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REPORT 2076

2 Italians, Todt Organization

Belonged to a group of 150 Russians, Poles, Italians, etc; doing road repair work in this sector since the end of Dec. Their farthest point of advance was HUFFELT (702683). 4 days ago when their group withdrew East, the 2 Italians stayed back, probably in HOLLER, and surrendered this morning to our troops.

Pieces of American uniform found on them were picked up by them on their advance West on a slope near STUPACH (865764). Todt workers, being without warm clothing and proper shoe wear, picked up what they could, the German guards followed suit.

Jan 24, one tank, one Ren car with MG, and some stray units (some SS) were observed in HOLLER. The last Germans withdrew afternoon of the same day.

At KERCHERBACK, 3 Km from STADTKYLL (N of PRUM) trenches on the hills E of the village, and an anti-tank ditch at the foot of the hill.

At STADTKYLL 4 pillboxes, 2 in woods N and 2 S of the town. 6 V-1, on an average were heard passing every day in this vicinity.

Hundreds of cars marked with red cross were observed to carry munitions, gas and all sorts of war materiel to the front.

A 4 engined US bomber was seen hit by German flack. One flyer's parachute did not open, German soldiers robbed the dead of uniform and valuables.

Dec 20, a group of about 1,000 Todt workers were told they no longer belonged to Todt organization, but to Arbeits Front. These, however, who preferred Todt organization could stay there. 150 volunteered to stay, hoping that they would then be closer to front lines and find occasion to desert.

At ROTTENBACK, 12 Km from NURNBURG, a big factory of electric batteries of all kinds. The factory has 45,000 workers. It is not camouflaged, but well hidden in the woods and has never been bombed. When asked by the Italians why the factory has never been bombed, German workers declared it was an International Capital.

The MAN factory of armored cars at NURNBERG is almost completely destroyed.

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2 PW from 1st Co, 5th Hvy Mortar Bn, 5th Para Div.

The hvy mortar Bn was not a part of the Regts but was directly subordinate to Div. It consisted of 3 Cos each of which had 10 to 12 120mm mortars. The entire Bn was committed in the vicinity of DUNCOLS 24 Dec. On 31 Dec the PW were sent back to HEINERSCHIED (820675) with damaged vehicles to the Div Workshop which was located in this town. Since that time they have not heard from their Div directly, but about 10 Jan they heard indirectly that they along with many other units with 5th Para Div were incircled and captured vicinity DUNCOLS. The workshop platoon withdrew into Germany about 12 Jan and PW along with 3 others were left behind to guard damaged vehicles which could not be towed away because of insufficient tow trucks. Tow trucks were supposed to return but did not come back.

On 24 Jan a Lt Col, A Capt, and a Lt, with 17 soldiers ordered these PW to join them in securing the woods (810660). The next morning they withdrew apparently, the 2 men who were captured did not go with them for they were sleeping.

They observed no hvy traffic on the N S highway thru HEINERSCHIED. Div workshop received an average of 6 or 7 damaged cars daily. Damage was mostly at clutch.

PW knows of no mines in the vicinity except that they believed American mines were in area because they had seen our signs "MINES CLEARED TO HEDGES", and understood only the first word.

PW do not know condition of OUR RIVER, roads or bridges, because they had not been there since the original advance

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1 PW from 1st Bn Staff Trains, 78 Regt, 26th Div.

PW, a Russian, was sent 3 days ago from LICHTENBORN (970689) where his trains are to KALBORN (840681) to pick up some equipment. He hid in the woods vicinity KALBORN for 2 days, returned to KALBORN, found Germans still there, decided to march over fields to HEIMERSCHIED (822675) where he surrendered yesterday night at 2300.

PW saw yesterday morning in KALBORN 100 men belonging to 78 and 39 Regt of 26 Div.

CP of 1st Bn was at that time still in KALBORN, in single house at (839684), but was about to move to DANNEN (805650). CP of 78 Regt probably in DALFIDEN (800645). Trains of 1st Bn Staff, and 3d Co in LICHTENBORN (950964); trains of 4th Co at (967689), crossroads in center of town; 2d Co at (968682).

Arty has withdrawn from KALBORN afternoon 25 Jan.

1st Bn staff trains consists of 14 men, 34 horses. Of the original 30 men 16 were used as replacements. The entire personnel of 1st Bn trains consists of 50 men. 4th Co trains alone send food out. The mortar platoon apparently being the only ones left of entire 1st Bn. Bn staff trains cook for the personnel of the other trains.

Trains have been without our Arty fire for 6 days. Previous losses were weak and mostly caused by bombardment.

