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INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
IFW 60

28 Dec 44

2 PW from 8th Co, 15th Pzcht Regt.

PW were captured in a barn at north exit of WARNACH. They have been hiding there since the 24th Dec. One PW said that he had desired to give himself up, and the other said they he had hoped for a chance to make his way back to the German lines.

Although in a parachute regiment neither PW has ever had jump training nor have they made any tactical jumps. Both had been in AA units until two months ago, one in Russia and the other in Holland. At the time they were transferred to the Pzcht unit thousands of other young men were also transferred. The regiment came from DUISBERG to NIEDERSTEDT on 12 Dec by train. They left here on foot on 15 Dec with the mission of securing a bridge at GOEBELSMUEHL, which they did meeting no resistance. They continued west by foot cross country marching about 30 to 40 Km every night. Each night there were minor skirmishes, and at one place 4 of our tanks delayed their advance for a day, but at night they bypassed them. 4 Km SW of WILTZ they had a battle which netted the Germans about 120 prisoners and 50 assorted vehicles: only the 2nd Bn of the Pzcht Regt was engaged here. This incident occurred on the 21st or 22nd Dec. The Germans suffered moderate losses, the 8th Co losing 5 killed, and the rifle companies probably more. The vehicles were distributed throughout the 2nd Bn, the only change in identification being that the star was covered with mud. From uniforms found in the trucks the Germans were issued new shoes, raincoats, underwear, etc. On 23 Dec the cars were sent back to regt. The 2nd Bn proceeded to WARNACH and STRAINCHAMPS with the purpose of severing the BASTAGNE road. The Bn CP was in WARNACH. PW knows that the other two battalions are in this general vicinity but does not know where. The 16th Pzcht regiment is to the north of the 15th Regt. At 0200, 24 Dec there were at WARNACH the AA platoon (20mm) without AA guns which had been abandoned because of faulty mounts, and two HMG platoons of the 8th Co, and a MG platoon of the 7th Co. There were also 15 men of 8th Co HQ armed with 4 large bazookas. The mortar platoon of the 8th Co is believed to have gone to TINTANGE. Our troops attacked at this time with tanks, achieving complete surprise and scattered the enemy.

CO of 8th Co is Lt Gebhard. Co of 2nd Bn is Capt Kitze. CO of Regt is Col Groeschke. CO of Div is Col Heilmann.

PW were given 3 days iron rations on 15 Dec. Since using these they have been living "off the land". PW do not know about their general mission nor are they aware of recent German successes. Communication with adjacent units was only by bicycle -- no radio.

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INTERROGATION REPORT

1. total No. of PWs received during this period : 403

2. Unit identifications :

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	LOCATION	MEANS	DATE
5 Para Div, 13 Para Regt, 9 Co	HARLANGE (P6050)	PW	27 Dec
11 Co	" "	PW	"
12 Co	" "	PW	"
14 Para Regt, 1 Bn Hq	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
3 Co	" "	PW	"
4 Co	" "	PW	"
Hq 2 Bn	" "	PW	"
5 Co	" "	PW	"
7 Co	" "	PW	"
8 Co	" "	PW	"
9 Co	" "	PW	"
12 Co	" "	PW	"
13 Co	" "	PW	"
14 Co	" "	PW	"
15 Co	" "	PW	"
15 Para Regt, Hq Co	HARLANGE (P6050)	PW	"
7 Co	" "	PW	"
8 Co	" "	PW	"
11 Co	" "	PW	"
5 Para Eng Bn, Hq Co	" "	PW	"
1 Co	(P5551)	PW	"
2 Co	HARLANGE (P6050)	PW	"
3 Co	" "	PW	"
4 Co	" "	PW	"
5 Para AT Bn, 1 Co	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
2 Co	" "	PW	"
3 Co	" "	PW	"
15 Para Div, 104 PG Regt, 1 Bn Hq	SIBRET (P4955)	PW	"
1 Co	" "	PW	"
2 Co	" "	PW	"
3 Co	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
6 Co	" "	PW	"
7 Co	" "	PW	"
8 Co	" "	PW	"
33 Eng Bn, 1 Co	SIBRET (P4955)	PW	"
33 AT Bn, 1 Co	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
26 Inf Div, 39 Regt, 1 Bn Hq	SIBRET (P4955)	PW	"
3 Co	ASSENSIS (P5354)	PW	"
4 Co	W BASSOIN (P5659)	PW	"
14 Co	" "	PW	"
77 Regt, 2 Co	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
14 Co	" "	PW	"
26 Arty 3 Btry	ASSENSIS (P5354)	PW	"
11 Asslt Gun Bde, 3 Btry	HARLANGE (P6050)	PW	"
243 Asslt Gun Bde, Hq Btry	ROMPRE (P5351)	PW	"
408 Arty Corps, 1 Bn Hq	" "	PW	"
2 Btry	" "	PW	"
3 Btry	" "	PW	"

