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1. In late November 1952 training units of the Soviet Army conducted an artillery demonstration for Hungarian Army officers. The demonstration was held at the artillery range of Hajdúhadház which is located north of the military camp of Hajdúhadház in the direction of the village of Balkány (R 48/K 63).
2. In the course of the two-day demonstration, a new type Soviet self-propelled artillery piece, equipped with a 105 mm. cannon with automatic control, was shown. This gun had a rapid rate of fire of 12 - 16 rounds per minute, and was easily maneuverable. The armor-piercing shell fired by the gun successfully penetrated a 24-centimeter armor plate which had been positioned at an angle, at 2,500 meters distance. The gun barrel was 425 centimeters in length.
3. The vehicle, which requires a crew of six, weighs 35 tons, and is propelled by means of a high-powered diesel engine. The vehicle is capable of moving at a speed of 30 to 35 kilometers per hour even in sandy or muddy terrain. It has a low silhouette. The gun crew and gun commander communicate by means of a microphone and earphones. The radio equipment has an effective range of 60 kilometers.

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