varies between 50-70 octane number (motor method) and the diesel fuel between 70 and 100 cetane number. A substantial fraction of the wax has a high melting point; over 90°C. A high grade lubricating oil is made either from the highly olefinic 150-250°C fraction or from wax by cracking and polymerization. This process has an over-all energy efficiency of about 25% in converting the heating value of low grade solid fuels to oil. It can be generally stated that whereas the hydrogenation process produces better gasoline, including aviation gasoline, the advantages of the Fischer-Tropsch process are in the better quality diesel oils and the lubricating oils.

#### 4.4 PRODUCTION

Statistics on the production of fuels and lubricants from the German synthetic oil industry are of necessity based on estimates. However, it is believed that these estimates can be made with a fair degree of accuracy. Although rumors concerning new synthetic plants are both numerous and persistent, intensive aerial reconnaissance over Germany has failed to reveal the existence of any major plants other than those listed herein. An industrial scale synthetic plant is, by its nature, complex and extensive and not easily concealed. Rumors of other synthetic plants probably refer to unidentified L.T.C. plants and benzol units of which, without doubt, a goodly number exist throughout Germany's industrial districts.

Frequent and excellent aerial photographic reconnaissance of the German synthetic plants has permitted Allied experts to closely appraise the activity and productive capacities of each plant. A knowledge of the raw material available, the product possibilities of each process, and the general consumption needs of Germany

makes it possible to arrive at a breakdown, by products, of probable production which may be accepted as reasonably indicative of the production pattern and volume. In establishing the production figures, normal plant capacity is considered to be that (estimated) as of January 1, 1944. This date is chosen as the base since, due to completion of plants, the increasing scarcity of materials and the beginning of the intensive Allied bombing attacks, it more or less coincides with the turning point from new construction and plant expansion to the equally difficult and costly task of maintenance and reconstruction necessitated by the increasingly heavy bomb damage.

The actual output of the plants, of course, varies with every flight of attacking Allied bombers over them. After the concentrated attacks in mid 1944, damage investigation revealed that, at least temporarily, the total German synthetic productive capacity was reduced to amounts varying between 35 and 50 per cent of estimated normal. The Germans have demonstrated a willingness and an ability, born of necessity no doubt, to rehabilitate these plants at a much faster rate than had been anticipated. However, it may be confidently stated that they now are, and will continue to be, forced to operate at much less than the normal production rates based on capacities as of Jan. 1, 1944.

Estimates of normal total production for each process are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

#### 4.4.1 High Temperature Carbonization

Coke ovens and gas plants distill coal at high temperatures (above 600°C) primarily for the production of metallurgical coke or gas. In the process there is also produced about 3 per cent tar and 1 per cent crude benzol based on the coal distilled. Most of this production is from coke ovens and is governed by the demand for metallurgical coke. Germany has some 20 or 30 major coke oven plants, each with a capacity for coking over 1,000,000 tons of coal per year. There are also a large number of smaller plants, all located near bituminous coal mines in the Ruhr, Silesia, Saar, etc. (See last paragraph on page 159).

As previously stated a large part of the tar produced in these plants is a heavy pitch that is not readily convertible to liquid fuels. Some of the lighter tar is utilized as feed stock for hydrogenation plants and only a relatively small quantity is directly refined and blended for gasoline, fuel oil, etc. The production from H.T.C. tar and benzol that is refined directly to liquid fuel and lubricants without passing as feed stock to other processes is estimated, as of December 1943, to be:

#### Liquid Fuels and Lubricants Refined From High Temperature Tars

Metric Tons per Year	
Aviation Gasoline (Benzol)	100,000
Motor Gasoline (Benzol)	530,000
Diesel Oil Blenders (from light tar)	90,000
Fuel Oil (from tar oils)	780,000
Total	1,500,000

#### 4.4.2 Low Temperature Carbonization

The low temperature carbonization (L.T.C.) plants are Germany's synthetic oil wells and produce most of the tar used as feed stock for the hydrogenation (Bergius) plants. There is a large number of L.T.C. plants located at or near the lignite



deposits and having capacities ranging from 25,000 to 250,000 tons per year of tar or synthetic crude oil. The normal total L.T.C. tar production is estimated at 2,500,000 tons per year. These plants convert low grade coal - especially lignite - to tar (crude oil), coke and gas. The yield of tar, on a weight basis, is generally not more than 3 per cent on the raw lignite of middle Germany but other coals and lignites show higher yields. There is at least three times as much coke produced as tar, and because of its high ash content (when made from lignite) and its soft character, it never received wide acceptance in commerce. The Germans dispose of considerable quantities of this by-product coke as fuel in large power houses built near the L.T.C. plants and may also have found other uses. Approximately two million tons of L.T.C. tar is converted to gasoline in hydrogenation plants but some of the L.T.C. plants also contain refining equipment and it is estimated that some 500,000 tons per year are refined by conventional refining processes (distillation, solvent extraction and cracking) to gasoline, diesel oil, fuel oil and possibly some lubricating oil and wax. The crude tar contains 40 to 50 per cent volatile fractions distilling over at less than 325°C and around 1 per cent solids (ash and dust) and 2 per cent water. The bottoms are not satisfactory fuel oil without further treatment. A much higher yield and better products are obtained when the L.T.C. tar is hydrogenated.

The breakdown of products obtained by the conventional refining of L.T.C. tars that are not consumed as feed stock for hydrogenation plants is estimated as follows:

Liquid Fuels and Lubricants Refined From  
Low Temperature Carbonization Tars

	Metric Tons per Year
Gasoline	50,000
Diesel Oil	110,000
Fuel Oil	220,000
Total	380,000
Gas and Losses	120,000
Crude tar before refining	500,000

4.4.3 Hydrogenation (Bergius)

There are twelve hydrogenation plants in Germany (a) with an estimated normal total production capacity of motor gasoline of 3,775,000 metric tons per year (b). As there is considerable flexibility with respect to products which may be produced in hydrogenation plants, it is customary to establish their rated capacity on the basis of motor gasoline. In general the capacity is less when producing aviation gasoline and greater when making heavier products.

The feed stock to hydrogenation plants may be coal, tar or petroleum oil, of which in actual practice L.T.C. tar produced from lignite or brown coal constitutes the largest single item. As compared to the direct hydrogenation of coal the over-all investment per unit of gasoline production capacity is lower when the low grade coals are first carbonized to produce L.T.C. tar and the tar hydrogenated, but the coal consumption is higher and there is the problem of disposing of a large pro-

(a) Location maps and individual plant descriptions are given in section 4.6, pages 159 to 213.

(b) The Germans have also built a plant at Bruex in Czechoslovakia that has an estimated capacity of 700,000 metric tons per year and a plant at Oswiecim in Poland having a capacity of about 200,000 tons per year.

duction of low grade coke, of the order of some four tons or more of coke per ton of gasoline. This the Germans appear to have taken care of by the utilization of much of this coke in large power plants located at or near the L.T.C. plants. As previously explained low ash bituminous coal is hydrogenated directly, the first step liquifying the coal to a synthetic crude oil with about 7 to 10 per cent gasoline, 35 to 45 per gas oil (200 to 325° C fraction) and around 50 per cent heavy fuel oil content. The latter is recycled, being used to paste the coal for convenient pumping, etc. The gasoline requires some further refining, usually hydrofining, whereby it is converted directly to aviation gasoline base stock. The gas oil from the coal liquification step contains phenols and other impurities and may be hydrofined either to a mixture of diesel oil and gasoline or completely to gasoline. The hydrogenation of tars or oil follows similar processing without the step of liquification of coal.

The hydrogenation plants and their rated capacities, in terms of motor gasoline, are listed below:

Annual Capacities of Hydrogenation Plants

<u>Plants Operating on</u>	<u>Feed Stocks</u>	<u>Production Motor Gasoline Metric Tons/Year</u>
<u>Bituminous Coal and Tar</u>		
Blechhammer North	H.T.C. Tar	200,000
Blechhammer South	Bituminous Coal	300,000
Bottrop-Welheim	H.T.C. Tar	100,000
Gelsenkirchen	Bituminous Coal	350,000
Pöhlitz	Bituminous Coal & Tar	600,000
Scholven	Bituminous Coal	400,000
<u>Lignite Coal and Tar</u>		
Böhlen-Rotha	L.T.C. Tar	300,000
Leuna	Lignite and Tar	600,000
Lätzkendorf	L.T.C. Tar	125,000
Magdeburg	L.T.C. Tar	250,000
Wesseling	Lignite	200,000
Zeitz-Tröglitz	L.T.C. Tar	350,000
T o t a l		3,775,000

Taking into consideration Germany's consumption requirement pattern and the fact that the hydrogenation plants are the chief source of supply for Germany's aviation gasoline requirements the breakdown of hydrogenation plant production, by products, is estimated to be as follows:

<u>P r o d u c t</u>	<u>Metric Tons Per Year</u>
Aviation Gasoline	1,050,000
Motor Gasoline	1,725,000
Diesel Oil (and kerosene)	700,000
Lubricating Oils	100,000
T o t a l	3,575,000

Due to the emphasis on aviation gasoline the total production is estimated to be somewhat below the rated capacity of 3,775,000 tons on the basis of ordinary motor gasoline production. This also accounts, in part, for the Germans' shortage

of diesel fuel which has resulted in their resorting to the use of blends of approximately 2/3 gasoline (naphtha) and 1/3 diesel oil as diesel fuel.

#### 4.4.4 Hydrocarbon Synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch)

There are nine Fischer plants in Germany (a) with normal total production capacity of 720,000 metric tons per year. As already described, in this process synthesis gas ( $\text{CO} + \text{H}_2$ ) is converted to oil (liquid hydrocarbons). Water gas or synthesis gas can be made from any combustible form of carbon, but in Germany coke or lignite are the raw materials commonly used.

The hydrocarbon synthesis plants in Germany and their estimated capacities in terms of primary product (synthetic crude oil) are as follows:

Hydrocarbon Synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch) Plants  
Annual Capacity in Metric Tons of Primary Product

Plant	Feed Stocks	Annual Capacity Metric Tons
Castrop-Rauxel	Hard coal or coke	60,000
Deschowitz (Odertal)	Hard coal or coke	60,000
Dortmund	Coke oven gas	60,000
Holten-Sterkrade	Hard coal or coke	80,000
Homburg	Hard coal or coke	80,000
Kamen	Hard coal or coke	60,000
Lützkendorf (b)	Lignite	80,000
Ruhland-Schwarzheide	Lignite	180,000
Wanne Eickel	Coke and gas	60,000
T o t a l		720,000

The primary product is essentially paraffinic and olefinic in varying proportions depending on the catalyst and operating conditions. It is believed that the plants will run to maximum olefin content which is: liquified gases ( $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$ ) 75 per cent, gasoline 60 to 65 per cent and diesel oil 40 to 50 per cent olefin contents. Under these conditions the octane number of the gasoline will be between 60 and 80, depending on operating conditions. The  $\text{C}_4$  (butane) fraction of the liquified gases are assumed to be entirely converted to aviation gasoline by polymerization or alkylation and the  $\text{C}_3$  (propane) fraction entirely into motor gasoline, but in actual practice a portion of these gases may be sold directly as liquified gases or consumed as raw materials in chemical processes. The fraction distilling between 150 and 250°C is polymerized to high grade lubricating oil with yields up to 18 per cent of the total product. This is made at the expense of gasoline and diesel oil. The wax generally has a greater value than has fuels and some of the plants operate for maximum wax production. Among the products made from wax are synthetic lubricating oil, fatty acids, and various coating materials. Typical breakdowns of products actually produced in the Fischer-Tropsch process are given on the following page.

- (a) Location maps and individual plant descriptions are given in section 4.6 pages 159 to 213.
- (b) Located within same plant as the Lützkendorf Bergius process hydrogenation works listed in preceding section.

Hydrocarbon Synthesis Products

	Weight % of Constituents	
	Example I	Example II
Liquified Gas (C <sub>3</sub> and C <sub>4</sub> )	10	5
Gasoline 200°C End Point	60	30
Diesel Oil	20	25
Wax	10	40
T o t a l	100	100

Taking into consideration the auxiliary processes, the estimated actual finished product production from the German hydrocarbon synthesis plants in round figures is as follows:

	Wt. %	Metric Tons/Year
Aviation Gasoline	7	50,000
Motor Gasoline	30	216,000
Diesel Oil	15	108,000
Lubricating Oil	18	130,000
Wax	22	158,000
	92	662,000
Gas and Losses	8	58,000
T o t a l	100	720,000

4.4.5 Total Production

Given below is the summary of the estimated normal production of finished products by each process and the grand total of production. In arriving at the estimates consideration is given to both the various product possibilities of each process and the relative importance of each product to Germany's consumption needs.

Estimated Annual Production of Finished Products by German Synthetic Oil Plants  
As of January 1, 1944 and Without Allowances for War Damage to Plants

(Figures in metric tons per year)

	Gasolines		Diesel and Kerosene	Lubes	Fuel Oil	Wax
	Aviation	Motor				
High Temperature Carbonization(a)	100,000	530,000	90,000	Nil	780,000	-
Low Temperature Carbonization (b)	Nil	50,000	110,000	Nil	220,000	-
Hydrogenation	1,050,000	1,725,000	700,000	100,000	Nil	
Hydrocarbon Synthesis	50,000	216,000	108,000	130,000	Nil	158,000
T o t a l	1,200,000	2,521,000	1,008,000	230,000	1,000,000	158,000

(a) This includes only tar and benzol that goes to marketable liquid fuel.

(b) This does not include tons of L.T.C. tar used as feed stock in hydro plants.



#### 4.5 Coal Consumption

Since for every ton of synthetic oil produced, there is required, including both the coal used for power and steam and as raw material for processing, five or six tons of bituminous coal or ten to fifteen tons of brown coal, dependent upon quality and processes used, the quantities consumed by the synthetic oil industry, directly or indirectly are very large.

The German synthetic oil plants, with the exception of Pöhlitz, are located in close proximity to lignite (brown) or bituminous coal deposits, and are in general, in three main areas of concentration, namely the Ruhr, the central German brown coal (lignite) area, and the Silesian coal area. See map on page 142.

Of the hydrogenation (Bergius) plants operating on brown coal or brown coal tars, the majority are in central Germany at Böhlen-Rotha, Leuna, Lützkendorf, Zeitz-Tröglitz, and Magdeburg. The Wesseling plant in the Rhine Valley also uses brown coal. The two hydrogenation plants in the Ruhr, at Gelsenkirchen and at Scholven, both operate principally on bituminous coal, while, of the two at Blechhammer, one operates on hard coal and the other on bituminous coal tars. The Pöhlitz plant was designed to operate with great flexibility on almost any type of fuel, bituminous or brown coal, pitch, tar or on a petroleum feed stock, including crude oil from Estonian shale. This is the only plant not built close to sources of raw material, but it is conveniently situated for the transport of any one of the raw materials on which it can run. The Bottrop-Welheim plant was specially designed to run on pitch.

Fischer-Tropsch synthesis plants can be designed to work on either hard or brown coal or on coke. Those in the Ruhr at Castrop-Rauxel, Dortmund, Holten-Sterkrade, Homberg, Kamen and Wanne-Eickel, and the Silesian plant at Deschowitz, use hard coal or coke, while the central German plants at Lützkendorf and Ruhland-Schwarzheide use brown coal.

In the direct hydrogenation of coals approximately five tons of bituminous coal are required per ton of gasoline (of which slightly over two tons are processing coal and slightly less than three tons are utility coal: steam, power and hydrogen manufacture), or in the case of brown coal about ten to fifteen tons of raw lignite, depending on its quality, per ton of gasoline (equally about forty per cent of which is processing lignite, the balance for utilities). On this basis, the German hydrogenation plants designed for the direct hydrogenation of coal and lignite have an annual requirement of about 6.25 million tons of bituminous coal per year and five million tons of lignite. In addition to these plants, however, a larger capacity is operating on the hydrogenation of L.T.C. and H.T.C. tar. The plants for the hydrogenation of L.T.C. tar require about 1.8 million tons of L.T.C. lignite tar per year. Assuming a tar yield based on raw lignite of five per cent, the requirements of the L.T.C. industry to supply this much tar are 36 million tons of raw lignite per annum. Assuming that the utility requirements of these hydrogenation plants are met out of the L.T.C. coke produced, the total lignite production directly or indirectly is connected with the hydrogenation industry would thus be about 40 million tons of raw lignite per annum.

The plants for the hydrogenation of H.T.C. tar have a capacity of about 600,000 tons of gasoline per annum. Taking the coal requirements of these plants for utilities at 2.5 tons of coal per ton of gasoline, about 1.5 million tons of coal are required. If the coal required in the manufacture of the H.T.C. tar is disregarded (on the theory that this tar is produced as a by-product), the total bituminous coal requirements of the German hydrogenation plants amount to about seven or eight million tons per year.

It is much more difficult to express the raw material requirements of the Fischer-Tropsch plants in terms of coal, since these plants use a great variety of raw materials some of which are actually by-products, such as coke-oven gas, that are recouperated from other industries. However, if we rather arbitrarily disregard this and take the required coal equivalent of six tons of bituminous coal or fifteen tons

of raw lignite per ton of primary product, then the Fischer-Tropsch plants require, either directly or indirectly, nearly three million tons of bituminous coal and nearly four million tons of lignite per year.

On the basis of the above, then the total annual consumption of coal related to the manufacture of synthetic oil would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 metric tons of bituminous coal and 45,000,000 metric tons of lignite. Consumption of electric power by the synthetic oil plants is great and has been said to amount to no less than sixteen per cent of the total power used in Germany. The power is derived partly from the grid and partly from power stations at the plants themselves. These very rough calculations will serve to illustrate the magnitude of the synthetic program and the severe demands it makes upon the coal mining, electric power, and other elements of the German industrial economy.

#### 4.6 INDIVIDUAL PLANT DESCRIPTIONS

##### 4.6.1 General

Bergius hydrogenation and the Fischer-Tropsch synthetic plants in Germany are listed in the table on page 160 and their locations are shown on the map on page 142. Individual plant descriptions, accompanied by layout plans and detailed location maps, and in some cases photographs, are given in alphabetical order in the following pages. It should be born in mind that much of the data available is, of necessity, based on interpretation of aerial reconnaissance. Hence, the capacity and production figures, albeit painstakingly arrived at, are largely estimates. The identification, from aerial photographs, of individual units within the plants is often rendered difficult by camouflage. All of the synthetic plants, and particularly the tankage therein, have been more or less camouflaged. Some have even been provided with decoys located in open country some distance away in the effort to divert bombing attacks from the actual plants. However, these plants have enjoyed a high priority in Allied air attacks and damage has been extensive. No attempt has been made in these plant descriptions to list or evaluate the constantly increasing bomb damage.

It has proved impossible to catalogue the innumerable L.T.C. plants in Germany but many of them exist entirely for the purpose of serving the synthetic oil plants. They are scattered throughout the coal mining regions and are usually conveniently located in reference to both the mines and the synthetic plants they serve.

While the coke oven plants contribute the production of synthetic oil, both directly and in the form of raw materials for the major synthetic plants, their primary production is coke for the steel and gas industry. There are at least 116 important coking plants situated, mostly, in the bituminous coal mining areas of the Ruhr, Saar, and Silesia and, no doubt, many smaller plants also exist throughout the industrial areas. As previously mentioned, however, benzol is a by-product of coke manufacture and is produced by the high temperature carbonization of coal. A list of the plants known to figure most prominently in Germany's production of benzol are given in the table on page 215 (a), and many of these plants are, no doubt, either identical or operated in conjunction with the principal H.T.C. coke ovens.

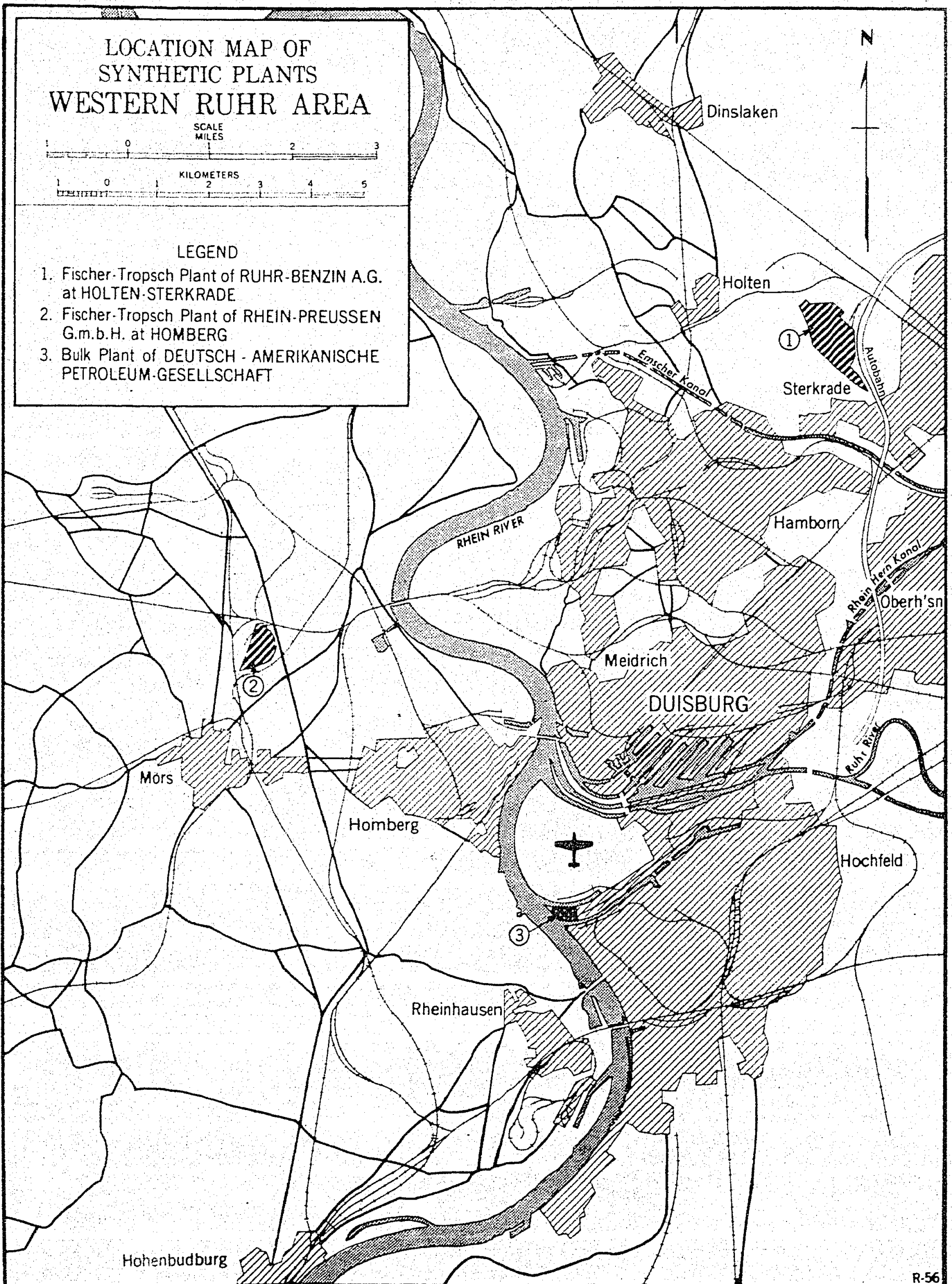
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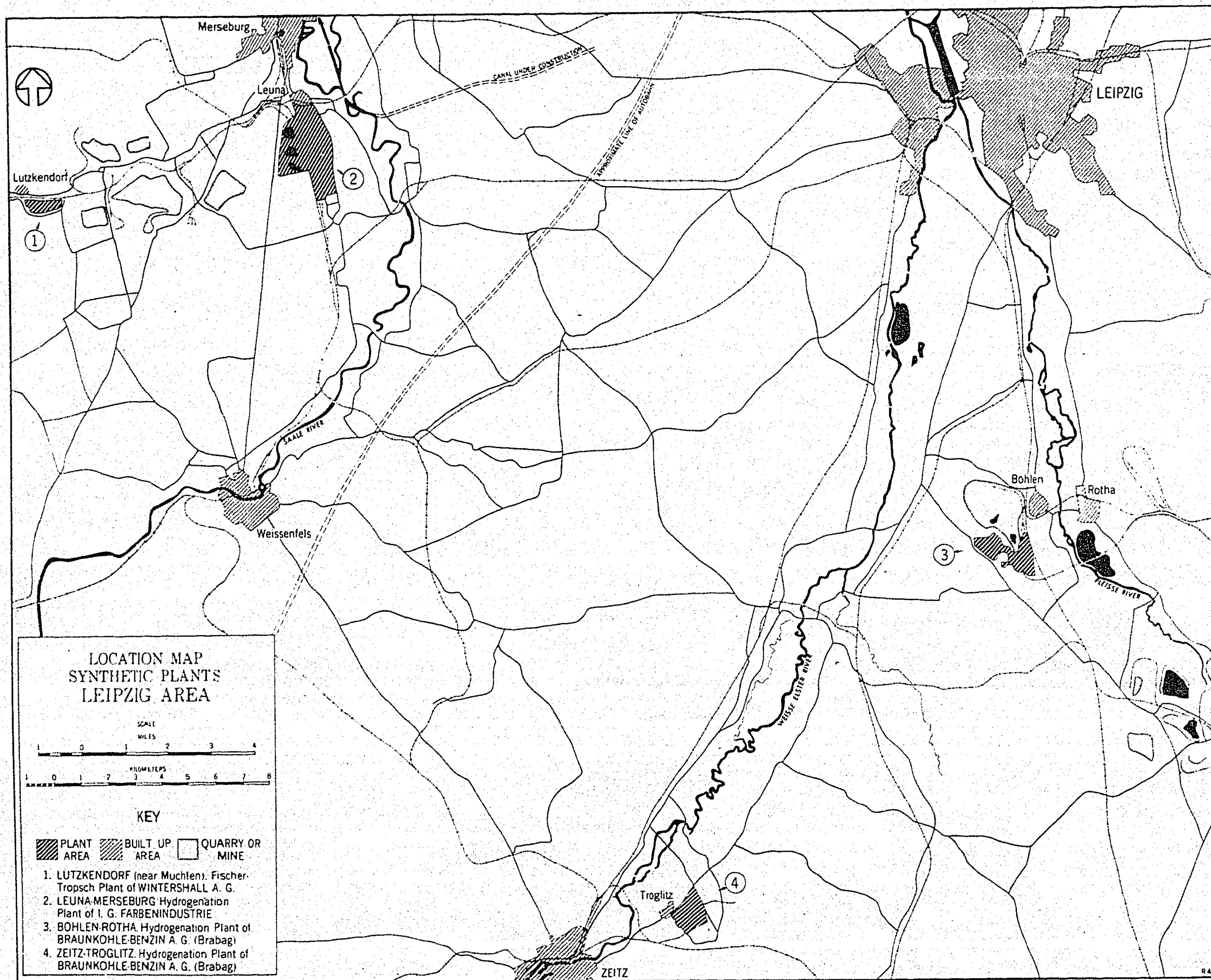
(a) Other concerns known to have important plants for the distillation of coal tars, and hence probably capable of producing liquid fuels are A. G. Sachischwerke, of Dresden, Rütgerswerke A.G., of Berlin, and Gesellschaft für Teerverwertung m.b.H. of Duisburg-Meiderich.

# SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS IN GERMANY

Plant Place Name	Company	Location	Process	Normal Feed Stock	Capacity (Estimated) Metric Tons per year	Tankage (Estimated) Metric Tons	Plant Area Acres	Remarks
Blechhammer North	Oberschlesische Hydrierwerke A.G.	Lat. 50° 21'N, long. 18° 18'E, six miles E of Cosel in Silesia.	Hydrogenation	Bituminous coal H.T. and L.T.C. tar	200,000	74,600	1,150	Belongs to I.G. Farbenindustrie. Construction terminated late in 1943. Contains complete L.T.C. plant and refinery units.
Blechhammer South	Oberschlesische Hydrierwerke A.G.	Lat. 50° 19'N, long. 18° 15'E, four miles SW of Blechhammer North.	Hydrogenation	Bituminous coal and H.T. tar	300,000	41,000	1,160	Belongs to I.G. Farbenindustrie. Construction terminated late in 1943.
Böhlen-Rothe	Braunkohle-Benzol A.G. (Brabag)	South of Böhlen, lat. 51° 11'N, long. 12° 23'E, 10 miles S of Leipzig.	Hydrogenation	Lignite, L.T.C. tar	300,000	51,600	400	Adjacent to Silesische Werke brown coal mine. Very large power station.
Bottrop-Welheim	Ruhröl A.G.	South of road from Bottrop to Horst and NW of Gelsenkirchen in Ruhr. Lat. 51° 32'N, long. 6° 59'E.	Hydrogenation	H.T. tar	100,000	-	150	Designed for Pott-Broche process but believed converted to Bergius.
Castrop-Rauxel	Gewerkschaft Viktor	About 2 miles north of villages of Castrop-Rauxel. Lat. 51° 35'N, long. 7° 20'E. NW of Dortmund, Ruhr.	Fischer-Tropsch	Hard coal or coke	60,000	22,000	110	Adjoining Gewerkschaft Viktor coal mine. Also near canal.
Deschowitz	Schaffgotsch Benzin, G.m.b.H.	Sometimes known as Odertal, five miles north of Cosel, in Silesia. Lat. 50° 25'N, long. 18° 8'E.	Fischer-Tropsch	Hard coal or coke	60,000	3,400	250	Additional tankage located in Cosel. Oil conveyed there by pipe line.
Dortmund	Hoesch Benzin G.m.b.H.	At Hoesch, in the Wambelerholz suburb of Dortmund, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 32'N, long. 7° 30'E.	Fischer-Tropsch	Gas from adjacent coking plants	60,000	23,400	40	The Koelin-Neuessen steel works are adjacent on the west.
Gelsenkirchen	Gelsenberg Benzin A.G.	NW of Gelsenkirchen, Emscher Canal, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 32'N, long. 7° 3'E.	Hydrogenation	Bituminous coal and H.T. tar	350,000	87,000	160	Adjacent to Nordstern III, bituminous coal mine.
Holten-Sterkrade	Ruhrbenzin A.G.	1 mile east of Holten, on road to Sterkrade. NW of Essen, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 32'N, long. 6° 48'E.	Fischer-Tropsch	Hard coal or coke	60,000	33,465	27	Annex to chemical works, Ruhrchemie A.G., which occupies considerable additional area.
Honberg	Rheinpreussen G.m.b.H.	1-3/4 miles west of Rhine, lat. 51° 28'N, long. 6° 38'E. West of Duisberg, Ruhr.	Fischer-Tropsch	Hard coal or coke	60,000	11,300	220	Adjoins Rheinpreussen's Haniel coal mine and a railroad junction.
Kamen	Chemische Werke Essener Steinkohle A.G.	2 1/2 miles NW of Kamen and 10 miles NE of Dortmund, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 38'N, long. 7° 38'E.	Fischer-Tropsch	Hard coal or coke	60,000	16,000	90	Adjoins Monopol Grimberg coal mine shafts I and II, also referred to as Kamen Essener Verein Monopol A.G.
Leuna	I.G. Farbenindustrie A.G.	Lat. 51° 19'N, long. 12° 0'E, Two miles S of Merseburg, and ten miles S of Halle, central Germany.	Hydrogenation	Lignite and L.T.C. tar	600,000	60,800	850	Largest fixed nitrogen plant in world. Also contains extensive chemical works.
Lützkendorf	Wintershall A.G.	2 miles E of village of Mischeln, lat. 51° 17'N, long. 11° 52'E, approximately 14 miles SW of Halle.	Fischer-Tropsch and Hydrogenation	Lignite and L.T.C. tar	60,000 and 125,000	75,000	210	Two plants combined. Connected by conveyor to south end of Lützkendorf Grube mine. Extensive additional tankage reported.
Magdeburg	Braunkohle-Benzol A.G. (Brabag)	In Rothensee four miles NNE of center of Magdeburg. In central Germany. Lat. 52° 11'N, long. 11° 40'E.	Hydrogenation	L.T.C. tar from lignite	250,000	49,100	100	Power and steam is drawn from the Mirkramag power plant about 1/2 mile SE.
Pöhlitz	Hydrierwerke Pöhlitz A.G.	10 miles N of Stettin. West of the mouth of the Oder River. Lat. 53° 33'N, long. 14° 33'E.	Hydrogenation	Bituminous coal, tars and petroleum	600,000	261,100	450	Plant very flexible, capable of treating almost any type of raw material.
Ruhland-Schwarzheide	Braunkohle-Benzol A.G. (Brabag)	1-2 miles N of Ruhland, lat. 51° 29'N, long. 13° 53'E. Approximately 30 miles N of Dresden.	Fischer-Tropsch	Lignite	180,000	44,000	350	Two complete Fischer-Tropsch plants combined.
Scholven	Hydrierwerke Scholven A.G.	South of Niederscholven, NW of Buer, on Buer-Dorsten road, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 36'N, long. 7° 2'E.	Hydrogenation	Bituminous coal and H.T. tar	400,000	46,000	260	Subsidiary of Hibernia A.G. plant, adjoins Scholven I & II bituminous coal mines and Bergmannsglück mine is 3/4 mile E.
Wanne-Zickel	Krupp Treibstoffwerke G.m.b.H.	4 miles NNW of center of Bochum, Ruhr. Lat. 51° 31'N, long. 7° 11'E.	Fischer-Tropsch	Coke and gas from Ruhr grid.	60,000	14,500	75	Supplied by neighboring coke ovens.
Wesseling	Union Rheinische Braunkohlen Kraftstoff A.G.	1 1/2 miles SSE of Wesseling RR station on Rhine approximately 8 miles S of Köln. Lat. 50° 49'N, long. 7° 0'E.	Hydrogenation	Lignite and H.T. tar	200,000	58,300	190	Additional tankage totalling approx. 30,000 tons reported built 600 yards S of plant. Plant may have been dismantled in 1944 due to bomb damage.
Zeitz-Tröglitz	Braunkohle-Benzol A.G. (Brabag)	At Tröglitz 3 miles NE of Zeitz in central Germany. Lat. 51° 4'N, long. 12° 12'E.	Hydrogenation	L.T.C. tar from lignite	350,000	97,400	460	5 L.T.C. plants from which Zeitz may draw supplies are located within radius of 9 miles.

