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[Radio-Controlled Demolition Vehicle]



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SUBJECT: German Radio-Controlled Demolition Vehicle.

Observations by Col. W.W. Warner, Ordnance Officer, Ninth U.S. Army and 1st. Lt. D.M. Gilles, Enemy Equipment and Intelligence Section (Ordnance) HQ Com Z, ETOUSA.

- <u>General</u>: Recently four German radio-controlled demolition vehicles were encountered in Germany. The vehicles have been identified from photographs as the B IV demolition vehicles. All four vehicles were knocked out by A. P. tank destroyer fire and did not explode: two were later exploded when hit by H.E. shells.
- 2. Markings: On the side of the vehicle was marked:

Ve. Kl III Gesamtgewicht: 4580 kg (Loading class III) (Total weight 4580 kg or 10,100 lbs).

(A similar vehicle reported in MI-10 Technical Intelligence Summary 126 was marked with total weight as 3750 kg.)

- 3. <u>Explosive</u>: The weight of the explosive charge was estimated at two tons, however, there is no indication of the accuracy of the estimate.
- 4. <u>Radio</u>: Radio control equipment is mounted beside the driver's seat.
- 5. <u>Photographs</u>: Attached as an Appendix to this report are six photographs of the vehicle.

For the Chief Ordnance Officer,

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Photo 1. Right ¼ view



Photo 2. Right side. Note hit one side of engine compartment.





Photo 3. Left side view.



Photo 4. Explosive charge.

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Photo 5. Rear of blown-up vehicle.

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Photo 6. Markings on Left side.