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The British Six-Pounder

Six-pounder guns are being turned out in large numbers in one of the Royal Ordnance factories in England. Most of the workers who make them are women. The gun is highly mobile and is said to have a high rate of fire and remarkable armor penetration.

Judging from the weight of shell, its caliber must be slightly above two inches. The U. S. Army does not produce a similar gun; it employs the 37 mm. (1½-inch) anti-tank gun against light and medium tanks. The shell of the American 37 mm. weighs only two pounds, but it can pierce armor 1½ inches thick at 1000 yards.

Normal rate of fire of the American piece is 10 rounds a minute, but for short periods it can fire a shell every two seconds. The American 37 weighs some 850 pounds, the British 6-pounder a little more than a ton. Against heavy tanks, the U. S. Army uses modernized 75s, firing shells weighing 13 pounds each.