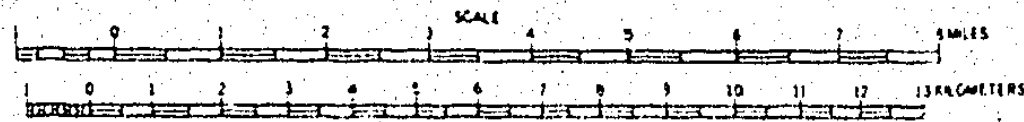




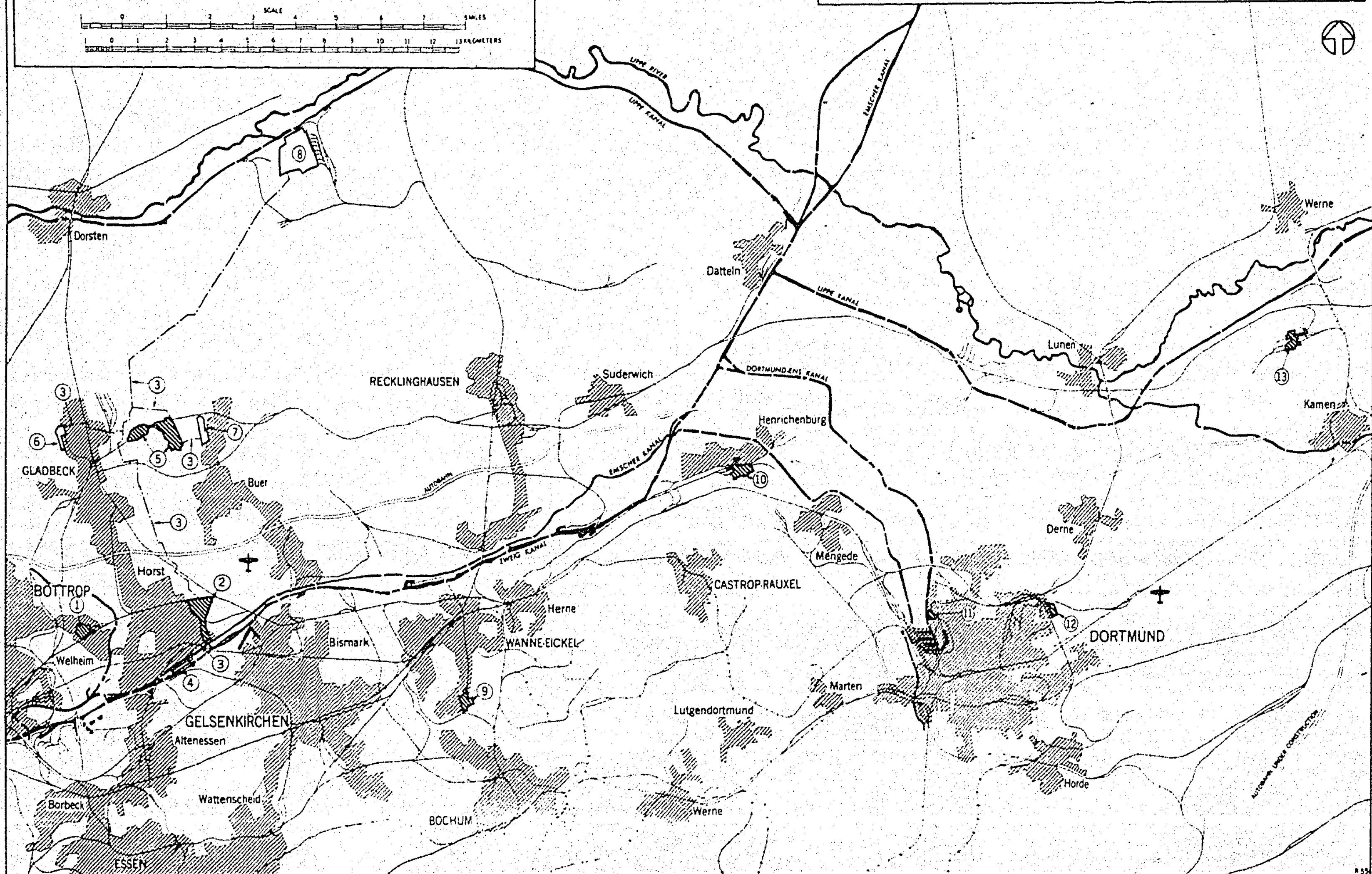


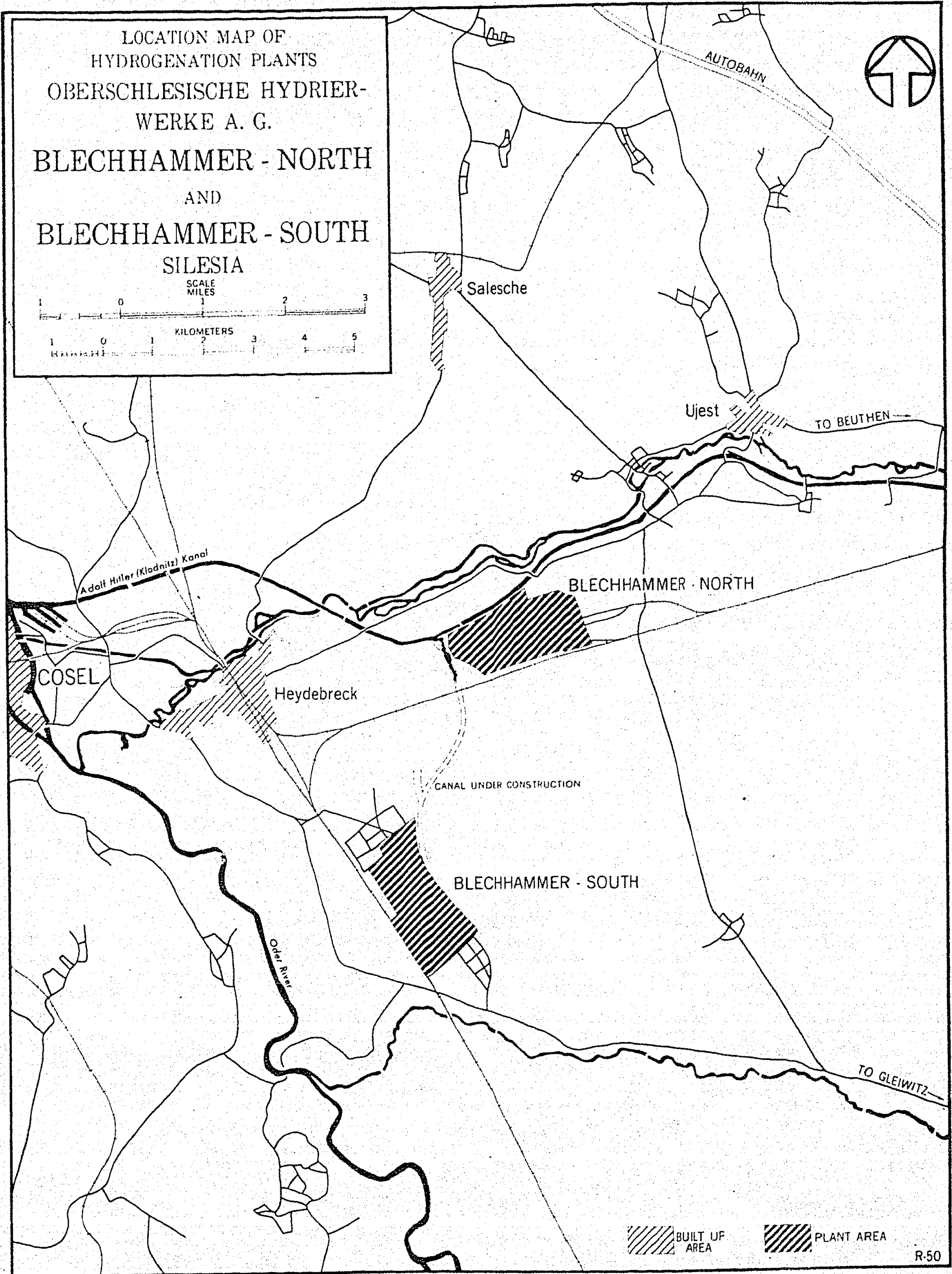


# Location Map of SYNTHETIC PLANTS and Petroleum Refinery CENTRAL RUHR AREA



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1. Hydrogenation Plant, RUHRÖL A. G. at BOTTROP-WELHEIM.
  2. Hydrogenation Plant, GELSENBERG BENZIN A. G. at GELSENKIRCHEN.
  3. Pipelines Connecting Various Plant Installations.
  4. Gelsenkirchen Coke Oven Plant.
  5. Hydrogenation Plant, HYDRIERWERKE SCHOLVEN A. G. at SCHOLVEN.
  6. Zweckel Coke Oven Plant.
  7. Bergmannsglück Power Station and Colliery.
  8. Huls Synthetic Rubber Plant.
  9. Fischer-Tropsch Plant, KRUPP TREIBSTOFFWERKE G.m.b.H. at WANNE-EICKEL.
  10. Fischer-Tropsch Plant, GEWERKSCHAFT VIKTOR at CASTROP-RAUXEL.
  11. Oil Refinery, WESTFALISCHE MINERALÖL und ASPHALT-WERKE W. H. SCHMITZ K. G. at DORTMUND.
  12. Fischer-Tropsch Plant, HOESCH BENZIN G.m.b.H. at DORTMUND.
  13. Fischer-Tropsch Plant, CHEMISCHE WERKE ESSENER STEIN-KOHLE A. G. at KAMEN.





#### 4.6.2 Blechhammer North

Company: Oberschlesische Hydrierwerke (I.G. Farbenindustrie controlled).

Location: In Silesia, six miles E. of Cosel, latitude 50° 21' N., longitude 18° 18' E., on S. bank of Adolf Hitler Canal (Klodnitz Canal). There is also a canal to Blechhammer South, four miles to the SW.

References: Layout plan, page 166. Location sketch, page 164. Photograph, page 167.

Plant Area: 10,000 feet x 5,000 feet (1,150 acres).

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation of bituminous coal and tars by Bergius process. This plant is of recent construction and did not come into production until 1943.

(b) Power Plant: There are two powerhouses, complete with generator halls, etc., located in two different parts of the plant. The one to the north, about 440 x 1,000 feet, has six cooling towers, two of 170 feet and four of 130 feet. The south powerhouse consists of two buildings 160 x 210 feet and 280 x 240 feet.

(c) L.T.C. Plant: One carbonization house, 430 x 90 feet, of 10 stacks with room for three more houses. Coke is delivered to watergas plant and south power plant.

(d) Gas Manufacture: Watergas plant, 350 x 100 feet, with 13 generators, with H<sub>2</sub>S removal (building 290 x 52 feet with 20 columns, 15 feet in diameter), etc. A group of large buildings may be a Linde plant. Main compressor house, 460 x 110 feet.

(e) Hydrogenation: Eight stalls (4 pairs) with room for many more. Size of stall: 40 x 26 feet.

(f) Refinery: One section with eight distillation columns for L.T.C. products and one section with three columns for hydrogenated products.

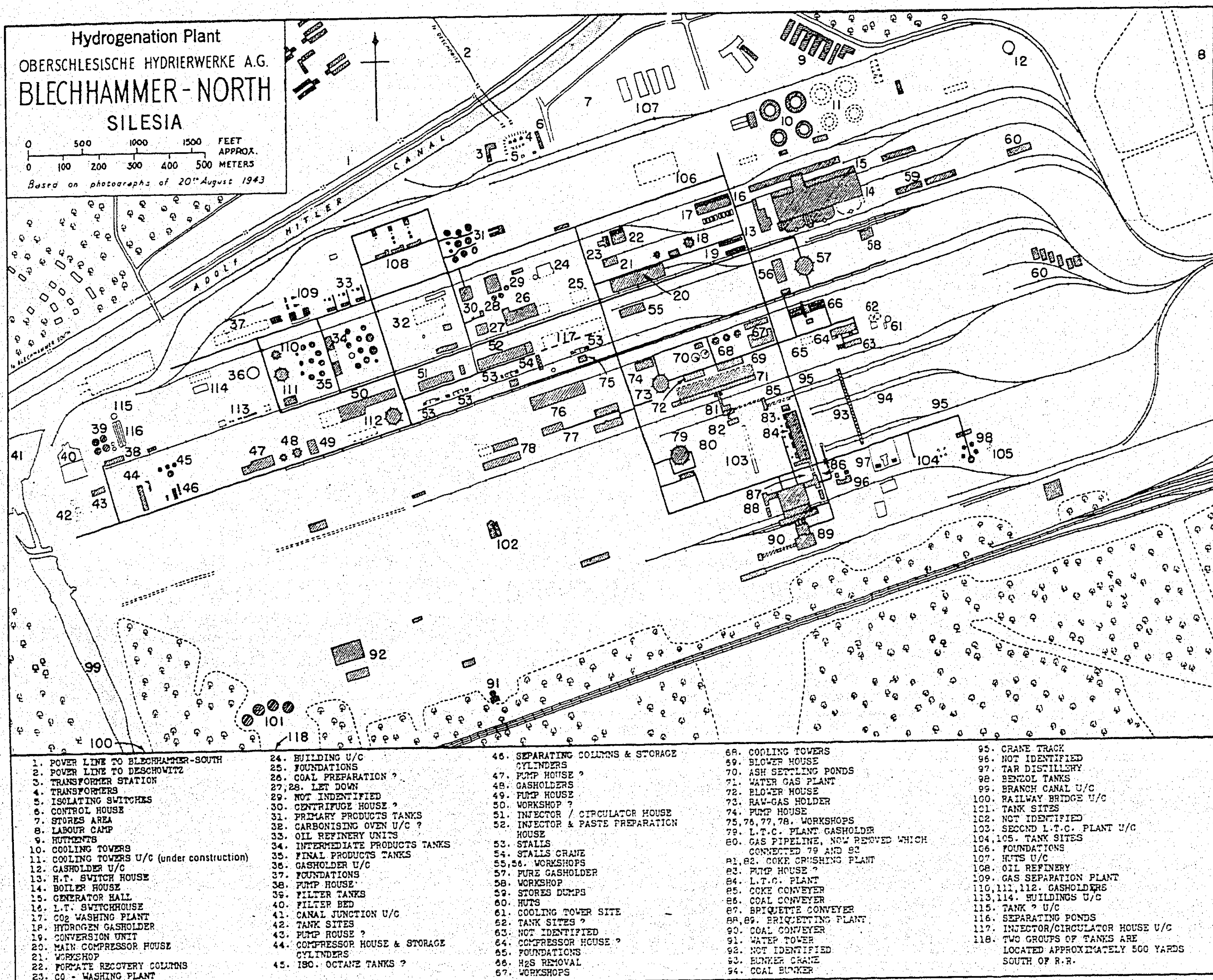
(g) Tankage: Four large tanks are located in the woods near the southwest corner of the plant and two isolated groups south of the plant. Estimated capacities are as follows:

##### Details of Tankage

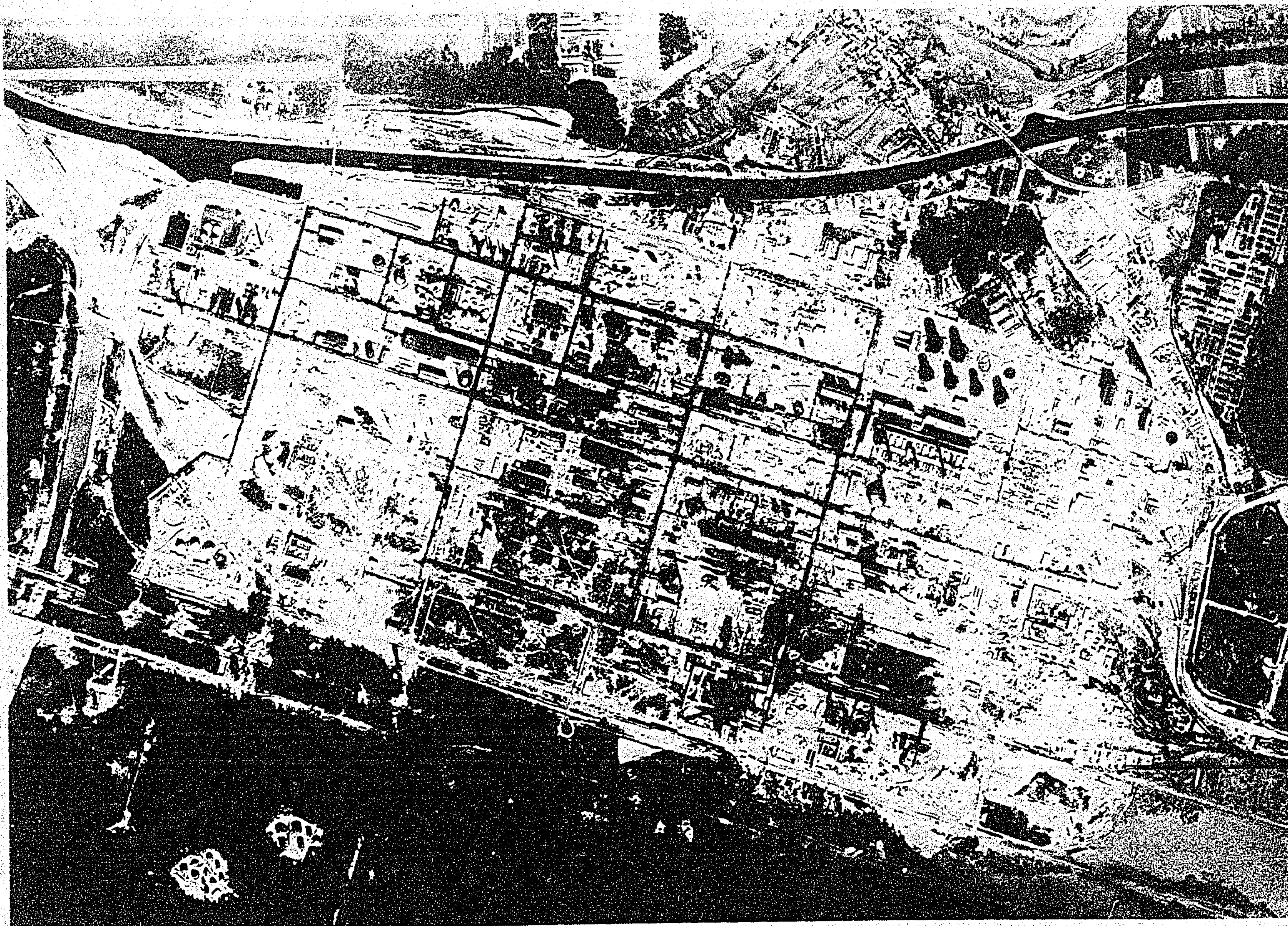
	Number	Diameter	Capacity	Total Capacity
		Feet	Tons	Metric Tons
Southwest group	4	90	6,000	24,000
South group	2	90	6,000	12,000
	6	70	3,500	21,000
	4	60	3,000	12,000
	4	40	1,000	4,000
	2	35	800	1,600
TOTAL				74,600

Estimated capacity: 200,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity



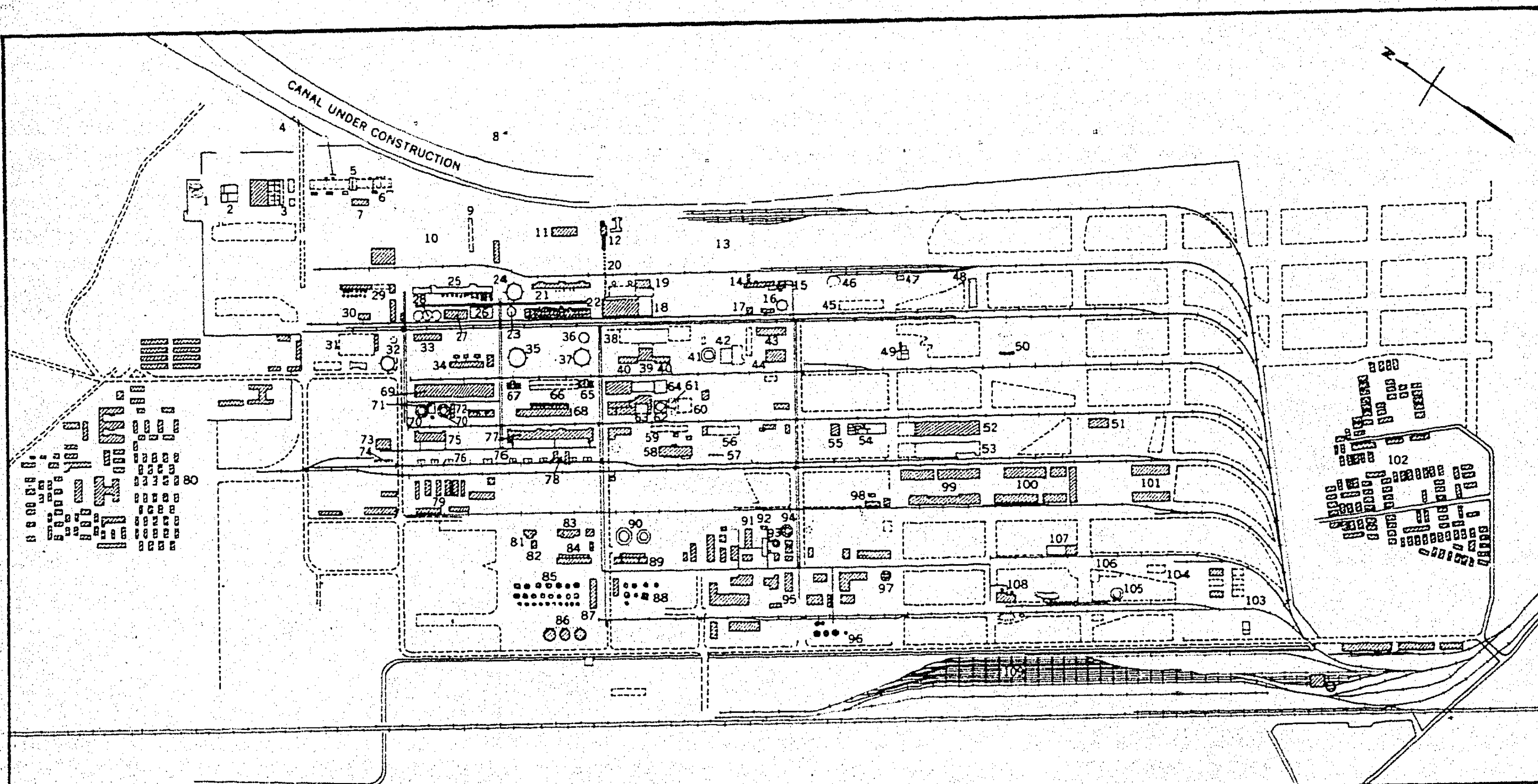






AERIAL VIEW OF HYDROGENATION PLANT, OBERSCHLESISCHE HYDRIERWERKE A.G., BLECHHAMMER NORTH (NEAR COSEL)





### LEGEND

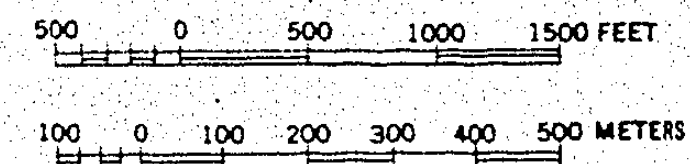
NOTE: Buildings with roofs are hatched; those with walls only are shown by outlines only. Foundations are indicated by broken line.  
The stippled areas are dumps of building material.

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| 1. Bunded enclosure.                    | 29. Water gas plant under construction.                  | 57. Triple set of stalls.                | 83. Not identified.                     |
| 2, 3. Buildings under construction.     | 30. Blower house under construction.                     | 58. Carbonising Plant?                   | 84. Distillation units.                 |
| 4. Power line to BLECHHAMMER NORTH.     | 31. Foundations.   | 59. Paste Preparation?                   | 85. Intermediate products storage.      |
| 5. Transformer Station.                 | 32. Gasholder under construction.                        | 60. Foundation for cooling tower.        | 86. Bulk oil storage.                   |
| 6. Transformer enclosures.              | 33. Workshop?  | 61. Pond under construction.             | 87. Pump house.                         |
| 7. Control House.                       | 34. Gas treatment.                                       | 62. Cooling tower.                       | 88. Oil storage.                        |
| 8. Power line under construction.       | 35, 36, 37. Gasholders.                                  | 63. Maintenance buildings; etc.          | 89. Distillation units.                 |
| 9. Bunker crane under construction.     | 38. Generator hall under construction.                   | 64. Compressor house under construction. | 90. Cooling towers under construction.  |
| 10. Site for open bunker.               | 39. L.T. switch house.                                   | 65. CO <sub>2</sub> washing.             | 91. Gas storage.                        |
| 11. Workshop.                           | 40. H.T. switch house.                                   | 66. Organic sulphur removal.             | 92. Gas separating columns.             |
| 12. Coal Crushing plant.                | 41. Cooling tower under construction.                    | 67. CO <sub>2</sub> washing.             | 93. Gasholder.                          |
| 13. Stores dump.                        | 42. Pond under construction.                             | 68. Conversion, etc.                     | 94. Cooling tower.                      |
| 14. Gas plant?                          | 43. Workshop.  | 69. Compressor house.                    | 95. Unidentified plant.                 |
| 15. Blower House?                       | 44. Not identified.                                      | 70. Cooling towers.                      | 96. Oil storage.                        |
| 16. Gasholder under construction.       | 45. Foundations for gas plant?                           | 71. Pond.                                | 97. Cooling tower.                      |
| 17. Possible gas cleaning plant.        | 46. Foundations for cooling tower.                       | 72. Workshops.                           | 98. Gas treatment.                      |
| 18. Boiler House.                       | 47. Not identified.                                      | 73. Compressor house.                    | 99, 100. Workshops.                     |
| 19. Feed water pumps etc.               | 48. Building under construction.                         | 74. Small stalls.                        | 101. Store.                             |
| 20. Coal conveyor under construction.   | 49. Building under construction.                         | 75. Injector house.                      | 102. Labour camp.                       |
| 21. Gasplant?                           | 50. Storage tanks.                                       | 76. Stalls.                              | 103, 104. Buildings under construction. |
| 22. H <sub>2</sub> S removal.           | 51. Not identified.                                      | 77. Injector house.                      | 105. Cooling tower under construction.  |
| 23, 24. Gasholders under construction.  | 52, 53. Possibly contact oven houses under construction. | 78. Stalls cranes.                       | 106. Foundations.                       |
| 25. Water gas plant under construction. | 54. Laboratory block under construction.                 | 79. Workshops, etc.                      | 107. Building under construction.       |
| 26. Filtration Pond.                    | 55. Building under construction.                         | 80. Labour camp.                         | 108. Boiler House.                      |
| 27. Blower house.                       | 56. Injector house under construction.                   | 81. Flash columns?                       | 109. Rail sidings.                      |
| 28. Cooling towers under construction.  |  | 82. Gas storage.                         |   |

### HYDROGENATION PLANT

## OBERSCHLESISCHE HYDRIERWERKE A. G. BLECHHAMMER SOUTH SILESIA

### SCALE



#### 4.6.3 Blechhammer South

Company: Oberschlesische Hydrierwerke (I.G. Farbenindustrie controlled).

Location: Latitude 50° 18' N., longitude 18° 15' E. In Silesia, four miles southwest of Blechhammer North with which it is connected by a canal.

References: Layout plan, page 168. Location sketch, page 164.

Plant Area: 17,700 feet x 4,000 feet (1,160 acres).

Description: (a) Process: Direct hydrogenation of coal by Bergius process. This plant was under construction in 1943 and came into production in the latter half of that year.

(b) Power Plant: Unusual construction - boiler house 400 x 270 feet, generator hall 300 x 110 feet, probably extended to 600 feet. Another power plant, 160 x 135 feet, is southeast of the refinery.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Watergas plant, 660 x 55 feet (120 feet high), with at least 18 generators but probably totaling about 25. H<sub>2</sub>S removal, 510 x 80 feet with 34 columns, 16 feet in diameter. There are several unidentified buildings which seem to be connected with gas production and/or gas synthesis. Gas-holders, one at 67 feet, one at 80 feet, one at 110 feet and one at 135 feet. CO<sub>2</sub> removal plant with 20 columns. Two compressor houses, one of 670 x 107 feet with twelve compressors, and one of 500 x 107 feet with eight compressors.

