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COUNTRY USSR

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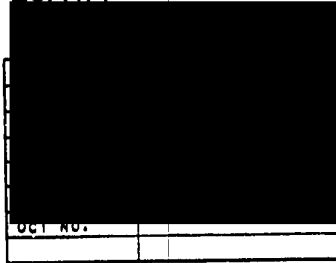
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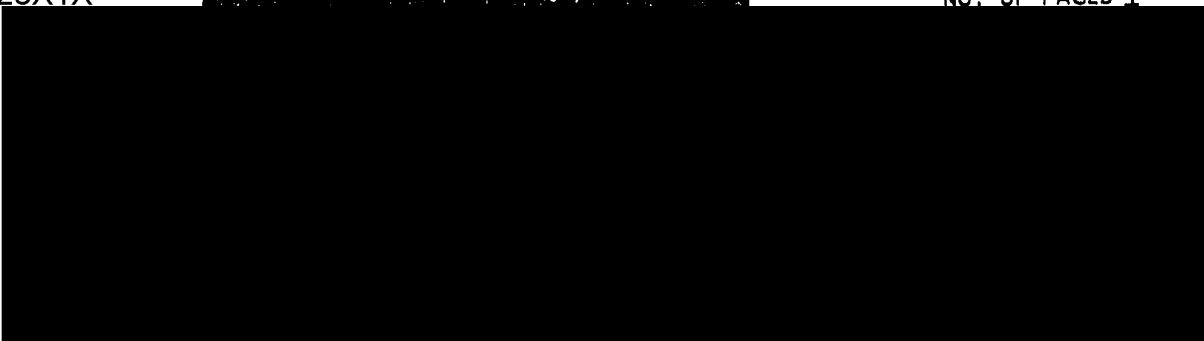
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- 1. "In 1952 the average monthly output of the Ural Tank Works No 183 at Nizhni-Tagil was 600 tanks and self-propelling artillery platforms.
- 2. "The T-34 tanks of the 1952 output were armed with the 85-mm tank gun of the 1944 model. The technical specifications for this gun include:

Initial velocity = 792 meters/seconds  
 Recoil of gun tube = 300 mm  
 Rate of fire = up to ten shots per minute  
 The construction of the T-34 tank permits a shooting range for this gun of up to 5000 meters only.

- 3. "The recent models of the T-34 tank carry 60 shells (formerly 50), of which:

30 are armor-piercing shells BR-365  
 30 are splinter mine shells OF-365.

- 4. "The Works manufacture special armored tractors of the model T-34-T for the Soviet armed forces. In actual fact, these tractors are the chassis and armored body of the T-34 tank, without the tower or the gun. The T-34-T tractors are provided with special mechanisms for hauling out of ditches and bogs and for towing damaged tanks and all kinds of damaged combat artillery. The T-34-T tractor is provided with a winch and a steel rope with a capacity of up to 60 tons. The body of the T-34-T tractor has an armor of the following thickness:

Frontal part = 65 mm  
 Sides = 33 mm  
 Stern = 45 mm  
 Roof = 30 mm  
 Bottom = 30 mm."

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