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Tank Maneuvers in Rayon of Pechory

1. "In the summer of 1953 in the rayon of Pechory (formerly area around Estonian city of Petseri) the population repeatedly observed tank companies (of ten tanks each) engaged in maneuvers in the fields. The tanks were of the type T-34 and pulled armoured caterpillar trucks. The men operating the tanks called these trucks 'armoured sleighs' (bronesani).
2. "The 'armoured sleighs' corresponded in size to the tank T-34. They had a
length of 6.0 metres
breadth of 3.0 "
height of 1.0 "
clearance of 0.4 "
3. "The 'armoured sleighs' are open on top and only their sides, front and bottom are armoured. They can accommodate one rifle squad (10 riflemen) with full equipment.
4. "One tank T-34 usually pulls one 'armoured sleigh.' The sleigh is uncoupled automatically either from the tank or from the sleigh. The 'armoured sleighs' are used for rapid transport of tank-borne infantry (bronedesantnye chasti) during offensives.

Volkhov Aluminium Works

5. "In 1952 the Aluminum Works named for Kirov (Volkhovskii Aluminiiyri Zavod Imeni Kirova) produced 30,000 tons of 'technical aluminium' of the brands A 2, A3, A4.
6. "The Volkhov 'technical aluminium' is used exclusively in the airplane industry. The works gets its raw material from its own bauxite mines at the borough of Boksitogorsk, east of the town of Tikhvin.

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Sestroretsk Armoury

7. "During 1953, the Sestroretsk Armoury (Sestroretski Oruzheinyi Zavod) in the town of Sestroretsk northwest of Leningrad, has been producing the following light infantry arms for the land forces of the USSR:
- a) Submachine guns of the 1943 model (PPS-43)
 - b) Submachine guns of the 1941 model (PPSh)
 - c) Carbines of the 1944 model
 - d) Rifles of the 1891/30 model
 - e) Light machine guns DPM
8. "The Sestroretsk Armoury has 4,800 workers and employees at present."

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