

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT  
IPW TEAM 6C-B, 134TH INFANTRY

13 Nov 44

9 PW of 5th and 14th Co, 1127th.

The 14th Co is a AT Co and is equipped with bazookas only, no AT guns. Seven men of the 14th Co were attached to the 5th Co for AT defenses. Four of these were taken prisoner, the others killed or wounded.

The 5th Co and Alarm Co (probably composed of stragglers) came into position yesterday evening on the hill between Achain and Marthille, to the NW side of the highway. They withdrew this morning upon our attack direction Merhange. Total strength of all units was 40-50 men.

PW state that there is considerable disorder and know of no prepared line of defense to which they are to withdraw.

None of the PW have been in the vicinity of Merhange and do not know of the location of AT defenses in this area.

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IPW TMM 60B, 134TH INFANTRY

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Lieutenant Hans Brunner, Hq Btry, 2nd Bn, 401 Army Arty Brigade.  
Deserted yesterday evening with 3 of his men.

PW Lt was a liaison arty officer between an infantry battlion and his arty brigade hq. His duties took him usually between Destry and Achain. PW disclosed the following information:

1. CP of 559 Div and CP of 401 Arty Bde in DESTRY.
2. CP of 1st Army in ST\*AVOLD.
3. CP of 3rd Bn, 112<sup>6</sup>th, in ACHAIN.
4. CP of 2nd Bn, 118<sup>6</sup>th, in MARTHILLE.
5. CP of 119th Arty Regt in VILLER.
6. AA concentrations in MORHANGE.
7. Arty positions, as reported by telephone, two batteries 105 vic Destry.
8. AA btry (37mm) 1½ km SW of Baronville at bend in highway.
9. PW gave secret signal information dealing with call sign, frequencies and radio abbreviations.

PW did not know about any anti-tank defenses NE of Merhange.

PW says that Achain is defended by approx 100 men from 3rd Bn, 1126th. The hill SW of Achain, according to PW, is not occupied. The men defending Achain withdrew when they expected a tank attack on Saturday, but later in the day returned to their positions when the tank attack did not materialize.

Captured officer does not know of any new line for defense and believes that the area in front of us is only lightly and speradically defended.

The 401st Arty Bde consists of 5 battalions, some of 3 and some of 4 btrys each. The Bde is motorized. The 1st Btry in each Bn has 75mm AT guns. The 2nd Btry has 105's, and the 3 and 4th Btry consists of Russian guns of light caliber. The Bde is Army Arty and is attached to the 11th Armd Div. Arrived here from training camp in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, a few days ago.

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33 PW from 7th Co, 111th Armd Inf Regt.

This company formed a strongpoint for the defense of Haboudange. Strength about 80 men armed with infantry weapons. No tanks. They have been in position for 3 or 4 days. Their only AT defense consisted of bazookas. Their mission was to hold the village. No officer was present, the CO having made his last appearance yesterday.

PW from Achain formed the following units:

All elmts of the 2nd Bn, 1137th,  
7 men from the 14th AT Co of the Regt equipped with bazookas,  
Alarm Co consisting of men from the supply columns, Div Hq, etc.

Total strength of elmts occupying Achain about 100 men.

No PW so far know of AT defenses in vic Merhange because they are not familiar with the terrain in that region.

PW do not know of the possible location of a new line of defense, altho a S/Sgt expressed the opinion that there will be one before the Siegfried line. None know of any prepared positions to fall back to, and all were given the order to hold the terrain which they occupy.

From the caliber of the PW we have been taking, with the exception of those from Haboudange, it appears that the enemy may be covering the withdrawal of his better troops by sacrificing the old men and peer soldiers.

The 111th Armd Inf Regt was formerly not in our zone of advance, but in that of the 137th. Now elmts of the 111th appear at the extreme right of our zone of advance and for the first time.

