

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
1FW TEAM 60-B, 134th INFANTRY

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PW who are from the 1120th Regt of the 553rd Div state that the 4th Co has now about 15-20 men left. This company has 4 120mm mortars which were formerly drawn by tractors, but today are pulled by horses. They withdrew with considerable disorganization from Fort St-Vincent to Nancy. When American tanks broke thru over the Meuse ^{the} yesterday, the men from the 1st Bn were largely dispersed, since they could not fight the tanks with rifles and machine guns. The officers continued to order counterattacks and hold to the last man, but the men see that any resistance is impossible and are unwilling to die to the last man. The 1st Bn CP must have been abandoned with considerable haste, because our 1st Bn found a big stack of documents there.

The remnants of the German forces are retreating in a northern direction.

Five PW came from the Sauter Bn and they give the strength of this combat force as 50 men. The morale in this group is very low and they claim that their Capt Sauter gives them impossible missions to perform while he stays far back in the rear.

Other PW who according to the inscription in their paybook belong to several different units are now part of the 199th Security Regt and one company from this Regt is here doing guard duty with other companies.

There are other scattered groups in this vicinity and ~~xxxx~~ look much like, for example, the 12th Co of the 3rd Frcht Regt which has a strength of 30 men and although it is a heavy company has only 1 machine gun left.