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INFORMATION REPORT

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2. The daily schedule at the school was as follows:

- 0800 Theories of firing for all weapons, tactical training, field problems, gunnery, topography and politics.
- 1400 Dinner and free time
- 1600 Further training in tactics, firing and gunnery
- 1800 Supper
- 2000 Class room study. The class was divided into small groups and the smartest students instructed the less intelligent ones.
- 2300 Taps

The schedule did not follow the same pattern from day to day. Some days, for example, during the 0800 to 1400 period, political training was substituted for gunnery or for field problems.

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3. The total weekly instruction had to include the following subjects delivered in the designated time periods.

Combat tactics	- six to 10 hours weekly
Theory in tactics	- six hours weekly
Political training	- six hours weekly
Firing training	- 16 hours weekly
Physical training	- six hours weekly
Communications training	- six hours weekly

The weekly training thus covered a period of 49 hours.

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4. Major (fnu) Legari and Staff Captain (fnu) Hujvan were instructors in combat tactics at the School. [REDACTED] Major Legari and Staff Captain Hujvan were either Ukrainians or Russians, since both spoke Czech with an accent. Forty two officers started the course but three were eliminated for the following reasons. One officer was dismissed from the school for his associations with a married woman, the second was dismissed because of physical disability and the third was transferred before the completion of the course because he was exceptionally brilliant and was assigned to the General Staff. I have no further information on the last man, except that he was 27 years old, held the rank of Captain, and his name was Otto Hrusecky. Of the 39 officers who completed the course, 20 were captains, nine lieutenants and 10 junior lieutenants. All officers were promoted one grade upon completion of the course.

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5. The highest score or rating an officer could achieve in the Battalion Commanders' School was a five [REDACTED]

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