

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM 60-B, 134TH INFANTRY

25 Sep 44

PW is from the 553d Fusilier Bn.

PW came to this unit on the 10th of Sep. His platoon had a strength of 30 men. The battalion has at present a rearguard mission. Yesterday some hundred men of this unit and of another infantry unit made an attack near Aloncourt to secure the edge of a wood. This is 4 km NE of Leyr. The PW got lost from his unit there and walked down the main highway to the road crossing directly NE of Leyr where he was captured.

PW states that the only thing which keeps a German soldier going these days is the belief in a new secret weapon. The Germans are playing for time in order to give the inventors time to develop this new weapon.

The Fusilier Bn is the RCN unit of the 553d Division. The bicycles which its men have are now with the train of the battalion. The unit is covering the withdrawal of other units.

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7 PW from the Sautter Bn.

Yesterday at 1730 this battalion was marching in single file and in two groups from Arroye to Han. The staff of the Bn, consisting of Capt Sautter, two lieutenants, and several men, were marching by themselves between the two groups of the battalion. They were following the stream when suddenly they were surprised by an American tank who fired his machine gun into them. At the same time a mortar opened up on them. Then American soldiers arrived and took this little group prisoners. Among the PW, Capt Sautter was missing and the captured lieutenant is sure he was killed.

It is the belief of the PW that the company marching ahead was also wiped out, since they did not see a sign of those men anymore. What happened to the second company is not known, but the PW take it for granted that it was also attacked or dispersed. This seems to be the end of the Battalion Sautter.

In Agincourt this Bn still had 400 men. After retreating from there they counted 150 men who were left. The original strength of the Sautter Bn was 700 men.

3 PW from the 553d Replacement Bn.

This battalion had been encircled by tanks at Lanfroicourt, but it managed to slip thru the trap by escaping across fields. It consists of 3 companies of which one is a heavy company with 120 mm mortars. These PW were marching at the head of the unit and they finally hit upon a main road leading to Metz. Here the three men who now are our prisoners took part in a patrol which was sent out ahead. They were dispersed by artillery fire and got lost, falling into our hands. The strength of PW's company is 80 men.

This Replacement Bn of the division had always been in reserve and was used as security guards. In the last few days this battalion was also committed as a unit.

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PW belongs to the AT Bn of the 553rd Division.

PW states that three batteries of 6 75mm AT guns each were attached to the reconnaissance element of the division. The division had a total of 54 AT guns originally.

The batteries attached to the RCN had lost 3 guns up to a few days ago. The PW who is of Polish decent, deserted at that time, and claims that he shot a German officer while escaping.

The number of the AT Bn is 215.