18 Weyburn (Rocket Proj) Bde, 22 Regt, 1 Btry ?	EW	27 Dec
60 Arty Regt (OH), 4 Btry	EW	27 Dec
3 Training Repl Bn, 2 Co	EW	27 Dec

5. PW breakdown :

			PTN	No. PW	capt by	CO
5 Para Div, 13 Para Regt,	9 Co		L61485B	3	CC"AN"	1 Lt. HENNIG
	11 Co		D	5	"	none
	12 Co		E	4	"	1 Lt. WHITE PW
14 Para Regt,	1 Bn HQ		L63871A	2	CC"AN"	Capt. KROEL
	3 Co		D	3	"	no off
	4 Co		E	4	CC"AN"	Lt. ROSENER
	8 Bn HQ		L63002A	1	CC"AN"	Capt. HARTMAN
	5 Co		H	2	CC"AN"	?
	6 Co		D	5	"	no off
	8 Co		E	1	CC"AN"	no off
	9 Co		L63823B	3	CC"AN"	1 Lt. BRICH
	12 Co		E	1	CC"AN"	1 Lt. FURTEL
	13 Co		?	3	CC"AN"	no off
	14 Co		L 63609	1	CC"AN"	no off
	15 Co		?	2	"	Lt. FRIEDENBERG
15 Para Regt,	11 Co		L63335	2	CC"AN"	?
	7 Co		L63305D	4	"	Lt. STUBBER
	8 Co		E	4	CC"AN"	Lt. FRIEDRICH
	11 Co		L61100D	7	CC"AN"	Capt. SCHWELER
5 Para Sig Bn, HQ Co			?	3	"	"
	1 Co		L60018	45	"	Lt. SANDER PW
	2 Co		?	39	"	PW 1 Lt. GREN
	3 Co		L60021	62	"	Lt. ROEPFRACK
	4 Co		?	7	"	Lt. BURKHARDT
5 Para Sig Bn,	1 Co		?	27	CC"AN"	Capt. THOMAS
	2 Co		?	5	"	no off
	3 Co		?	2	"	Lt. WAGNER PW
12 Para Div, 104 PG Regt,	1 Bn HQ		56506A	1	CC"AN"	Capt. GROSS
	1 Co		H	45	"	Lt. WALTER PW
	2 Co		C	22	"	1 Lt. FRISSEL
	6 Co		573945	27	CC"AN"	?
	7 Co		D	6	CC"AN"	?
	8 Co		H	1	CC"AN"	Lt. BERNHARDT
35 Sig Bn,	1 Co		57008	6	CC"AN"	?
38 AT Bn,	1 Co		55058	14	CC"AN"	?
86 Inf Div, 38 Regt,	1 Bn HQ		80280A	1	CC"AN"	Capt. HUBER
	3 Co		D	4	"	?
	4 Co		E	6	"	1 Lt. ATCHIE
	14 Co		88943C	3	CC"AN"	1 Lt. ROSENER
77 Regt,	2 Co		?	1	CC"AN"	?
	14 Co		80632	1	CC"AN"	1 Lt. LAUPE
88 Army,	3 Bn HQ		30407A	2	CC"AN"	?
11 Asslt Gun Bde,	3 Btry		L64870	1	CC"AN"	?
243 Asslt Gun Bde,	Hq Btry		55402	2	CC"AN"	?
403 Army Corps	1 Bn HQ		54052A	3	"	?
	2 Btry		C	1	CC"AN"	Capt. HUBER
	3 Btry		D	1	CC"AN"	Capt. FURTEL
10 Heavy (rocket Proj) Bde, (OH),	1 Btry		7	1	CC"AN"	Lt. HENNING
88 Army Regt (OH)	4 Btry		17440C	1	CC"AN"	Lt. GREN
8 taking Repl Bn, 2 Co			88922	1	CC"AN"	?

4. 5 Para Div, 5 Eng Bn, 1 Pz state :

LOCATION : Entire Bn via HANLANEY (70050)

STRENGTH : 1 Co was approx 130 men, 3 mm plns, 1 hv pln with 30 men, 2 hv MG, 1 anti tank, 10 Amer tanks, 17 Amer jeep tanks. Other plns had unknown no. mines, equipment to build ponton bridges. 2 Co approx 50 men, 5 MG, 2 tanks, no ant equip. 3 Co approx 120 men, 1 MG/anti tank no. 7-mms which were not laid, 4 CS strength unknown, Co. rptd wiped out.

MISSION : Bn was to hold positions in woods via HANLANEY was committed as inf.

5. 5 Para AT Bn, 1 Co : PW states :

LOCATION : 1 Co via HOFFER, 2nd Co same via.

STRENGTH : approx 60 men, 5-6 anti tank (large bazookas), unknown no. anti tank (small bazookas), 3 MG, no veh.

MISSION : holding

Bn CO : Capt. WINE

6. 15 Pz, 1st Pz : PW states :

LOCATION : native 1 Bn via STONEY, native 2 Bn via HOFFER.

