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18 PW from 1st Co, LEHMANN Battalion

This is apparently an independent battalion: it had formerly been a training unit for sailors who had been transferred to the infantry. One PW believed that the battalion had been attached to the 17th SS Div. All the men in the battalion had been in the navy until October of this year.

The 2nd platoon of the second company and the entire first company occupy a front extending from 520558 E and S along the riverbank to and including the town of SARREINSMING. The remainder of the second company and the third are reported to be in reserve in the vicinity of WIESVILLER. About 20 SS men of the 38th Regt are reported to be a few hundred yards to the rear of the first company's position along the RR tracks: they are armed with two 20mm AA guns (used against ground targets).

The equipment of the rifle companies of the LEHMANN battalion includes 9 mg per company: rifle companies have no organic mortars. Each platoon of the rifle companies has one heavy mg attached from the heavy weapons (fourth) company. This company also has four 120 mm mortars.

From sound, PW estimate that there are a few 88mm artillery pieces in support: unable to locate these.

The CP of 1st Co is in house at 54955480.

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PW represented the following units:

9th Co, 38th Regt, 17 SS Div  
14th Co, 38th Regt, 17 SS Div  
2nd Co, Lehmann Battalion

9th Co, 38th Regt: The third battalion of this regiment consists of the following: 9th Co (strength 30 men with 1 lmg and 1 hmg), the 10th and 11th companies combined as one unit (25 men, 1 lmg), and the 12th Co which is armed with mortars: had 8 to 10 mortars at LIXING LES ROUHLING about a week ago. The mortars are now probably in the vicinity of FOLPERSVILLER or near the woods south of the town. This mornins at 0830 the battalion left FOLPERSVILLER following the RR track through the woods to the vicinity 5356. They were delayed by an air strike in their vicinity, but which was not directly on them. They reached the woods at 1100 and received the order to attack and reduce our bridgehead at the RR bridge at 1130. There then followed very heavy arty fire which completely disbursed them and caused them to scatter and run in the direction from which they came. One medic remained during the arty barrage, and when it was over walked to our lines to give himself up. This unit did not use half-tracks for the approach nor did they have any knowledge of any tanks used in the attack.

CP of the 9th Co at 549586 in a house at CR in FOLPERSVILLER.

CP of 3d Bn at 547585 (house across from inn at edge of town)

Kitchens for bn in FECHINGEN; trains in HORSCHHEID.

No mine fields were known of in this area. The unit had been previously committed in FORCHWEILER where they suffered heavy losses (e.g in 9th Co only four men survived the engagement).

The CO of 9th Co is Lt Arens; 10th Co Lt Henschel; 11th Co Lt leineweber; 12th Co Lt Maschke; 3d Bn Capt Burzlaff.

14th Co 38th Regt: This is th AA company of Regt: strength is about 100 men. Originally the company had 12 20mm AA guns. Six of these were lost in vicinity of GUEBENHAUSEN. Two of the guns were placed forward here for use against ground targets. The other four were farther to the rear. The two forward were located at the insane asylum at 527558 and at 529562. Although they do not know of a definite ammo shortage the PW estimate that in the last three weeks their gun has fired only 200 rounds: they had on hand 150 rounds. Each gun crew has 6 men. CO of the Co is 1st Lt Drechsler.

2nd Co, Bn Lehmann: Confirms previous information. Lost eight of 24 men in arty fire during last 24 hours.