

INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
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2 PW from 13th Co, 331 Regt, 167 Div.

PW captured at ~~505549~~ ⁵⁶⁵⁵³⁷. This company is ordinarily a cannon co with infantry cannon and 120mm mortars. Yesterday two platoons of the company totalling 45 men together with HQ Co of the 331 Regt took part in a counterattack launched about noon yesterday. PW gave the following information:

At 605551 are four groups of mortars: this is just to the E of the CR at this point. One group consists of four 120 mm horse drawn mortars firing in a southerly direction. The horses for these have all been killed and PW believe the mortars cannot be moved. There are also three 120mm horse drawn mortars firing in a westerly direction and four 120 mm mortars firing to the south. The last group is part of the 339th Regt and the mortars are tractor drawn. In a draw about 200 yds to the NE are four 80mm mortars. There is one lmg as close protection for each mortar platoon, and one of these is covering the position from the north.

All around this general area where the mortars are PW report the arrival of the third regiment of the 167 Div: this is the 387 Regt. It consists of two battalions, and has estimated strength of 1500 men.

There is an isolated house at 615557. The house has been damaged by shell fire. It is still used as a gas (fuel) DP for trucks in this area.

The men from the cannon co who were committed as infantry were supposed to be relieved last night by an engineer co from the 167 Eng Bn last night, but the relief did not appear.

Five heavy tanks (Tiger Royals) cover the BRAS - BASTOGNE road at night. They are stationed at about 500 yd intervals along road, and are intended to protect against an attack from the north. They move to cover during the early morning hours. There are also eight armd cars (tracked) screening roads vic BRAS. These were originally reported as having been borrowed from SS, but PW say they are part of 167 Div. 20 men from one of these armored units including 3 to 5 officers are believed to sleep in a house at 625559 on the N side of road.

One week ago there were about 80 stragglers from a parachute unit grouped at about 604553. PW say that all units have been ordered to keep their positions, and thinks these may still be in that vicinity.

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PW report that the towns of GEROLSTEIN (in Eifel Mts) and ULFLINGEN are great centers of military activity, and seem to have been taken over entirely by the army.

The Siemens and Halske factories in MUNICH have been bombed, but are still engaged in production of airplane parts.