

INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
IPW 60

1 Jan 45

Additional information of Detachment of 26 Field Replacement Bn:

The two infantry howitzers (75mm) of the heavy weapons section of this detachment were horse drawn. One had been in WARDIN and the other at 585563. They were both sent to 26 Div two nights ago. The two 80mm mortars were at 589554: they may have been abandoned there. Originally had 5 mortars but 3 were returned to division.

The numbers of the regiments of the 26 Div are 77, 78, and 39.

The men in this detachment have not been issued food for two days. They are not short of ammunition.

PW of this unit believe that the Germans still surround Bastogne.

From position at 585558 PW saw two Tiger tanks and one assault gun. Believes that one tank was destroyed by arty.

CO of detachment is Lt. Becker

3d Co 901 Armd Inf Regt, Pz Lehr Div.

PW were captured at 586557. The original strength of this co was 120 men. Today there were 14 men left, all of whom were captured. They suffered their losses by attempting to take MARVIE, which they have been trying since 19 Dec.

The mission of this regiment was to break through to ANTWERP. The 1st Co is in the area 595570. The 5th Co is to the left (S) of the 3d.

Originally this company had attached to it one platoone of hmg, and two mortars mounted on recon cars. One of these today was at 592556. The other one was sent to the rear two days ago because of motor trouble.

PW states that there is med and light arty located at 620570.

CO of Co is Lt Cordt (wounded recently). Bn CO is Capt. Huenecke. Div CO is Lt Gen Beierlein.

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2 PW from 9th Btry, 401 Arty Brigade

The brigade is army arty, consists of five battalions, each battalion with three batteries, and each battery with six pieces. The battalions are committed separately and only one is operating in this area. PW is from 3d Bn which has been committed here for two weeks. Before this it had been used as flank protection in the vicinity of STAVELOT. In 9th btry there is one 105mm howitzer left. Three were lost in vicinity STAVELOT, one was lost in a road accident one way to this location, and one received a direct hit by arty. Both PW were linemen who stayed in vicinity of the OP and repaired telephone wire which was very frequently broken. OP was overrun today by our 1st Bn and PW say that btry position was to be withdrawn to a new location this afternoon, but as yet they had not been informed as to where it would be. Previous position was probably in WARDIN.

4 PW from 6th Co, 331 Regt, 167 VG Div.

About ten men of this company were in position at approx 564526. To their left were about six men from the 1st Co outposting LUTREBOIS. Men had been in this position for two days since they arrived there in their original attack on LUTREBOIS. They were not aware that their unit was to continue their attack today, although their original objective had been the woods, vicinity 5451

One PW had come through the town of LUTREBOIS at 2400 last night and said that there had been several casualties from artillery fire at that time. There were troops on the wooded hill to the east of town, but not in any great concentration. He had seen 20 men in one house in the town, but did not see any evidence of concentration of forces there either. PW heard movement of armor in town but saw only one armored vehicle which he said was being used as an ambulance.

6 PW from 1st Co, 331 Regt, 167 VG Div.
PW captured at 564521 where they had been an outpost for LUTREBOIS. Day before yesterday the 1st Bn (minus 3d Co) followed by 2nd Bn attacked town. Since that time this company has had no contact with other elements of its battalion. Its strength ~~of~~ at the start of the attack was 70 men and it is now about 40. Aside from the 6 man outpost the rest of the company was in the town. PW say they heard armor move in the town and say that one tank was burned and two others probably destroyed by planes there. PW attempted to return to town today but were unable to because of arty.

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1 PW from 8th Co, 2nd Regt, 1st SS Armd Div.

Captured at 56405295. Strength of Co two weeks ago was 80 men: had six 80mm and four 120mm mortars and three 75mm SP guns attached. One SP was abandoned because of a bad clutch, one was destroyed by artillery fire, and the last one was where the PW was taken today. Each SP has a crew of five: the other four men of his crew are hiding in a cellar of a house about 30-40 yds behind gun.