(d) Hydrogenation Plant: Stalls number 13 pairs and two triples (one only fundamentals), namely 22 stalls at 27 x 20 feet, four stalls at 20 x 12 feet. Stalls in triple stalls 27 x 20 feet but isolated location and probable lower height (26 feet) make it possible they are for either buna or hydrofining.

(e) Refinery: Two rows of distilling columns: 1st row, 6 columns 60 feet high and 4 columns 40 feet high; 2nd row, 8 columns 60 feet high. There is some unidentified construction in the refinery section which appears to have a small throughput of some valuable product.

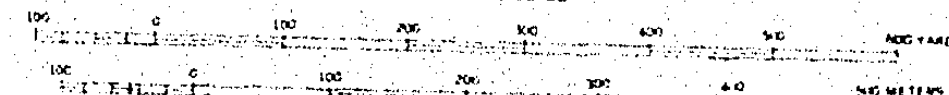
(f) Tankage: Four groups of tanks with total capacity of 41,000 metric tons.

Estimated Capacity: 300,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

# HYDROGENATION PLANT BRAUNKOHLE - BENZIN A. G. (BRABAG)

BOHLEN - ROTH  
(NEAR LEIPZIG)

APPROXIMATE SCALE



## LOCATION MAP

- A. NEW WORKS
- B. GAS PLANT
- C. POWER PLANT
- D. MAIN WORKS
- E. MINE FACE
- F. POND

## LEGEND

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| 1. MINOR OFFICES & FIRE STATION                    | 31. SATURATION COLUMNS ETC. FOR CONVERTORS | 61. CONTROL BUILDING                        |
| 2. MAIN WORKSHOPS                                  | 32. CONVERTOR COLUMNS                      | 62. BRIQUETTE CONVEYORS                     |
| 3. SETTLING POND                                   | 33. CONVERTOR SERVICING CRANE              | 63. CONTROL BLDG. FOR L.T.C. PLANT          |
| 4. EASTERN AIR INTAKE                              | 34. PURE GASHOLDER                         | 64. COAL DRYING PLANT                       |
| 5. PIPELINES FROM REFINERY TO NEW WORKS            | 35. MAIN BLOWER HOUSE                      | 65. GRINDING PLANT                          |
| 6. STATIC WATER TANK                               | 36. SULPHUR FREE GASHOLDER                 | 66. DRYING PLANT                            |
| 7. STALLS CRANE                                    | 37. GASHOLDERS                             | 67. COAL CRUSHING PLANT                     |
| 8. STORAGE CYLINDERS                               | 38. SULPHUR REMOVAL COLUMNS                | 68. COKE CRUSHINGS?                         |
| 9. STALLS  | 39. TAIL GAS SEPARATION?                   | 69. RAW COAL INTAKE                         |
| 10. WESTERN AIR INTAKE                             | 40. BUTANE GASHOLDER?                      | 70. MAIN SWITCH HOUSE                       |
| 11. CIRCULATOR HOUSE                               | 41. PONDS                                  | 71. L.T. SWITCH HOUSE                       |
| 12. MAIN INJECTOR HOUSE                            | 42. ISO-OCTANE PLANT                       | 72. BOILER HOUSE                            |
| 13. PUMPHOUSE                                      | 43. BUTANE BLOWDOWN                        | 73. GENERATOR HALL                          |
| 14. LETDOWN HOUSE?                                 | 44. ISO-OCTANE PLANT WORKING TANKS         | 74. MAIN OFFICES                            |
| 15. RESIDUAL GASHOLDERS                            | 45. WINKLER GENERATORS                     | 75. LABORATORIES                            |
| 16. PRIMARY PRODUCTS TANKS                         | 46. MAIN OIL LOADING SIDINGS               | 76. COOLING TOWERS                          |
| 17. RUNDOWN TANKS                                  | 47. COOLING TOWERS FOR GAS PLANT           | 77. GAS PLANT                               |
| 18. CONTROL HOUSE & LABS?                          | 48. SETTLING PONDS                         | 78. FILTER BEDS                             |
| 19. FRACTIONATING COLUMNS AND PUMP & CONTROL HOUSE | 49. FINAL PRODUCTS STORAGE                 | 79. WATER WORKS FILTER BEDS                 |
| 20. TUBE STILL                                     | 50. COOLING CONVEYORS                      | 80. GASHOLDER FOUNDATION                    |
| 21. BUTANE COMPRESSING & BOTTLING PLANT            | 51. BRIQUETTE STORAGE                      | 81. LABOR CAMP                              |
| 22. HORIZONTAL TANKS                               | 52. CRANE                                  | 82. BURIED STORAGE TANKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| 23. OXYGEN GASHOLDER                               | 53. COAL DUMP                              | 83. GASHOLDER PROBABLY FOR RESIDUAL GAS     |
| 24. LIQUID AIR PLANT                               | 54. COAL LOADING DOCKS                     | 84. INJECTOR OR COMPRESSOR HOUSE            |
| 25. FINAL GAS WASHING HOUSE                        | 55. FEED STOCK & TAR DIST. ILLATE TANKS    | 85. PUMPS, CONTROLS ETC. FOR RESIDUAL GAS   |
| 26. MAIN COMPRESSOR HOUSE                          | 56. COOLING TOWERS FOR L.T.C. PLANT        | 86. FRACTIONATION PLANT                     |
| 27. GAS WASHING                                    | 57. L.T.C. PLANT                           | 87. OIL STORAGE TANKS                       |
| 28. CO. WASHING COLUMNS                            | 58. TAR DISTILLATION COLUMNS AND STILLS    | 88. DISTILLATION PLANT                      |
| 29. FORMATE WASHING COLUMNS                        | 59. CONVEYORS                              | 89. PUMPS, CONTROLS ETC.                    |
| 30. FORMATE RECOVERY COLUMNS                       | 60. TAR CONDENSORS                         | 90. DISTILLATION UNITS                      |
- PIPELINES



4.6.4 Böhlen-Rotha

Company: Braunkohle-Benzin A.G. (Brabag)

Location: South of the village of Böhlen, ten miles south of Leipzig, adjacent to the Sächsische Werke brown coal mine and power station. Latitude 51° 11' N., longitude 12° 23' E.

Reference: Layout plan, page 170. Location map, page 162.

Plant Area: Main plant 4,500 x 3,900 feet, or about 400 acres. New extension 2,500 x 2,000 feet or about 115 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation, Bergius process, of lignite from the adjacent mine.

(b) Power Plant: A large powerhouse with generator hall 725 feet x 77 feet and a boilerhouse 450 feet x 210 feet, capacity 230,000 k.w. One of the largest in central Germany and supplies power over a wide area.

(c) Low Temperature Carbonization: There is a large L.T.C. plant with 24 stacks and having a daily capacity of 750 metric tons of L.T.C. tar and 3,000 tons of coke. Of this coke it is reported that 2,200 tons are used daily under the power station boilers, 400 tons in the Winkler generators and the remaining 400 tons sold to other users.

(d) Gas Manufacture: There are three Winkler generators and four watargas generators. There are two buildings identified as compressor houses 270 x 90 feet and 340 x 77 feet. There are seven gas washing towers.

(e) Hydrogenation: There are seven stalls, six arranged in pairs, each stall 30 feet x 25 feet.

(f) Refinery: There are four furnace houses, each measures 47 x 41 feet, associated with distillation columns and pump houses; also pressure equipment for handling liquefiable gases. New plant contains additional refining equipment.

(g) New Plant: The new plant was under construction in 1943 and product storage tanks, refining distillation units and a high pressure synthesis plant, either Fischer-Tropsch or hydrogenation-polymerization, appeared to be its salient features.

(h) Tankage:

Details of Tankage - Approximate

No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
12	42	1,200	14,400
2	120	12,000	24,000
2	60	3,000	6,000
3	48	2,000	6,000
3	42	1,200	3,600
T o t a l			54,000

Estimated Capacity: 300,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

Remarks: The lignite is supplied partly from the open mine north of the plant and partly from the mine at Espenhein, also belonging to A.G. Sächsische Werke. Raw coal intake of the plants around the mine is approximately as follows:

To boilerhouse	2,500	metric tons per day
Manufacture of briquettes for sale	4,000	" " " " "
Manufacture of briquettes for L.T.C. plant	11,500	" " " " "
Gasworks (Leipzig city gas supply, capacity 400,000 M <sup>3</sup> per day by Luigi system)	1,000	" " " " "
T o t a l	19,000	" " " " "

# Hydrogenation Plant RUHRÖL A.G. BOTTROP-WELHEIM

← TO BOTTROP

TO HORST →



SCALE  
Feet  
500

1000

0 100 Meters 200 300

- | LEGEND  |   |
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| 1. Boiler house with 2 tall smoke stacks                                    | 15. Distillation plant (camouflaged)  |
| 2. Power generator hall   | 15A. Tanks (camouflaged)  |
| 3. Transformer station  | 16. Primary products tanks (camouflaged)  |
| 4. Pit head gear  | 17. Distillation plant  |
| 5. Coal crushing plant  | 18 & 19. Gasholders for storage of coke oven gas (camouflaged)                        |
| 6 & 7. Building for separation of hydrogen from coke oven gas               | 20. Plant for generation of solvent   |
| 8. Camouflaged gasholder  | 21. End products tanks (camouflaged as slag heap) North of 21: Two distillation units |
| 9. Coal extract filter house  | 22. Gasholder enclosed in blast wall  |
| 10. Hydrogen compressor house   | 23. Cooling towers of power plant   |
| 11. Building where coal extract is heated prior to hydrogenation            | 24. Unidentified building   |
| 12. Two injector houses   | 25. Buildings and roads under camouflage netting                                      |
| 13. Hydrogenation stills  | 26. Pipe line bringing coke oven gas  |
| 14. Cooling towers for controlling temperature in the hydrogenation vessels |   |

KOLONIE WELHEIM

#### 4.6.5 Bottrop - Welheim

Company: Ruhröl A.G.

Location: Latitude 51° 32' N., longitude 6° 59' E. Zeche Vereinigte Welheim, south of road from Bottrop to Horst and northwest of railway Bottrop to Gelsenkirchen in highly built up section of Ruhr.

Reference: Layout plan, page 172. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: Triangle, 3,150 x 3,150 x 2,100 feet, or approximately 150 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Designed as pilot plant for hydrogenation (700 atms). of Pott Broche extract, but probably converted to Bergius hydrogenation process. Coal supplied from Matthias Stinnes shafts III and IV, about 1 mile to the north.

(b) Power Plant: Large power plant with two chimneys.

(c) Gas manufacture: Linde separation of H<sub>2</sub> from coke oven gas. Plant dimensions: 280 feet x 110 feet.

(d) Pott-Broche Process: Two towers and a filter house (180 x 90 feet for P.B. process)

(e) Hydrogenation: Five stalls, viz.,

2 of 45 x 28 feet  
1 of 55 x 28 feet  
1 of 62 x 25 feet  
1 of 40 x 25 feet

(f) Refinery: Three furnaces (1 large, 2 small)

(g) Tankage: Several large groups of tanks, extensively camouflaged.

Estimated Capacity: 100,000 metric tons per year estimated normal productive capacity.

#### 4.6.6 Castrop-Rauxel

Company: Gewerkschaft Viktor (owned by Wintershall A.G. and Klocknerwerke A.G.)

Location: Latitude 51° 35' N., longitude 7° 20' E., approximately two miles north of villages of Castrop-Rauxel and some eight miles northwest of Dortmund in the Ruhr. Alongside the Gewerkschaft Viktor coal mine.

Reference: Layout plan, page 174. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: 3,300 feet x 1,800 feet, or approximately 110 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, probably both low pressure and medium pressure. Operates on hard coal or coke.

(b) Coke oven Plant: Battery 450 feet long, about 150 ovens. By-products plant includes NH<sub>3</sub> and benzol recovery and purification.

(c) Power Station: Boilerhouse 200 x 125 feet. Generator hall 115 x 90 feet.

(d) Gas manufacture: CO from coke ovens, supplemented by CO + H<sub>2</sub> from watergas plant. dimensions 180 x 120 feet, with four generators. H<sub>2</sub>S removal 200 x 90 feet with four towers of 40 feet diameter. Organic sulphur removal, 6 towers, 18 feet diameter.

(e) Synthesis: Old contact oven house 310 x 90 feet, probably 30 low pressure and 60 medium pressure ovens. New oven house about same size.

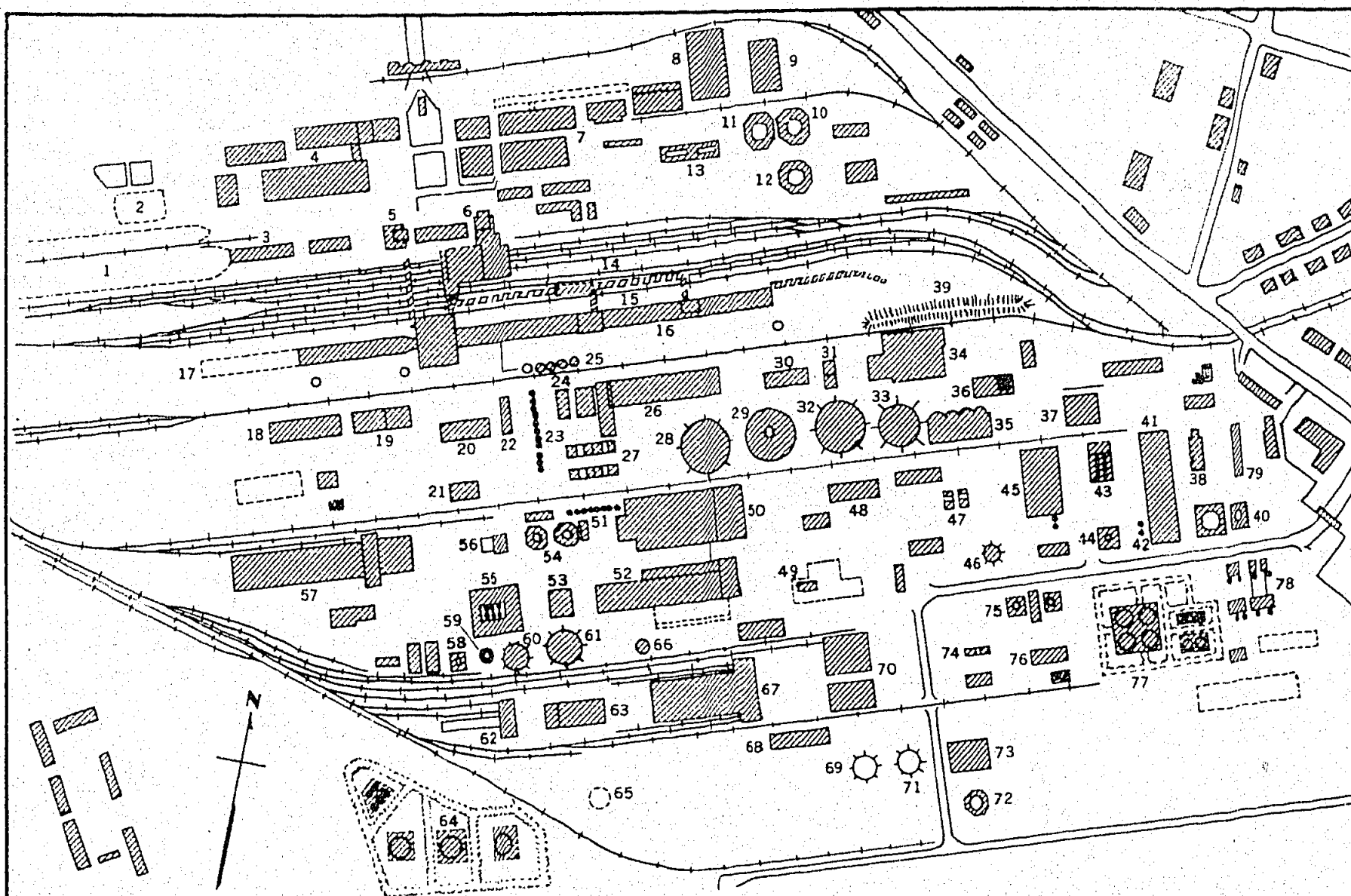
(f) Refinery: Distillation units.

(g) Tankage: Total capacity about 22,700 metric tons.

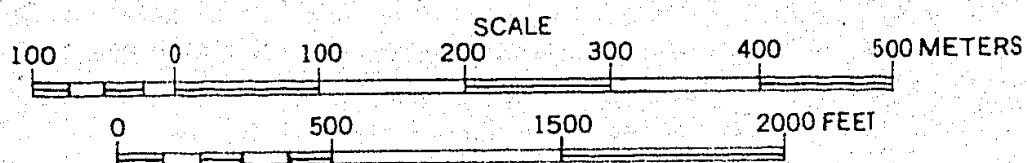
(h) Sundries: There is also an NH<sub>3</sub> Synthesis plant on the site.

Estimated Capacity: 60,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.





Fischer-Tropsch Plant  
GEWERKSCHAFT VIKTOR  
CASTROP-RAUXEL



LEGEND

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| 1, 2. Pit prop yards                   | 32, 33. Gasholders            | 55. Nitric acid plant                          |
| 3. Coal handling plant                 | 34. Water gas plant           | 56. Not identified                             |
| 4. Colliery offices                    | 35. H <sub>2</sub> S removal  | 57. Fertilizer silo                            |
| 5, 6. Pithead gear                     | 36. ? Gas coolers etc.        | 58, 59. Cooling towers                         |
| 7. ? Briquetting plant                 | 37. Works transformer station | 60, 61. Residual gasholders                    |
| 8. Boiler house                        | 38. Not identified            | 62. New building                               |
| 9. Generator hall                      | 39. Coke dump                 | 63. Distillation building u/c                  |
| 10-13. Cooling towers                  | 40. Cooling towers            | 64. Oil storage                                |
| 14. Colliery sidings                   | 41. Contact oven house        | 65. Cooling tower u/c                          |
| 15. Conveyors                          | 42. Oil washing columns       | 66. Ammonia tank                               |
| 16. Coke ovens                         | 43. Active carbon plant       | 67. ? New contact oven house                   |
| 17. Foundation for coke oven extension | 44. Cooling tower             | 68. Pumphouse                                  |
| 18-22. By-products treatment           | 45. Organic sulphur removal   | 69. Gasholder u/c                              |
| 23. Gaswashing columns                 | 46. Gasholder                 | 70. Not identified                             |
| 24. Blower house and tar precipitation | 47. Cooling towers            | 71. Gasholder                                  |
| 25. Liquor tanks                       | 48, 49. Not identified        | 72. Cooling tower                              |
| 26. By-products plant silo             | 50. Ammonia plant compressors | 73. Pumphouse                                  |
| 27. Cooling towers                     | 51. Gas washing towers        | 74, 75. Cooling towers                         |
| 28. Gas holder                         | 52. Ammonia synthesis plant   | 76. Compressor house and gas storage cylinders |
| 29. Dry gasholder                      | 53. Pumphouse                 | 77. Oil storage tanks                          |
| 30. Pump house                         | 54. Cooling towers            | 78. Distillation plant                         |
| 31. Cooling towers                     |                               | 79. New building                               |

#### 4.6.7 Deschowitz

Company: Schaffgotsch Benzin G.m.b.H.

Location: Latitude 50° 25' N., longitude 18° 08' E. Deschowitz, sometimes known as Odertal, lies five miles north of Cosel, in Silesia, approximately eight miles from Blechhammer.

References: Layout plan, page 176. Location map, page 176.

Plant Area: 5,150 x 2,150 feet or approximately 250 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis at medium pressures. Operates on hard coal or coke.

(b) Power Plant: 1 boilerhouse, 286 feet x 195 feet. Generator halls, one of 85 x 45 feet and one of 85 x 70 feet. Four large cooling towers and an open air transformer station 325 x 195 feet.

(c) Coke Oven Plant: About 190 ovens. By-product plant includes NH<sub>3</sub> separation benzol plant. One tar pitch treatment and fractionation tank, 40 feet in diameter, capacity approximately 2,000 tons for final benzol storage.

(d) Gas Manufacture: Watergas plant 205 x 95 feet with new extension of 420 feet in length (and possibly more). Wet gasholders 85 feet in diameter. H<sub>2</sub>S removal 98 x 90 feet with four towers 34 feet in diameter. Organic sulphur removal 210 x 65 feet having six towers 13 feet in diameter. Compressor house 210 x 117 feet.

(e) Synthesis: Old contact oven house of open type 143 x 70 feet, extended to 285 feet. Older section had 48 ovens 9 feet in diameter; 10 more added with total room for about 90.

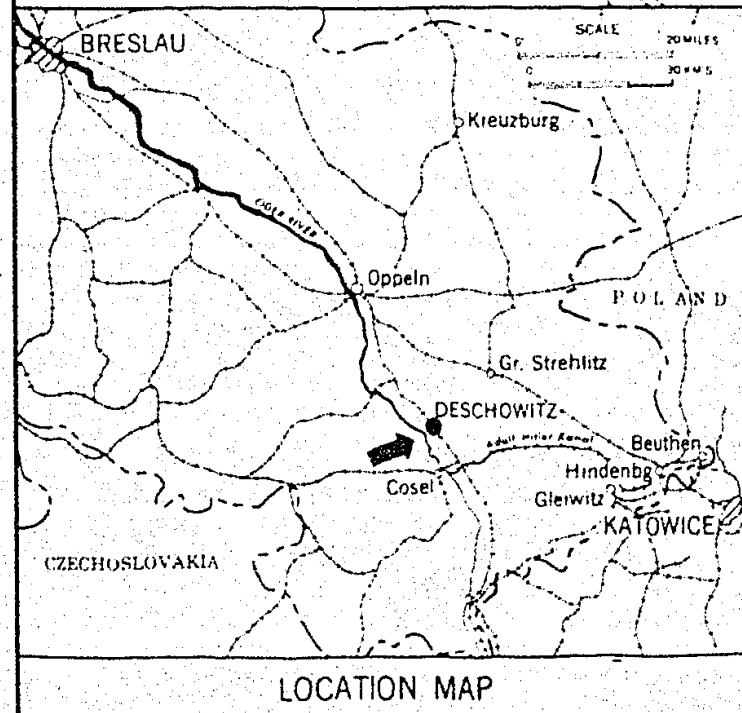
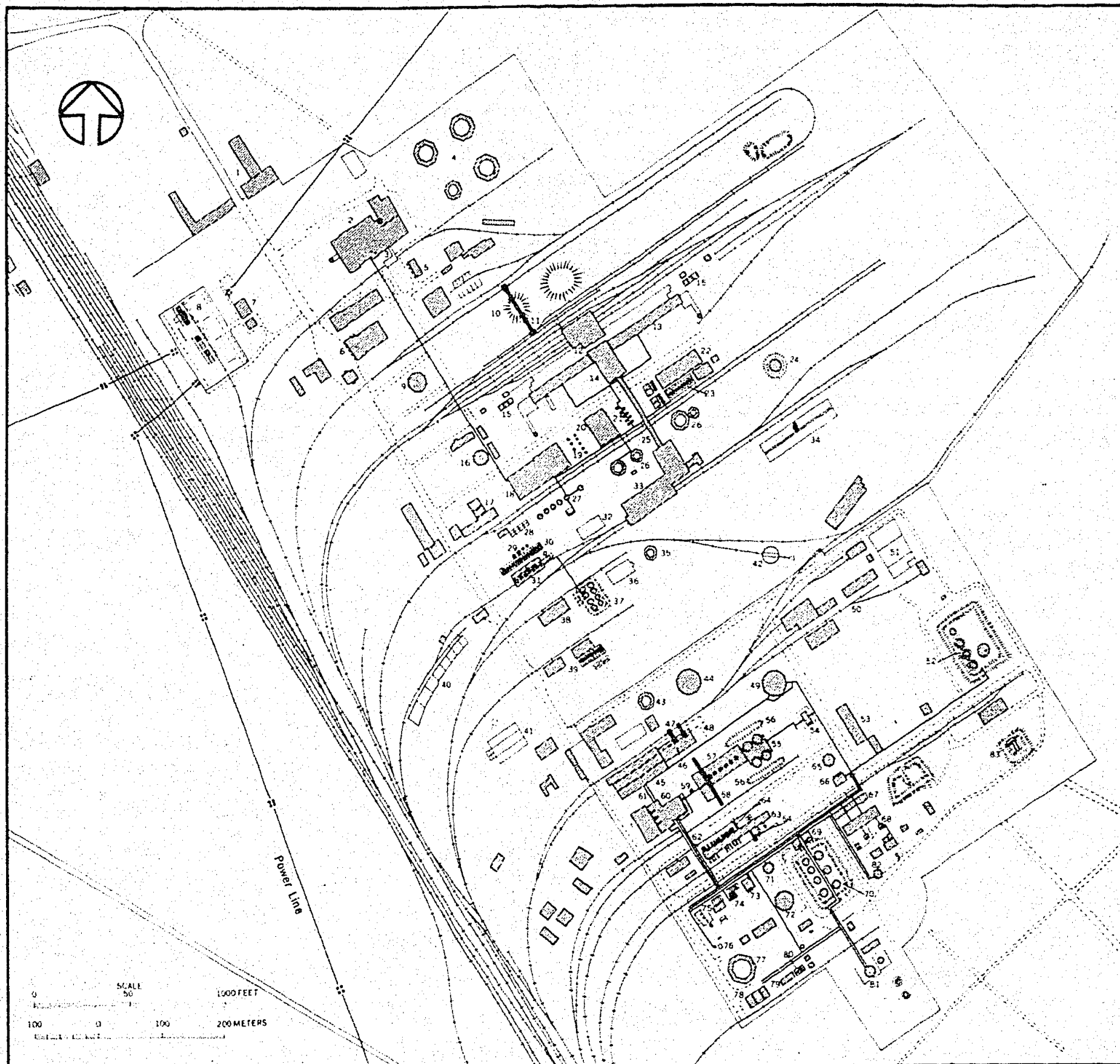
(f) Refinery: Fractionating and stabilization columns. May also include lube oil manufacture. Probably no cracking unit.

(g) Tankage: Two groups of tanks with the following approximate capacities. Additional tankage is located in Cosel whence oil is conveyed by pipe line.

#### Details of Tankage

No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter	Capacity	Total Capacity
		Feet	Tons	Metric Tons
70 and 81	3	35	800	2,400
	2	33	700	1,400
	1	30	500	500
	3	25	400	1,200
	2	20	200	400
52	1	45	1,500	1,500
	4	22	225	1,000
TOTAL				8,400

Estimated Capacity: 60,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity



# FISCHER-TROPSCH PLANT OF SCHAFFGOTSCH BENZIN G.m.b.H. DESCHOWITZ.

## LEGEND

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. OFFICES AND WEIGHHOUSE | 22. BY PRODUCTS TREATMENT | 41. COOLING TOWER                       | 64. CRANES                        |
| 2. POWER STATION          | 23. STORAGE CYLINDERS     | 44. WET GASHOLDER                       | 65. WET GASHOLDER                 |
| 3. COAL CONVEYOR          | 24. BENZOLE STORAGE       | 45. WATER GAS PLANT                     | 66. STRIPPING PLANT               |
| 4. COOLING TOWERS         | 25. COAL CONVEYOR         | 46. BLOWER HOUSE                        | 67. STORAGE CYLINDERS             |
| 5. WORKSHOPS ETC.         | 26. COOLING TOWERS        | 47. CRANES                              | 68. CRACKING PLANT                |
| 6. OFFICES                | 27. TREATMENT VESSELS     | 48. WATER GAS PLANT EXTENSION           | 69. PUMP HOUSE                    |
| 7. CONTROL HOUSE          | 28. COOLING TOWER         | 49. WET GASHOLDER                       | 70. STORAGE TANKS                 |
| 8. TRANSFORMER STATION    | 29. WASHING TOWERS        | 50. WORKSHOPS ETC.                      | 71, 72. WET GASHOLDERS            |
| 9. WET GASHOLDER          | 30. STORAGE CYLINDERS     | 51. SETTLING TANKS                      | 73. DISTILLATION PLANT            |
| 10. COKE DUMP             | 31. ACTIVE CARBON PLANT   | 52. OIL STORAGE                         | 74. WASHING COLUMNS               |
| 11. CRANE                 | 32. ROAD                  | 53. NOT IDENTIFIED                      | 75. STRIPPING PLANT               |
| 12. COKE CRUSHING PLANT   | 33. COAL CRUSHING PLANT   | 54. PUMP HOUSE                          | 76. STABILIZATION COLUMN          |
| 13. COKE OVENS            | 34. SETTLING TANKS        | 55. H <sub>2</sub> S REMOVAL            | 77. COOLING TOWER                 |
| 14. 15. COOLING TOWERS    | 35. COOLING TOWER         | 56. MINERAL DUMPS                       | 78, 79. LUBRICATING OIL TREATMENT |
| 16. WET GASHOLDER         | 36. STORAGE TANKS         | 57. ORGANIC SULPHUR REMOVAL             | 80. DISTILLATION COLUMN           |
| 17. CONTROL BUILDING      | 37. PUMP HOUSE            | 58. CRANE                               | 81. OIL STORAGE TANKS             |
| 18. AMMONIUM SULPHATE     | 38. STORAGE CYLINDERS &c  | 59. CONVERSION COLUMN                   | 82. DAMAGED GASHOLDER             |
| 19. FRACTIONATING COLUMNS | 40. EMPTY STORE DUMP      | 60. PUMP HOUSE, CO <sub>2</sub> REMOVAL | 83. STORAGE CYLINDERS             |
| 20. TAP TREATMENT         | 41. PONDS                 | 61. PIPE BRIDGES                        |                                   |
| 21. WASHING COLUMN        | 42. TURNTABLE             | 62. CONTACT OVERHOUSE                   |                                   |

LOCATION MAP



#### 4.6.8 Dortmund

Company: Hoesch Benzin G.m.b.H.

Location: At Hoesch in the suburb Wambelerholz, 2-1/2 miles NE of center of Dortmund. Latitude 51° 32' N., longitude 7° 30' E. The Koelin-Neuessen steel-works are to the west of the plant.

References: Layout plan, page 178. Location map, page 163. Photograph, page 179.

Plant Area: 2,100 x 870 feet or approximately 40 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis. Uses gas from adjacent coking plants.

(b) Power Station: 175 x 70 feet, extended with a new section of 70 feet. Includes generator hall and transformer station.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Watergas generators, probably supplemented by gas from adjacent coking plant. Original building 200 x 95 feet with 6 generators, extended to 305 x 95 feet with three more generators. H<sub>2</sub>S removal, 280 x 100 feet, four towers at 35 feet. Organic sulphur removal, 6 (3 pairs) towers 18 feet in diameter, with room for 2 (1 pair) more.

(d) Synthesis: Contact oven house 300 x 90 feet, apparently only of medium pressure. Type (reaction in open), 72 ovens, 9 feet in diameter.

