



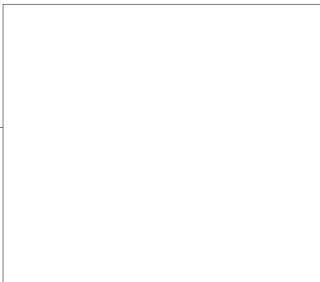
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1. The Maxim Sokolov heavy machine gun, used by the Bulgarian Army, weighs 64 kilograms, when assembled. It has a maximum range of 3,000 to 5,000 meters, according to the ammunition used. Effective range is 1,800 meters.
2. The following ammunition is used:
 - a. AT or heavy cartridges (bronneboyni), with points painted red.
 - b. Light cartridges (obiknovenni, "ordinary"), which usually have yellow points.
 - c. Tracer cartridges (svetlini, "lighting"), with red, yellow and green points, in belts of five to ten cartridges. (The word is "bande," which can hardly mean clip.)
3. The machine gun consists of (a) the mount, (b) the gun proper, (c) protective armor. In combat, the gunner (meratch, literally "measurer") carries the gun. The assistant gunner (pomoshchnik "assistant" meratch) carries the base. The ammunition carrier carries the armor.

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