

INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INFANTRY REGT
IPW TEAM 60

20 Apr 45

Special Task Force No 6. :

PW had formerly been with 3d Co, 23 Eng Tng Bn, Beseler Barracks, Askaniering, SPANDAU. He volunteered for an AT task force which was to have the mission of combatting armored spearheads of ours and which was to be formed in DESSAU. Upon arriving in DESSAU (about 10 days ago) he was assigned to TF 6 (without volunteering). This consisted of 30-35 men divided into 4 squads each with 4 men, 1 NCO and 1 officer. The entire group was taken to BURG in 3 trucks and arrived there 15 April continuing the same day to BLUMENTHAL 1. They attempted to cross the ELBE the same night, but upon finding no boats returned to BLUMENTHAL 1. They crossed the next night at 2200. The mission of the groups, which was known only by the officers, was believed to be the destruction of bridges behind our lines and the delivery of demolitions to Werewolf units (location unknown). Each man had a 70 lb pack with three 6 lb pole charges and many 1/4 and 1/2 lb charges. Most of the men came from western Germany, and upon the completion of their mission were supposed to don civilian clothes and return to their homes. Because of the heavy packs two of the men dropped out and several of the others discarded their equipment, which was then destroyed. CO of TF was Lt Gottschalk. The PW who was captured was one of the men who had dropped out; he was supposed to attempt to make his way back to the German lines.

Maintenance Co, Assault Gun School, BURG:

PW were formerly in the Maintenance Co of 275 Inf Div which was recently reformed in HAMBURG area. Part of the division is now in the FUHLBÜTTEL BARRACKS in HAMBURG and the rest of it in that area. Former CG, Gen v Tréskow, was replaced in March. A total of 6 men from HAMBURG joined this assault gun school in BURG yesterday. The school is in the ALT KAS ERNE of BURG (802162). Six assault guns were seen there awaiting repair, and there are probably several others which were not seen. Upon reporting at the school the men were sent immediately to a CP in a dugout in the Elbe dyke at about 822237 with the probable mission of manning positions along the river. Four of them were sent out on patrol to reconnoiter the vic of Utz. They had no particular time to report back, but were given food for 24 hours. They crossed the river in two groups in assault boats at 2300 at about 822237. Two of the four live in western Germany and hoped to be able to get through our lines to go home; they lost contact with the other pair after arriving on this side of the Elbe. The other pair had the same mission.

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Additional Information:

A telephone wire was supposed to be strung across the Elbe last night (19 Apr) by Kampfgruppe Zock. This was to be used by patrols to report findings and to call for boats for transportation.

The crossing point previously reported for patrols of Kgrpe Zock is going to be changed to a more northerly one. Time of change and new location are not known. Assault boats have now been received for crossing.

In Vicinity 783227 is the CP of one of the Elbe defense units. It is a trailer well camouflaged by trees. It can be located by extending a line drawn from an isolated ball-shaped tree on the west bank through an isolated canal barge near the east bank to the first clump of trees; there the trailer is parked. Boats along the river in this section are filled with food stocks and are now being emptied by the units.

In Berlin:

The WEHRMACHTS KASERNE in HINDENBURG PARK, WILMERSDORF is filled with soldiers.

The HERMANN GÖRING BARRACKS in BERLIN RUHLIBEN contain tanks and tank troops.

The main medical depot is at RITTERGUTSSTRASSE 21 - 23 BERLIN, LICHTENBERG.

The Raw Materials Office is in KAISERALLEE directly opposite No 188

Two 15 year old boys, members of the Hitler Youth, were sent to this side of the river by an SS 1st Lt whose CP is at BLUMENTHAL for the purpose of reconnoitering on this side of the river. They were originally chosen for such missions by the Hitler Youth leader in BURG. Crossed the river by boat at 799224 at 0400, crossed the meadows in a northwesterly direction and met American soldiers at about 791244 where they were captured. Both are aware that they will be shot as spies.

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PW are two of a group of 10 men who were formerly part of Kampfgruppe Wahr which was dispersed in the vic of the Weser.

The intention of these men is to get back to the German lines. They are armed with nine machine pistols, several pistols, and a rifle. One officer, Lt Böhmer, is with the group.

Eight of the group, including officer, left 710225 after dark last night to get food from nearby villages. They are supposed to return to this same point tonight. Their recognition signal is a low whistle. Meeting will probably be between dusk and midnight.

PW were captured at 715224 while looking for water. Cn Co made the capture/ at about 1500.

The packs of the 10 men are at the assembling point.