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INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INFANTRY REGT
IPW TEAM 60

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Following information about east bank of ELBE R obtained from PW:

The dyke along the east bank is about 4 m high. Both sides have about a 30% slope. The soil is firm and will support vehicles. About every 80 yds along the top of the reverse slope is a foxhole with one rifleman. In each twelfth foxhole is a machine gun (1 per Km: 1 per rifle squad). The men manning these holes consist largely of youngsters and Volkssturm. They are probably men picked up at a nearby straggler collecting point and assigned to this hastily formed unit.

There is a Co CP or OP at 808227. The officer there can observe the towns KEHNERT and BERTINGEN and the road between these two. Yesterday a company (estimated) of our infantry was observed entering KEHNERT and the observer called for artillery fire on the town. The artillery had no ammunition at that time, however, so did not fire. Later the artillery received some ammunition and is believed to have fired at the road KEHNERT - BERTINGEN. It was thought that our troops in KEHNERT intended to cross the river at that point, and as a countermeasure the Germans placed two men in each of the foxholes on the opposite shore. A machine gun (hvy) is located at the ferry landing (808228) and another about 150 yds to the NE.

A battery of six 88's and two multiple (4) barreled 20mm guns are located centering at 82552151. Ammunition is stacked in the road nearby. The guns are camouflaged with straw. The ammunition is brought from IHLEBURG (851228).

CP of Regt commanded by Col Kley and a straggler coll pt are at 824187. The colonel's quarters are at 82601865.

The bldgs at 795216 are at least partially occupied by troops.

A patrol of 4 or 5 men was sent out last night to reconnoiter area vic BERTINGEN. They crossed the river in a small boat taking bicycles with them.

There is a log tank trap at N exit of PARCHAU at 825221 and another in the center of the town.

A Lt Col PW who had been an air corps administrative officer told that for the past several weeks the various higher headquarters formerly located in BERLIN had moved erratically to find safer locations. Some had to make several moves because of new threats by armored spearheads.