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 - for Altenhain (Eighth Gds Army) 13 flatcars with approximately 65 AT guns, [redacted] 25X1
 - for Moegelin (IV Arty Corps) 15 flatcars with approximately 75 guns, [redacted] 25X1
 - for Jueterbog (GSFG) 13 flatcars with approximately 65 AT guns, [redacted] 25X1
 - for Weimar (Eighth Gds Army) 32 flatcars with approximately 160 AT guns, [redacted] 25X1

2. On 6 June, an untested source observed at the Brandenburg railroad station a sidetracked train carrying 60 guns which were described as follows:

one-axle gun carriage with pneumatic tires and wheels the size of sedan wheels, tubular split trails, gun barrel about 1 meter long and with a caliber of 70 to 80 mm, recoil brake slightly longer than 50 cm, protective shield, gun not higher than 75 cm, with a certain resemblance to the model M-43 76-mm infantry gun.

One of the first two sources mentioned in paragraph 1 described the AT guns as follows:

spoke wheels with pneumatic tires, slightly tapered barrel 1.5 to 2 meters long without muzzle brake and with a caliber of 40 to 70 mm, slightly bent protective shield with a curved upper edge.

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3. Another usually reliable source reported that 6 x 45-mm AT guns each were shipped from the ordnance depot of GSFG in Jueterbog to Prora/Ruegen [REDACTED] and Rostock (shipment-record No 51/6855) on 16 June. 25X1
4. Two more usually reliable sources observed guns, allegedly of this caliber, with the 6th Arty Div in Rathenow, namely 3 AT guns (arrivals?) on 18 June and 20 AT guns during loadings of units of the division on 19 June.
5. The above observations, some of which supplement each other, can be summarized as follows:
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 - c. The new arrivals presumably did not involve conventional weapons such as M-37 or M-42 45 mm AT guns or M-43 76-mm infantry guns. It is rather believed that, within the framework of the modernization of the weapon equipment of units of GSFG, ~~which is being~~ ~~introduced~~, it is under way, recoilless guns were being introduced. Information received during the last months, tended to indicate that several guns of this type may be in existence at the posts.

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