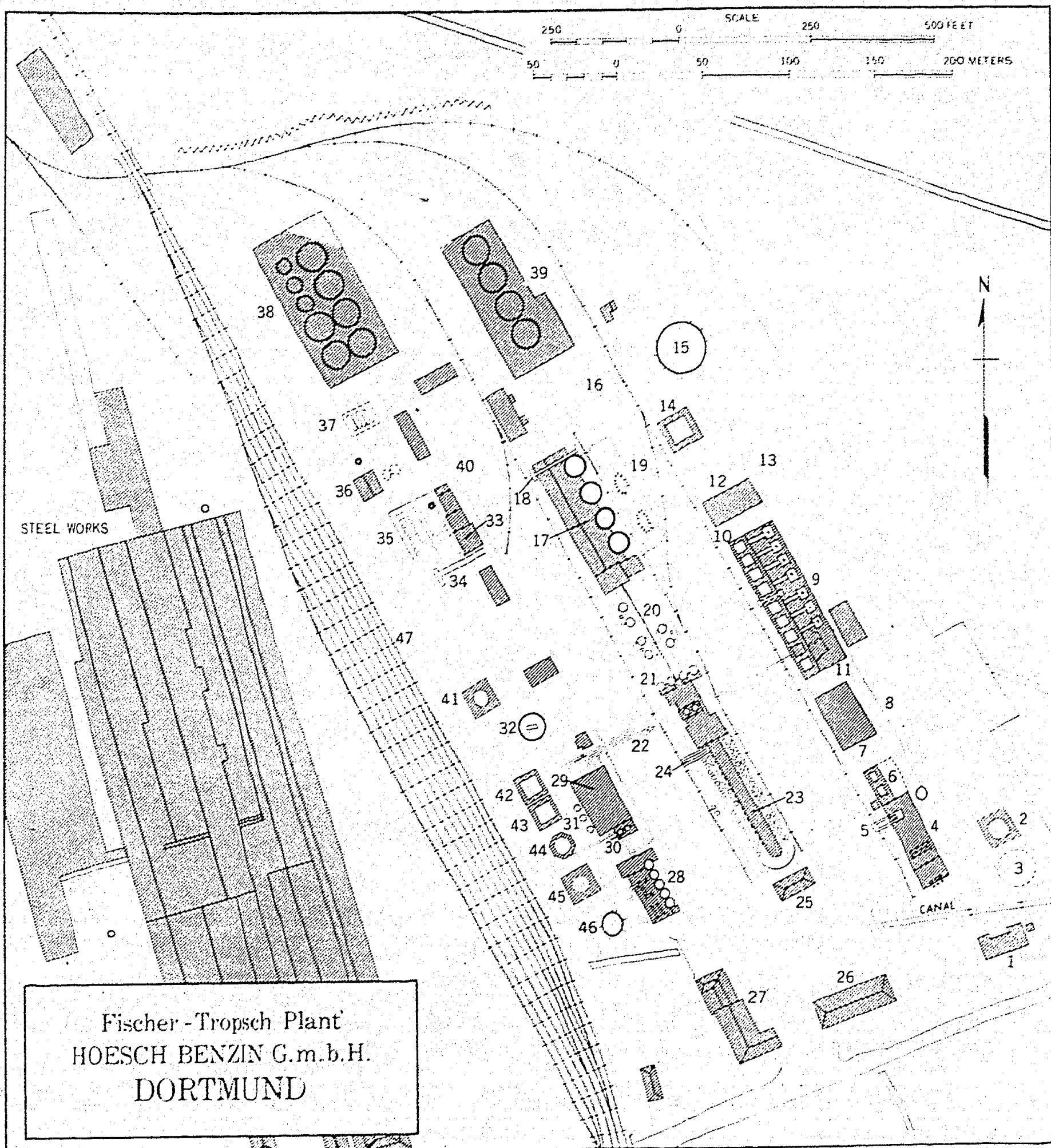
(e) Refinery: Tube still house with chimney, probably also cracking, wax removal and lube oil facilities.

(f) Tankage: At the northwestern end of the plant are two groups of storage tanks, camouflaged. Dimensions and estimated capacities are as follows:

#### Details of Tankage

No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
38	6	50	2,000	12,000
	3	35	800	2,400
39	1	60	3,000	3,000
	3	50	2,000	6,000
Total	13			23,400

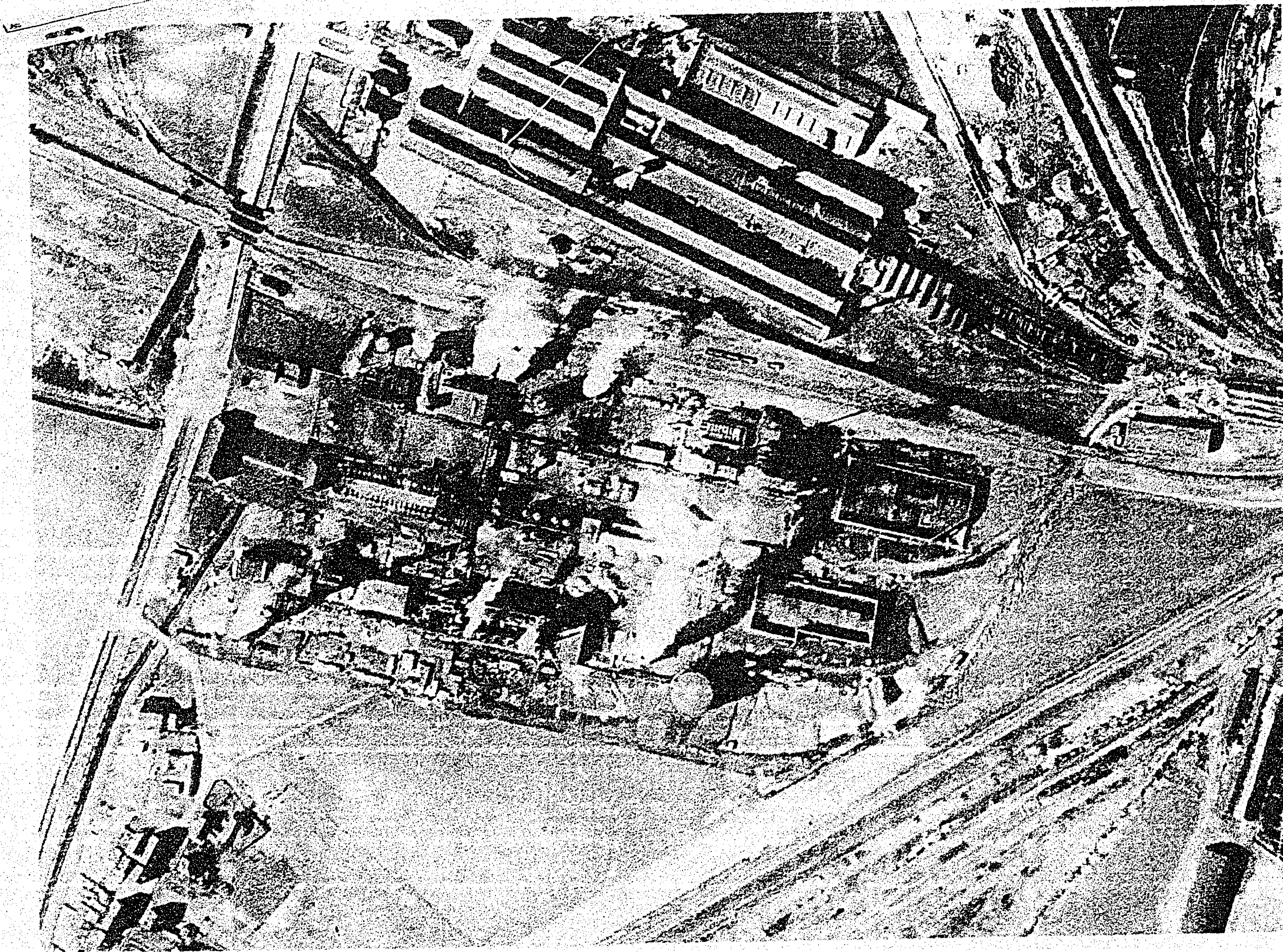
estimated Capacity: 60,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity



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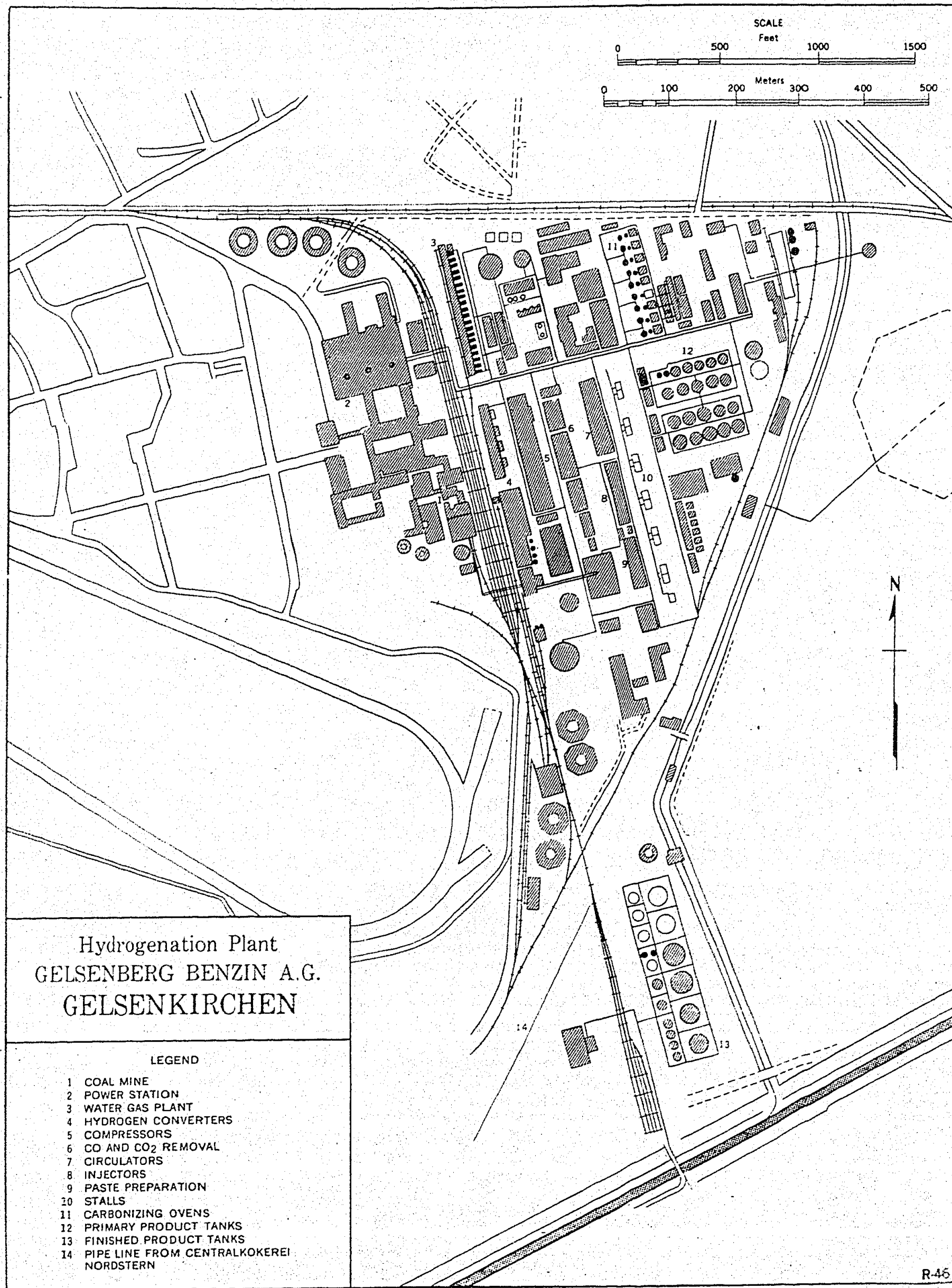
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| 1. Pumphouse.                     | 13. Gas Pipe Line.                  | 25. Workshop.                | 38. Oil Storage Tanks          |
| 2. Cooling Tower.                 | 14. Cooling Tower.                  | 26, 27. Offices etc.         | 6 Tanks 2000 M3, 12,600 BBLS.  |
| 3. Foundations for cooling tower. | 15. Wet Gasholder.                  | 28. Oil condensation.        | 3 Tanks 800 M3, 5,040 BBLS.    |
| 4. Power Station.                 | 16. Gas Pipeline.                   | 29. Compressor House.        | 39. Oil Storage Tanks          |
| 5. Coal elevator.                 | 17. H <sub>2</sub> S Removal Plant. | 30. CO Converters.           | 3 Tanks 2,000 M3, 12,600 BBLS. |
| 6. Power Station extension.       | 18. Crane.                          | 31. CO <sub>2</sub> Removal. | 1 Tank 3,000 M3, 18,900 BBLS.  |
| 7. Workshop?                      | 19. Dumps of Reagent.               | 32. Dry Gasholder.           | 40. Overhead pipe line.        |
| 8. Steam pipe.                    | 20. Organic Sulphur Removal.        | 33. Wax removal plant.       | 41, 42, 43. Cooling Towers.    |
| 9. Water Gas Plant.               | 21. Heat Exchangers.                | 34. New construction.        | 44. Degassing tower.           |
| 10. Bunkers.                      | 22. Pipe Bridge.                    | 35. Butane cylinders.        | 45. Cooling tower.             |
| 11. Water Gas Plant Extension.    | 23. Contact Oven House.             | 36. Cracking Plant?          | 46. Residual Gasholder.        |
| 12. Blower House.                 | 24. Crane.                          | 37. Butane cylinders.        | 47. Rail sidings.              |





AERIAL VIEW OF FISCHER-TROPSCH PLANT, HOESCH BENZIN G.m.b.H., DORTMUND





#### 4.6.9 Gelsenkirchen

Company: Gelsenberg Benzin A.G.

Location: Adjacent to Nordstern III mine, on the north side of the Emscher Canal, northwest of Gelsenkirchen in the highly built-up area of the Ruhr. Latitude 51° 32' N., longitude 7° 03' E.

References: Layout plan, page 180. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: Triangular shape 4,500 x 3,000 feet or about 160 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation of bituminous coal and H.T.C. tar at 700 atms. by Bergius process. Mine and power station located on west side of plant and separated from it by the colliery sidings. Conveyors connect the mine with the gas plant.

(b) Power Plant: 380 x 307 feet, 3 chimneys, 4 cooling towers 84 feet in diameter. The colliery also has a small power station alongside the southern winding engine house with two cooling towers, 30 feet in diameter.

(c) Gas Plant: There seem to be three independent plants:

(i) Direct gasification of coal (probably Winkler type), building 90 x 70 feet, 8 columns, gasholders 95 feet in diameter.

(ii) Watergas plant: 20 generators in line, 450 x 72 feet, 2 gasholders, 143 feet and 90 feet in diameter, respectively.

(iii) A third plant erected between March 1940 and March 1941. Building 100 x 40 feet with 4 chimneys. It is suggested that the gas plant is oversize and supplies Hüls with gas through a pipe line laid in 1941.

(d) Hydrogenation: Compressor house 600 x 87 feet, probably 12 compressors. Number of stalls: 12 (6 pairs): 5 pairs at 89 x 30 overall, 1 pair at 107 x 30 ft. overall. Carbonization of residue: 6 ovens at 47 x 37 feet.

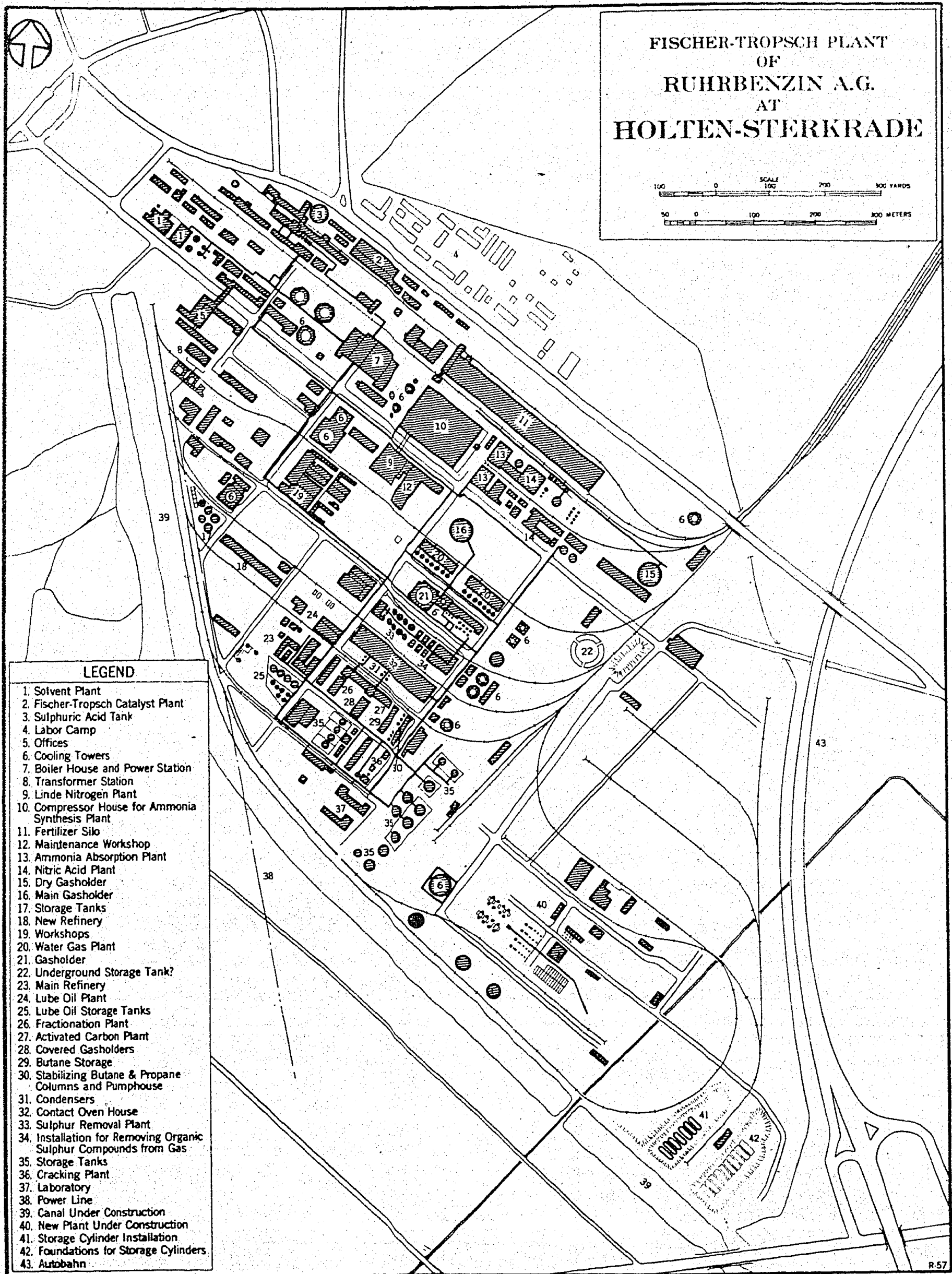
(e) Refining: Nine furnaces with fractionating columns. There is a separate section for the working up of light ends that may include a polymerization or alkylation plant.

(f) Storage Tanks: Details of Tankage - Approximate

	No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
Primary products	12	10	60	3,000	30,000
Intermediate products	12	9	60	3,000	27,000
		2	30	500	1,000
Finished products	13	4	90	6,000	24,000
		2	45	1,500	3,000
		4	30	500	2,000
T o t a l					87,000

Sundries: The synthetic plant is connected by pipe lines to the Hüls synthetic rubber plant and the Gelsenberg Benzin A.G. synthetic plant at Gelsenkirchen. By this means raw or pure gas can be transmitted from any one plant to another and tail gases sent to Hüls from the synthetic plants. There are also pipe connections with the coke oven plants at Zineckel and from Scholven to the Bergmann glue power station. This latter believed to convey tail gases from the synthetic plant to the power station.

Estimated Capacity: 350,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.





4.6.10 Holten - Sterkrade

Company: Ruhrbenzin A.G.

Location: On road between Sterkrade and Holten, about one mile east of village of Holten, latitude 51° 32' N., longitude 6° 48' E., in the Ruhr, approximately three miles east of the Rhine. Annex to ammonia and chemical works of Ruhr-chemie A.G.

References: Layout plan, page 182. Location map, page 161.

Plant Area: Triangle 3,700 x 4,100 x 2,250 feet, of which oil synthesis section, in southern part, measures 1,300 x 900 feet or about 27 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis from CO + H<sub>2</sub>.

(b) Power Plant: Serves both chemical works and oil plant.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Two groups of watergas generators, 1 with 7 generators and 1 with 6 generators. Gasholder 110 feet in diameter. Cooling tower 48 feet in diameter. H<sub>2</sub>S removal, 8 towers, 36 feet in diameter. Organic sulphur removal (Feinreinigung), 12 towers, 18 feet in diameter. There is also a Linde plant. The watergas generators seem to point to an insufficient supply of coke oven gas to meet the requirements of both the NH<sub>3</sub> and the Fischer-Tropsch Plant.

(d) Synthesis: Contact oven house, 540 x 115 feet, with probably 90 to 100 low pressure ovens, 60 of which may be for first stage, 30 in second stage and 6 standby.

(e) Refinery: Two groups of condensers, 18 feet in diameter, activated carbon plant, stabilizing, propane and butane columns, fractionating plant for primary products, T.V.P. cracking plant, lubricating oil plant.

(f) Tankage: Approximately as follows:

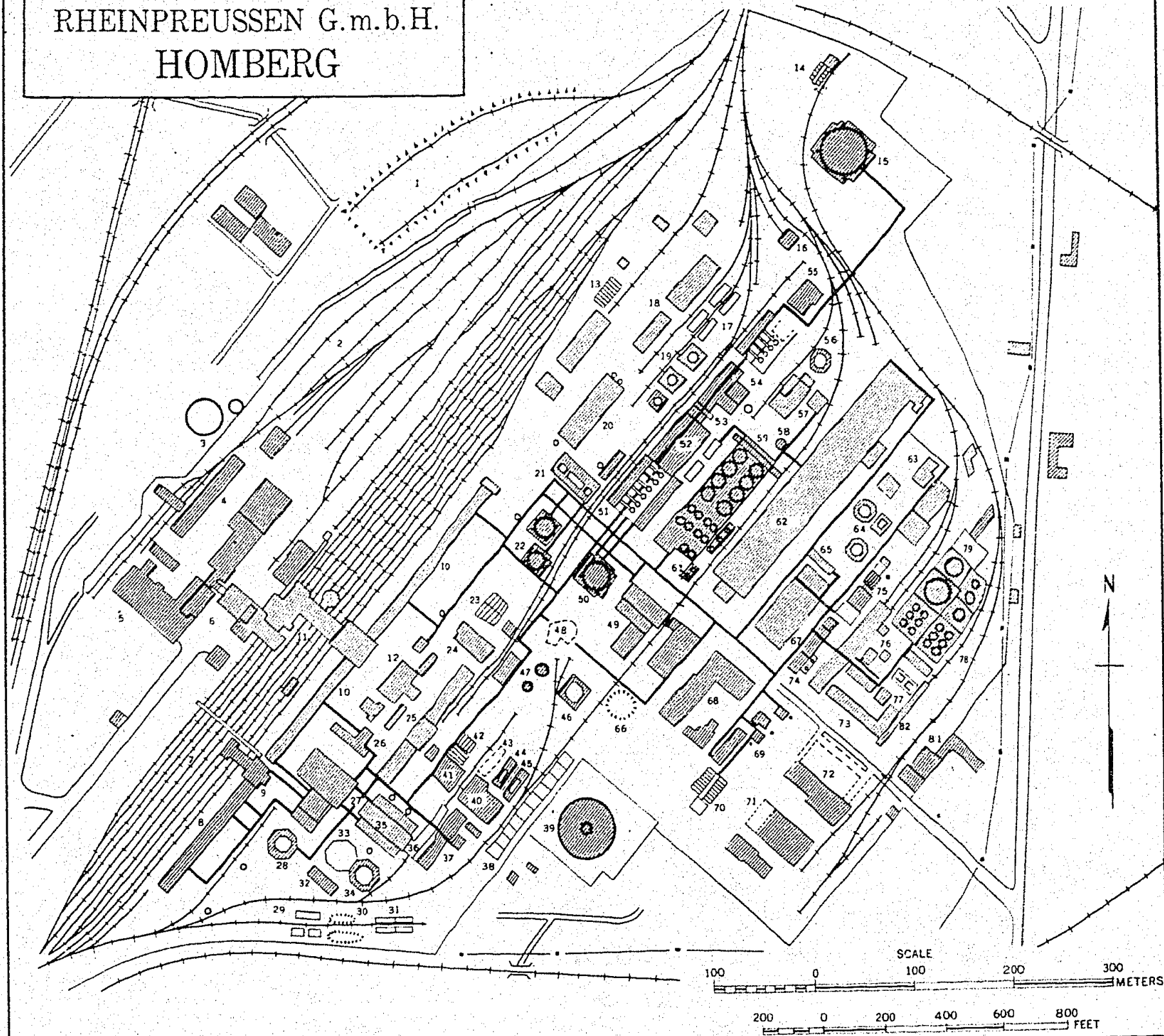
	Metric Tons
Lube oil storage	4,712
Finished product	25,795
Primary product	2,958
Total	33,465

There may also be some underground storage tanks.

(g) Sundries: There is quite some unidentified new construction extending to the northwest which seems connected with the oil plant. There is also a catalyst plant, one of the three in Germany (the other two being at Schwarzhede and at Lützkendorf).

Estimated Capacity: 80,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

Fischer - Tropsch Plant  
RHEINPREUSSEN G.m.b.H.  
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|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Tip heap                                  | 21. Boiler house                    | 43. Cooling tower - half dismantled   | 64. Cooling towers.                 |
| 2. Pit prop yard                             | 22. Wet gasholder                   | 44. Cooling tower - partly dismantled | 65. Condensers                      |
| 3. Filter tanks?                             | 23. Storage cylinders               | 45. Cooling tower (intact)            | 66. Excavation                      |
| 4. Lamp rooms etc.                           | 24. Benzole fractionation           | 46. Cooling tower (inactive)          | 67. Active carbon plant             |
| 5. Colliery offices                          | 25. Ammonium sulphate factory       | 47. Benzole tanks                     | 68. Workshops                       |
| 6. Mine headgear                             | 26. Tar stills                      | 48. Destroyed gasholder               | 69. Distillation plant              |
| 7. Colliery sidings                          | 27. Condensation & tar recovery     | 49. Pump house                        | 70. Storage cylinders               |
| 8. Modern coke oven plant and crushing plant | 28. Cooling tower                   | 50. Wet gasholder                     | 71. Laboratory or workshop          |
| 9. Coaling tower                             | 29. Water purification?             | 51. Water gas plant                   | 72. Main offices                    |
| 10. "Old" coke oven plant                    | 30. Mineral dumps                   | 52. Blower house                      | 73. Packed products shed            |
| 11. Crushing and loading plant               | 31. Pitch bays                      | 53. Converter unit                    | 74, 75, 76, 77. Distillation plants |
| 12. Distillation unit                        | 32. Pump house                      | 54. Water gas plant                   | 78. Oil storage tanks               |
| 13. Storage cylinders                        | 33. Partly dismantled cooling tower | 55. Pump house                        | 1 Tank 4,000 M3 - 25,200 BBLS.      |
| 14. Not identified                           | 34. Cooling tower                   | 56. Cooling tower                     | 1 Tank 3,000 M3 - 18,900 BBLS.      |
| 15. Wet gasholder                            | 35. Boiler house                    | 57. Nitrogen plant                    | 1 Tank 1,000 M3 - 6,300 BBLS.       |
| 16. Loco. coaling tower                      | 36. Covered loading bay             | 58. Let down point                    | 1 Tank 500 M3 - 3,150 BBLS.         |
| 17. Pitch bays                               | 37. Pump house                      | 59. H <sub>2</sub> S removal          | 1 Tank 400 M3 - 2,520 BBLS.         |
| 18. Ammonium sulphate preparation            | 38. H <sub>2</sub> S removal boxes  | 60. Organic sulphur removal           | 12 Tanks 200 M3 - 1,260 BBLS.       |
| 19. Cooling towers                           | 39. Dry gasholder                   | 61. Catalyst recovery                 | 79. Vacant tank site                |
| 20. Not identified                           | 40, 41. Linde plant                 | 62. Contact oven house                | 80. Offices                         |
|  | 42. Cylinder Storage                | 63. Condensation columns              | 81. Covered loading bay             |

4.6.11 Homberg

Company: Rheinpreussen G.m.b.H.

Location: Homberg, latitude 51° 28' N., longitude 6° 38' E, west of Duisburg adjoining Rheinpreussen Haniel coal mine Shaft V to the NW, 1-3/4 miles west of the Rhine in the angle formed by the Rheinberg-Krefeld and Duisburg-Kleve railways.

Reference: Layout plan, page 184. Location map, page 161.

Plant Area: 3,200 x 3,000 feet or approximately 220 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, probably both low pressure and medium pressure, operating on hard coal and coke. Shaft V of the Rheinpreussen Company's Haniel mine adjoins the plant on the northwest. Coal goes directly from the pit head to the coking ovens. The coke oven gas may possibly be supplemented by gas from the Ruhr gas grid.

(b) Power Plant: Small boilerhouse and generator hall.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Two watergas plants, each with six generators. Two banks of coke ovens, one of 1,100 feet with about 300 ovens, one of 430 feet with about 130 ovens (modern). NH<sub>3</sub> and benzol, etc., recovery; possibly ethylene recovery through deep cooling, tar separation and treatment. H<sub>2</sub>S removal of coke oven gas in 10 boxes. H<sub>2</sub>S removal from watergas, 8 towers 45 ft. in diameter. Organic sulphur removal, 10 towers 20 ft. in diameter.

(d) Synthesis: Contact oven house 790 x 120 feet, probably 200 ovens (2 rows of 100).

(e) Refinery: Columns with heater houses, etc. Probably also lube oil manufacture.

(f) Tankage: Storage tankage capacities, approximately:

Details of Tankage

Number	Diameter	Capacity
	Feet	(Metric Tons)
1	80	4,000
1	60	3,000
1	40	1,000
1	30	500
1	25	400
12	20	2,400
TOTAL		11,300

Estimated Production: 80,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.



4.6.12 Kamen

Company: Chemische Werke Essener Steinkohle A.G. (This plant has also been referred to as belonging to the Kamen Essener Verein Monopole A.G.).

Location: 2-1/2 miles northwest of Kamen, latitude 51° 38' N., longitude 7° 38' E. Kamen lies approximately ten miles northeast of Dortmund, midway on the Dortmund-Hamm road. The plant adjoins the Monopol Grimberg Coal mine, shafts I and II and the Lipp Canal is one mile north.

References: Layout plan below. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: 2,200 x 1,800 feet or approximately 90 acres.

