

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM 6C-B, 134TH INFANTRY

24 Aug 44

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The following units represented

758th Inf Regt	
Regt Hq Co.....	5
1st Bn Hq	27
2nd Bn Hq	3
1st Co	12
2nd Co	70
3rd Co	9
4th Co	42
6th Co	1
8th Co	1
15th Co (1 Plat, 3 75mm AT guns present)	1
759th Inf Regt	
10th Co	3
11th Armd Inf Regt (1 plat from ea of 5th, 6th,7th Co)	
5th Co	1
6th Co	0
7th Co	8
1010 Mot Security Regt	
8th Co	9
(an AA Co with 6 20mm AA guns which were also used against troops in vicinity Montargis)	
1st Co	4
192th Security Regt	
8th Co	1
10th Co	1
12th Co	2
57th Air Corps Signal Regt	25
Air Corps Home Guard 57/X111	6
Air Corps Supply Co.	2
852th AA Regt	1
Bonart Sqdrn, Flight 7	1
Civilian Air Corps Administration	1
698th AA Replacement Regt	2

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921st Inf Regt , 9th Co	1
91st Air Corps Trng Regt (Inf)	1
728th Inf Regt, 11th Co.	1
708th Engr Bn, Bn Hq,	1

PW so far taken in this operation including those hospitalized and unidentified total 265 and include 5 officers.

From PW statements it seems that the only regular organized unit defending Montargis was the 1st Bn of the 758th Inf Regt. A Major of the 2nd Bn of the 758th Inf had been detailed to form a second Bn of the varied mixture of units present in Montargis, but because of the shortness of time had not been able to do so. The town had been commanded by a General Arndt and a Lt Col was also here; these officers alone withdrew the night before the Americans entered the town, leaving the Major in command of the entire garrison. There was no artillery in support and few mortars. There was little or no organization and communication between the various units of the defense was poor. The individual soldiers realized that their situation was hopeless and in many cases gave up with little or no trouble.

Following are some of the reasons which the various troops gave for being in Montargis:

One unit was passing thru ~~ax~~ from Avignon to Paris.

Another group was withdrawing from the vicinity of Le Mans and Orleans. Some were separated from their units and were merely withdrawing in the general direction of Germany.

One had just been dismissed from a hospital in town and was not able to rejoin his unit.

Those who withdrew apparently went either to the east to the town La Chapelle or to the south.

There was a good deal of confusion among the German troops thruout the operation.