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- 1. On 6 December, the Swiss firm Bosshardt & Inhof, Zug, informed the Vereinigte Oesterreichische Eisen- und Stahlwerke, Linz, that the Swiss Army had decided to reduce its order for steel to 700 tons because its steel requirements were now diminished. A contract had previously been signed with Vereinigte Oesterreichische Eisen-und Stahlwerke by Bosshardt & Imhof for the purchase of 10,000 tons of steel for the Swiss Army. Source offers the explanation that the order was reduced for financial reasons and also because the Swiss Army believes the danger of war has decreased.
- Vereinigte Oesterreichische Eisen-und Stahlwerke could, but probably will not, file suit for breach of contract; the company will probably not wish to antagonize the Swiss authorities. It is debuting whether or not to sall the smaller arount at the reduced prices originally quoted for the full lot.

