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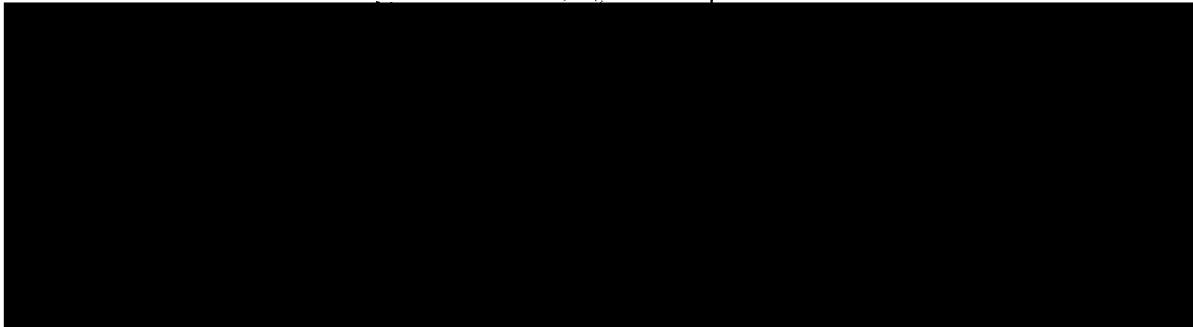
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1. The construction and characteristics of the Soviet "Mother Tank" are almost similar to those of the Soviet heavy T-34 tank. The new tank, which is built in two models, one of 90 and the other of 120 tons, differs from the T-34 in the following points:
 - a. The armor is heavier. The armor on the front end and on the turret can reportedly resist the most powerful weapons known to date. Allegedly, shells will not penetrate but only bend it.
 - b. It has double protective plates, the purpose of which is to nullify the effect of bazookas.
 - c. Along almost the entire width of its rear end the tank has a door, through which a small armored assault car can enter and munitions can be loaded. The tank can hold approximately thirty men.

The tank crew comprises nine men, who are changed periodically. The speed of the tank depends upon the terrain, but is generally between 15 and 20 kilometers per hour. Because of their armor these tanks are used to transport men, materiel, and light assault tanks through dangerous combat areas and also to protect them during an attack.
2. The effective cruising range of this tank is up to 1,500 kilometers. The armament of the tank is as follows:
 - a. One 75 mm. long-barrelled gun, which fires special anti-tank and regular shells.
 - b. Two small automatic weapons, believed to be 25 mm. caliber, one on each side of the tank parallel with the 75 mm. gun.
 - c. One gun, also believed to be 25 mm. caliber, mounted in the turret.
 - d. One standard model machine gun mounted in the rear.
3. When transported, the tank can be broken down into the following parts:

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turret, engine, hull, and treads. Special railroad cars with axles adjusted for travel both on standard and Soviet wide-gauge railroads are used to transport these and other heavy tanks. The tank has special radio equipment designed to withstand shock.

4. A small number of such tanks has been observed in Hungary. They are guarded by special troops.

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