

IFW TEAM 6D, 134TH INFANTRY

12 Nov 44

CONDENSATION OF DOCUMENTS

1. Code Names of Elmts of 559th Division, effective from 15 Oct or:

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| Div Hq : | Amfortas | 1127th Regt: | Eisbrecher |
| G-1 : | Sperber | 1559th Arty: | Wartesaal |
| 1125th Regt: | Hyaziathe | 1st Bn: | Belzebub |
| 1126th Regt: | Segelschiff | 2nd Bn: | Liebling |
| Hq Co: | Rundgesang | 3rd Bn: | Nachtigall |
| Cannon Co: | Kunstmaler | 4th Bn: | Loblied |
| 1st Bn: | Floremm | 27th AA Regt Hq: | Vesuv |
| 2nd Bn: | Pelikan | 3rd Bn: | Dampfmaschine |
| | | Bn of the 19th Inf Div: | Grenzstein |
| | | 2nd Bn, 15th Tank Regt: | Baldrian |
| | | Engr Co: | Lodenmantel |

The list of code names from the 9th of Oct is to be destroyed.

2. Bn Order: 2nd Bn 1126th Regt, from Div Hq, dated 8th Nov 44.

The enemy is in position of the S and SE portion of Fresnes. Our strength is in the northern part. The Bn will occupy Hill 318 prepared to attack and surprise the enemy by breaking out of the woods and retaking Fresnes. Attack upon division order. Division Arty will support this attack by coordinated fire on the southern part of Fresnes and Hill 282, S of Fresnes. AT Co protects ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ line Telegraph Hill - Fresnes. This Co will be attached to the 2nd Bn, 1126th, for the attack.

3. Included in papers are plans for construction of a six-men pillbox complete with benches, table, stove, and rifle rack. All 4½ feet below the ground.

4. One document lists the code names by which various weapons and ammunition are known.

5. Several letters addressed to 2nd Lt SS Edwin Hirche. One gives the account of a bombing of a unit of SS Div "Hohenstaufen" by Russian bombers.

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PW REPORT

PW from 4th Co of unknown regiment -- not an SS unit. Attempts to identify unit by APO number 64951E and by name of Commanding General were fruitless.

PW deserted from his unit by crossing the remains of the bridge at SARREINSMING. He was able to cross this bridge without getting wet by balancing himself on the debris. PW's unit came into position two days ago after having been in position in SAAREGUEMINES on the west side of the SAAR R. They withdrew to the east bank without having been in battle. The strength of the unit which withdrew across the river was about 80 men and included one platoon of the 4th Co and the 1st Co.

PW disclosed the following positions:

- 2 Hvy MG at 552553
- 2 Hvy MG at 545554
- 2 Hvy MG at 545558
- 1 120mm mortar at 555551

Arty Position (probably one piece) at old rifle range in woods at 555558. Flat CP in hut at 552556.

PW's unit has had 2 casualties he knows of in last two days. He has heard that there are some SS troops in the vic but has not seen any. In SARREINSMING, he saw one sentry about 20 yds east of end of bridge. He believes there are troops in this town, but saw no others and does not believe that there are many in the town.

PW did not habitually carry gas mask nor did others in his unit. He has the same mask he was issued in 1941; was issued a new filter in 1943. He sees no indication of the use of gas.

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
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PW taken from the following organizations:

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| ✓ 1st Co, 43 Fortress Machine Gun Battalion | 15 PW |
| ✓ Supply Company, 559 Div | 10 PW |
| ✓ 110 Armd Inf Regt. | 1 PW |

Supply Company, fighting as infantry, occupied Vaxy. Beginning yesterday afternoon they commenced to withdraw in the direction of Merhange using the highway which runs along the SE edge of the Forest de Chateau-Salins. There were other troops in this town as well, and five tractor-towed 75mm AT guns. One of those was destroyed. The PW say that by last night the town was empty.

The men from the Supply Company are all over 40 years of age and say they were picked for line duty because of political non-conformance.

The Fortress MG Bn also consists of old men. It is part of the fixed defense of the West Wall and the battalion is spread out between here and Metz. They have been in contact with the 80th Div for some time.

It is the opinion of the PW that the old men are being used to cover the withdrawal of the better, younger soldiers (e.g. 11th Armd Div) to the old German frontier.

PW located dummy mines in vicinity of Achain. These consist of wooden stakes connected with wires. PW states that they are not explosive.

PW also saw 50 or 60 tanks in this vicinity on 9 Nov. PW also saw a battery of 105 and one of 150 mm in a clearing near the NE edge of the C S forest.

The horses of the supply company are in Racrange: there are about 80 horses.

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