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INTERROGATION REPORT  
134TH INF REGT  
IPW 60

8 Jan 45

3 PW from Hq, 167 Fusilier Bn, 167 Div.

PW made the following corrections to the report made on the two previous PW taken from the same unit: (1) that they had left the town of WARDIN on the night of 6 Jan and (2) that they were replaced in WARDIN by elements of the 387 Rest. Previous PW had reported that they were in a town they believed to be SONIEZ and were replaced by another Fusilier Bn. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PW state that their previous CP for their Bn had been in building at 600563, and that the new unit was to put their CP in the same place. Four 80mm mortars were put in position about 100 yds to the S of the CP.

The Fusilier Bn took up positions in the corner of the woods at about 570533. Their mortar crews were also in line as riflemen, and some of these are armed only with pistols. The rest of the men (150 in total) are armed with rifles and machine pistols. PW report that many of the group, particularly the former mortar men are ready to desert.

Bn CO is Capt Kaess. His CP is in the woods at the position of his battalion.

Interrogation report

70 PWs captured by 15 Tk Bn vic E of NEFFE, screened and interrogated by IPW #53 of CCA, 6th AD

## Units identified:

2	Offs	PWs	(Its)	3	Co,	331	Inf	Regt
40	EM	"		3	Co,	331	Inf	Regt
20	EM	"		6	Co,	387	"	"
7	EM	"		14	Co,	387	"	"
1	EM	"		7	Co,	387	"	"
<u>70</u>								PWs Total

The interrogation generally confirms the information gained from PWs night 7-8 Jan. The following points are in addition:  
6 Co, 387 had terrific losses through arty. There can only be very few men left, rest is killed, wounded or PW.

7 Co, 387 shrunk to about one squad.

is now down to about 50 men. Most of their 50 bazookas and AT charges damaged, also there is some good equipment left. One of the horsedrawn vehicles with bazookas was hit by our arty and many bazookas destroyed. About 2 plats of 14 Co were in reserve in woods E of BRASS last night. One squad was sent forward morning 08 Jan and was promptly captured.

3 Co, 331 can be considered wiped out.

1 PW stated that Co lost 30 men through our arty fire alone.

Officer PW made the following statements:

I was to lead the 3 Co, 331 Regt in the attack. The Bn CO told me that we were to meet Tiger tanks at W exit of WARDIN and follow them. After our arty preparation lifted I still had not found the tanks and I had to jump off without armor to be on schedule. We marched N to RR tracks, then a Bn order came to retreat to village WARDIN and to push N again, this time E of WARDIN. When we reached the woods the attack had stopped and we dug in for the night. The American counter thrust in the morning came as a surprise. I think we could have stopped it if men in our first line would have held. I believe the men were too tired and without spirit. The last 2 weeks, which we spent marching, and changing positions in the first line, had been too strenuous. I am quite sure there were 15 - 20 Tiger tanks in the vicinity. The arty liaison officer said to the Bn CO not to worry about the preparation, because there was enough ammo available.

I do not think the big supply picture is too gloomy, but in front line sectors we sometimes have trouble getting food up to the men because of American arty fire. It can happen that men are without food for one or two days. We hope that the present campaigns will give us enough time to develop our V-weapons and thus gain an advantage which our enemies will not be able to match." Quote.

One PW saw one man of SS Pz Div Leibstandarde Adolf Hitler on highway E of BRASS. The SS man came from the front and was looking for his company.

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