

U. S. Army Guns Proving Superior To Red Weapons

(Editor's note: Following is the third in a series of six articles comparing a U. S. Army combat infantry division with the infantry division of the Soviet Russian Army.)

A study of weapons and vehicles of a U. S. Army infantry division and a Russian infantry division shows the superiority of the American unit. It underlines the fact that a Soviet division—unlike a U. S. division—is not a balanced team of combined arms.

The U. S. division has three times as many tanks as the Russian unit—144 compared to 44.

The U. S. infantry division has approximately 19,000 small caliber weapons—rifles, pistols, machineguns—compared to approximately 10,500 for the Russian unit.

The U. S. infantry division has 210 artillery pieces—including 105 and 155-millimeter howitzers and 57, 75, and 105-millimeter recoilless rifles. The Russian force has 165 artillery pieces, ranging from a 37-millimeter anti-aircraft gun to a 122-millimeter howitzer.

While the U. S. division has 150 mortars, the Russian division has 111 mortars—and while the American unit has 555 rocket launchers, the Russian force has only 36.

A Russian division has 27 anti-aircraft machineguns compared to 64 in the U. S. divisions.

Russian firepower "points" are increased considerably by the number of submachineguns in a Soviet infantry division—2,997. This compares with 970 in a U. S. infantry division. These weapons are effective only at short ranges and are of value only in close quarters.

Individual arms of American soldiers are the world's best and are far superior to Russian weapons.

The M1 (Garand) rifle, standard issue for the U. S. infantrymen, is a fast-firing, highly accurate, fool-proof weapon. The Russian counterpart is the cal. .30 M1944 manually-operated, bolt-action, 5-shot rifle whose accuracy leaves much to be desired.

U. S. machineguns have undergone steady improvement and are very accurate as well as fast-firing. The Russian heavy machinegun is basically a 1910 model and is mounted on a clumsy two-wheeled mount.

The Russians, Chinese, and North Koreans have no equivalent of the U. S. .30-caliber carbine.

Jammed guns as result of faulty cartridges are rare in the U. S. Army, but faulty cartridge cases cause so many stoppages in the Russian army that they are a serious problem. Each Russian rifleman carries a cleaning rod at all times, and its primary purpose is to drive stuck cartridge cases out of the chamber of his gun.

American mortar crews can fire effectively regardless of whether they can see a target. Russian mortar crews have little flexibility and can cover ground only to their immediate front. U. S. mortarmen can shift their fire to any point with lightning-like speed. One U. S. platoon can cover effectively the same ground that would require the efforts of several Russian mortar platoons.

A trio of "hip pocket" field guns

have made it possible for U. S. infantrymen to carry their own artillery into battle. No longer do they have to call for artillery on small targets of opportunity, for these hard-hitting mobile weapons can do the job to perfection. This "hip pocket" artillery consists of 57-millimeter, 75-millimeter, and 105-millimeter recoilless rifles. The Russians and Russian satellites have nothing to compare to them except the 57-millimeter recoilless rifle which is a copy of the U. S. weapon.

Catherine Foster Weds George Joseph Woods

The marriage of Miss Catherine Ruth Foster, daughter of Mrs. John H. Foster and the late Mr. Foster, of Durants Neck, to George Joseph Woods, son of Mrs. Avis Lilly of Elizabeth City, took place Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 P. M., at the home of the Rev. Firman A. Cuthrell, pastor of the Bearea Baptist Church.

The bride wore a beige suit with dark brown accessories and a corsage of American Beauty Roses.

Mrs. Horace Gregory was maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a light blue suit with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Horace Gregory of Elizabeth City was best man.

The bride attended Perquimans High School and is now employed at the Camden County Welfare Department as clerk-typist. The bridegroom attended Central High School and is now serving in the Navy at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

After a short wedding trip the couple are living at Route 3, Elizabeth City.

