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INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
IPW TEAM 60

17 Apr 45

PW from miscellaneous units stationed at GARDELEGEN, whose surrender was accepted 14 April, were told by a Maj Haeuseler at 1800 of the same day to turn in their weapons and try to sneak through our lines and go home. Civilians in villages S of GARDELEGEN told them to put white arm bands on their sleeves because Americans had given permission to those with such arm bands to go home safely. Several American vehicles passed these men by without bothering to stop.

The following information was given by civilians and PW who had recently crossed the Elbe:

Trenches at Niegripp Lock 745156. Trenches and tank obstacles of logs on both sides of bridge at 751155.

AA btry of unknown caliber at 74651560 two weeks ago.

Six lmg at both sides of lock in PLAUER CANAL between NEU-DERBEN (899301) and ELBE. Air shelter in lock used as CP of units guarding dykes in this area. Men are in holes on E slope of dyke. 30 yds interval between holes, two men per hole; one lmg per 12 man squad.

One assault gun, frequently changing position, supports units defending PAREY sector.

One road HAVELSBERG - GENTHIN, between FISHBECK and JERICHOW, 800 yds S of FISCHBECK in small woods on narrow gauge railroad are 4 to 6 RR guns with crews. Guns are camouflaged with branches. Some are pointed N and some S.

Between FERCHLAND and DERBEN, directly E of the DERBENSCHER BERG are large subterranean gasoline stores, the gas being pumped in from Elbe boats. One or two of the tanks were hit by bombs last January.

In HAVELBERG, TANGERMUENDE and places in between are numerous small groups of infantry.

On 13 Apr 50 SS men and 200 foreign workers crossed the Elbe at NIEGRIPP.

On 13 Apr a PW saw a Bn of 16 yr old boys forced by their officers to cross Elbe to the W. The boys were armed with Panzerfaust and were supposed to stem advance of our tanks. Most officers stayed on E side. The losses were formidable: for instance, of one group of 50 boys only 4 returned.