

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT  
1PW TEAM 60-B, 134TH INFANTRY

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One PW from the 4th Co, 110th Ren Bn, states that his company withdrew this morning from the heights in front of Morhange to the town. The mission of this company was to cover the retreat of the other companies. Several PW state that they heard the next MLR would be 3 km out of town.

PW states he was told there was a mine field of anti-personnel mines in a depression in front of the position they held yesterday, at 190362.

Another PW from the 13th Co, 1127th Regt. This Cannon Co, which once had 3 75mm inf cannon and 2 120mm mortars, now has only one 75mm left. PW and 8 men were detached yesterday from their company and sent to the line as infantry. PW estimates the strength of the 1127th Regt as 200 men.

A Polish laborer said that 400 men kept in the barracks at Morhange were taken every day to Benestroff and forced to dig a anti-tank ditch between Virming, Lake Besville, to the RR line. The ditch is now some 6 feet deep. In front are barbed wire and holes for mines.

A civilian states that explosive charges had been put under a bridge near the road fork north of Morhange, where the airfield was, and this happened already in September. He says that Allied airplanes dropped leaflets telling the population to observe all German military activities in the town, and this man acted accordingly. He knows of no mines or booby traps that were laid in Morhange.

Among the PW received today are a variety of interesting characters. One is an Italian in uniform who claims to be from the Badoglio Army and that he was captured by the Germans in Italy and used in Morhange with 30 other Italian PW in digging emplacements. For the last two months he was hiding with a French family.

Another civilian picked up disclosed that he is a French citizen from Strasbourg drafted into the SS a few months ago. They gave him only a close combat knife, no further military training, and used him as a carpenter with the SS in Morhange.