

IPW Report #206

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1715

Identity: 3rd Co, Bn Lehmann
2nd Co, Bn Lehmann

11 PWs
1 PW

Pt of capture: 5856 by 1st Bn

Report: All PWs stayed behind purportedly yesterday afternoon when an unidentified SS unit which defended the Gr. Viessing Fme withdrew to the railroad crossing (571567) 3 men from Bn Lehmann were shot by an SS Lieutenant yesterday when they tried to surrender.

Retreat: One PW overheard two SS officers saying that they are covering the retreat to the West Wall.

Tanks: Several tanks arrived yesterday from the 11th Pz Div after they were requested by the CO of the 37th SS Regt.

Misc.: One PW stated many towns in Germany are surrounded by A/T defenses. The work on them started soon after our invasion began

Identity: 3rd Co, 677th Reconstruction Engr Bn

1 PW

Pt of capture: 551515 by 1st Bn

Report: The 677th Rd Reconstruction Engr Bn was transferred from Russia to Sarreguemines nine weeks ago. It consists of 4 companies, the 4th Co being made up of Russians. The 3rd Co was used for preparing trenches and rd obstacles at Dieding, Zetting and Sarreinsming. The 3rd Co left this area about two weeks ago for Blieskastel (6570).

Misc.: PW deserted his unit two weeks ago and hid in civilian clothes in Dieding (551515)

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320th Infantry

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PW represent the following units:

3 and 4 Co, 17 Recon Bn, 17 SS Div
2, 3, and 9 Co, 38th Regt, 17 SS Div

Recon Bn : 3d Co last night had a strength of 4 men. Had 30 men three days ago and 110 two weeks ago. Has no officer in command; instead has a sgt. They withdrew from FOLPERSVILLER to FRAUENBERG this morning at 0500.

4th Co withdrew from FOLPERSVILLER to unknown destination last night. They had 4 80 mm mortars and 9 lms and 60 men three days ago. PW believes they have lost much of this in the meantime however.

The 1st Co has 2 armored recon cars and is believed to be in reserve in the Siegfried Line. The 2nd Co was wiped out in Normandy and has never been reformed. The 5th Co has four AT guns two of which were in FRAUENBERG and two in FOLPERSVILLER yesterday. It also has two infantry cannon motorized which were in FOLPERSVILLER, and one platoon of engineers specializing in the construction and demolition of bridges. The 5th Co strength is about 70 men. CO is Lt Waldsinger. One of the infantry cannon had been damaged by a tree burst in GROSS BLITTERSDORF but has been repaired.

Many of the men who are now with the Recon Bn were formerly in the rifle companies and trains of the 38th Regt; company trains are committed as infantry when the companies they normally supply are wiped out.

CO of Recon Bn is Maj Linn whose CP has now moved from FOLPERSVILLER to HABKIRCHEN.

38th Regt: 2nd Co yesterday at FOLPERSVILLE had strength of 13 men with 2 lmg under command of Lt Arens. 3d Co two days ago received about 50 replacements which together with its previous strength adds up to 70 men. At this time a total of 120 replacements arrived for the first battalion. The replacements were mostly Hungarians and Rumanians who have just been brought here from the vicinity of BUCHAREST.

9th Co had strength of 30 men. All these people came from the trains and from other companies of the third battalion whose strength is now about 40 men. Day before yesterday the battalion CP at shack in woods at 555582 received a direct hit and Capt Witzlaff the Bn CO was wounded.

Civilian reports that a battalion CP of an SS unit moved from FOLPERSVILLER to HEBKIRCHEN yesterday evening. He had heard that 13 tanks were supposed to come for reinforcement yesterday evening. At 2200-2300 last evening he heard what he believed to be about six tanks moving. He had heard that three were to go forward toward NEUNKIRCHEN and three towards the RR station at FOLPERSVILLER to counterattack. He also reports a new wooden bridge built at 559598 about a week ago. The civilian obtained most of his information because he lived in the same house where the Germans had had their CP in FOLPERSVILLER.