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1. During July 1952 the VVB Optik Zeiss, Jena, produced 8,700 field glasses (on a scheduled 9,200). Of these, 80 percent were 6 x 30, 15 percent 15 x 50, and 5 percent larger glasses weighing 15 pounds apiece, and intended for mounting on a stand. The diameter of the front lens is about 10 to 12 cm. The production of medical equipment has been almost entirely suspended, with the exception of heatless operating lamps. Production costs rose about 4 percent from 1 May to 1 August 1952.
2. Production during August 1952 reached 9,700 field glasses, of which 65 percent were 6 x 30 and the rest 10 x 50 and 15 x 50. Production of optical sights (A1) continued; about 30 were produced in August. Gyrocompasses were manufactured after plans of the Askania works; the number is not ascertained. Twelve portable moving picture apparatuses (sound film) were produced, at a cost of about 17,000 DM each. The production of microscopes and lens cells is very limited. The production of curve potentiometers has been suspended temporarily because the VEB Medizintechnische Werke in Leipzig stopped deliveries.
3. A great deal of enlargement and improvement work is being carried out at the plant. The newly erected shops are to make special cameras and equipment for air observation. A number of skilled workmen have been taken on in various divisions; these workmen returned recently from a period of training in the Soviet Union.

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