

INTERROGATION REPORT  
134TH INFANTRY REGT  
IPW TEAM 60

15 Apr 45

1st Co, 68th Air Signal Regt:

Regiment consists of three companies whose mission was the maintenance of telephone lines, etc., between air corps installations in this area. Each company had a strength of about 120 men, each armed with a Dutch rifle. In addition to this Russian and Italian PW were employed to do the same work. The 1st Co was located in BURKDORF, the 2nd in BEMERODE, and the 3d in OTZE, all near HANNOVER. The CO of the unit, Col Donner, surrendered to US troops two days ago. Before doing so he advised the men of his regiment to make their way individually back to their homes if these were still in German hands. In order to attempt this many of the men donned civilian clothes. Two PW, uniformed, were picked up, and said they were trying to make their way to Austria.

Additional Information from other PW and civilians:

Location of large explosives plant shown in attached sketch #1. The factory is located in the woods opposite the lake; landmarks are two tall iron towers which project high above the tree-tops and are presumably for ventilation. One building of the plant was formerly a modern stable and has a white tile or brick roof. This building is now used as a repair shop and garage for vehicles. The factory employs 5-6000 people. It is known to have still been in operation a week ago. Factory has never been bombed.

Sketch #2 shows the location of an SS artillery school, a radio transmitter used for blocking other transmissions, and the home of the SS general who commands the school. The general's home is in a chateau in a park; location indicated on sketch. Slave labor in this school-camp is performed by (political) prisoners from the concentration camp at ORANIENBURG. These are under the guard of the 7th Btry of the school (Capt. Hitzengerger); this btry is made up of Hungarians and Rumanians who are particularly cruel to the prisoners.

Approx 3 Km S of Station WILDPARK (W of POTSDAM) is a large factory between Hway #1 and the lake. The factory has at least 500 lathes and manufactures bombs, shells, etc. Was known to be in production 8 days ago.

At NAUEN is an overseas radio transmitter.

In GARDELEGEN two SS men were overheard about a week ago planning to discard their uniforms and continue fighting as Maquis.

There are trenches along W bank of SOETZ LAKE and the line of lakes  $\frac{1}{2}$  guarding the western approach to BERLIN is improved with many new entrenchments and elaborate tank obstacles.

One PW (a physician) states that a type of shell which was used for projecting compressed air against Russians is now being filled with a poison gas (Blue Cross Gas). The 111th and 132d Armd Div in Saxony and Sudetenland are equipped with these but they have not yet been used. These two divisions are reported to be at full peacetime strength.

Hitlers HQ are known to have moved 3 weeks ago to ST JOACHIM'S BAD in Sudetenland, where PW believes the final resistance will be made.