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REPORT ON INTERROGATION OF CIVILIAN

Civilian was formerly a school teacher at ST AVOLD. He and his family are refugees to PETIT TONQUIN to escape working in the German labor battalions digging trenches. His work as district school supervisor took him via bicycle to many towns and villages in this area. He has noted things of military significance to us. Formerly he reported his findings to three British intelligence officers who had been parachuted into this region, but he has not been able to contact them for the past five weeks.

South of LIXING (282490) and running east and west through Hill 296.8 is a zig-zag line of trenches. A second line is between the barracks at 283485 and the center of town, also running in an east-west direction.

South of VAHL-EBESING (282504) and 150 yds south of the last house is an anti-tank ditch: this extends east toward BIDDING and MARIENTHAL: its course in a western direction is not known. Mines are laid about 100 yds south of the ditch and there are also road blocks in this area. The AT obstacles are well camouflaged.

No defensive preparations were noticed in VAHL-EBESING proper. The "dragons teeth" of the old Maginot Line in this region were removed a long time ago as Atlantic Coast defenses, and have not been replaced.

No defensive preparations were seen in ALTVILLER (268531). All the heights between ALTVILLER and ST AVOLD formerly had AA emplacements, but about two weeks ago there were no longer AA guns there.

The bridge at 281519 is mined. All other bridges between ~~where~~ and ST AVOLD are mined, including the smallest of them in the city itself. Sentinels are posted at each bridge.

In ST AVOLD there is a warehouse for food supplies at 257571. A high headquarters of a unit unknown to civilian was located at a house opposite the large Abti Church.

Civilian stated that Germans told him that PUTTELANGE, SAARALBE, and SAAR UNION were key cities in their defense.

There had been kitchens and armor in PETIT *TONQUIN: the kitchens were withdrawn to HUNDLING and the armor to HILSPRICH.

West of PUTTELANGE between 409509 and 410507 running through the marsh is an AT ditch.

Both sides of the road at the intersection at 493549 are mined.

There is an underground factory employinf 2-3000 Spanish and Italian workers in an old quarry at 572509. There are two quarries about 200 yds apart near this point: the northern one is actually a quarry, but the southern one is a blind for the underground factory. The civilian had visited this plant 1½ months ago: he knows that it was in operation up to a week ago however. It is a munitions plant and the products are highly secret. There is a railroad loading station for the factory at 554486 and a newly built rail line extends from there to WITTRING.

No defensive preparations are known on the road from ST AVOLD to ~~FORCELETTE/ MERLENBACH/~~ KARLINGEN.

The section of the FORET DE ST AVOLD east of PORCELETTE (212625) contains much ammunition. Both sides of the road through the forest from ST AVOLD to PORCELETTE and then to HAM are lined with stacks of ammunition of unknown type.

Castle VORSBERG (195640) is also used as an ammunition dump. In case of a move from here, ST WENDEL is thought by the civilian to be a likely spot to move to.

In vic COPPEL coinciding with the 52 grid line is an AT ditch.

Civilian saw dug emplacements of undetermined type at 348513 and 337502.

The road between ST AVOLD and MERLENBACH has no visible defensive preparations.

North of COPPEL on road between 353540 and 353550 the trees are partially cut to facilitate felling as tank obstacles.

There is an AT ditch near RR station at 414674 which follows the ridge toward SPICHEREN (441660). It crosses the road at 429674 and has double its normal width at this point. There is also a road block here.

There is a heavily mined tank barrier at 384650, and it is believed that a considerable area to each side of the barrier has been mined.

There are trenches and dugouts of unspecified types at 420680.

There are two warehouses for food supplies at 433676. The city of SAARGEMUND also has several warehouses.

HOLVING (438459) has well dug defenses against tanks.

The valley between KEPPELKINGER (397417) and SAARALBE (485446) has many dug in positions.

A tank ditch crosses the road at 451426 and goes in the direction of 495413. The bridge at 451426 is mined. This bridge and road are said to be heavily defended by artillery, and the loss of the bridge (according to civilian) would cause supply difficulties to the German s.

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