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IPW TEAM 60-B, 134th INFANTRY

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Josef Schaeffer, Sgt, 4th Co, 5th Prcht Regt, FPN L49501  
Captured by K Co.

PW was instructor in a Prcht school before coming to this field unit four days ago. He had evacuated some wounded to the rear during the night and when he returned to the front his company was gone.

He was the leader of a reserve squad of ten men and two MG. He states that most squads now have two MGs. Their supply system was functioning badly during the last couple of days and the men did not see any field kitchen for two days.

This PW still has a personal belief that the German army has reserves with which to launch a big counterattack and that the parachutists might be used in air-borne action again. However, because of his short presense at this front, he has no idea what is going on in this sector.

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Rudolf Entler, Cpl, 11th Co, 5th Precht Regt, FPN L50510

PW arrived with units of his Regt on this front three weeks ago. He was in Brittany before. ~~He~~<sup>He</sup> is a rifleman. His Co withdrew last night at 2300 for 6 km in direction Vire. Co strength is now about 24 men. Losses are almost only from artillery, but his company did not have losses in the last two days.

PW who is disgusted says he had in mind several times before to desert. In yesterdays withdrawal he stayed behind in a hole and then walked in direction of St-Lo to find American troops.

PW also states that the Germans now lay S- and T-mines behind their own troops, largely for the purpose of preventing their men to retreat. Only their CO knows the position of these mines. The mines are placed 4 meters from wall(hedge) in narrow passages, generally on corners. the number of mines in row depends on width of passage; there is generally an interval of 2 m between mines. The company did not put up any roadblocks etc before withdrawing.

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Helmut Burkamp, M/Sgt, 3rd Bn Aid Station, FPN 50510. 5th Pzcht Regt.  
Helmut Kadoch, Cpl, 9th Co, 5th Pzcht Regt.

Burkamp

PW<sub>A</sub> was a medic at the Bn Aid Station. He tried to evacuate two wounded soldiers and a doctor by ambulance, but the vehicle broke down. This medic stayed behind with the wounded and the doctor went ahead with the battalion.

PW states that they had two doctors in the battalion of which one had been wounded. In a company they have three medical men. There is a shortage of gas for the ambulance.

The medical sergeant did not sleep much in the last 10 days because of continuous withdrawals by night and artillery shelling by day. He wanted to go back to his own line if we had given him the permission, but when he heard that the British were already at Vire he reconsidered and said that in such a case he might as well stay a PW.

The other PW Kadoch was one of the wounded who had been captured with Burkamp. He was wounded by shrapnel while watching a road.

The Cmdr of the 5th Pzcht Regt is Major Becker.