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IPW REPORT 222

17 DEC 44
1130

Identity: 1st Co 209th Eng Bn 11th Pz Div.

2 PWs

Pt of capt. 615610 by 2nd Bn

Report: The 1st Co came to GERSHEIM 3 days ago from BLIESDAHLH at 638638. They were to secure tanks, supposedly 3 or 4 Mk V tanks and some armored scout cars, which were on high ground NW of GERSHEIM.

Locations: Co CP was 3 days ago in WALSHEIM at 632618.

Line of retreat:

The Co was ordered to retreat to BLIESHEIM after bridge in GERSHEIM was blown up.

Personalities: CO 1st Co Lt. DEMSKY.

Identity: 1st Cg Bn LEHMANN

Pt of capture: 615610 by 2nd Bn

Report: PW was left behind when a group of 14 men (approx.) retreated from LOHNOF (603614) yesterday evening. He went then to GERSHEIM, where he slept this night.

Strength: There were only about 6 men left in 1st Co.

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IPW Report #223

17 Dec 44
2000

Identity: Bn Reserve, 347th Fusilier Bn

1 PW

Pt of capture: 6161 by M Co.

Location: About 30 men are still holding out at Lohhof (603614) where also an artillery FO is stationed. The whole Bn, about 300-400 men, is located in woods N of Lohhof and supported by four SP guns.

Personalities: Bn CO: Capt. Schwab

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320th Infantry

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IPW Report:#220

17 Dec 44
1030

Identity: 3rd Btry, 17th SS Arty Regt, 17th SS Div
(2nd Lt, evacuated by Medics)

1 PW

Pt of capture: Lohhof Farm (603614) by 3rd Bn

Report: Lt Keim was detached with 25 men of his battery to Bn Lehmann. He retreated with his unit from Reinheim to Lohhof Farm. His mission on 16 December was to defend the Bn CP there with 8 men left of his original 25. He was wounded when our troops attacked on 16 December in the morning. He assumed that the rest of the Bn retreated. Lt Schwiegert who was also attached to Bn Lehmann was wounded two days ago.

Identity: 4th Co, Bn Lehmann
Pt of capture: 617610 by 3rd Bn

1 PW

Report: PW lost his unit two days ago and was hiding until our troops arrived.

IPW Report #221

17 Dec 44
1100

Identity: 2nd Co, 347th Fusilier Bn, 347th Div
Pt of capture: 617610 by 3rd Bn

3 PWs

Report: The Fus Bn arrived in this sector from Klarenthal (Eiffel sector) in the night of 15-16 Dec via Saarbruecken to be attached to SS units.

Mission: The mission of the 2nd Co with remnants of the 3rd Company attached was to relieve 50-60 SS troops at Lohhof Farm (603614) in the afternoon of 16 December. After retaking this farm they found there were no troops there. PWs overheard officer announcing that on 17 December the Bn is ordered to take the high ground S of the farm., which apparently is the hill at 605592. The attack is to be prepared by arty and mortar fire.

Strength: 2nd Co with attached remnants of the 3rd Co approx 80 men.-
Fus Bn with rear echelon troops 200-250 men.

Locations: 2nd Co CP in cellar of farm at 603614. Bn CP moved at 2300 16 December further to the rear. 860th Regtl CP (347th Div) located at Klarenthal (Eiffel sector) until at least 13 Dec. 2nd Co on line at and in front of the triangular wood at 598617. 1st Co to the right of the 2nd Co. SS troops to their left.

Personalities: 2nd Co CO: Lt Schuetze.- Fus Bn CO: Capt Schwab.-
860th Regt CO: Col Rohov.

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