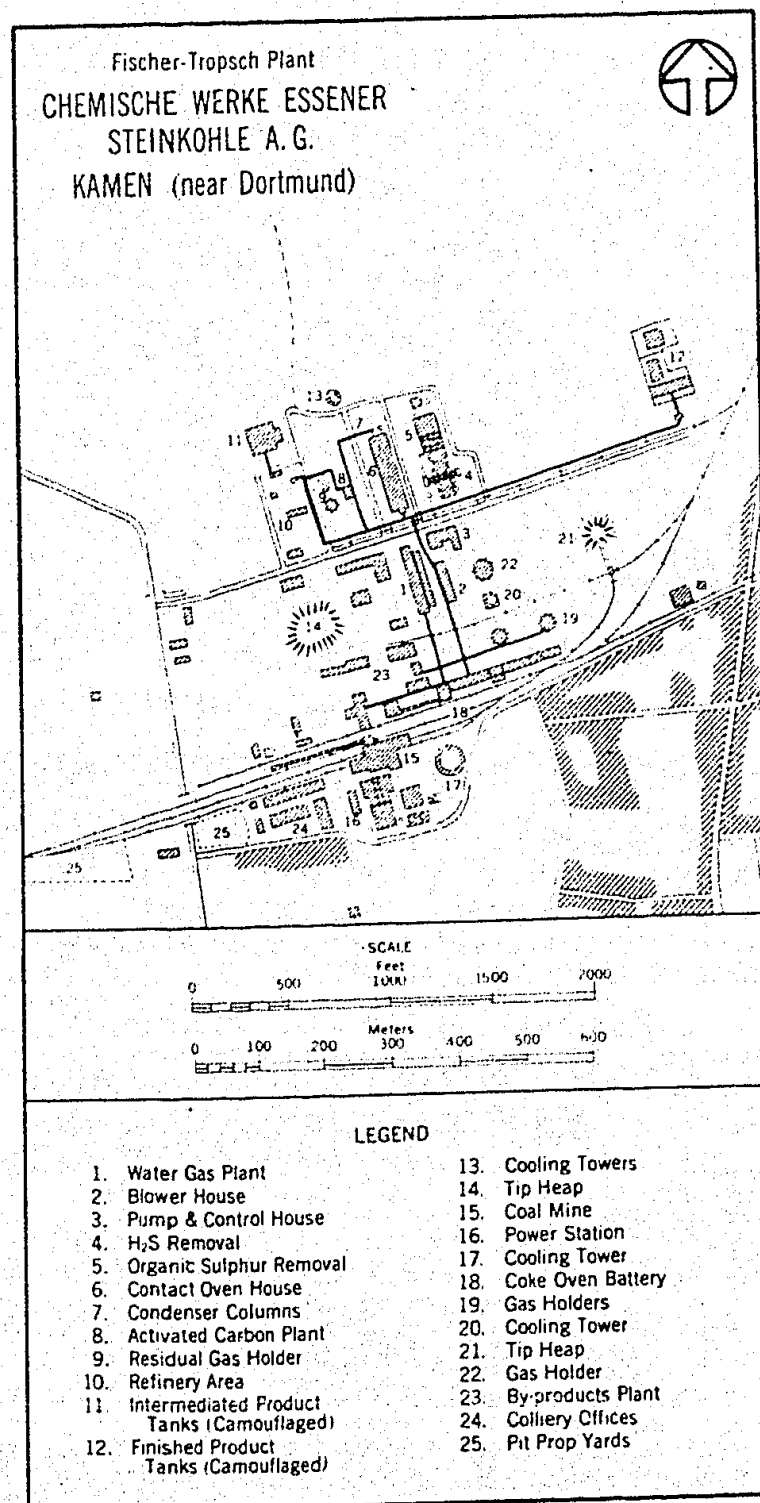
Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis, probably at atmospheric pressure. Operates on hard coal and coke from adjacent mine.

(b) Power Plant: Small power plant located alongside the coal mine is fed by conveyor direct from the colliery.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Northeast of the colliery are the coke oven batteries (No. 19 on layout plan). These measure 630 feet in length and are reported to contain 140 ovens. A cooling tower is situated at the eastern end, connected by conveyor with the colliery complex. There is a central quenching tower.

Volatile products from the coke ovens are passed to a small by-products plant (23) where benzol, tar, etc. are separated, but are probably exported in the crude state for treatment elsewhere. Coke oven gas is stored in two gasholders (19), each 75 feet in diameter. For hydrogen supply the works has a water-gas plant consisting of two buildings, one containing the generators (1) and the other the blowing machinery (2). The generator building (330 x 82 feet) apparently contains eight generators, and has a high western section containing bunkers. The blower house measures 200 x 45 feet. A cooling tower (20) and a gasholder (22) measuring 125 feet in diameter are situated a short distance to the east. An L-shaped building nearby (3) is probably a control room and pumphouse. The gas is passed to a hydrogen sulphide removal plant (4). This is a building 470 x 130 feet with eight towers, each 25 feet in diameter. These are served by a gantry or portal crane (for renewal of the reagent)

The more northerly part of the building is occupied by organic sulphur removal, with eight columns, each about 7 feet in diameter (5). These are probably served by the same crane as the hydrogen sulphide



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removal columns. Columns alongside this plant may be for the conversion of a proportion of the carbon monoxide in the synthesis gas to hydrogen.

(d) Synthesis: The correct mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen is passed to the contact oven house (6) which is a building measuring 410 x 100 feet.

From the presence of condenser columns, an activated carbon plant and other details, it is deduced that the plant uses the atmospheric pressure process. The ovens for this measure 2.5 meters wide and are spaced approximately 0.5 meters apart. There would, therefore, be room for two rows each of 40 ovens. Allowing for standby ovens, not normally on stream, this would give an annual production of about 60,000 tons.

Two tall columns (7) at the end of the contact oven house are identified as condensers. From them a pipe leads to the activated carbon plant (8), near which are situated two residual gasholders measuring 60 and 40 feet in diameter, respectively. A pipe connection allows for return of residual gas for recirculation.

Overhead pipes lead from the condensers and from the activated carbon plant to the refinery section (10) occupying an area 500 x 270 feet and is believed to contain a cracking unit.

(e) Tankage: Storage tanks capacities are approximately as follows:

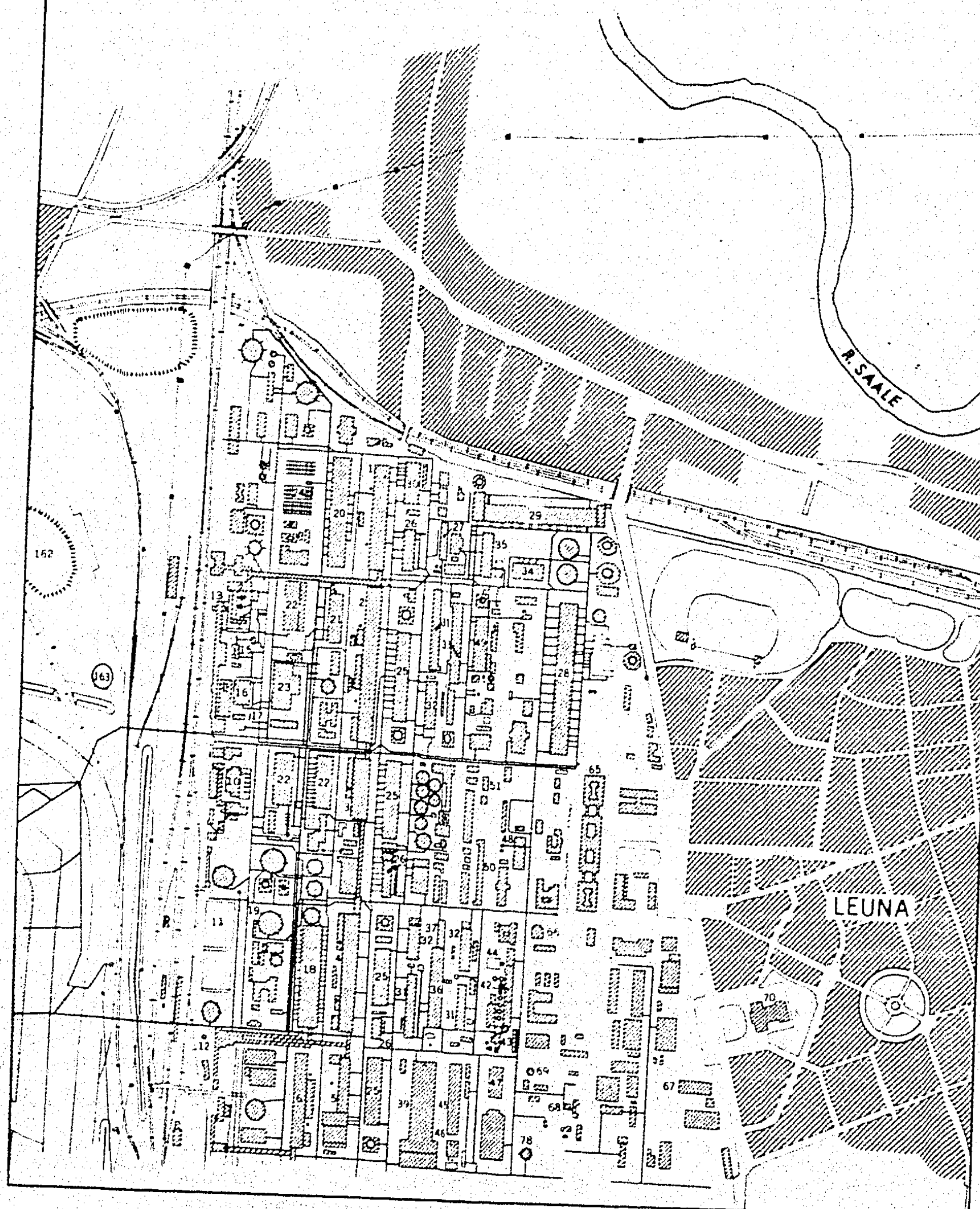
Details of Tankage

No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Tons Capacity Each	Total Capacity Metric tons
11	4	40	1,000	4,000
12	1	90	6,000	6,000
	1	60	3,000	3,000
	3	40	1,000	3,000
T o t a l				16,000

Estimated Capacity: 60,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

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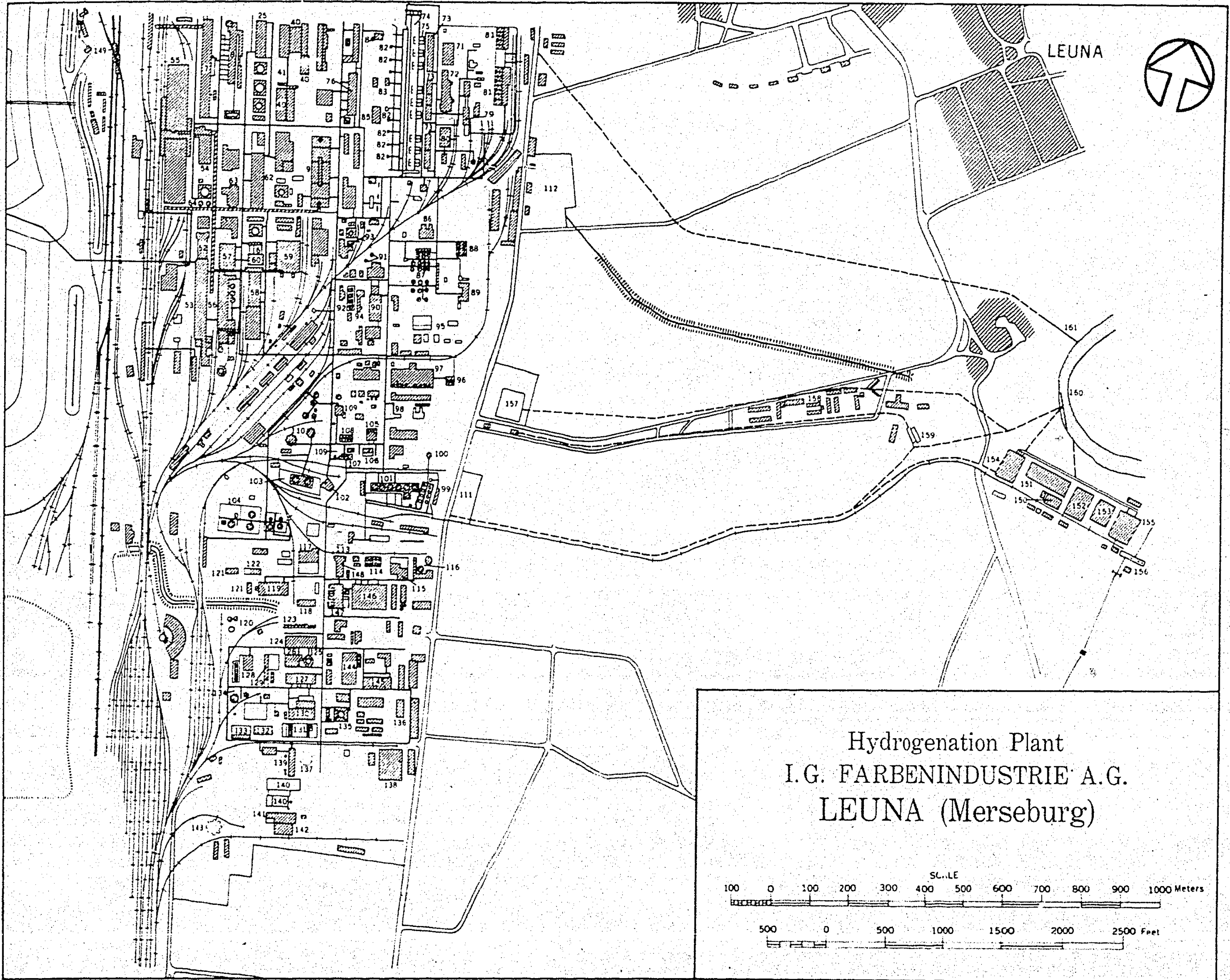
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| 1-7   | Boiler houses                                       | 79      | Centrifuge house                                      |
| 8     | Probable water purification plant                   | 80      | Possibly paste preparation                            |
| 9     | Power plant   | 81      | Carbonizing ovens                                     |
| 10    | Brown coal drying plant                             | 82-84   | Let down system                                       |
| 11    | Fuel bunker   | 85      | Unknown   |
| 12    | Water tower   | 86      | Liquid phase distillation plant                       |
| 13    | Winkler generators                                  | 87-88   | Primary products tanks                                |
| 14    | Brown coal drying plant                             | 89      | Unknown   |
| 15    | Gas centrifuges                                     | 90      | Probable pump house                                   |
| 16    | Sulphur removal                                     | 91      | Gasholders possibly for separated gases               |
| 17    | Ammonium sulphide distillation columns              | 92      | Horizontal cylinders, possibly for isooctane          |
| 18    | Water gas plant                                     | 93      | Horizontal cylinders, possibly for butane and propane |
| 19    | Water gas holder                                    | 94      | Possible selective polymerisation plant               |
| 20    | Water gas plant                                     | 95      | New hydrogenation and compressor house                |
| 21    | Producer gas plant                                  | 96      | Vapor phase distillation plant                        |
| 22    | Hydrogen contact oven houses                        | 97-98   | Distillation plants                                   |
| 23    | Linde oxygen plant                                  | 99-104  | Final products tanks                                  |
| 24    | Settling tanks                                      | 105-109 | Unknown   |
| 25    | Gas compression                                     | 110     | Gasholders  |
| 26-27 | Compression and carbon dioxide absorption           | 111-112 | Stores yard   |
| 28    | Hydrogen contact oven house                         | 113     | Cooling tower under construction                      |
| 29    | Probable compressor house                           | 114     | Storage tanks   |
| 30    | Probable compressor house                           | 115     | Buildings under construction                          |
| 31    | Ammonia absorption houses                           | 116     | Possible condensation or absorption towers            |
| 32    | Compression and carbon monoxide removal             | 117     | Building with columns                                 |
| 33    | Ammonia synthesis                                   | 118     | Probable office block                                 |
| 34    | Probable gas pump house                             | 119     | Buildings with storage tanks                          |
| 35    | Compressor house or Linde liquid air plant          | 120     | Tanks   |
| 36    | Ammonia synthesis                                   | 121-122 | New buildings   |
| 37    | Unknown   | 123     | Hydrogenation stalls                                  |
| 38    | Ammonia liquor tanks                                | 124     | Injector house  |
| 39    | Maintenance workshops                               | 125     | Cooling tower   |
| 40    | Workshops and stores                                | 126     | Probable pump house                                   |
| 41    | Stores yard   | 127     | Unknown   |
| 42-43 | Plant for formaldehyde or hexmethylene tetramine    | 128     | Building with columns and cylinders associated        |
| 44    | New addition to (42)                                | 129-130 | Unknown   |
| 45-47 | Possible methanol or isobutanol synthesis buildings | 131     | Horizontal cylinders                                  |
| 46    | Possible distillation buildings                     | 133     | New building  |
| 47    | See 45  | 134     | Wet gasholders  |
| 48    | Distillation columns                                | 135     | Cooling towers  |
| 49    | Probable Linde liquid air plant                     | 136     | Unknown   |
| 50    | Unknown   | 137     | Cooling tower under construction                      |
| 51    | Storage tanks                                       | 138     | Probable workshop                                     |
| 52    | Gypsum mill   | 139     | New building  |
| 53    | Ammonium sulphate manufacture                       | 140     | Probably foundations for generator house              |
| 54-55 | Ammonium sulphate silos                             | 141     | Boiler house under construction                       |
| 56    | Calcium nitrate plant                               | 142     | Extension to 141                                      |
| 57    | Calcium nitrate silo                                | 143     | Foundations for cooling tower                         |
| 58-59 | Ammonium nitrate silo                               | 144     | Building with horizontal cylinders                    |
| 60-61 | Possible nitric acid plant                          | 145     | Line of fractionating columns                         |
| 62    | Phosphate fertilizer plant                          | 146-147 | Unknown   |
| 63    | Possible Petersen sulphuric acid plant              | 148     | Building with possible gas washing towers             |
| 64    | Tanks for sulphuric acid                            | 149     | Probable transformer station                          |
| 65    | Main offices  | 150     | Boiler house of waterworks                            |
| 66    | Small building under construction                   | 151     | Pump house  |
| 67    | Stores yard   | 152-155 | Filtration houses                                     |
| 68    | Unknown   | 156     | Transformer and switching stations                    |
| 69    | Water tower   | 157     | Filter beds   |
| 70    | Works Casino  | 158     | Labour camp   |
| 71    | Coal store  | 159     | Overfall for waste water                              |
| 72    | Paste preparation building                          | 160     | Outlet for waste water                                |
| 73    | Injector buildings                                  | 161     | Outlet pipe for waste water                           |
| 74    | Hydrogenation stalls                                | 162     | Coal dump   |
| 75    | Preheaters  | 163     | Gasholder   |
| 76-77 | Gas washing and circulation                         |         |   |
| 78    | Wet gasholder probably for recycled gas             |         |   |





4.6.13 Leuna

Company: I.G. Farbenindustrie A.G.

Location: Leuna, latitude 51° 19' N., longitude 12° 00' E., is located two miles south of Merseberg and about one mile from the Saale River. It is approximately ten miles south of Halle. The main line railroad from Frankfort to Berlin borders the plant.

References: Layout plan, pages 188-189. Location map, page 162.

Plant Area: Two miles x 2/3 miles (850 acres). Includes chemical works as well as synthetic oil plant.

Description: (a) Process: Leuna is the largest fixed nitrogen plant in the world at the rated capacity of 850,000 tons of nitrogen per year and having numerous other chemical operations in addition to the synthetic oil plant. The Bergius process hydrogenation plant operates on lignite and L.T.C. tar.

(b) Power Plant: There are five old boilerhouses occupying an area 3,800 feet long by 90 feet wide, and since 1935 a new boilerhouse was built near the synthetic oil plant, 575 feet x 165 feet. The latter is reported to generate steam of 1,500 pounds pressure. The plant is also connected with Gross Kayma, Gross Korbetha, Schkopau, and probably with Bitterfeld, Golpa, Böhlen Rotha, Moelbis and Ober Beuna.

(c) Gas Manufacture: There are two watergas plants and two Winkler generators, and prior to the war a great deal of producer gas was produced for fuel and the generation of power with gas engines. These plants supply the whole works.

(d) Hydrogenation: There are two rows of 18 stalls, one of which is used for synthesis vessels and the others for heating furnaces, etc. Each stall measures 36 feet x 30 feet. The synthetic oil plant operated before the war at 200 atms. pressure which is somewhat less efficient than the more modern plants. The plant is designed to operate on brown coal and L.T.C. tar.

(e) Refinery: There is considerable refinery equipment.

(f) Tankage: Known tankage is approximately as follows:

	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Primary product	18,600
Finished product	42,200
Total	60,800

Estimated Capacity: 600,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity

4.6.14 Lützkendorf

Company: Wintershall A.G.

Location: Two miles east of village of Mühlen, latitude 51° 17' N., longitude 11° 52' E., approximately 14 miles SW of Halle in Central Germany. Plant is connected by conveyor with south end of Lützkendorf Grube mine.

References: Layout plan, page 192. Location map, page 162.

Plant Area: One mile x 1,740 feet, or approximately 210 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Both hydrogenation (Bergius) and synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch) processes are employed within the Lützkendorf plant. Operates on lignite (brown coal).

(b) Power Plant: Boilerhouse, 400 x 70 feet, built in two parts--old part 330 feet, new part 70 feet. Generator house 400 x 20 feet. Fuel probably brown coal briquettes. Works also draw electricity from Gross Kayma power station.

(c) Fischer-Tropsch: (1) Gas manufacture: four Winkler generators at 100 x 100 feet or Bamag pattern. Two wet gasholders and one dry gasholder.

(2) Two contact oven houses, 306 x 80 feet and 415 x 80 feet, houses being some 350 feet apart, which may be used for extension. Five towers.

(d) Hydrogenation: (1) Gas manufacture: H<sub>2</sub> drawn from Winkler generators mentioned above. H<sub>2</sub> storage 100 feet in diameter. Compressor house 190 x 70 feet.

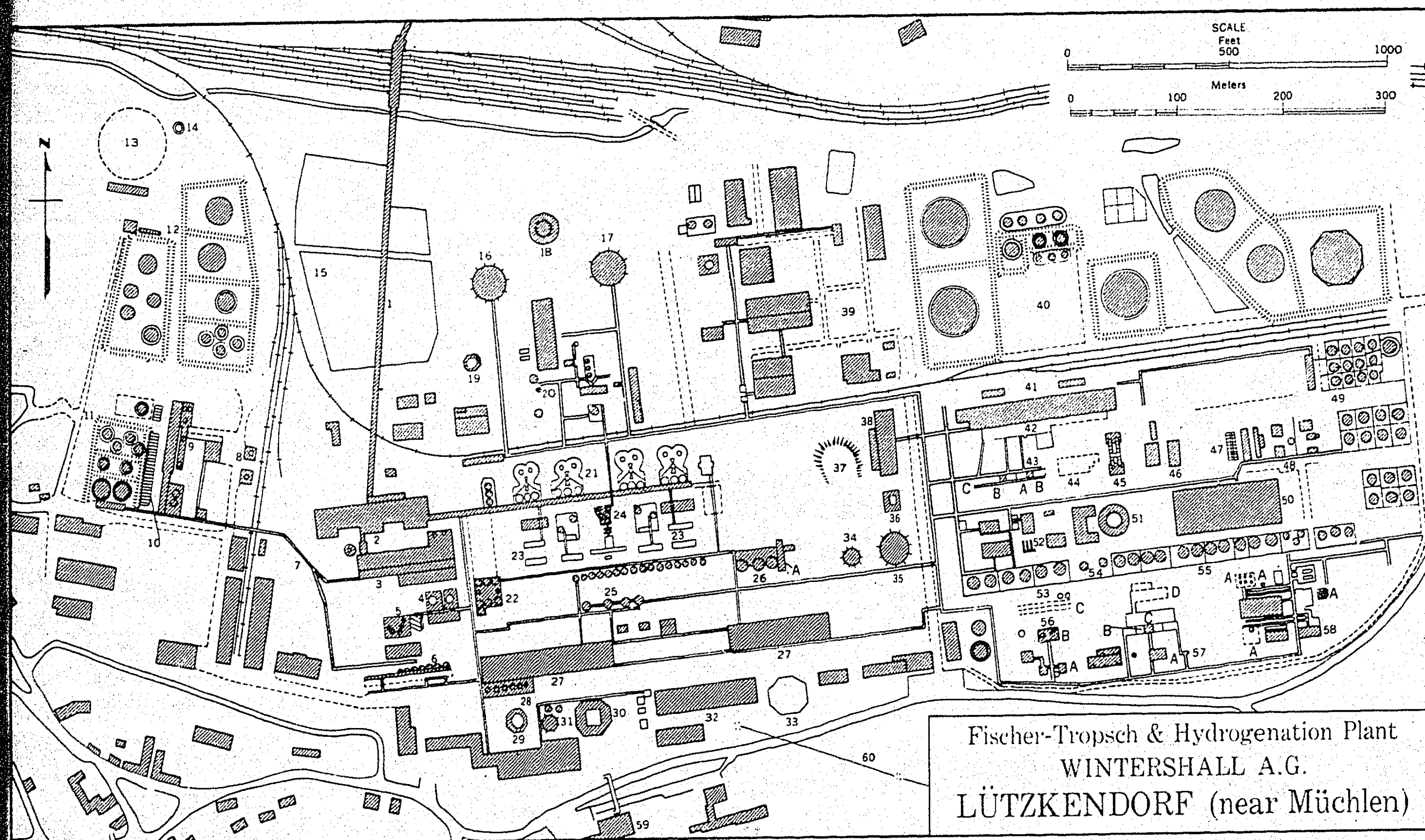
(2) Hydrogenation proper: One pair of stalls, stall size 36 x 27 feet. Reaction vessels 40 to 50 feet long, 5 feet in diameter. Suggesting 700 atmospheres.

(e) Refinery: Two furnace houses, two columns for distillation and stabilization. May include lube oil production facilities and iso-octane.

(f) Tankage: Tankage is enormous. Apart from sizeable tankage in various parts of the works there is a tank farm of about 75,000 metric tons capacity on the north side of hydro plant.

Estimated Capacity: Fischer-Tropsch plant 80,000 metric tons, hydrogenation plant 125,000 metric tons, totaling 205,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.





Fischer-Tropsch & Hydrogenation Plant  
WINTERSHALL A.G.  
LÜTZKENDORF (near Mühlen)

1. CONVEYOR FROM BROWN COAL BRIQUETTING PLANTS
2. BROWN COAL BUNKER
3. POWER STATION
4. COOLING TOWERS
5. ASH DISPOSAL PLANT
6. ACTIVATED CARBON PLANT?
7. PIPE BRIDGE PROBABLY FOR STEAM FROM POWER STATION AND OIL PIPE LINE
8. COOLING TOWERS
9. BUTANE TREATMENT?
10. CYLINDERS, POSSIBLY FOR BUTANE STORAGE
11. OIL STORAGE TANKS
12. OIL STORAGE TANKS
13. FILTER BED
14. COOLING TOWER
15. ASH PONDS

- 16-17. WET GASHOLDER
18. DRY GASHOLDER
19. COOLING TOWER
20. GAS PURIFICATION
21. GAS GENERATORS
22. WINTERSHALL-SCHMALFELD GAS GENERATOR
23. RECTANGULAR COOLING TOWER
- 24-25. GAS PURIFICATION PLANT AND CONVERTERS
26. HYDROGEN SULPHIDE REMOVAL A-CRANE
27. TWO CONTACT OVEN HOUSES
28. FISCHER-TROPSCH GAS CONDENSATION
- 29-30. COOLING TOWERS
31. RESIDUAL GASHOLDERS
32. TRANSFORMER STATION?
33. COOLING TOWER
- 34-35. HYDROGEN GASHOLDERS

36. COOLING TOWER
37. MINERAL DUMP
38. COMPRESSOR HOUSE
39. CATALYST PLANT
40. OIL AND POSSIBLY TAR STORAGE TANKS
41. INJECTOR HOUSE
42. HEAT EXCHANGERS
43. HYDROGENATION STALLS  
A-STALLS  
B-PREHEATERS  
C-LETDOWN PLANT
44. HYDROGENATION VESSELS UNDERGOING OVERHAUL
45. CRANE
46. WORKSHOPS
47. BUTANE CYLINDERS
48. POLYMERISATION UNIT?
49. INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL PRODUCTS TANKS

50. NOT IDENTIFIED
51. COOLING TOWER
52. UNIDENTIFIED PLANT
53. PRIMARY PRODUCTS OF HYDROGENATION
54. HEAVY RESIDUES
55. PARTIALLY TREATED PRODUCTS
56. CRACKING PLANT?  
A-HEATERS  
B-COLUMNS  
C-RUNDOWN TANKS  
D-COOLER
57. DISTILLATION UNIT  
A-HEATERS  
B-HEAT EXCHANGERS  
C-FRACTIONATING COLUMNS  
D-COOLER
58. UNIDENTIFIED
59. OFFICES
60. POWER LINE

#### 4.6.15 Magdeburg

Company: Braunkohle-Benzin A.G. (Brabag)

Location: Plant is located in Rothensee, latitude 52° 11' N., longitude 11° 40' E., a suburb four miles NNE of center of Magdeburg in central Germany. Plant location is east of the Zweig Canal and 3/4 mile from the freight yards of Rothensee.

References: Layout plan, page 194. Location map, page 195. Photograph, page 195.

Plant Area: 3,300 x 1,600 feet, or about 100 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation of brown coal tar by Bergius process. Plant has no L.T.C. plant and draws its tar from outside sources.

(b) Power Plant: Power and steam is drawn from the Mikramag station located on the canal about 1/2 mile away.

(c) Gas Manufacture: (1) The gas generation and treatment section occupies the southwesternmost third of the works. Gas is produced in three Winkler generators (Nos. 8 and 11 on layout plan). Coal is brought in high capacity wagons to the plant (No. 21), which presumably crushes it and elevates it to a high level conveyor, from which it is discharged to the generators. A branch conveyor connects the generators to the main conveyor.

