

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT  
IPW TEAM 60 134TH INF REGT

26 Nov 44

Interrogation of civilians at ST JEAN ROEBACH yielded the following information.

PUTTELANGE - SARREGUEMINES area,

There is an AT ditch on road PUTTELANGE - LUPERSHAUSEN behind the weeded hill on the right side of the road. The area to the left of the road is swampy and unfit for tanks. (right is east)

Anti tank ditch on the road PUTTELANGE - ERNSTWEILER : this ditch includes a small lake to the north of the road as part of the defensive system. Above the lake is a pill box. The bridge over the creek is mined. The whole road between the AT ditch and SARREGUEMINES is mined. The mines on the northern half of the road are in wedge shaped patterns: these on the southern half are evenly distributed.

There are two AT ditches on the crossroad 494548. One runs across the road from the edges of the adjacent woods. The other is behind the woods and extends to WOLFERDINGEN. There are approximately six infantry trenches extending from this area to beyond the HUNDLINGEN - WOLFERDINGEN road.

There are mine fields laid in a wedge shaped pattern on both sides of the WOUSTVILLER - ROTH road. There is an AT ditch beginning 50 yds before ROTH, passing through the village underneath a mined bridge, and extending to NEUFGRANGE.

SAARGUEMINES AREA:

There is an AT road block at the second house on SCHLOSSBERG STREET (550256 - 510569).

There are six concrete emplacements on each side of SCHLOSSBERG STREET designed each for one man using a "Panzerfaust" (bazooka with 30 yd range).

There is an AT trench beginning underneath prison (SCHLOSSBERG ST) and going towards WOLFERDINGEN.

There are trenches and camouflaged artillery emplacements (without guns) between SCHLOSSBERG ST and BLAUBERG ST.

There is an ammunition depot in an abandoned quarry to the west of road SARREGUEMINES - WOLFERDINGEN directly across from a hospital which is on the other side of the river. Another quarry in the immediate neighborhood is used as a refuge for evacuated civilians (this is not directly across from the hospital).

SAARALBE AREA:

Entrenchments, AT obstacles and road blocks are in the barracks area on street SAARALBE - KISKASTEL just north of the railroad bridge.

KREUZWALD AREA:

Anti tank ditch surrounds MINE DE HOUILLE to south, east, and northeast. North of MINE DE HOUILLE is a mine field laid by the French in 1940.

Trees are prepared for use as a road block on the road HARGARTEN & HAM - CREUTZWALD and on road MERTEN - CREUTZWALD.

There are AT mines and trenches in BISTEN swamps between big RR bridge (which is mined on the side toward the station) and first houses of CREUTZWALD.

Weeds north and south of BISTEN RIVER and to the east of RR track CARLING & HARGARTEN are mined. These and the mines referred to in last paragraph were laid by SS Div Gross Deutschland in September 1944.

The trolley tracks KREUTZWALD - SAARLOUIS are mined particularly in area where trolley passes road MERTEN - CREUTZWALD.

There are empty artillery emplacements facing to the SE on the hill 1 km north of CREUTZWALD.

There are road blocks at south and north end of CREUTZWALD on the CARLING - CREUTZWALD and CREUTZWALD - HARGARTEN roads.

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The following items of information were disclosed by escaped Italian prisoners of the Germans picked up by our 1st Bn, via HILSPRI CH.

There is an anti-tank ditch which runs from 444503 to 450487.

Both sides of the road at 458457 are heavily mined.

There are probably mines at 413500.

There are entrenchments for strong pointing installations at 425480 and 424483.

There are quadrangles of barbed wire at 448460. A trench also begins at this point running to the north of HOLVING and then to REMERING.

A trench forms a triangle between the points GRUNDWEILER, RICHLING, and SAARALBE FOREST.

There is a trench extending from 450487 to 454483.

In SAARALBE the SS Barracks are located at 484453. In front of the barracks is a road block. There is a trench at 484451.

There are 7 or 8 emplacements for AT guns on the road between REMERING and SAARALBE. The guns were installed on this road two days ago and then removed because of artillery fire.

3 tanks and 2 AT guns left REMERING in the direction of GRUNDWEILER on the night of 24 Nov.

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