PW received gas for his SP at a town believed to be DONCOLS (640540). At this town also are the HQ of an artillery unit and a large motor vehicle park. In a draw behind this town are some "Nebelwerfer".

Gas is pro-rated per trip. Only enough to make an ordered trip is issued. The SP now has 5 liters (about $1\frac{1}{4}$ gal) in it. There are also 30 rounds of ammo in it. PW says that since he has had the gun it has not been fired.

PW saw four destroyed German tanks vicinity LUTREBOIS.

CO of Co is Lt Dietrich. Bn CO is Capt Keil. Regt CO is Lt Col Sandig. Div CO is Gen Sepp-Dietrich. Div CO GEN MOHNKE.
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3 PW from Det of 26 Field Replacement Bn.

PW captured at 585558. Three companies of the replacement battalion came to HOMBREY from Germany 7 days ago. The 26th Div CP is at this town. The Panzer Lehr Division has the sector to the left (W) of the 26th Div, and has become considerably under-strength. As replacements it took 49 people of the three companies which came as replacements for the 26th Div: this included two rifle platoons and one platoon of the heavy weapons company with two hmg, two 80mm mortars, and two 75mm infantry cannon. The two cannon were returned to the 26th Div yesterday, and the remainder of men and equipment were divided into six strong points defending a front of 1500 meters. PW says that we have overrun all these positions, and that the heavy equipment was abandoned there. The 901 Armd Inf Regt is the unit of the Panzer Lehr Division in which they were defending. To their right (NE) is the 78th Regt of the 26th Div, and to the left the 3d Co of the 91 Armd Inf Regt. PW said that the town of BRAS had many people from the 1st SS Armd Div in it.

The armored elements of the Pz Lehr Division are not with the infantry elements according to PW. He says that they had pushed on further to the west in the direction of the MAS and are separated from the rest of their division by our corridor to BASTOGNE.

1 PW From 5th Armored Howitzer Bn.

PW came in with white flag at 556494. He had been lying in the woods shell-shocked for three days since becoming separated from his unit which had withdrawn from this point at that time. The battalion is an army unit and PW does not know to what lower unit it was attached, but it had apparently been fighting in the zone of the 5th Pz Div. The Bn originally had 12 half-tracks each mounting a 75mm howitzer. At time PW was captured there were six left. Each half-track carries six men.

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**P W TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
(IPW TEAM #68)**

NAME. HERRMAN ROBERTZ, PFC. AGE. 35.

ORGANIZATION. 13TH CO., 339TH INF. REGT., 167TH INF DIV.

NATIONALITY. GERMAN.

CAPTURED BY. JURY WHITE.

PLACE OF CAPTURE. 583490.

STRENGTH OF UNIT. 252 MEN, 7-120mm MORTARS, AND TWO GUNS HEAVIER THAN 120mm ACCORDING TO P W.

LOCATION OF CP. 339TH REGT'L CP IS IN VILLAGES (5750).

LOCATION OF ARTILLERY. P W CLAIMS SEEING 3 HEAVY ARTILLERY PIECES IN WOODS, IN POSITION AT 605515.

LOCATION OF TANKS. APPROXIMATELY 35 TANKS IN WOODS AT 587507.

AMMUNITION STATUS. SUFFICIENT.

STATUS OF FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES. GOOD.

MORALE IN GENERAL. FAIR.

MISCELLANEOUS. DIVISION HAS BEEN NEWLY ORGANIZED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND WAS THERE TEN WEEKS BEFORE COMING TO THIS SECTOR. THEY WERE HIROUKE FOR SEVEN DAYS DUE TO CONDITIONS OF THE RAIL ROADS, TRAVELED MOSTLY AT NIGHT. P W CLAIMS THAT THE ENTIRE DIVISION IS TO WITHDRAW TO HILBERSHEIM (32KM. FROM BETLANGE), AT 1700 THIS EVENING. P W WENT TO TARCHALPS (6051) TO GET FEED FOR HORSES AND CLAIMS THAT THE DIVISION CP WAS IN WATRANGE (6051).

INTERROGATOR.

WALTER A. NOLLER
1ST LT.