

31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Consolidated Report from 301600 to 311600

TO: PWE, 134th Inf. Regt.

1. a. Total PWs received: 25 (Grand Total: 11472)
 b. Identifications:

	Units		Number	FFN	
5th Para Div.	13th Regt.	Co 11	1	L61485D	
	14th Regt.		4	L62271E	
			15	4	L60435
	15th Regt.		4	1	L33833E
			15	2	L62325
167th VG Div.	331st Regt.		1	33848B	
			6	66433C	
			7	66433D	
			14	64318C	
			7	64487D	
1st SS Div.	339th Regt.		1	09088C	
	2nd Regt.		2	14103B	
			5	14103D	
			7	35646D	
Fuhrer Gren Bde.		3			
Civilians			2	----	
Total			25		

2. Other Units Committed

None Reported

3. Units in Reserve

None Reported

4. Strength & Organization

The 339th VG Regt. came 3 weeks ago from Slovakia, by way of St. Vith. Strength of 7th Co: 80 men, only 1 inf. wpns. 6th Co is identical. Regt'1 CO: Lt. Col. Hoecker; PW does not know whereabouts of the rest of the div.

The 1st SS Div. was in Osnabruck beginning November, and arrived SE of Duren, middle of Nov., where they were at rest 1 month. Then advanced to vic. Stavelot, as strategic reserve. The Pz Regt of the Div. was committed the 20th Dec. alone. The 2 Pz Gren Regts. were cut off on Dec. 22. The 2nd Regt. retreated via Stavelot, reformed again and came to this area yesterday morning and attacked at about 0700.

The 2nd Regt. has 3 Bns, of which the first and second participated in the attack. The 3rd Bn is mechanized. Strength of Cos reduced now to approx. 70 men. Weapons: 1.inf.wpns. with Nebelwerfer support of some unspecified GHQ unit. CO of Div.: Gen. Monke, CO of 2nd Regt.: Lt. Col. Sandig, CO of the 1st Bn: Capt. Richter, CO of 2nd Bn: 1st Lt. Keil, CO of 2nd Co: 1st Lt. Ienke, CO of the 7th Co: 2nd Lt. Sommerfeld.

Fuhrer Pz. GrenBde. left Kottbus Dec 13 by train, unloaded at Gerolstein 21 Dec. Entered Luxembourg on Dec 23 at Hoescheid. Committed vic. Hoescheid Dec 26th, as security for the 5th Para Div. Then committed vic. Bastogne on Dec. 27th. The Bde has 1 Tk Bn, and 1 Gren. Bn plus att. Engr. The Tk Bn has 3 Cos; 1st Co has 10 Panthers (50 men), 2nd Co is identical, 3rd Co has 8 Panthers, of which 2 are presently in repair. This represents combat strength only. No information on the Gren. Bn and att. units available as yet.

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INTERROGATION REPORT
134th INF REGT
IPW 60

31 Dec 44

1 PW from 7th Co, 339th Regt, 167 VA Div.

PW was a medic. He was captured at 566524. His company had been advancing toward this point from the east not expecting to make contact with the enemy at this time. When crossing a fence before entering the woods they met small arms and machine gun fire which killed 30 men including the Co CO immediately and wounded many others.. The original strength of the company had been 84.

The PW located the regimental CP in the school building in WARDIN. The regtl aid station is also in this town.

The regiment consists of two battalions and the division of two regiments.

Medic says that in general the men were in good health although they had done an excessive amount of marching during the last week.

In line to the right (N) of this unit was the 8th Co of the regt. To the left (S) was the 331 Regt.

PW did not know the ultimate objective of their attack, but were told that his unit would eventually be in BASTOGNE.

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31 Dec 44

1 PW from 5th Co, 331 Regt, 167 Div.

PW deserted at 560530 when his strong point was attacked by our troops today. The others of his unit withdrew, but he remained behind.

The 5th Co (22 men) together with a few others bringing the total strength up to 30 attacked LUTREBOIS at 0300 this morning. Here they found 40 US soldiers asleep in a barn with no outposts. They took the Americans prisoner, sent them back immediately and continued ~~with~~ their attack meeting no resistance to the point where PW was taken. There they dug in to form a strong point. In the woods near his position he saw two tanks, a mortar, and at 0800 this morning about 50 SS men coming from the NW and entering the woods at about 565528.

The 5th Co strength was low because two days ago while en route to this area they were attacked by planes and lost at least half their men. This was at an unidentified place about 40 Km away.

PW is Polish. His division is from 40% to 60% non-German. He was told his parents would be shot if he deserted.

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The 35 th. TK. Bn. picked up 2 deserters, one from 5 th Co. 339 Volks Grenadier Regt. 16~~9~~ Div. The other from 7 th. Co. 339 Volks Grenadier Regt. 16~~9~~ Div.

Picked up west of Lutrebois and N.W. Rd.

Their story: Regt. (possibly reinforced) will attack tonight or in morning. First assault troops (approx 30 men) attack with AT. Grenades and M.G. After that, they did not know plan. Mortars located on hill NE of LUTREBOIS (Hill 540). Regtl and Bn CP at cross rd in woods east of LUTREBOIS. They saw tks in village on other side of hill.

They say food situation extremely bad.

Were supposed to have attacked this morning (31 Dec 44), but our arty hit right on them, and they withdrew into woods.

Deserter from 339th Regt; was originally straggler from 26th Div. Present job -- runner 2nd Bn. Says 339th Regtl CP at 576523 to E side of rd about 20 yds. Nebelwerfer pos at 594518 (accuracy of location within about 200 yds). Says LUTREMANGE packed with troops. Saw some SS troops there. Identified Adolf Hitler Div. Also Paratroop remnants. Says Adolf Hitler Div on left of 339th Regt. Doesn't know if the whole Div is there or not. Main mission is to cut off BASTOGNE again. Says they are to atk until they can't atk any more.