

INTERROGATION REPORT  
134th INF REGT  
IPW 60

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The following information was obtained from two civilians at BLIES EBERSING:

The information is four weeks old and all based on personal observation.

At BEBELSHEIM there are three road blocks. The first building entering the town from the south is the police station: 100 yds beyond this is a road block consisting of tree trunks encased in concrete. Another road block of the same type is just before the bridge over the MANDELBACH in BEBELSHEIM. 200 yds before leaving BEBELSHEIM in the direction of WITTERSHEIM is a third road block consisting only of fallen trees. (the second road block is similar to the first). There are also unspecified road blocks in WITTERSHEIM. Extending along the road BEBELSHEIM - WITTERSHEIM and beyond are trenches for riflemen and machine gunners at approximately 100 yard intervals. At 602716 is a pill box probably for AT defense which dominates the approach to NIEDERWURZBACH from the direction of WITTERSHEIM. At 603716 at the edge of a sand pit the road is tunneled under and prepared for blowing. Probably an AT ditch has been constructed to the sides of the road at this point also. Two zigzag trenches extend from house behind crossing at 601712 up the hill to the east. Between the roads which come together at 601712 are a number of pyramidal tank obstacles constructed of metal rails. The low ground to the north of the road intersection is crossed by many riflemen's trenches and the ground is very muddy. At 605717 is a large and well camouflaged pill box which is invisible from the north but dominates the road. Halfway between RITTERSHOF (594726) and NIEDERWURZBACH on the road to SAARBRUECKEN is a series of three concrete AT obstacles. These are set diagonally across the road in order to provide a block for traffic coming from SAARBRUECKEN; there is a 40 yd interval between the concrete emplacements. 300 yards before RITTERSHOF coming from NIEDERWURZBACH is a strong iron AT obstacle. At 588734 at edge of woods to east of road is a pill box with two gun apertures. At 574744 is a large concrete pill box, largely underground. There are 3 or 4 large pill boxes at 643726. In the region of 655723 are three pill boxes. At about 659713 are three pill boxes. At ALSCHBACH is an AT ditch which is so constructed that it is impossible to see when approaching from the south because of the slope of the ground. There are relatively few pill boxes between RITTERSHOF and HASSEL.

The following information is 6 weeks old and was supplied by a deserter from the Luftwaffe: There is a radio traffic control installation to direct German fighter planes at the woods between WIEDENBRUECK and GUETERSLOH (Westphalia) where the road to RHEDA begins. In STROMEERG (to the west of this wood) is another radio direction station. At WIEDENBRUECK is the headquarters of the 211 Comm Regt of the Luftwaffe, and at RHEDA is the Hq of a Luftwaffe general.

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6 PW from 37th Regt, 17 SS Div.

The PW are all Hungarians and deserted to our 2nd Bn. They are recent replacements, having been in line only for two days. The squad consisted of ten men when they came as replacements. Yesterday there were seven, including the squad leader, left. The squad leader was the only German, the others Hungarian. When the squad leader became sick and left his position to go to the rear the rest of the squad deserted. PW believe that their unit was attached to Recon Bn

PW had belonged to the 3d Co of the replacement bn which was distributed among the pill boxes of the Siegfried Line in the vicinity of ST INGBERT. PW say that two platoons of the replacemnt co numbering 38 men came forward. Two men were left in each pill box as security.

PW were in position at approximately <sup>595625</sup> 588626. To their left (SE) were troops which were not SS. To the right were SS troops. At about the position where these were captured there are about 12 to 15 more Hungarians who would like to give up. When drafted into the SS earlier this year these Hungarian troops were told that they would fight against the Russians in Hungary defending their own country; they claim to have no interest in fighting against us and say that other Hungarians who come as replacements will try to desert.

In these units the squad and platoon leaders are Germans.

PW believe that the Recon Bn CP was at a log pill box at 588626 at the crossing of two paths in the woods. This position is only about 200 yds behind the front and is not a characteristic position for a German CP. The Bn CO is 1st Lt Hasselmann.

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The following information was obtained from civilians of FOLPERSVILLER and NEUNKIRCHEN.

1. There is an AT ditch beginning at LAUTZINGEN station (653724) stretching to 665723.
2. At 659722 in the center of a loop formed by the BLIESS is a pill box designed for French 35mm AT guns.
3. At 665723 behind AT ditch are two concrete pill boxes on each side of road.
4. From LANDSKIRCHEN to BILBACH on the southern slope of HILL 349 north of the BLIESS is a network of infantry trenches.
5. On the hill at 651719 in the garden of the monastery there are at least two pill boxes.
6. At EINOED, 1 Km from the RR and visible from there, at 704743 are four large artillery pieces that were installed four weeks ago. The estimated length of the tube is 26 feet.
7. At 690810 and 685812, in the woods at both sides of the RR, are wooden buildings in which ammunition is stored.