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TOPIC AT Artillery Battalion [redacted] in Dvory I 25X1

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1. Prior to 16 November 1950, AT Arty Bn [redacted] was located in Dvory I near Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69). It was subordinate to a division headquarters commanded by General Rytir, (fnu), which was located in Karlovy Vary. The battalion was commanded by Major Skarda, (fnu). *
2. The AT artillery battalion was organized into a headquarters and four AT companies, designated B-1 through B-4. Company B-1 was commanded by Lieutenant Kral, (fnu), and consisted of 1 officer, 5 NCOs and 45 FM. The entire battalion was estimated at not less than 300 men.
3. Company B-1, like all other companies, was equipped with four German 75-mm AT guns, each towed by a Studebaker truck. The company also had two smaller ammunition carriers. The personnel were armed with submachine guns and pistols.
4. From 2 May to 21 June 1950, the battalion held AT firing practice at the village of Lobzy (N 51/P 58) in the Kaiserwald. During the first phase of the training, an AT gun was emplaced 500 meters from a dummy tank, on top of which was an explosive charge that could be detonated from a distance by a man in a foxhole. In line with the tank dummy and the AT gun, a distance of about 80 meters from the AT gun, was a rod which was about 120 cm high and with a carbide lamp mounted on it. At first the gunner adjusted the gun approximately at the tank dummy, with the help of the carbide lamp. He corrected the adjustment as soon as the explosive charge on top of the tank dummy was set off. Thereafter, the gunner fired at the tank dummy five times, the score then being determined. During the second phase of the training, the gunner adjusted the gun without the help of a carbide lamp. He was told only the approximate direction of the tank dummy and had to lay the gun upon detonation of the explosive charge on top of the target. During the third phase, the gunner did the entire adjustment of the gun upon seeing the explosive charge on the target going off.

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5. [Redacted] Arty Unit [Redacted] was located in Camp Dvory II.
The unit was also subordinate to the division headquarters in Karlovy Vary. **

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* [Redacted] Comment. The battalion can be definitely identified as the 264th AT
Arty Bn which has been known in Dvory I since 1948.

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The division head-
quarters in Karlovy Vary was probably the HQ 13th Inf Brig.

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** [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] the artillery unit is
identified as the 14th Arty Regt.

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