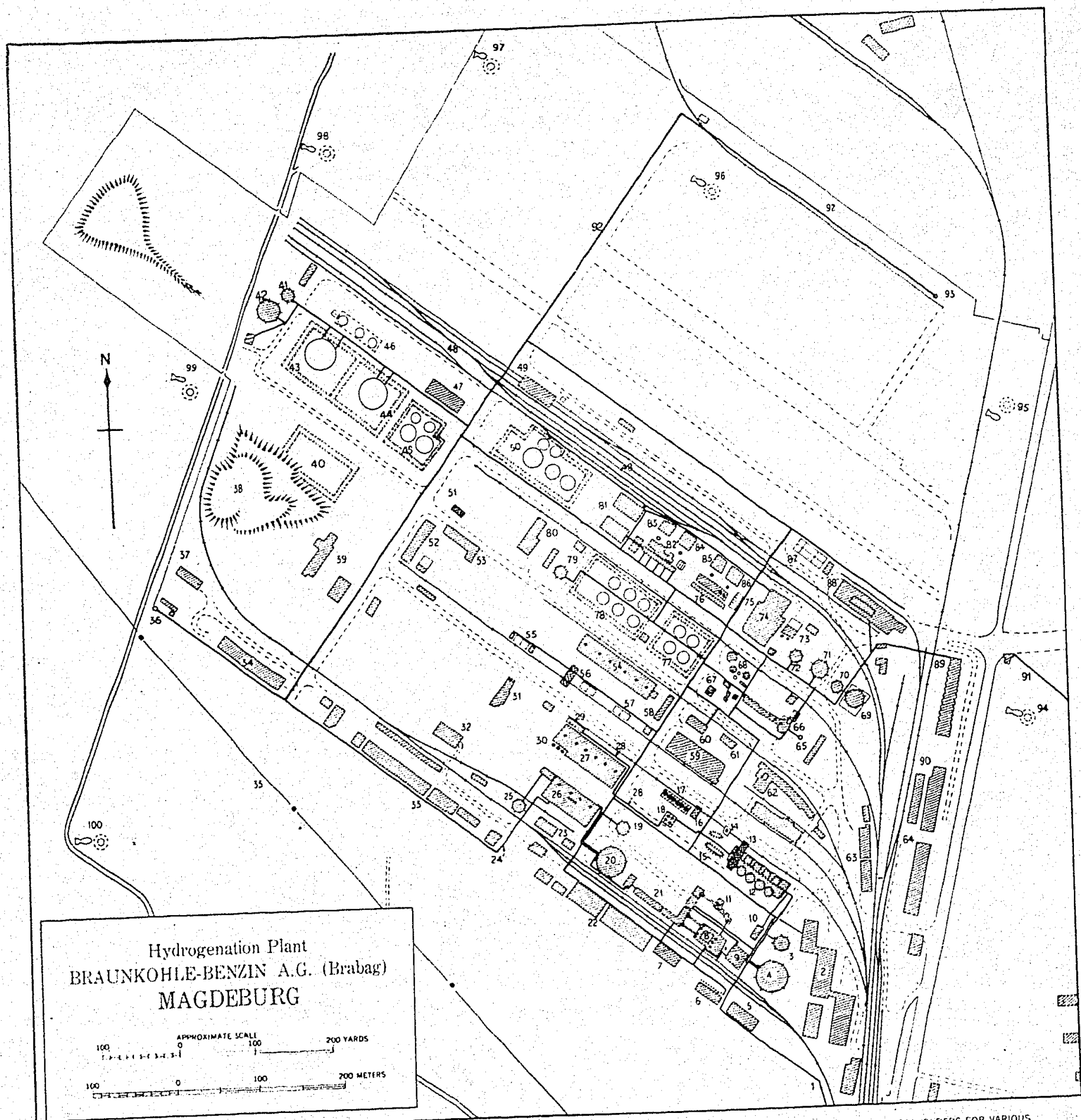
(2) The generators are blown with oxygen. Two air intakes (Nos. 36, 93) on opposite sides of the plant (for use alternatively according to the direction of the wind) deliver air by a large diameter pipe (No. 92) to an air liquification plant (No. 26). This measures 200 x 92 feet and has two towers on the roof which may be for cooling. The plant discharges to three gas-holders (Nos. 19, 20, 25) of which the largest, 100 feet in diameter (No. 20), has a connection to a small pump and/or motor house and thence to the Winklers. The other holders each measure 45 feet in diameter.

(3) The generators occupy an area approximately 205 x 180 feet. At the northwestern end are the tall cylinders in which the coal is gasified, and from them sloping tubes 6-1/2 feet in diameter run down towards dust precipitators and gas coolers and a blower house (No. 9). From the latter pipe connections run to a raw gasholder (No. 4) 110 feet in diameter.

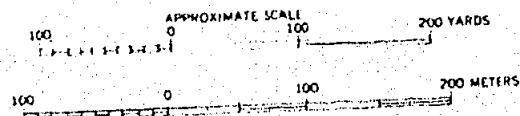
(4) Low pressure pipes connect the raw gasholder to the H<sub>2</sub>S removal plant (No. 12). This has five columns each 40 feet in diameter and is served by a portal crane (No. 13) which renews the reagent from the oxide dump (No. 15) and discharges spent oxide into trucks by way of a traveling hopper (No. 14). The sulphur removal plant has its own blower house (No. 10), connected to it by a double low pressure pipe line.

(5) The purified gas is passed from the oxide columns to the conversion plant (Nos. 17, 18). It goes first to the group of four 10 foot diameter columns (No. 18) in which it is saturated with steam, and is then led through the seven conversion columns (No. 17), each 13 feet in diameter. This plant is served by its own portal crane.

(6) The gas, now consisting of hydrogen and carbon dioxide with traces of carbon monoxide, is passed from the columns (No. 18) in which it has been cooled by heat exchange direct to the main compressor house (No. 27). This building measures 282 x 97 feet (including a low section on the eastern side which may house controls) and is unusual in that it serves for compression in addition to gaswashing, and hence houses gas compressors in addition to the injectors required for the water for CO<sub>2</sub> removal and for the formate for CO removal. Three pairs of narrow columns, each two feet in diameter, and three columns (No. 29), each four feet in diameter, are situated at the northern angle of the building. The former are probably for CO removal and the latter



Hydrogenation Plant  
BRAUNKOHL-BENZIN A.G. (Brabag)  
MAGDEBURG



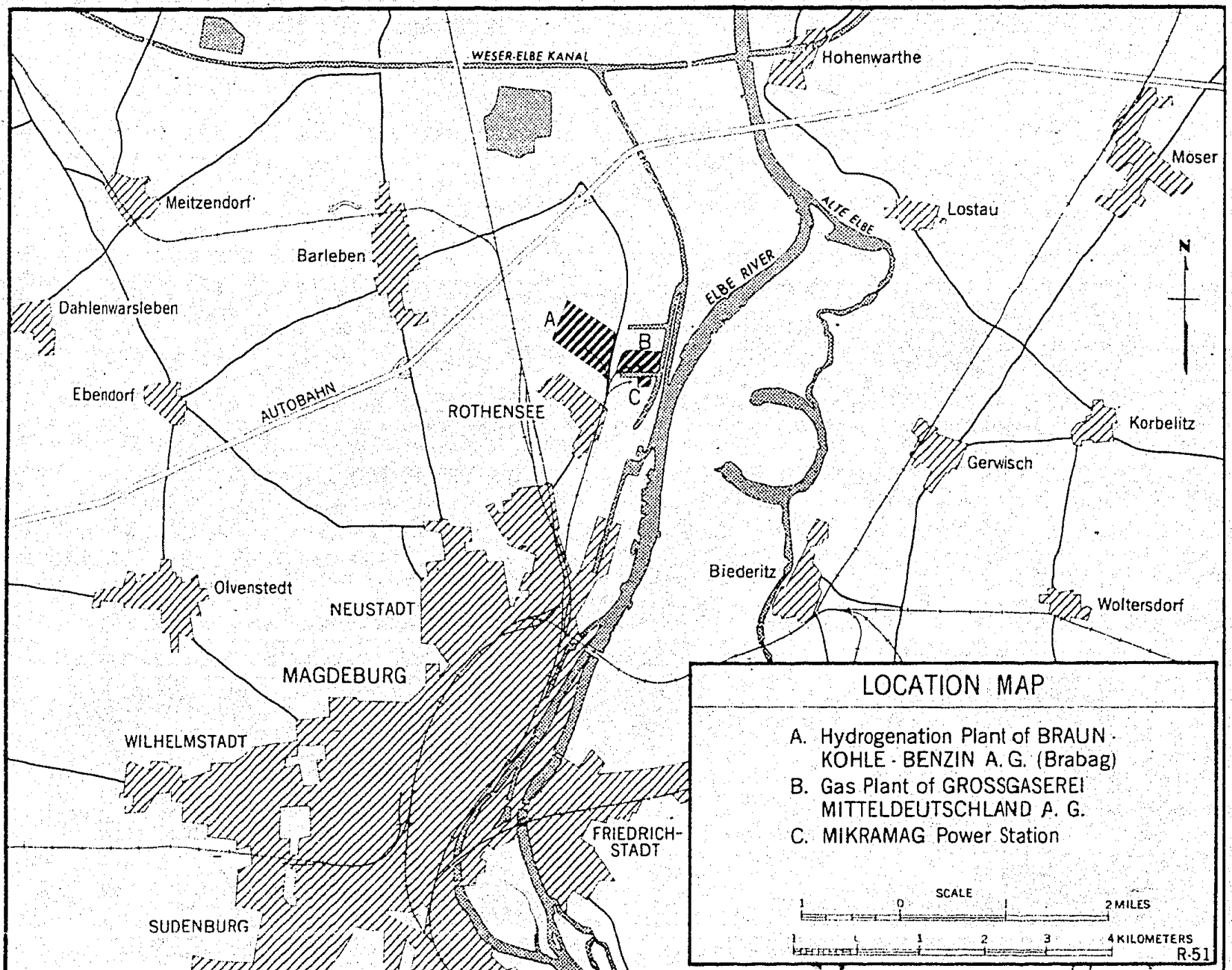
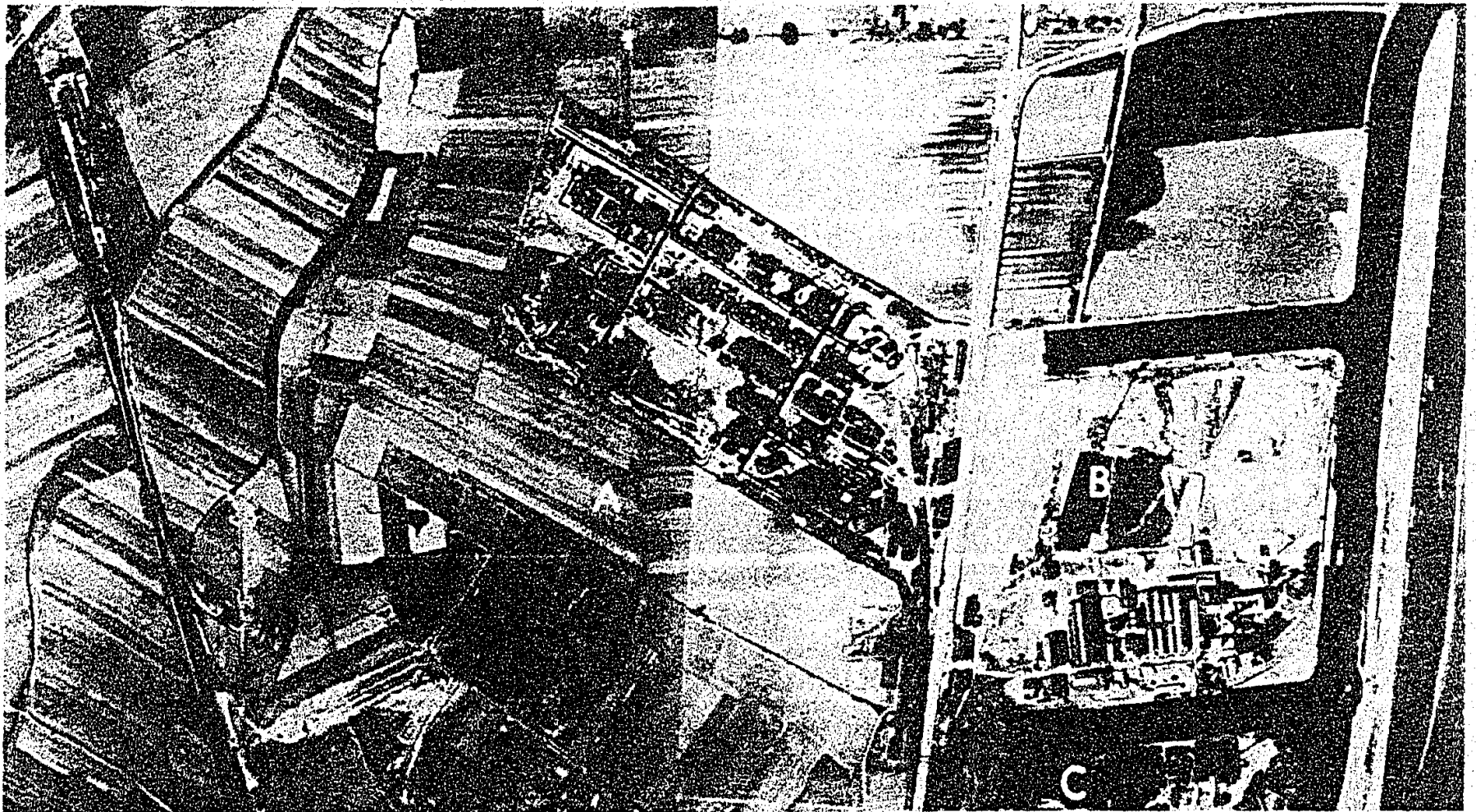
1. STEAM LINE TO ROTHENSEE POWER STATION
2. OFFICES
- 3, 4. GASHOLDERS FOR RAW GAS
5. WORKSHOP ?
6. COMPRESSOR HOUSE ?
7. BLOWER HOUSE
8. WINKLER GENERATORS
9. EXHAUSTER HOUSE ?
10. BLOWER HOUSE ?
11. WINKLER GENERATOR
12. H<sub>2</sub>S REMOVAL
13. PORTAL CRANE
14. TRAVELLING HOPPER
15. OXIDE DUMPS
16. PORTAL CRANE
17. CONVERSION COLUMNS
18. SATURATION COLUMNS, ETC.
- 19, 20. GASHOLDERS SERVING LINDE PLANT
21. FUEL INTAKE FOR WINKLERS
22. WORKSHOPS
23. SMALL BUILDINGS
24. AIR INLET PIPE
25. NITROGEN GASHOLDER ?

26. LINDE PLANT
  27. COMPRESSORS, CO<sub>2</sub> REMOVAL AND C.O. WASHING PUMPS
  28. PIPE GAS LINE
  29. CO AND CO<sub>2</sub> WASHING COLUMNS
  30. FORMATE RECOVERY
  - 31, 32. NOT IDENTIFIED
  - 33, 34. WORKSHOPS, ETC.
  35. POWER LINE
  36. AIR INTAKE
  37. NOT IDENTIFIED
  38. SPOIL DUMP
  39. WORKSHOPS
  40. BUNDLED ENCLOSURE
  - 41, 42. RESIDUAL GASHOLDERS
  - 43, 44. FEED STOCK TANKS AND POSSIBLE TAR STORAGE
  - 45, 46.
- | NO. OF TANKS | APPROXIMATE TOTAL CAPACITY M <sup>3</sup> | BARRELS |
|--------------|---|---------|
| 2            | 23,809                                    | 150,000 |
| 2            | 5,952                                     | 37,500  |
| 4            | 4,762                                     | 30,000  |
47. PUMP HOUSE
  48. OIL LOADING SIDINGS

49. OIL LOADING POINT AND OR WIGHOUSE
  50. FINAL PRODUCTS STORAGE
- | NO. OF TANKS | APPROXIMATE TOTAL CAPACITY M <sup>3</sup> | BARRELS |
|--------------|---|---------|
| 1            | 4,167                                     | 26,250  |
| 2            | 5,952                                     | 37,500  |
| 2            | 1,905                                     | 12,000  |
- 51, 52, 53. WORKSHOPS, ETC.
  54. INJECTOR CIRCULATOR HOUSE
  55. NEW PAIR OF STALLS, ONE IN USE
  - 56, 57. ORIGINAL STALLS
  58. LET DOWN HOUSE ?
  59. MAINTENANCE BUILDING
  60. COMPRESSOR HOUSE
  61. WORKSHOP
  62. STORES SIDINGS
  - 63, 64. OFFICES
  65. BLOWDOWN
  66. ISO OCTANE PLANT
  67. CRACKING FURNACE FOR 66
  68. STORAGE TANKS FOR 66

- 69, 70, 71, 72. GASHOLDERS FOR VARIOUS HYDRO CARBONS
  73. STRIPPING COLUMNS ?
  74. DISTILLATION PLANT ?
  75. STORAGE CYLINDERS
  76. DISTILLATION PLANT
  - 77, 78. PRIMARY PRODUCTS AND RUNDOWN TANKS
- | NO. OF TANKS | APPROXIMATE TOTAL CAPACITY M <sup>3</sup> | BARRELS |
|--------------|---|---------|
| 10           | 11,905                                    | 75,000  |
79. GASHOLDER
  80. NOT IDENTIFIED
  81. TAIL GAS SEPARATION ?
  82. DISTILLATION COLUMNS
  - 83, 84, 85, 86. TUBE STILL
  87. PONDS
  88. EDIBLE FAT MANUFACTURE ?
  89. STORE
  90. STORES
  91. WATER INTAKE ?
  92. AIR INTAKE PIPE
  93. AIR INTAKE
  - 94 to 100. BALLOON SITES





Magdeburg (Continued)

for CO<sub>2</sub> removal. Two columns, each 13 feet in diameter, (No. 30) at the western angle of building are identified as for formate recovery.

(d) Hydrogenation: (1) The plant has three pairs of stalls. These pairs each measure 68 x 24 feet without the external heat exchangers. The presence of overhead pipe connections to the hydrogenation vessels prevents appraisal of the number of vessels in any of the stalls.

(2) Parallel with and north of the stalls is the injector house (No. 54). This measures 360 x 66 feet and has a number of catch pots along its southwestern side. A pipe bridge runs along the southwestern side of the house, and is connected with each of the stalls by means of a trench.

(3) The letdown units have not been definitely identified, but the unit (No. 58) at the end of the line of stalls or a structure between the primary products tanks (Nos. 77, 78) may serve this function.

(e) Refinery: (1) The main refining section is situated in the center of the northeastern side of the plant. This has four furnace houses (Nos. 83 to 86) with tall chimneys and fractionation complexes on the southwestern side (Nos. 76, 82). Three groups of horizontal cylinders are situated close to the distillation units. The columns (No. 82) serving the two heater houses at the eastern end of the row are markedly taller than the others, and it seems likely that they are separating a greater range of products. They may well be for primary distillation, with the group (No. 76) for secondary fractionation.

(2) The row of distillation units is connected by pipe lines with three buildings. Two of these (No. 81) at the northwestern end of the row show no very characteristic features and one or both may be for separation of tail gases by compression and cooling. The third (No. 74) measuring 175 x 102 feet has a high northeastern section and may be concerned with distillation of relatively small quantities of material. As far as can be seen the pipe connections of this plant are with the distillation section, and not with the nearby gasholders.

(3) In line with the primary products tanks (No. 77) is a complex of buildings which is identified as probably an iso-octane plant. At one end is a large furnace house with three chimneys (No. 17), which is probably for iso-butane dehydrogenation, and the row of columns (No. 66) is probably for polymerization, hydrogenation and distillation. The stout chimney-like structure at the end (No. 65) is probably a blowdown column. The four gasholders (Nos. 69, 70, 71, 72) are presumably for storage of different gases used in this synthesis (and possibly other comparable processes), and the wall enclosing the end one of these (No. 69) suggests that it is for a heavy gas such as iso-butane which might give rise to dangerous fires if it escaped. The tanks (No. 68) are probably working tanks for the iso-octane plant.

(f) Tankage: (1) The number and size is rendered difficult by heavy camouflage.

(2) There are two groups of tanks (Nos. 77, 78) behind the injector house. They apparently serve as both primary products and rundown tanks; the group (No. 77) may serve the former function, and (No. 78) be for the distillation plants. A "balloon" gasholder (No. 79) is situated at the end of the row of tanks, with which it is connected by pipe lines.

(3) A third group of tanks (No. 50) situated alongside the loading sidings can be identified as final products tanks.

(4) At the northwestern end of the site are two large and some smaller tanks (Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46). The two large tanks are evidently tar tanks, and the smaller tanks may be for alternative feedstocks available in smaller quantities.

Magdeburg (Continued)

(5) The size and approximate capacities of the tanks are as follows:

Details of Tankage

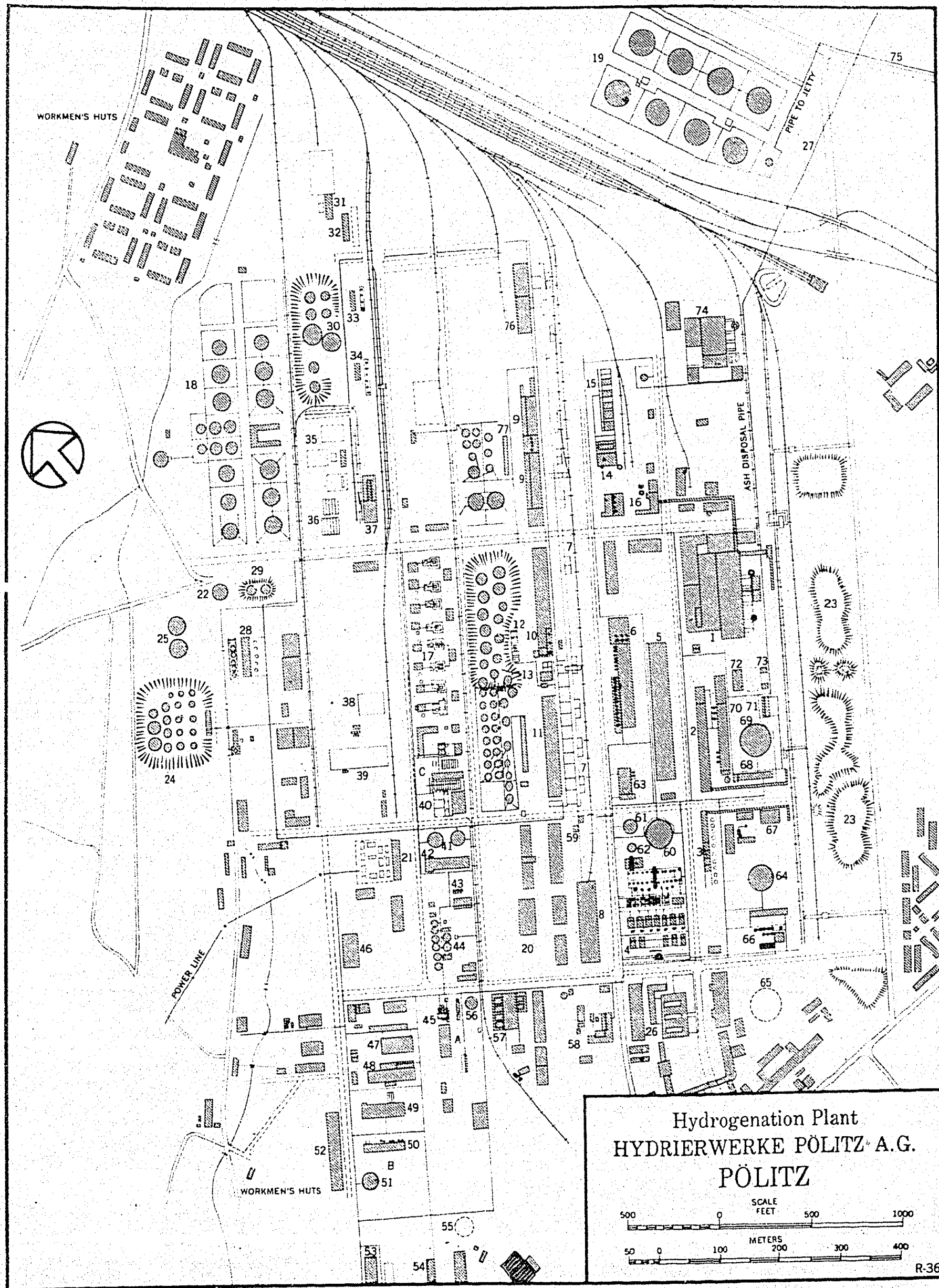
	No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter	Capacity	Total Capacity
			Feet	Tons	Metric Tons
Primary products and rundown tanks	77, 78	10	40	1,000	10,000
Final products tanks	50	1	70	3,500	3,500
		2	55	2,500	5,000
		2	35	800	1,600
Feedstock tanks	43, 44 45, 46	2	110	10,000	20,000
		2	55	2,500	5,000
		4	40	1,000	4,000
TOTAL					49,100

(g) Sundries: (1) It has been reported that the Magdeburg plant is concerned, inter alia, with preparation of edible fats. The use of the pure hydrogen available for this purpose would be very reasonable. The building (No. 88) has pipe connections which may well convey gas and steam, and is, from its general type, quite likely to serve this function.

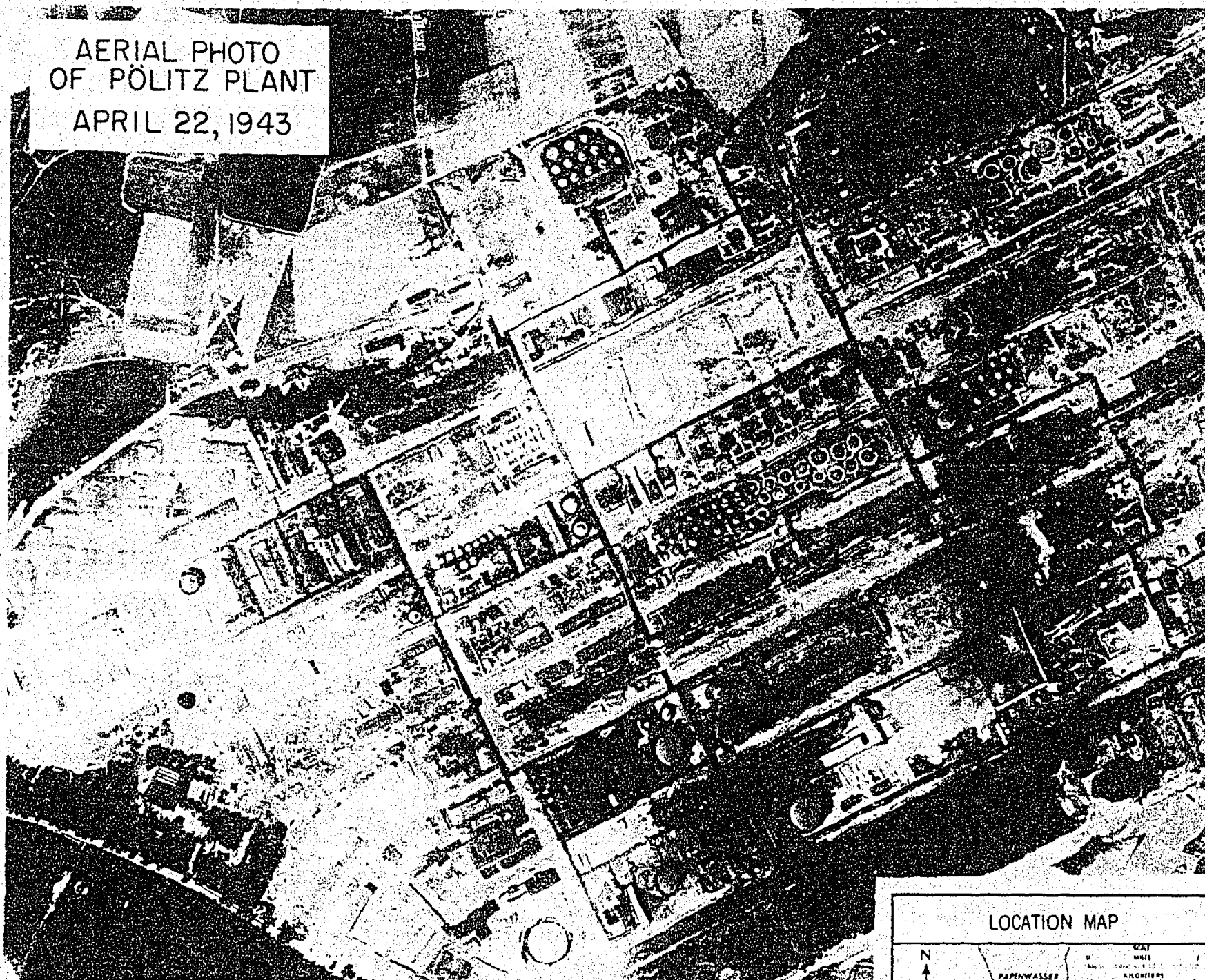
(2) The building (No. 6) near the southern angle of the site has a pipe connection with the liquid air plant, and has a row of columns along one side. Its function is not known. Other buildings such as (Nos. 31 and 39) seem to be for purposes other than oil synthesis, but the nature of those has not been determined.

Estimated Capacity: 250,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.





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OF PÖLITZ PLANT  
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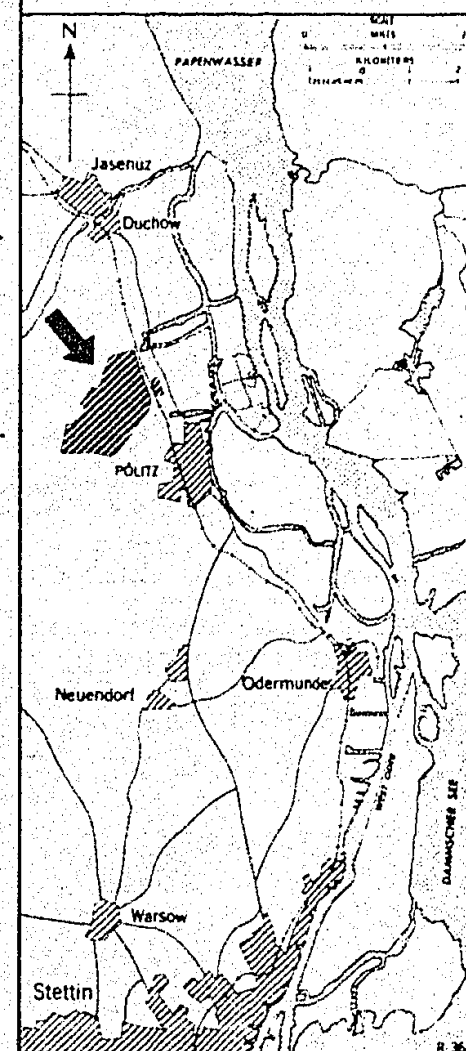


# HYDRIERWERKE PÖLITZ A.G.

## LEGEND

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|---|---|--|
| 1. MAIN POWER STATION.  | 24. ISO OCTANE TANKS.                           | 52. WORKSHOP.  |
| 2. WATERGAS PLANT.<br>(MODIFIED TYPE)   | 25. 100-OCTANE STORAGE TANKS?                   | 53,54. NOT IDENTIFIED.                                 |
| 3. WATERGAS PLANT.  | 26. OFFICES, ETC.                               | 55. SITE FOR GASHOLDER.                                |
| 4. METHANE STEAM PLANT AND<br>GAS PURIFICATION.                               | 27. ASH DISPOSAL PIPE.                          | 56. WET GASHOLDER.                                     |
| 5. COMPRESSOR HOUSE.  | 28. NOT IDENTIFIED.                             | 57. ENGINEERING SHOP.                                  |
| 6. GAS WASHING AND PURIFICATION.<br>(CO <sub>2</sub> AND CO REMOVAL)          | 29. MOUNDED TANKS.                              | 58. NOT IDENTIFIED.                                    |
| 7. STALLS.  | 30. MOUNDED TANKS.                              | 59. H.p. REACTION VESSEL STAND.                        |
| 8. SERVICING BUILDING.  | 31. TRANSFORMER STATION.                        | 60. HYDROGEN GASHOLDER.                                |
| 9. COAL PASTING, INJECTION, ETC.  | 32. TOPPING UNIT? U/C.                          | 61. OXYGEN GASHOLDER?                                  |
| 10. INJECTOR/CIRCULATOR HOUSE.  | 33,34. TOPPING, UNITS?                          | 62. RESIDUAL GASHOLDER.                                |
| 11. CIRCULATOR HOUSE.   | 35. TRANSFORMER STATION.                        | 63. OXYGEN PLANT?                                      |
| 12. LETDOWN UNITS.  | 36. CYLINDER STORAGE.                           | 64. NEW GASHOLDER.                                     |
| 13. PRIMARY PRODUCTS AND RUNDOWN,<br>TANKS.                                   | 37. PUMP HOUSE?                                 | 65. GASHOLDER U/C.                                     |
| 14. CENTRIFUGE HOUSE.   | 38,39. BUILDINGS U/C.                           | 66. GAS PURIFICATION?                                  |
| 15. CARBONISING OVENS.  | 40. ISO OCTANE PLANT.                           | 67. BLOWER HOUSES, ETC.                                |
| 16. COAL PREPARATION.   | 41. GASHOLDERS (FOR HYDRO-<br>CARBON GASES?)    | 68. BLOWER HOUSE.                                      |
| 17. OIL REFINERY.   | 42. COMPRESSOR HOUSE.                           | 69. RAW GASHOLDER.                                     |
| 18. FINAL PRODUCTS TANKS.   | 43. GAS SEPARATION PLANT.                       | 70. WASTE HEAT BOILERS, DUST<br>EXTRACTION PLANT, ETC. |
| 19. FEEDSTOCK TANKS APPROX. CAP.<br>EACH 11,905 M <sup>3</sup> , 75,000 BRLS. | 44. ISO OCTANE TANKS?                           | 71. BLOWER HOUSE.                                      |
| 20. WORKSHOPS ETC.  | 45,46. NOT IDENTIFIED.                          | 72. PUMP HOUSE.  |
| 21. MAIN TRANSFORMER STATION.   | 47. NOT IDENTIFIED - POSSIBLE<br>STYRENE PLANT. | 73. COOLING TOWER.                                     |
| 22. GASHOLDER.  | 48.)  | 74. NEW POWER STATION.                                 |
| 23. COAL BUNKER.  | 49.) NOT IDENTIFIED.                            | 75. PIPELINE TO JETTY.                                 |
|   | 50. DISTILLATION PLANT.                         | 76. NEW CIRCULATOR HOUSE.                              |
|   | 51. GASHOLDER.                                  | 77. PRIMARY PRODUCTS TANKS.                            |

## LOCATION MAP



4.6.16 Pölitz

Company. Hydrierwerke Pölitz A.G.

