

IPW Report #269

16 Jan 45  
2330

Identity: 1st Co, 10th Pz Gren Regt, 9th Pz Div 1 PW  
3rd Co, ditto ditto 2 PWs  
10th Pz Gren Regt (PWs not yet assigned to cos) 12 PWs

Pt of capture: 626626 by 2nd Bn

Report: 250 replacements were sent to the 9th Pz Div from Coburg (Bavaria) to Cologne by train and marched from there via Mayen-Boxberg-Gerolstein-Petersheim-Bruenn-Sellerich-Radscheid-Weiler-Helsingen to Bourcy. 2 days ago they were split up and 79 men were sent to the 10th Regt where they arrived this morning, (16 Jan). 3 squads of 12 men each were formed there while the rest were placed in Bn reserve. One squad had orders to report to a strongpoint of the 1st Bn at corner of woods 626626. On arrival they were challenged by American troops and surrendered. The other three men were previously ordered to above mentioned strongpoint and also met American troops. This strongpoint was previously captured.

Misc.: 3 assault guns were stationed this afternoon behind the railroad station at Bourcy. Several others were in town. While marching to the front the replacements saw several supply trains moving eastwards, also some SS Troops. Only a few soldiers were retreating along that route.

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320th Infantry

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Identity: Fusilier Bn, 340th Div	23 PWs
7th Co, 694th VG Regt, 340th Div	1 PW
2nd Co, 340th Sig Bn, 340th Div	1 PW
4th Co, 696th VG Regt	14 PWs
8th Co, 696th VG Regt	1 PW
Hqs 3rd Bn, 340th Arty Regt	2 PWs
Hqs 4th Bn, ditto	3 PWs
7th Btry ditto	1 PW
8th Btry ditto	1 PW

Pt of capture: 626626 by 1st Bn

Organization: Remnants of the 340th Fus Bn (mostly from the rear echelon) were assembled at Monnet yesterday and rushed into the woods (625625). They were split into two combat groups of about 30 men each. One group was commanded by Lt Kapusta and the other group by Lt Werkmeister.- 12 men of the 4th Co, 696th VG Regt which retreated yesterday from Oubourcy were attached to this group together with some other stragglers.

Equipment: Each group had one MG and 3 heavy mortars which were from the 4th Co. The mortars were abandoned today.

Locations: The CP of the 696th Regt and the 340th Div CP were located in Monnet on 15 January. Hasty preparations for departure were made that evening. They probably moved to Troine or at least in that direction.- The Rr Echelon of the 340th Fus Bn is at Buret (6768). Rr Echelon of the 696th Regt is at Hoffelt (7068).

Artillery: The 3rd Bn, 340th Arty Regt retreated yesterday afternoon from Bourcy to Troine. The 8th Btry is located 3-400 yds NE of Troine. The other two batteries of this Bn are said to be in the same vicinity.

FOs of the 3rd Bn were attached last night to the Fus Bn. The FOs of the 4th Bn were left behind 3 days ago and were waiting for orders. Neither FO had contact with his unit today.

Personalities: CO Fus Bn: Capt Hermann  
CO 3rd Bn 340th Arty Regt: Capt Kaserowski  
CO 8th Btry: Lt Hauck

Miscellaneous: Officers of the 340th Division discussed recently the difference in our time fire and an artillery officer stated that it is more effective.-  
3 days ago the 340th Div took 7 American prisoners. Two of them, especially one of an armored outfit captured near Mageret, talked very freely about American installations, route of march, etc. The German officer relating this story stated that this was a rare exception.-  
The 340th Div has one officer and two assistants as linguist interpreters.  
Brig Gen Tolstorff, CG 340th Div, complained recently in a letter to Himmler about the atrocities and general misbehavior of the SS Pz Div "Frundsberg" committed during the breakthrough against civilians mainly and also against American PWs.  
The failure of this German attack was generally credited to the disruption of the supply lines by our air corps.

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6 from Enemy Patrol - (634632) - 1 captured - 4 killed 1 wounded  
3 Centy Bombs believed to be 150