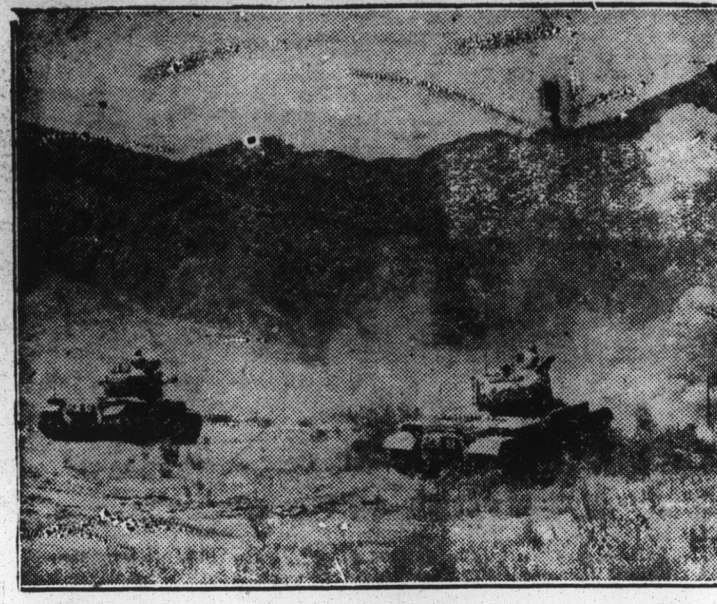
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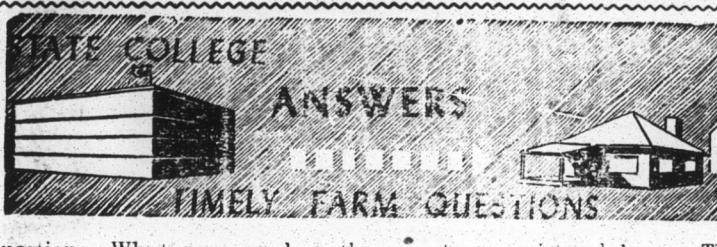


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Answer: The purpose of the national and State program is two-fold, says Jack Kelley, in charge of animal husbandry for the State College Extension Service.

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Kelley points out that Clarence Chappell, Jr., 4-H'er from Belvidere, had the heaviest 56-day litter in the nation in 1952, according to production registry records, and the heaviest six-month-old Duroc litter in the nation. Clarence's sow raised 16 pigs that weighed 564 pounds at 56 days and 3,715 pounds at 180 days.

North Carolina ran fifth in the Duroc breed in the number of litters entered in production registry competition and young Chappell was third in the nation in number of litters qualifying.

The average weight of all litters in the program in 1952 was 351 pounds. The Spotted Poland China breed led in the average weight of litters at 56 days; litters of this breed averaged

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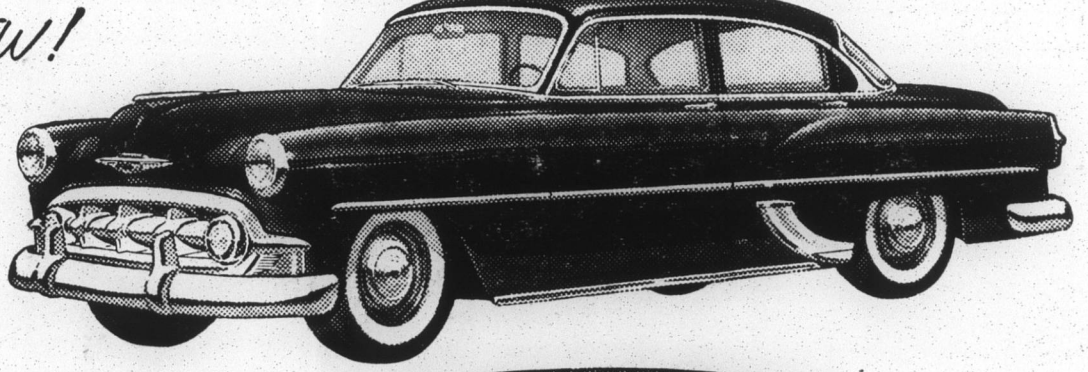
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