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1. The following Soviet anti-tank weapons are used in the Yugoslav Army:

- a. 45 mm. anti-tank cannon, M-37 and M-42, which is similar to the German 37 mm. anti-tank cannon.
  - range against armor : 4,500 m.
  - destructive range : 2,500 m.
  - special range : 600 m V<sup>o</sup> equal 800 m.
  - munition : Shell with cap to prevent rebound, used at distances up to 600 m. The armor piercing shell weighs 2.4 kg. with bottom detonator. The impact shell weighs 2.5 kg.
- b. 76 mm. anti-tank cannon, "Zis-3", M-36. Practical range is 6,000 m.
- c. Anti-tank cannon with revolving platform, 76 mm. caliber, known as SU-76.
- d. Anti-tank cannon with revolving platform, 85 mm. caliber. The mount for the cannon is similar to that of the Soviet tank T-34. A special steel ball envelops the barrel at the point where it projects from the armor, preventing any unnecessary opening between barrel and armor.

2. The following German weapons are used in the Yugoslav Army:

- a. 37 mm. anti-tank cannon, M-30
- b. 45 mm. anti-tank cannon, effective range 1000 m.
- c. 50 mm. anti-tank cannon, M-30
- d. 75 mm. anti-tank cannon, M-40

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3. Italian weapons are listed as follows:

a. 47 mm. anti-tank cannon

b. bazookas. The factories in Zeleznik and Rakovica, and the VTZ factory in Kragujevac are collaborating on making a new anti-tank bazooka, patterned after the American model, 57 caliber, the weight of which is 52 kg.

Comment: Photographs of guns mentioned in para. 1 (b) and (d) appeared in publications 86 and 87, March 1950, of Front, the Yugoslav Army manual.

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