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1. To date in 1954 the Straussberg gun repair shop in the Soviet Zone of Germany has delivered eight guns to the Torgau Artillery School. These are Soviet field guns model 37, caliber 122 mm, with long barrels and no muzzle brakes. The school has also received three 76.2 antitank guns (Model 42) which are also field guns.

2. Sixteen 76.2 [illegible] antitank guns have been shipped to the Volkspolizei barracks [illegible] Oranienburg, where a new unit is stationed. The guns are second-hand Soviet [illegible]

3. On 23 Apr 54, for the first time, three Soviet 152 mm field howitzers with short barrels and muzzle brakes were brought to the shop for overhauling. They came from Ribnitz, Mecklenburg. It is not known what Volkspolizei unit will receive these guns.

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