Location: Plant situated WNW of Pölitz, latitude 53° 33' N., longitude 14° 33' E., west of the mouth of the River Oder, 10 miles north of Stettin.

References: Layout plan, page 198. Location map, page 199. Photograph, page 199.

Plant Area: 5,500 feet x 3,600 feet, or approximately 450 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Bergius process hydrogenation plant of great flexibility, capable of treating practically any type of raw material. Probably now operates primarily on bituminous coal and tars. Early in the war the feed stocks may have included Estonian shale oil and Rumanian crude oil.

(b) Power Plant: Buildings 550 x 380 feet. A new power station, somewhat smaller in size, was added in 1943, probably making the plant independent of outside sources.

(c) Gas Manufacture: There are two watergas plants and a methane steam plant. The southern plant, No. 3 on the layout plan, has at least eight large generators. The northern watergas plant, No. 2 on the layout plan, contains 21 generators. What process this latter plant uses is not clear. It is evidently a system of complete gasification, possibly with coke as a raw material, but it appears not to be a normal watergas process. There are three gasholders.

(d) Hydrogenation: There seem to be at least 29 stalls, viz., 10 sets of double stalls measuring 97 x 25 feet and three or more sets of triple stalls measuring 126 x 29 feet.

(e) Refinery: Refinery contains eight refining units and appears to include an iso-octane plant. The plant is believed to be run to produce the maximum proportion of aviation gasoline.

(f) Tankage:

Details of Tankage - Approximate

	No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
Feed stock tanks	19	8 1	115 40	10,000 1,000	80,000 1,000
Primary products tanks	13, 77	2 8 14 24	80 50 40 25	4,000 2,000 1,000 400	8,000 16,000 14,000 9,600
Final products tanks	18	12 6	80 50	4,000 2,000	48,000 12,000
Mounded tanks	30	2 4 2	80 50 35	4,000 2,000 800	8,000 8,000 1,600
Iso-octane tanks plant rundown tanks ?	44	5 2	35 30	800 500	4,000 1,000
Iso-octane tanks	24, 25	2 2 15 3	90 50 40 30	6,000 2,000 1,000 500	12,000 4,000 15,000 1,500
TOTAL					261,100

Estimated Capacity: 600,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.



4.6.17 Ruhland - Schwarzheide

Company: Braunkohle-Benzin A.G. (Brabag)

Location: 1-1/4 miles N. of Ruhland, latitude 51° 29' N., longitude 13° 53' E., approximately 30 miles north of Dresden, west of railway from Dresden to Cottbus. New autobahn runs along northwest side of plant; has branch canal to Schwarze Elster Canal.

References: Layout plan, page 203. Location map, page 202.

Plant Area: 5,100 x 3,000 feet or approximately 350 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Two complete Fischer-Tropsch synthesis units, oil refinery and catalyst plant. The largest known synthesis (Fischer-Tropsch) plant. Operates on brown coal (lignite) briquettes from neighboring briquetting plants at mines Lauchhammer, Zschornegorda Sued and Victoria III.

(b) Power Plant: Boilerhouse, 245 x 80 feet, with a new extension 108 x 111 feet. Generator hall 115 x 115 feet.

(c) Gas Manufacture: (1) Old Plant: One Wintershall Schmalfeldt generator for production gas directly from brown coal (probably no longer in use because of unsatisfactory performance). A gas plant of unidentified type of 350 x 50 ft. with two gasholders, 110 feet in diameter (probably not in use). Two Koppers generators using briquettes with two gasholders, 110 feet in diameter. H<sub>2</sub>S removal, 8 towers, 38 feet in diameter. Organic sulphur removal, 12 towers, 15 feet in diameter.

(2) New Plant: Five or six Koppers generators. Four gasholders--1 of 70 ft. diameter, 1 of 123 ft. diameter, and 2 of 75 ft. diameter. H<sub>2</sub>S removal, 8 towers, 38 feet in diameter. Organic sulphur removal, 14 towers, 15 feet in diameter.

(d) Synthesis Proper: (1) Old Plant: Atmospheric pressure type. Contact oven house, 700 x 115 feet. Residual gasholder, 50 feet in diameter.

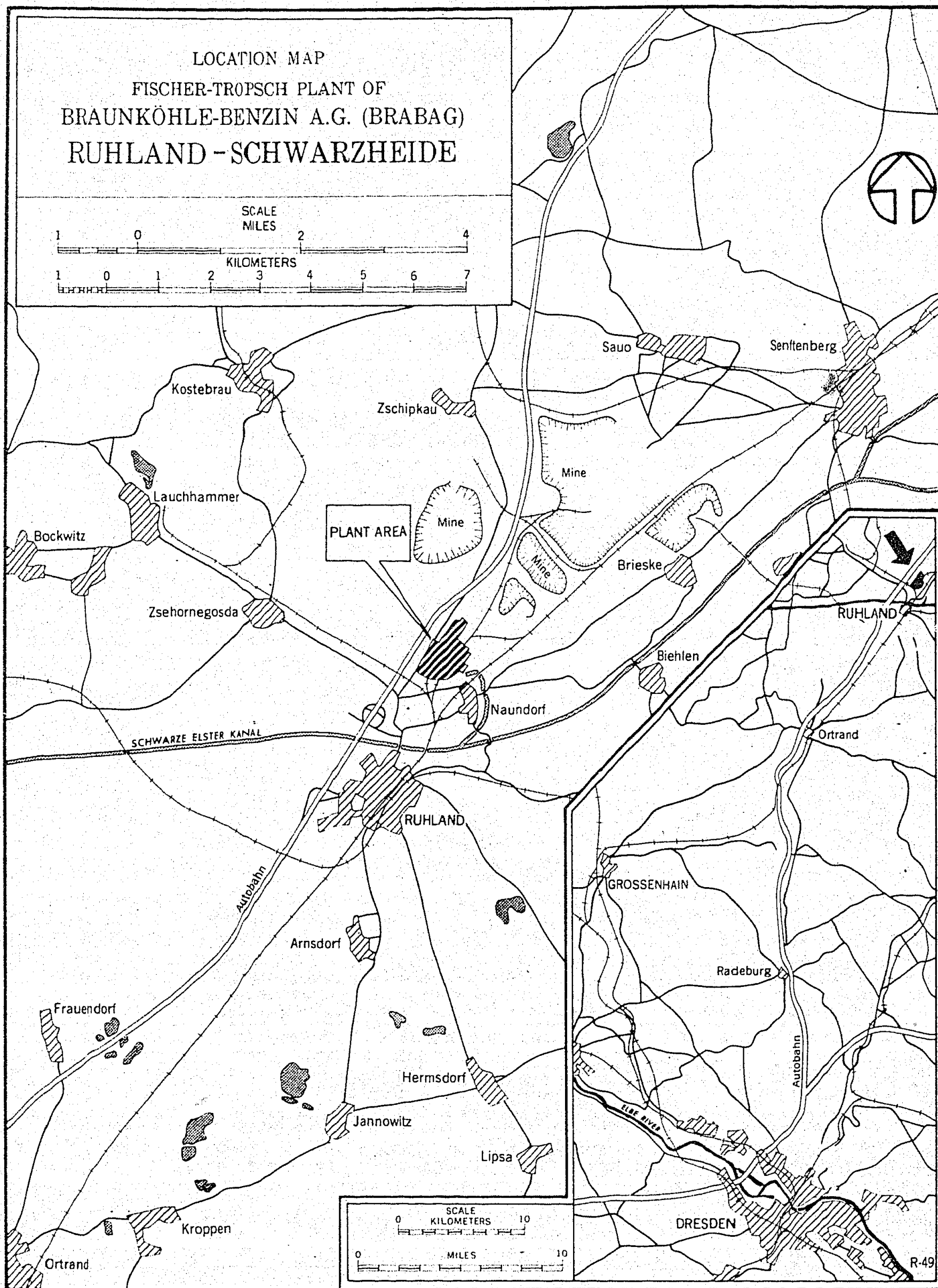
(2) New Plant: Medium pressure type. Contact oven house 930 x 90 feet with only central part roofed, ovens standing in open. 480 ovens, diameter 6 feet, arranged in groups of six, 40 groups on each side. Ovens are of unknown type, residual gasholders 65 feet in diameter.

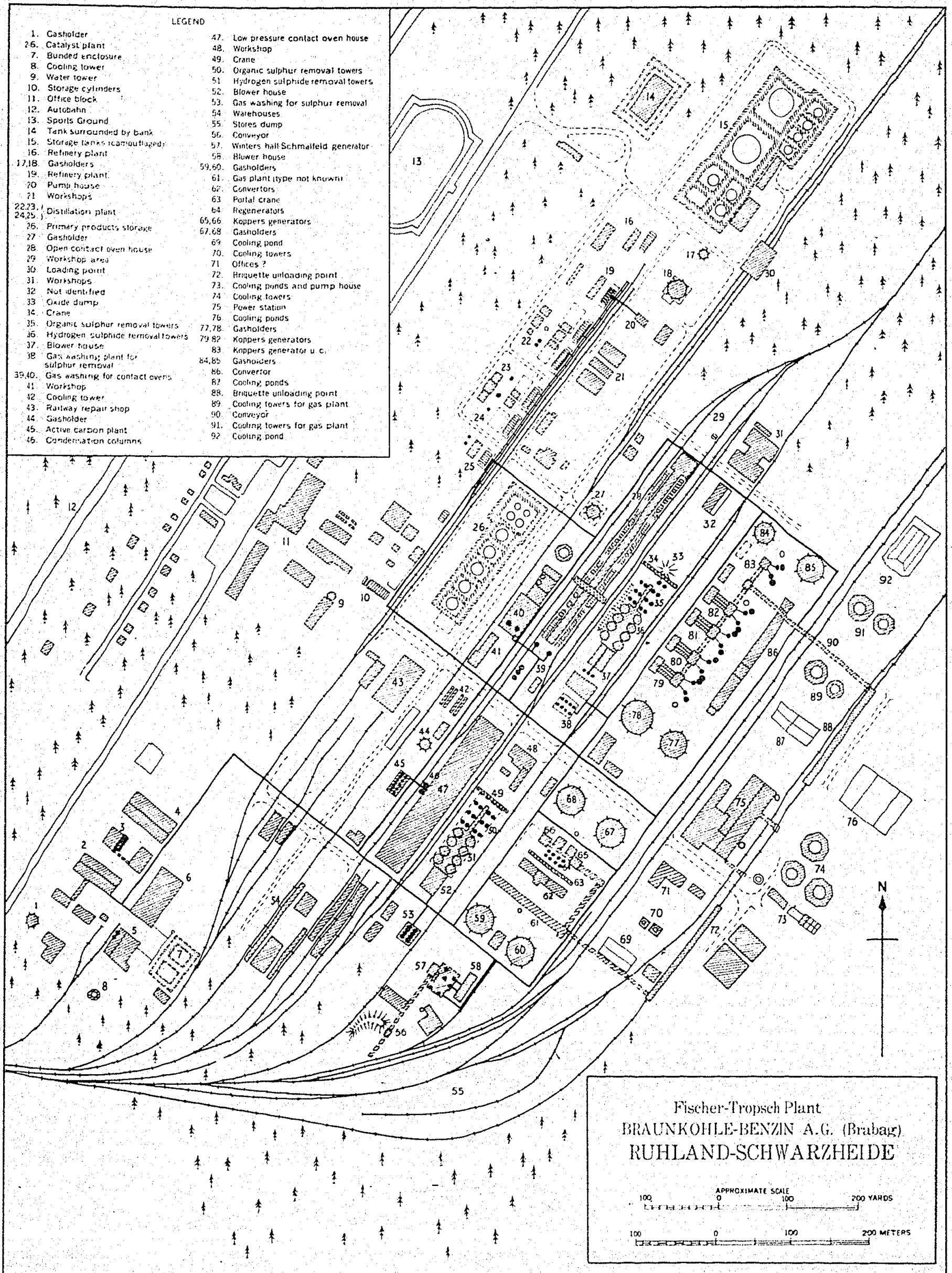
(e) Refinery: Five units of usual type with tube heater houses, pumphouses and fractionating columns.

(f) Tankage:

	Metric Tons (Approximately)
Primary products	14,000
Finished products	30,000
Total	44,000

Estimated Capacity: 180,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.









Hydrogenation Plant  
HYDRIERWERKE SCHOLVEN A.G.  
SCHOLVEN

LEGEND

COAL MINE, COKING PLANT AND POWER STATION

1. COAL MINE SCHOLVEN I AND II
- 1A. COAL SCREENING PLANT
2. COKE OVENS
3. BOILERHOUSE AND POWER STATION
4. TILE WORKS
- 4A. COAL BUNKER
5. BY-PRODUCTS RECOVER PLANT FOR COKE OVENS

SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT

6. WATER GAS PLANT
- 6A. BLOWER HOUSE
7. WET GASHOLDER
8. H<sub>2</sub>S REMOVAL PLANT
9. CONTACT OVEN HOUSE
10. LIQUID AIR PLANT
11. COMPRESSOR HOUSE

12. AMMONIA SYNTHESIS TOWERS
13. PASTE PREPARATION AND INJECTION HOUSE
14. HYDROGENATION STALLS
15. CRANE
16. MAINTENANCE BUILDING
17. TUBE HEATER HOUSE
18. DISTILLATION COLUMNS
19. LUBE OIL PLANT
20. LUBE OIL TANKS
21. RAILWAY YARD
22. FINISHED PRODUCTS TANKS
23. SETTLING TANKS OR FILTER BEDS
24. UNIDENTIFIED
25. CENTRIFUGAL HOUSE
26. CARBONIZING OVENS
27. OFFICES
28. PRIMARY PRODUCT TANKS
29. DISTILLATION PLANT

30. WET GASHOLDER
31. DRY GASHOLDER
32. COOLING TOWERS
33. COMPRESSOR HOUSE
34. GAS WASHING COLUMNS
35. WATER GAS PLANT
- 35A. BLOWER HOUSE
36. CONVERTERS
37. PROBABLE ALKALIC PLANT
38. INJECTOR HOUSE
- 38A. FOUNDATION FOR NEW INJECTOR HOUSE
39. NEW HYDROGENATION STALLS
40. CRANE
41. WET GASHOLDERS
42. COOLING TOWER
43. UNIDENTIFIED
44. CAMOUFLAGED TANKS
45. HYDROGEN GASHOLDERS

#### 4.6.18 Scholven

Company: Hydrierwerke Scholven A.G.

Location: South of village Niederscholven (latitude 51° 36' N., longitude 7° 02' E.) in the highly built up section of the Ruhr. The plant is located on the road from Buer to Dorsten, immediately east of Scholven I and II coal mines, coking plant and power station and 3/4 mile west of mine Bergmann glueck.

References: Layout plan, page 204. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: Two sections approximately 3,500 x 2,000 feet and 3,000 x 1,500 feet, respectively, or a total of about 260 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation of bituminous coal and H.T.C. tar at 300 atmospheres by Bergius process. Originally built as a synthetic ammonia plant. However, it seems likely that ammonia is not now produced at Scholven, and that the synthesis plant, instead of being used to effect the combination of hydrogen and nitrogen, is being used for the production of methanol from hydrogen and carbon monoxide. Both these gases are available, and can be separated from the coke oven gas. This source produces an excess of carbon monoxide. The hydrogen deficiency for methanol production is made up from watergas, which also provides hydrogen for hydrogenation.

(b) Power Plant: Large power plant at mine pit head. Part of exhaust steam from turbines is passed on at low pressure for use in synthetic plant processes.

(c) Coking Plant: Large battery of coke ovens 1,560 feet in length near the mine head supplies gas to the synthetic plant, to the power station at Bergmann glueck mine and to Ruhr gas grid. Coke is also supplied from here to the water gas generators in the Hibernia plant, though this represents only a very small part of the total coke produced.

(d) Gas Manufacture: From four watergas generators and eight new generators supplied with coke from coke ovens referred to above.

(e) Hydrogenation: (1) Old Plant: First operated in conjunction with the ammonia plant, shared with that plant the hydrogen supply, purification and compression installations. There are six stalls, each measuring 37 x 27 feet, an injector house, measuring 420 feet x 70 feet, where also the coal is made up into a paste with heavy oil preparatory to being pumped into the reaction cylinders. There are also a centrifuge house and carbonizing ovens for the recovery of oil from the residue left after hydrogenation.

(2) New Plant: The new hydrogenation plant forms a compact and separate unit to the south of the ammonia plant and old hydrogenation plant. It is dependent on the Scholven power plant for power and steam, but has its own independent hydrogen plant. There are eight stalls measuring, like the old ones, 37 x 27 feet.

(f) Refinery: Considerable additional refining equipment was installed in 1942, but details are unreported. Thought to include a lube oil plant.

(g) Sundries: The synthetic plant is connected by pipe lines to the Hüls synthetic rubber plant and the Gelsenberg Benzin A.G. synthetic plant at Gelsenkirchen. By this means raw or pure gas can be transmitted from any one plant to another and tail gases sent to Hüls from the synthetic plants. There are also pipe connections with the coke oven plants at Zineckel and from Scholven to the Bergmann glueck power station. This latter believed to convey tail gases from the synthetic plant to the power station.

Scholven (Continued)

(h) Tankage: Approximate tankage capacity as follows:

Details of Tankage

	No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
Primary products	28	2 8	60 40	3,000 1,000	6,000 8,000
Lub. oils (?)	20	5	30	500	2,500
Storage	22	1 5 1	80 60 50	4,500 3,000 2,000	4,500 15,000 2,000
Storage	44	2 4	60 30	3,000 500	6,000 2,000
TOTAL					46,000

Estimated Capacity: 400,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

4.6.19 Wanne Eickel

Company: Krupp Triebstoffwerke G.m.b.H.

Location: At Wanne Eickel, latitude 51° 31' N., longitude 7° 11' E., approximately four miles NNW of center of Bochum in the Ruhr.

References: Layout plan, page 207. Location map, page 163.

Plant Area: 2,500 x 1,000 to 1,500 feet, or approximately 75 acres.

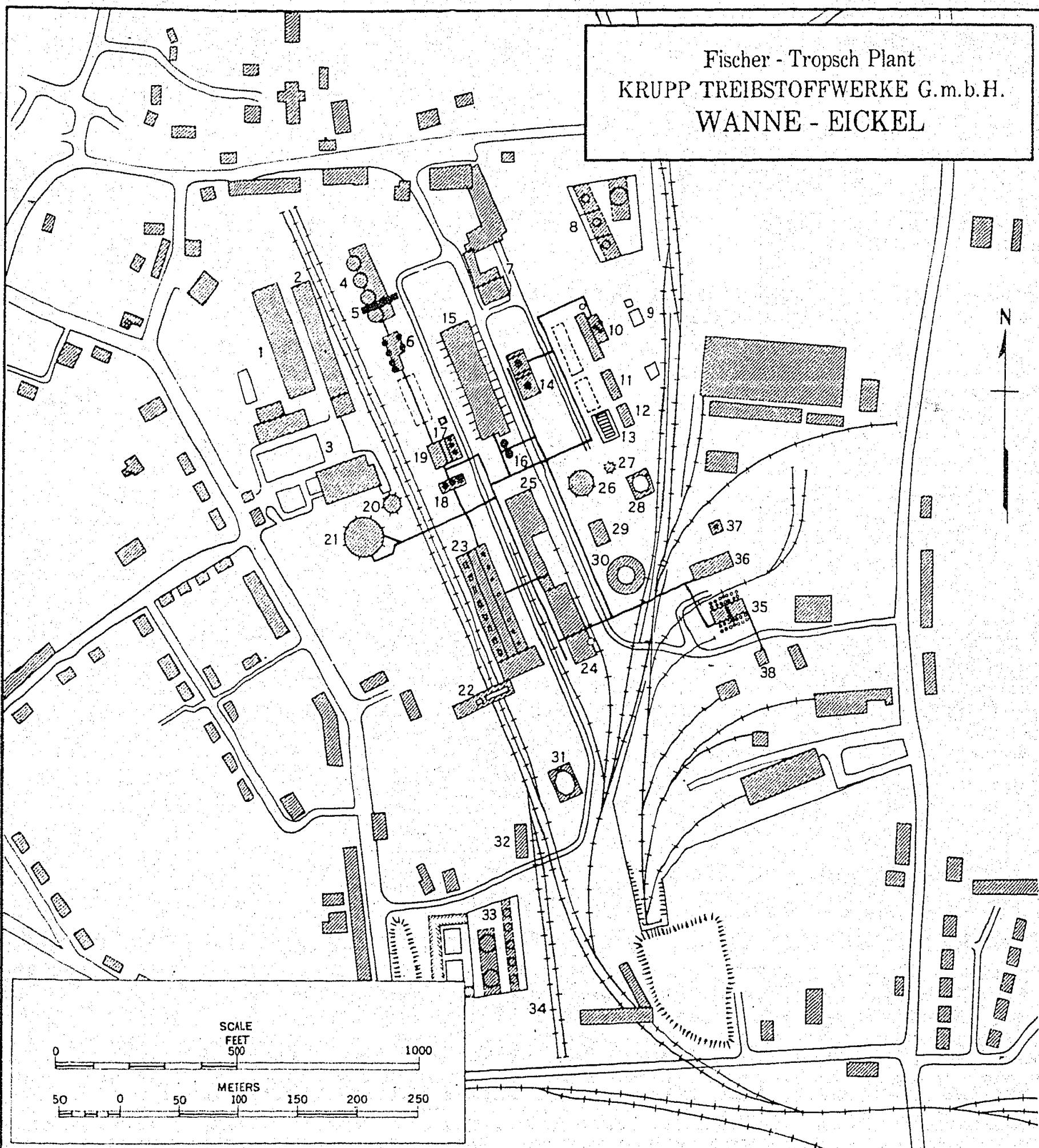
Description: (a) Process: Fischer-Tropsch synthesis at medium pressure. Operates on coke supplied by nearby coke oven plants and gas from the Ruhr gas grid.

(b) Power Plant: Boilerhouse supplying process steam and also one small generating plant. Power largely supplied from outside the plant.

(c) Gas Manufacture: Gas is generated on the works by a watergas plant--primarily to provide hydrogen for admixture with coke oven gas from the Ruhr gas grid. The water gas plant, measuring 300 x 87 feet (No. 23 on the layout plan), has eight generators with high bunkers along the western side, and has a blower house at the southern end. Coke is supplied from a crushing plant (No. 22) which has a gantry over the sidings, direct to the bunkers.

The gas is passed through three washing columns (No. 18) and then to the purification plant which is situated NNW of the watergas generators. Hydrogen sulphide is removed in four stout purification towers (No. 4), each 50 feet in diameter, served by a portal crane. From this plant the gas is passed to the six organic sulphur removal columns (No. 6). These measure 16 feet in diameter and protrude through the roof of a small building.





# LEGEND

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|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Workshop                                   | 13. Storage cylinders                     | 28. Cooling tower              |
| 2. Old Colliery with Malakoff tower at S. end | 14. Distillation complex                  | 29. Pump house                 |
| 3. Offices                                    | 15. Main Contact oven house               | 30, 31. Cooling towers         |
| 4. H <sub>2</sub> S removal                   | 16. Condenser columns                     | 32. Weigh house                |
| 5. Crane                                      | 17. Conversion                            | 33. Finished Products          |
| 6. Organic S. removal                         | 18. Gas washing columns                   | 2 Tanks 3570 M3, 22,500 BBLS.  |
| 7. Workshops                                  | 19. Compressor                            | 5 Tanks 595 M3, 3,750 BBLS.    |
| 8. 1 Tank 3570 M3, 22,500 BBLS.               | 20, 21. Wet gasholder                     | 34. Oil loading sidings        |
| 3 Tanks 1190 M3, 7,500 BBLS.                  | 22. Coke crushing plant                   | 35. Second Contact oven house  |
| 9. Ponds                                      | 23. Water gas generators and blower house | 36. Compressor House           |
| 10. Cracking Plant                            | 24. Boiler house                          | 37. Cooling Tower              |
| 11. Stabilisation Plant                       | 25. Workshop                              | 38. Gas stripping plant for 35 |
| 12. Polymerisation Unit                       | 26, 27. Wet gasholders                    |                                |

Wanne Eickel (Continued)

Further south is a group of three columns (No. 17) alongside a small compressor house (No. 19), which are probably convertor columns for increasing the hydrogen percentage of the synthesis gas. From this point the gas is led to the two contact oven houses (Nos. 15 and 35).

(d) Synthesis: The main contact oven house (No. 15) is a building 270 x 90 ft. with ten compartments along each side of the house. It appears from various features that the medium pressure process is used, hence there is room for four ovens in each compartment or a total of 80 ovens. At the end of the main contact oven house is a pair of columns (No. 16) in which are carried out stripping of the gases between first and second stage processing, and which probably contain heat exchangers in which the incoming gases cool the outgoing volatile products.

A pipe connection leads from the main site to a second contact oven house (No. 35) with associated compressor house (No. 36) and cooling tower (No. 37). This house has double rows of ovens along each side, only the central control section being covered. A portal crane spans the whole building for servicing the ovens. A stripping plant (No. 38) is situated nearby at the southern side. The second contact oven house contains four rows each of 8 medium pressure ovens--a total of 32 ovens. The two contact oven houses, together, thus contain 112 ovens.

(e) Refinery: The products from both contact oven houses are led to the refinery section in the northeastern section of the works. The main fractionation of the products is probably carried out in the two columns (No. 14) on the eastern side of the contact oven house. From these the products are passed to the units Nos. 10, 11 and 12 for further treatment. The first unit (No. 10) is a cracking complex, and is reported to be a carburel plant with a daily capacity possibly of 1,500 barrels (say 200 tons). The other units (Nos. 11 and 12) are reported to be for stabilization and polymerization, respectively. Easily liquefiable hydrocarbons are stored in the cylinders (No. 13), and residual gas is stored in the holders (Nos. 26 and/or 27).

(f) Storage: Primary and intermediate products are stored in the tanks (8) near the refinery, and the finished stocks accommodated in the tanks (No. 33) near the loading sidings (No. 34). Tank capacities are approximately as follows:

	<u>No. of Tanks</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
Primary and intermediate products	4	6,000
Finished products	7	8,500
		<u>14,500</u>

Estimated Capacity: 60,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.

4.6.20 Wesseling

Company: Union Rheinische Braunkohlen Kraftstoff A.G.

Location: West bank of Rhine, about 1-1/2 miles ESE of railway station of Wesseling, latitude 50° 49' N., longitude 7° 00' E., approximately eight miles south of Köln (Cologne).

References: Layout plan, page 211. Location map, page 210. Photograph, page 210.

Plant Area: 4,590 x 1,800 feet or approximately 190 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Direct hydrogenation of brown coal (lignite) and H.T.C. tar by Bergius process.

(b) Power Plant: Building 350 x 350 feet. Plant also has transformer station connected with grid power lines. The plant was very severely damaged by aerial bombing in 1944 and believed became inactive if not actually dismantled.

(c) Gas Manufacture: There is a watergas plant connected with a battery of coke ovens and a row of ten gas generators. There are six purifying columns and 3 gasholders with diameters of 130 feet, 118 feet and 87 feet, respectively; a compressor house, a recycle house, sulphur removal house with 14 columns 14 feet in diameter, and converter house with 8 columns.

(d) Hydrogenation: There is a coal grinding ash paste preparation plant. There are eight stalls arranged in 4 pairs of the following dimensions:

1 pair, 90 x 35 feet,  
1 pair, obscured by crane,  
2 pairs 70 x 35 feet,  
one other pair is believed to have been added.

(e) Refinery: Contains three sets of refining columns. Appears adequate for the estimated capacity. May contain an iso-octane plant.