STRENGTH : 1 Co approx 60 men, now rptd wiped out, had 2 hv MG, 6 MG, unknown no. anti tank tanks. 2 Co was 34 men, 1 MG/anti tank, several Amer jeep tanks, 2 hv MG

MISSION : Holding. 2 Co adv toward PARSONS, then went into holding positions. PW states Bn did not expect attack by 2

7. 15 Pz, 3d Bn AT Bn, 1 Co : PW states :

LOCATION : Co arrived this area approx 3 days ago, came fr 1 US Army anchor via AACHIN. Present location area of so unknown.

STRENGTH : Co consists of 2 plns, 2 1/2-drum 75mm AT guns ea. guns of 1 pln were destroyed. Co has approx 30 men, 1 MG/anti tank. Bn has 4 CS, location of other CS unknown, strength same as 1 Co. 30 veh also carried on 1/2 with ea gun. Gasoline supply adequate.

MISSION : Co was attn unknown unit of 5 Para Div, to hold present posns. Maximum maximum effective range of gun 1200 yds.

8. 26 1/2 Div, 3d Bn : PW states :

LOCATION : 1 Bn via STONEY, location 1 and 2 not unknown, 2nd Bn rptd on left flank of 1 Bn. 14 Co via PARSONS

STRENGTH : 3 Co approx 50 men 2 days ago, now approx 20 men. PW fr 2 Co rptd 1 Bn strength at most 250 men as of 24 Dec. 4 Co approx 150 men, 3 anti tank, 2 hv MG, 4 75mm AT gun MG. Location area 14 Co 3 plns 24 men/pln, 10 anti tank (large bazookas)/pln, no veh.

MISSION : 1 Bn is held present positions. Bn did not have contact location with 1 and 2 1/2 for last 3 days. 14 Co was to attack via PARSONS.

9. 26 1/2 Div, 77 Bn : PW states :

LOCATION : 2 Co via HOFFER, 14 Co via PARSONS.

STRENGTH : 2 Co approx 120 men, 1 MG/anti tank, 3 plns; 14 Co approx 120 men, originally, present strength unknown, 3 plns, 10 anti tank (large bazookas) and 3 MG/anti tank.

MISSION : holding

Div CO : Brig Gen COOPER.

10. 11 Para Assault Gun Bde, 3 Btry : PW states :

LOCATION : via HANLANEY.

STRENGTH : Btry supposed to have 7-8 75mm anti tank guns, but only 3 were counted, 1 of which fell out because of water trouble. Bn gun

accompanied by 4-5 inf escorts who dismount when on ic contacted. inf escorts of this unit btry attached fr 14 Para Regt, 11 Co, altogether 30 men.
MISSION : Asalt guns employed as AT wps, inf escorts to fight short-range AT wps.

11. 245 Asalt Gun Bde, Rn Btry : PW states :

LOCATION : Btry vic HONFAN, firing btrys probably same vic.
ORGANIZATION : Bde consists of 3 firing btrys, 3 75mm Asalt Guns and 3 105mm Asalt guns on M4A1 III chassis ea. 3 guns at present in repair because damaged en route when attacked by our air craft. Bde came from 1 US Army sector vic GUILLESTRECH to this area approx 3 days ago. PW stated that gasoline supply was inadequate while Bde was en route, but has improved since Bde was committed.

MISSION : Guns employed for AT defense.

12. 18 WETTER (rocket proj) bde, 22 Regt, 1 Btry : PW states :

LOCATION : Unknown.
ORGANIZATION : Bde consists of 21 and 22 Regts, 3 bns/regt, 3 firing btrys/bn. In 22 Regt 1st Bn has 6 150mm WETTER (rocket proj) 2 Bn has 6 210mm WETTER (rocket proj), and 3 Bn has 6 300mm WETTER (rocket proj) IN EACH BTRY. Of 21 Regt probably the same. Each WETTER (rocket proj) is mounted on 2 wheels and H/T-drawn. Bn btry has 3 H/T which pull 3 WETTER (rocket proj) ea, 1 hooked behind the other. Also 3 other veh in ea btry, tons of all sizes to transport ammo and personnel. 40-50 rds ammo carried on ea H/T. ea WETTER (rocket proj), regardless of cal, has a crew of 1 NCO and 4 men.

Type of ammo : smoke and HE

max range : 7 km

eff range : 6 km

} for the 150mm WETTER (rocket proj)

PW rpts 3 guns were self-destructed because many men of his btry retreated. He also rpts that WETTER (projectors) frequently fire short and many of own trps are hit.

CO 1st Bn 22 Regt : Capt. BUNFROTE

13. 60 Arty Regt (CRS), 4 Btry : PW states :

LOCATION : Btry located vic St. HUBERT (P6161), locn other btrys unknown. PW capt vic SIBROT while hauling ammo.

ORGANIZATION : Regt consists of 5 btrys, 4 guns 150mm how H/T-drawn per btry.

MISSION : Regt was supporting unknown inf div.

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