9 Riegel mines, ready to be dug in, were yesterday seen lying around 200 meters E of KALBORN on road KALBORN DANNEN. 9 more such mines 300 meters E of KALBORN on same road.

Minefield S of road LEIDENBORN-NIEDER WITFELD in fields between road and woods at about (936719)

PW saw 3 big tanks (type unidentified) in LICHTENBORN 3 days ago. Our air attack on LICHTENBORN 4 days ago was without effect on road and vehicles there but killed many Russian Todt workers there, working on an anti-tank ditch (966690)

OUR RIVER: 5 yds wide at (850672). Rather fast. Depth unknown to PW. Bridge there 20 yds long, 5 yds wide, 3 to 4 yds high. 2 or 3 stone supports, span of wood. Banks not very steep according to PW. Fords unknown to him.

3 days ago bridge was in good state. PW saw yesterday horsedrawn traffic pass over the bridge. The traffic over the bridge is one way going E. The W traffic took route that goes NW and ends halfway between KALBORN and HEIMERSCHIED. (road not on 1/50,000 map.

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3 PW from 1st Co, 340 Field Repl Bn, 340 VG Div.

Location of 1, 2, and 3 co, vicinity 849648, with 1st Co in middle, 3d Co on the S, 2d Co on the N, with positions of Cos on E bank of OUR river. Positions consisted of previously prepared fox holes. Bn CP Field Repl Bn; BAHNEN. Strength of Cos is 40 to 50 men each. 1st Co, Lt Mattei; Bn CO Capt Mittag; CG 340 VG Div, Col Tollstorf. 1st Co has 2 MG, 2 or 3 machine pistols, and the rest are armed with rifles and light bazookas.

The mission of the 3 PW was to determine by patrolling whether or not HEIMERSCHIED was occupied by us. The entire patrol was captured at 813665. Their route was a zig zag path thru the woods from Co location to point of capture, they crossed the OUR river at a point where it was completely frozen over and way that the ice is sufficient for foot troops but not for heavy materiel and that the river is not frozen over in all places.

The Field Repl Bn consists of a cadre of about 10 men for each of the 4 Cos. The cadre had been in woods at 862637 for 8 to 10 days. 3 days ago the replacements in the form of the 908 March Bn came to this point from ARZFELD about 30 Km to the E. The March Bn had consisted of approximately 400 men of which about 150 were taken by the Field Repl Bn, the rest had gone at an earlier date to other units of the Div. PW say that the Div is badly chewed up and that they do not have contact with other parts of it, nor do they know where the Div suffered its losses.

In the woods where the cadre had stayed 862637 are the trains of the Bn. PW states only 3 horses are there. They say that the only food they have received during the past 2 days was some bread brought forward this morning. PW claim to have no heavy weapons in support. (Arty, SP Guns, mortars, etc)

They are not aware of any mines laid in this vicinity or are they warned of any minefields.

In general PW were security conscious and had to be coaxed to talk. 2 of the PW had previously been Inf instructors in the Field Repl Bn. Their ranks were 2 Sgts and 1 T/Sgt.

PW had heard thru rumor only of Russian offensive to the extent that one knew BRISLAU was endangered.

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A civilian of BOXMORN volunteered the following information.

The bridge over the OUR river at 850673 originally entirely of stone. According to previously reported statement of PW the span is now of wood.

OUR river, in summer a trickle, can swell to 12 yds width inundating surrounding meadows. The previously reported width of 5 yds, observed 3 days ago, might indicate only the part of the river that is not frozen. Some times the river freezes entirely.

There are two fords known to be near bridge. One is 100 yds S of bridge. It can be reached on good field road, leaving road KALBORN - DAHNEN. Bottom of ford good. Other parts of river rocky. Maximum water highth at ford 1 yd. Ford is still used for horse traffic by farmers.

The other ford is the KALBORN mill ford, 500 yds N of bridge. It is little used, and the field road leading to it is inferior to the road leading to Tinjes Mill ford, particularly on the German side where it is narrow because of the woods it is leading through, the trees coming pretty close to the river on the German side. On the Luxemburg side both fords must be approached over a 150 yd stretch of meadows. The river banks are steep, but the banks at both fords are sloping. The hills of the German side come pretty close to the river, (maximum distance in this area 50 yds) and are wooded.

Civilian knew 2 more fords in DASSBURG sector, one 300 yds S of bridge 847624, another at Frank Mill, 1 Km S of same bridge, with good roads and level banks. German bunkers, guarding fords, on meadows E of river.