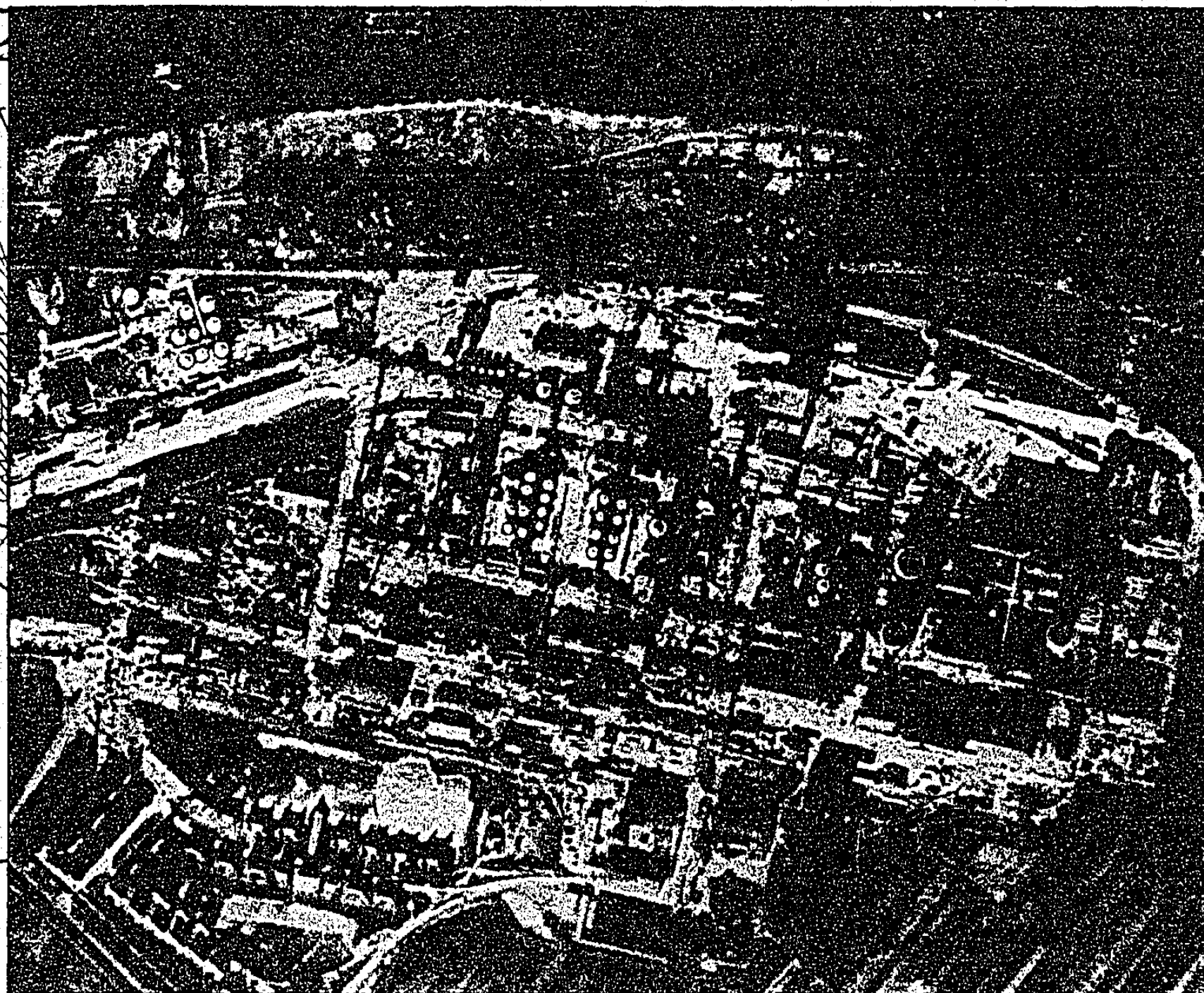
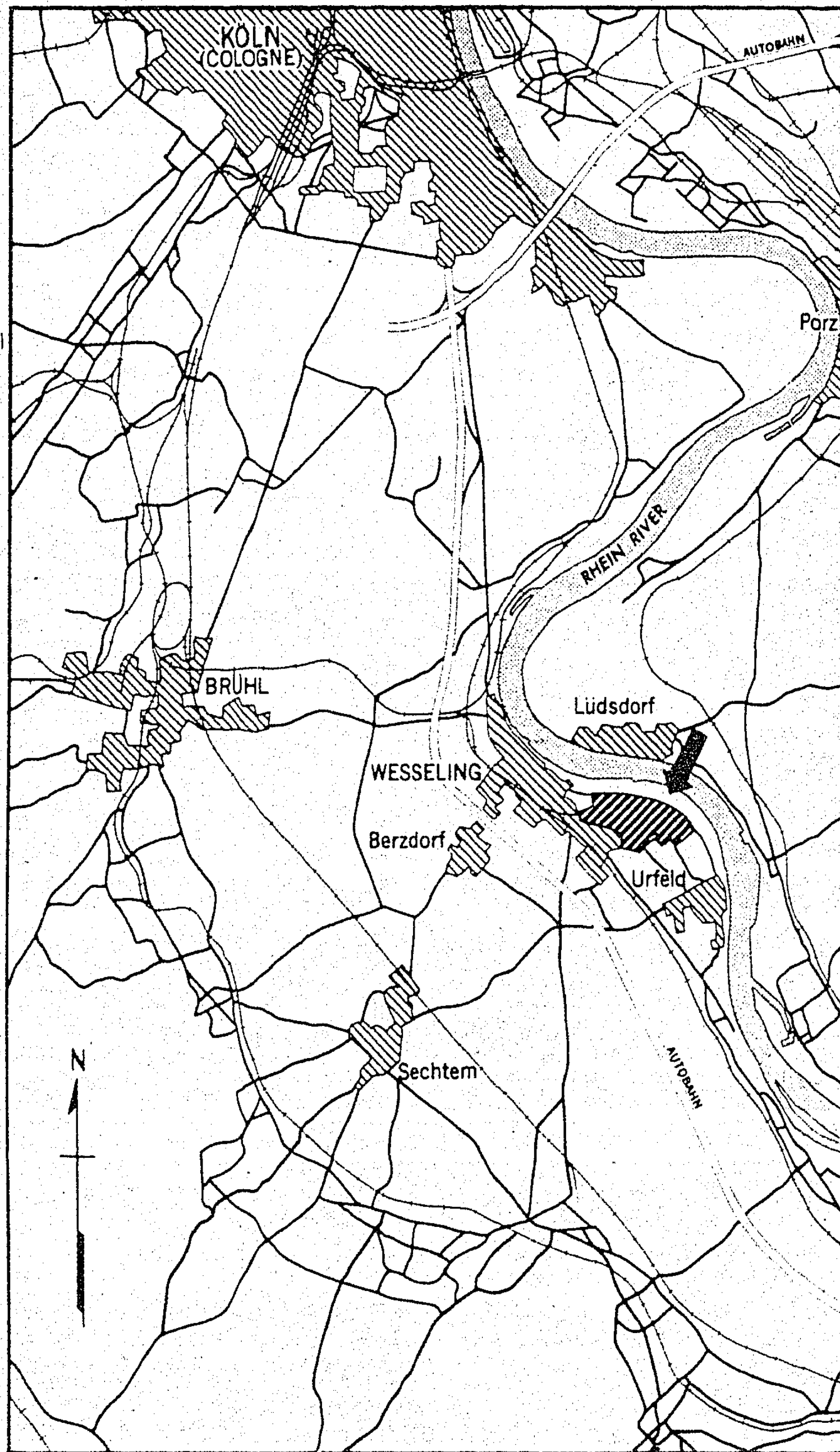
(f) Tankage: Details of Tankage - Approximate

	No. on Plan	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
Primary products	21	8	45	1,500	12,000
Intermediate products	20	7 9	45 33	1,500 700	10,500 6,300
Finished products	3	6 2	60 45	3,000 1,500	18,000 3,000
	6	2 3	50 45	2,000 1,500	4,000 4,500
T o t a l					58,300

Additional tankage totaling something like 30,000 metric tons is understood to have been built some 800 yards south of the plant.

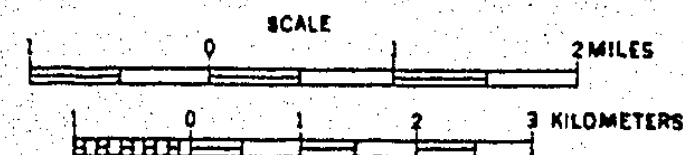
Estimated Capacity: 200,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.





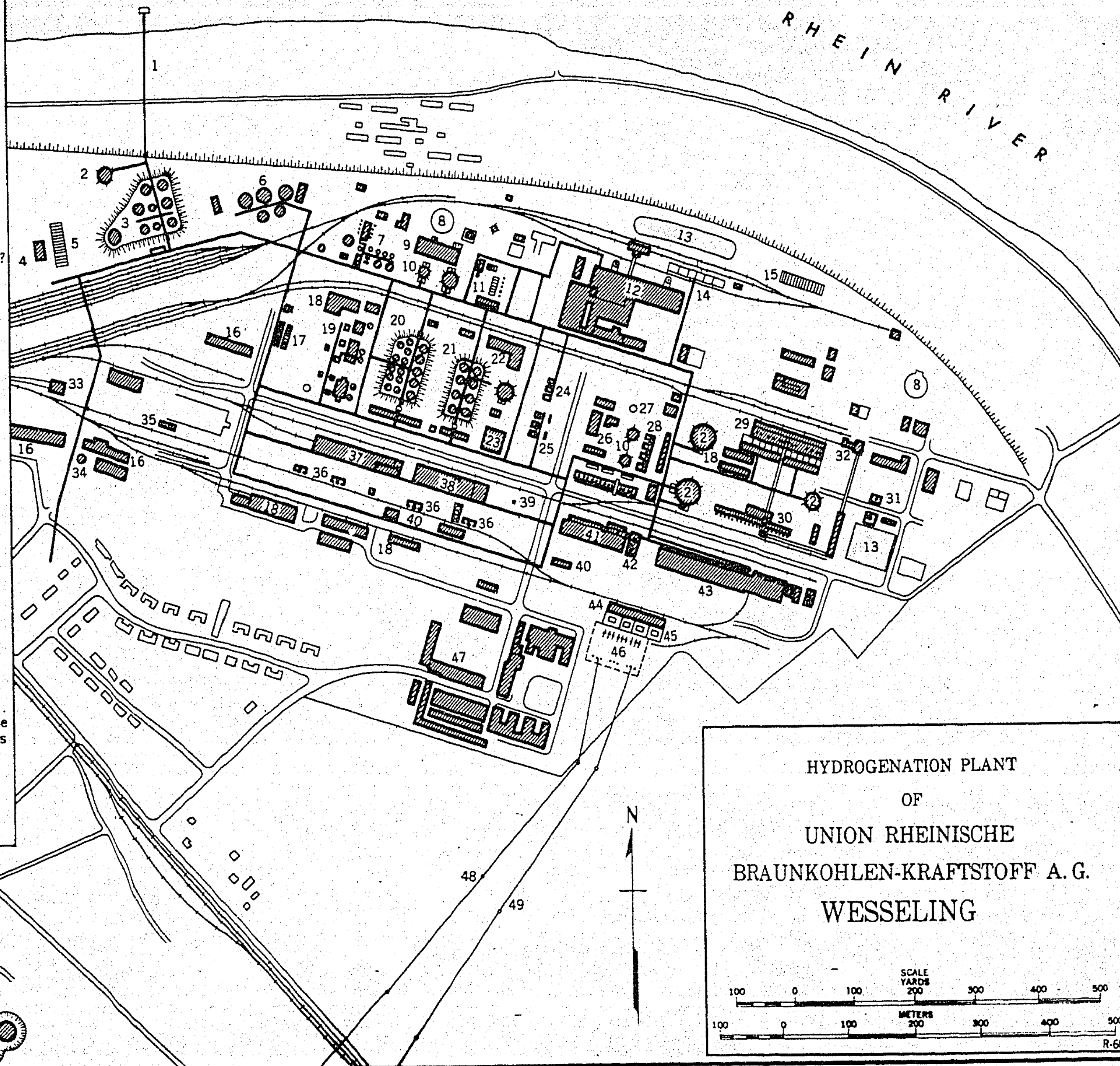
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INSTALLATION, DATED 1941

LOCATION MAP  
HYDROGENATION PLANT OF  
UNION RHEINISCHE  
BRAUNKOHLN-KRAFTSTOFF  
A. G.  
WESSELING



# LEGEND

1. Pipeline to Barge Berth
2. Gasholder
3. Final Products Storage Tanks
4. Gas Cylinder Storage Building
5. Gas Storage Cylinders
6. Tank Farm
7. Gas Synthesis Plant?
8. Gasholder Under Const.?
9. Compressor House
10. Gasholders
11. Columns & Storage Cylinders
12. Power Station
13. Pond
14. Ash Settling Tanks
15. Storage Cylinders
16. Warehouse
17. Storage Cylinders & Stripping Plant?
18. Workshops
19. Distillation Units
20. Intermediate Product Tanks
21. Primary Product Tanks
22. Gas Stripping Plant?
23. Let-Down House
24. Coal Drying Plant
25. Carbonizing Ovens
26. Pumphouse
27. Chimney or Vent
28. Low Pressure Conversion?
29. Water Gas Plant
30. Gas Plant?
31. Two Cooling Towers
32. Truck Tip & Conveyor
33. Engine Shed
34. Tank
35. Foundation for Pair of Stalls Under Construction
36. Stalls with Crane
37. Injection & Circulation House
38. Coal Pasting & Injection
39. Blowdown Unit
40. Maintenance Building
41. Converter & Gas Washing House
42. Cuprous Ammonium Formate Recovery
43. Main Compressor House
44. Transformer Station, Switch House
45. Transformer Station, Transformers
46. Transformer Station, Lead in Gantries
47. Offices & Laboratory
48. Power line to KNAPSACK
49. Power line to BRAUWEILER
50. Storage Tanks





4.6.21 Zeitz - Tröglitz

Company: Braunkohle-Benzin A.G. (Brabag)

Location: Plant is located on the southeast side of the road from Zeitz to Groitzsch at village of Tröglitz, about three miles northeast of Zeitz. Latitude 51° 04' N., longitude 12° 12' E. In central Germany. Five L.T.C. tar plants are located within a radius of nine miles, at Deuben, Luckenau, Profen, Rositz and Techwitz, and from which this plant draws its raw materials.

References: Layout plan, page 213. Location map, page 162.

Plant Area: 4,500 x 4,500 feet or 460 acres.

Description: (a) Process: Hydrogenation, Bergius process of L.T.C. tar from brown coal. Plant was still partly under construction late in 1943 and it would appear that increasing difficulties in obtaining high pressure equipment delayed or curtailed construction.

(b) Power Plant: Large power plant 450 x 325 feet, including a generator hall, 215 x 100 feet.

(c) Gas Manufacture: The gas generator plant covers an area 265 x 215 feet and is of a type probably similar to Winkler. There appears to be a good Linde liquid air plant. The sulphur removal plant is similar to that at Magdeburg, containing at least 5 columns. There is a large plant in the gas generator area with a tall smoke stack and two gasholders, which is not definitely identifiable.

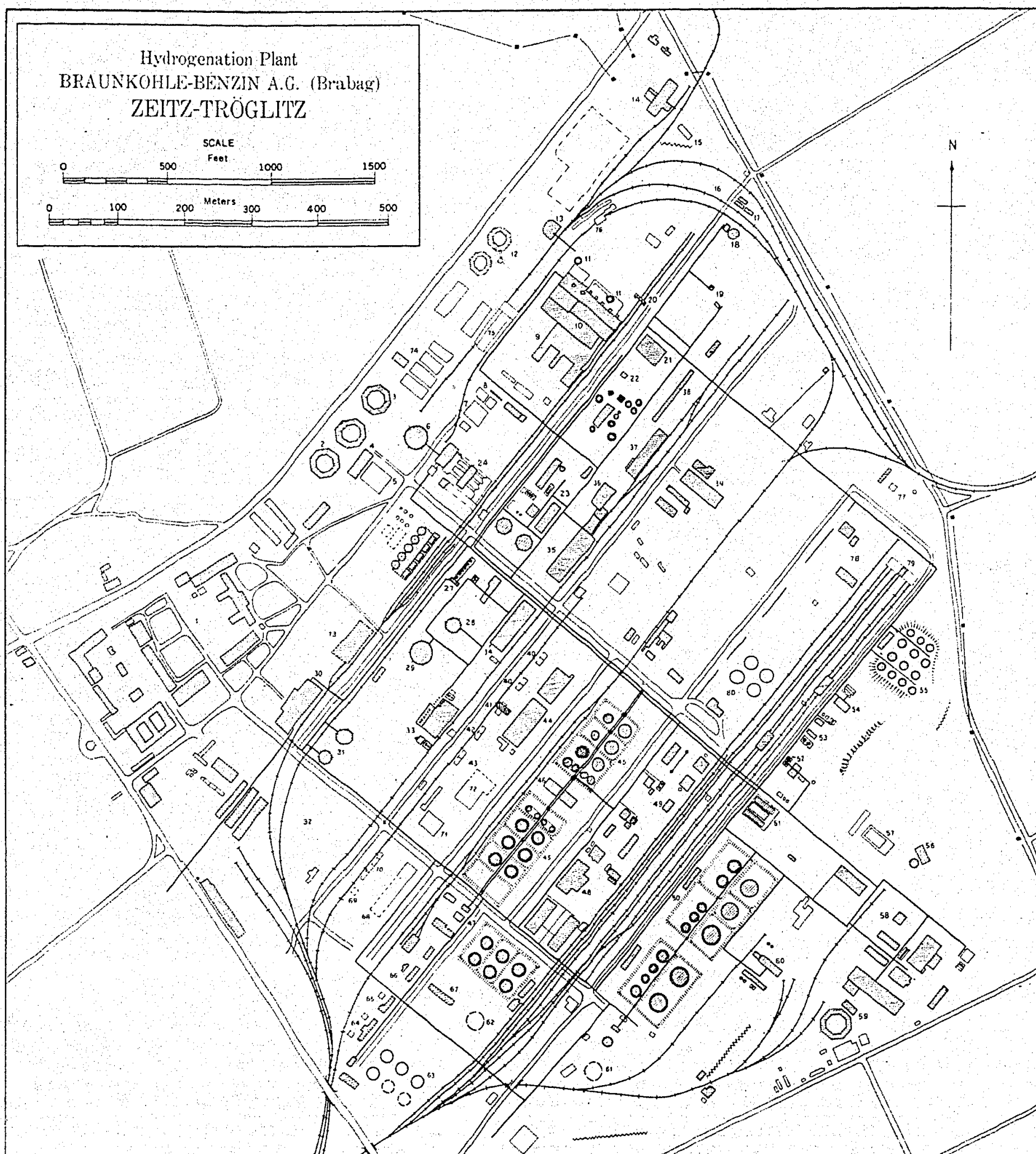
(d) Hydrogenation: Originally there were six stalls (3 pairs), 30 x 21 feet, and foundations for three more pairs. A new quadruple set, or 8 stalls was built in 1943.

(e) Refinery: There is a large amount of refining equipment, including five rows of treating plants and a group of stills with two furnaces. At the extreme south of the works is a large plant whose nature and purpose is not known. It occupies an area of 530 x 425 feet, contains tall buildings and a cooling tower 65 feet in diameter and may be a propane dewaxing plant for treating primary tar. The plant may also contain an iso-octane unit.

(f) Tankage:                      Details of Tankage - Approximate

	No. on Plans	No. of Tanks	Diameter Feet	Capacity Tons	Total Capacity Metric Tons
Primary and intermediate products	45	12	53	2,000	24,000
	and	2	40	1,000	2,000
	47	6	30	500	3,000
Final products		6	53	2,000	12,000
Feedstock tanks	50	4	80	4,000	16,000
		4	53	2,000	8,000
		6	35	800	4,800
Octane tanks	55	6	35	800	4,800
		7	25	400	2,800
New tanks (northern group)	80	4	53	2,000	8,000
New tanks (southern group)	63	6	53	2,000	12,000
T o t a l					97,400

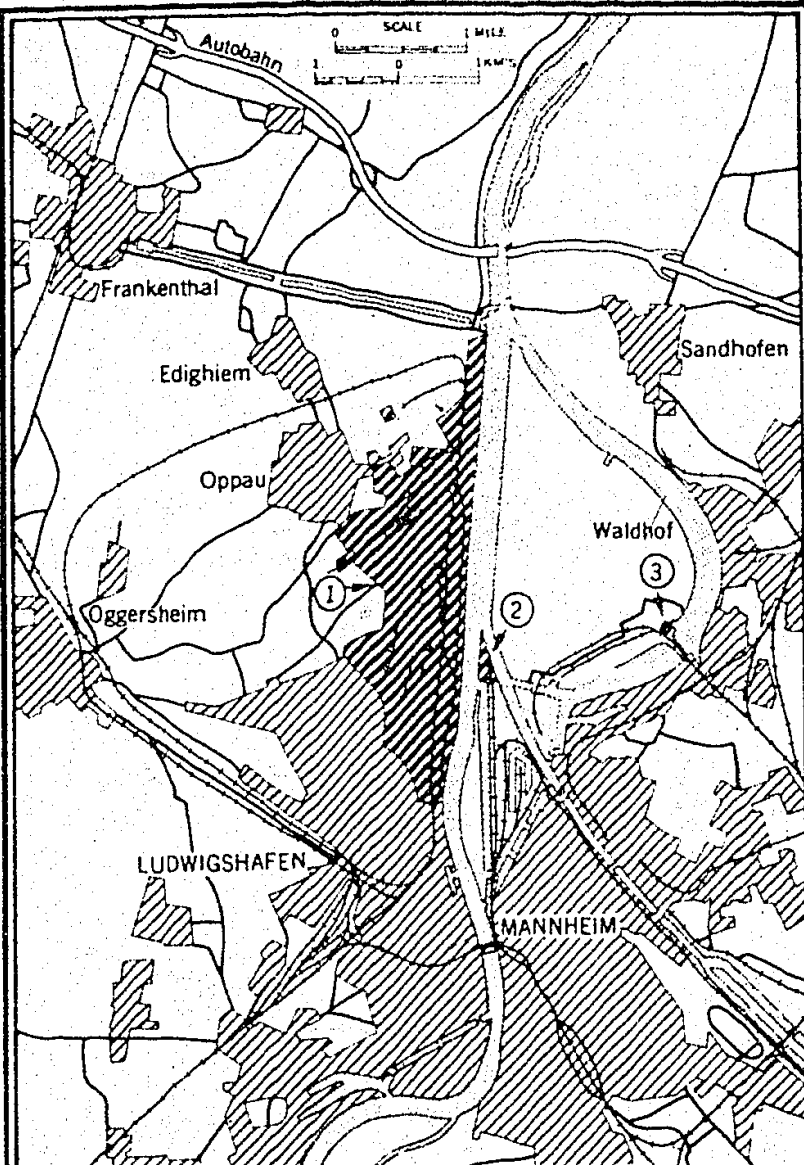
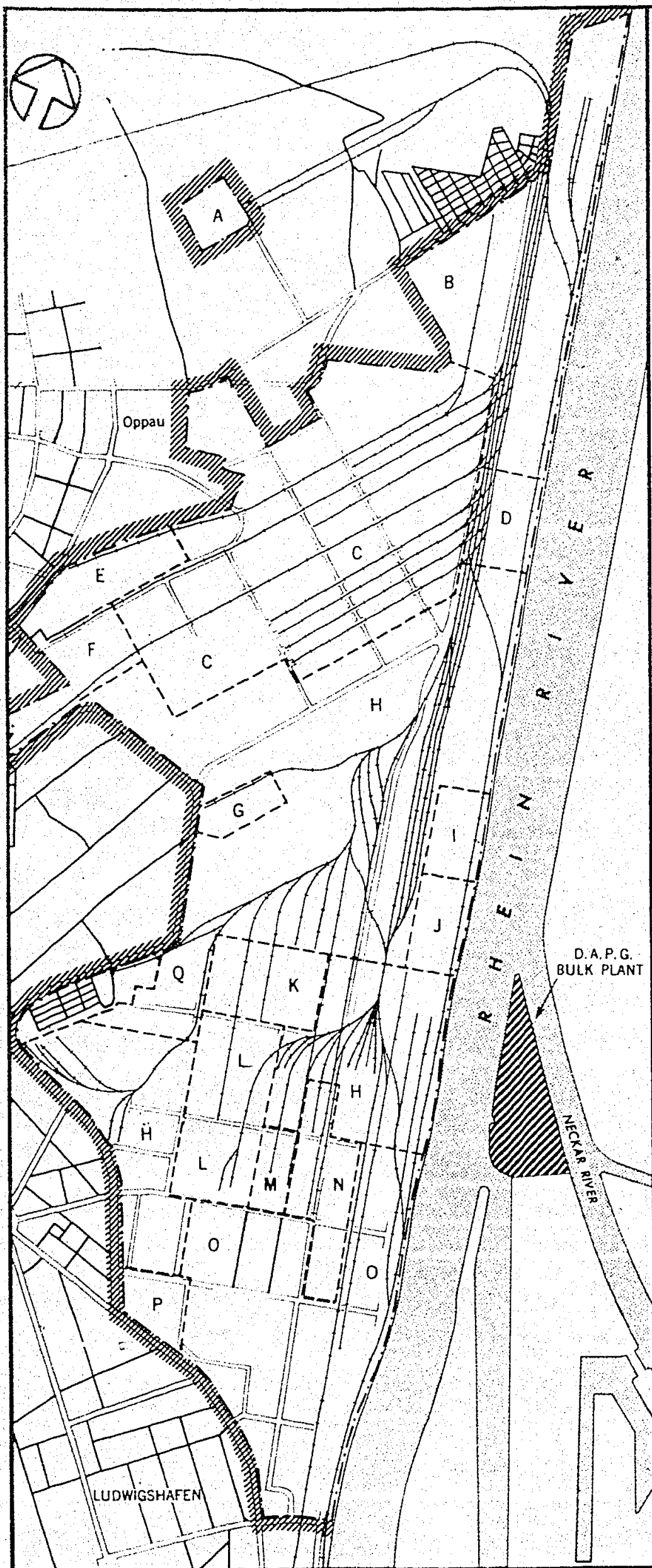
Estimated Capacity: 350,000 metric tons per year estimated normal production capacity.



LEGEND

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| 1. Office                   | 18. Tank  | 40. Hydrogenation stalls                    | 59. Cooling tower                        |
| 2. Cooling Towers           | 19. Gas vent                                    | 41. Stalls crane                            | 60. Sulphuric acid plant                 |
| 3. Cooling Tower            | 20. Portal Coal Crane                           | 42. New pair of stalls u.c.                 | 61,62. Gasholder u.c.                    |
| 4. Pump house               | 21,23. Gas treatment plant                      | 43. Foundation for stalls u.c.              | 63. Tanks u.c.                           |
| 5. Pond                     | 24. Gas generators (Winkler)                    | 44. Injector houses                         | 64,65,66. Distillation units u.c.        |
| 6. Wet gasholder            | 25. Hydrogen sulphide removal plant, with crane | 45. Primary and intermediate products tanks | 67. Compressor or pump house             |
| 7. Pond                     | 26. Mineral dump                                | 46. Pump house                              | 68. Injector circulator house u.c.       |
| 8. Gas Purification columns | 27. Hydrogen conversion plant                   | 47. Intermediate products tanks             | 69. Reaction vessel servicing point u.c. |
| 9. Generator Hall           | 28,29. Wet gasholders                           | 48,49. Oil refinery plant                   | 70. Quadruple set of stalls              |
| 10. Boiler House            | 30. Liquid air plant                            | 50. Feed stock tanks                        | 71. Foundation, not identified           |
| 11. Boiler House Chimneys   | 31. Oxygen gasholders                           | 51. Gas compressors and storage             | 72. Injector circulator house u.c.       |
| 12. Cooling Towers          | 32. Stores dump                                 | 52,54. Iso-octane plant ?                   | 73. New building, not identified         |
| 13. Ash settling pond       | 33. Compression and CO <sub>2</sub> removal     | 55. Iso-octane tanks ?                      | 74. Cooling water pond                   |
| 14. Transformer Station     | 34. Final compression                           | 56. Pump house                              | 75. Coal unloading plant                 |
| 15. Shelter trenches        | 35,38. Gas treatment plant                      | 57. Building u.c.                           | 76,77,78. Not identified                 |
| 16. Stores Yard             | 39. Workshop                                    | 58. Catalyst plant ?                        | 79. Traverser                            |
| 17. Workshops               |   |   | 80. Tanks u.c.                           |





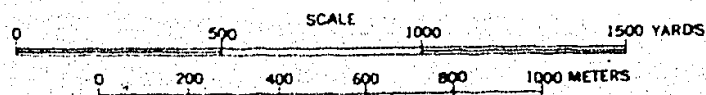
1. I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE A. G. INSTALLATION
2. BULK PLANT, DEUTSCHE-AMERIKANISCHE PETROLEUM-GES.
3. BULK PLANT, "OLEX" DEUTSCHE BENZIN UND PETROLEUM G.m.b.H

#### LOCATION MAP

### CHEMICAL PLANT, SYNTHETIC OIL & RUBBER EXPERIMENTAL STATION OF I. G. FARBENINDUSTRIE A. G. LUDWIGSHAFEN

#### LEGEND

- PLANT LIMIT** **AREA LIMIT**
- AREA A: TRANSFORMER STATION
  - B: COKE OVENS ETC.
  - C: NITROGEN & METHANOL PLANT
  - D: WATER WORKS
  - E: LUBE OIL PLANT
  - F: NEW PLANT (UNIDENTIFIED)
  - G: OIL REFINERY
  - H: WORKSHOPS & STORAGE
  - I: CARBIDE PLANT
  - J: NEW POWER PLANT
  - K: BUNA PLANT
  - L: PLASTICS PLANT
  - M: EXPERIMENTAL SYNTHETIC OIL PLANT
  - N: HEAVY CHEMICALS
  - O: INTERMEDIATES & DRYSTUFFS
  - P: GAS WORKS
  - Q: AREA BEING DEVELOPED



IMPORTANT GERMAN BENZOL PLANTS

Location	Plant Name	Company Name	Normal Yearly Output Capacity Metric Tons
Altenessen (N of Essen)	Emil	Hoesch A.G.	10,800
Bochum	Robert Müser	Harpener Bergbau A.G.	14,400
Bottrop	Jacobi	Gutehoffnungshütte A.G.	10,800
"	Prosper	Rheinische Stahlwerke A.G.	20,400
Castrop	Erin	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	10,800
Datteln (ENE of Recklinghausen)	Emscher Lippe	Gewerkschaft Emscher Lippe	10,800
Derne (NE of Dortmund)	Gneisenau	Harpener Bergwerks A.G.	12,000
Dortmund	Hansa	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	24,000
"	Hörderverein	Dortmund-Hörder Hüttenverein A.G.	7,200
"	Kaiserstuhl	Hoesch A.G.	18,000
"	Minster Stein	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	12,000
Duisburg-Meiderich	Phoenix-Westende	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	8,400
Erkenschwick (NE of Recklinghausen)	Ewald Fortsetzung	Ewald-König Ludwig Bergbau A.G.	14,400
Gelsenkirchen	Almo-Pluto	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	12,000
"	Consolidation I/VI	Mannesmannröhrenwerke A.G.	13,200
"	Dahlbusch	Bergwerksgesellschaft Dahlbusch	9,600
"	Nordstern	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	25,200
Gladbeck	Scholven	Bergwerksgesellschaft Hibernia A.G.	16,800
Hallendorf (N of Salzgitter)	Salzgitter	Reichswerke Herman Goering	24,000
Hamborn (N of Duisburg)	Bruckhausen	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	22,800
"	Meiderich	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	20,400
Hamm	Sachsen	Mansfeld A.G.	6,600
Hamme (WNW of Bochum)	Carolinen-Glück	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	24,000
Hattingen (S of Bochum)	Heinrichshütte	Ruhrstahl A.G.	6,600
Homborg	Homborg	Gewerkschaft Rheinpreussen	8,400
Horst (S of Gladbeck)	Mathias Stinnes III/IV	Stinnes'schen Zechen	7,200
Hüls (NNW of Recklinghausen)	Auguste Viktoria	Gewerkschaft Auguste Viktoria	10,800
Kamen	Kamen	Essener Steinkohlenbergwerke A.G.	12,000
Langendreer (E of Bochum)	Bruchstrasse	Gelsenkirchener Bergwerks A.G.	6,600
Lintfort (NW of Mörns)	Friedrich Heinrich I/II	Steinkohlenbergwerks Friedrich Heinrich A.G.	10,800
Neumühl (NW of Oberhausen)	Neumühl	Gewerkschaft Neumühl	6,600
Neunkirchen (NE of Saarbrücken)	Neunkirchen	Neunkircher Eisenwerk A.G.	13,200
Oberhausen	Concordia	Concordia Bergbau A.G.	7,200
Osterfeld (NNE of Oberhausen)	Osterfeld	Gutehoffnungshütte A.G.	18,000
Rauxel (NW of Dortmund)	Victor III/IV	Klöckner-Werke A.G.	15,600
Rheinhausen (SW of Duisburg)	Friedrich Alfred	Friedrich Krupp A.G.	6,600
Saarbrücken (7 miles west)	Völklingen	Röchling'sche Eisen- und Stahlwerke	13,200
Unna-Königsborn	Königsborn	Klöckner-Werke A.G.	6,600
Wanne-Eickel (NE of Gelsenkirchen)	Shamrock III/IV	Bergwerksgesellschaft Hibernia A.G.	8,400
T O T A L			506,400