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HEADQUARTERS
134TH INFANTRY REGT
IPW TEAM #60
APO 35 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Report of Activities of IPW Team #60 since D-day.
TO: Hq Mil Int Sv, European T of Opns, APO 887, U S Army.

1. Campaigns and Battles: This team together with other elements of the division arrived at Omaha Beach, France on 6 July 44. The following day the team was divided according to prearranged plan whereby 1st Lt Rempel (see Par 2 a), M/Sgt Ackerman and Tec 3 Heyman were assigned to the division PWE, and 2nd Lt Teimer, S/Sgt Swartz and Tec 5 Spritzer to the 134th Inf Regt. On 8 July one battalion of the 134th Regt was committed via St Jean de Daye, France, and the IPW half-team with the regiment remained with the engaged battalion until it rejoined the regiment a few days later: no PW were taken during this engagement, and the only mission assigned was the removal and examination of papers, etc., from enemy dead.

The next battle engaged in was that in which Villier Fossard, Emilie and St Levere taken following which the unit pushed on to Conde-sur-Vire, Terigny, and the Vire River.

Following the German threat to Avranches this unit was committed via Mertain. After the reduction of this threat we forged to the east, taking LeMans, Montargis, Chateaudun, Troyes, Aix-en-Othe, Jeigny, and intervening places, working in conjunction with the 4th Armd Div, until reaching the Moselle River where our unit was engaged in heavy fighting in the vic of Ft St Vincent. The Moselle was crossed and the drive to the east continued with the taking of Nancy, crossing the Meurthe River and pushing in a north-easterly direction to the banks of the Seille River. Following a static situation of about six weeks duration the unit again jumped off taking Ameleccourt, Achain, Merhange, Hellimer and St Jean Rehrbach, along with intervening and laterally adjacent places. During the following week three river crossings were accomplished (the Moder, Saar, and Blies) and Futelange, Sarreguemines, and Habkirchen (Germany) were taken.

At this time the Germans counterattacked in the Ardennes Sector, and the division was committed in the vic of Bastogne, Belgium, to maintain contact with the previously isolated 101st A/B Div and attack the German salient from the south. After taking Sanlez, Lutrebeis, Lutremange, and other villages the division was divided with the 134th Regt joining the 6th Armd Div and proceeding on to Bexhern, Luxembourg, while the other elements of the division were temporarily attached to Seventh Army units.

The division has now been reassembled for a new, undisclosed mission. To date the total number of prisoners taken by the 134th Inf Regt is 4,209, and by the 35th Inf Div, 12,200.

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2. Personnel:

a. The original personnel of this team consisted of the following:

1st Lt HENRY D. REMPEL, AGD 0507050
2nd Lt THEODOR TEIMER, JR., MAC 01546363
M Sgt Efraim Ackerman, 32429795
S sgt Egen Swartz, 13143650
Tec 3 Vernen O. Heyman, 39132733
Tec 5 Herman Spritzer, 32090594

b. The following men were lost to the team for reasons indicated:

1st Lt Rempel was recalled to MIS for another mission
Tec 3 Heyman was severely wounded in action (see previously submitted report on this subject)
Tec 5 Spritzer was taken sick and evacuated to hospital.

c. Subsequent to the loss of Tec 5 Spritzer, Tec 5 Eric Liebenstein was "borrowed" from XII Corps IPW Team. Shortly thereafter he was severely wounded in action.

d. The following were received as replacements:

Tec 5 Herbert H. R. Senftleben, 32969701
Pvt Walter Cerf, 36657298
Pvt Fred Marshal,

e. The following promotions have been made:

1st Lt REMPEL to Captain
2nd Lt TEIMER to 1st Lt
M/Sgt Ackerman to 2nd Lt
S/Sgt Swartz to T/Sgt
T/5 Senftleben to T/3
Pvt Cerf to Sgt
Pvt Marshall to Tec 5

f. The following distribution is made of personnel: Lt Teimer, Sgt Cerf and Tec 3 Senftleben are with the 134th Inf Regt. Lt Ackerman and Tec 5 Marshall are with Div PWE. T/Sgt Swartz is with the division clearing station (110 Med Bn). Capt Rempel and Tec 3 Heyman had served at division PWE. Tec 5 Spritzer and Tec 5 Liebenstein had served at 134th Inf Regt. Before being detailed to clearing station (Nov 1944) Sgt Swartz had served with 134th.

g. The following awards have been made:

To Lt (then M/Sgt) Ackerman, the Silver Star (See Par 4 d)
To Tec 3 Heyman and Tec 5 Liebenstein, the Purple Heart.
Sgt Cerf has been proposed for the Bronze Star but action has not yet been taken on this.

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3. Specific Contributions by Interrogation of PW: It is impossible at this stage to specifically enumerate such contributions made by this team at this time. As an example, however, a partial list of the results of interrogation by the half-team with the 134th Inf Regt is included.

This team has identified the following units or elements thereof:

17 SS Div	1st SS Armd Div.
SS Div Das Reich	3d Parachute Div
5 Parachute Div	3d # Tng Regt
2nd Panzer Div	116 Mot Div
9th Panzer Div	11th Panzer Div
19th Inf Div	48th Inf Div
559th VG Div	553 VG Div
353 Inf Div	266 Inf Div
352 Inf Div	26th VG Div
36th VG Div	167th VG Div
340 VG Div	560th VG Div
5th GAF Regt	91st GAF Tng Regt
57 GAF Signal Regt	192, 198 Security Regts
103 Armd Rem Bn (GHQ)	30th Mobile Brigade
401 Arty Brigade (GHQ)	48th Fortress MG Bn.

and various other small units.

The following locations have been "pin-pointed":

- 95 Command Posts (of units higher than companies)
- 28 Artillery batteries
- 41 Separate arty pieces and SP guns
 - 1 SP gun park
- 45 Anti-tank guns
- 29 Anti-aircraft guns
- 57 Mortars
- 36 Heavy machine guns
- 92 Tanks
- 11 Tank or meter parks
- 20 Anti-tank obstacles
- 20 Minefields
- 21 Supply trains
 - 9 Ammunition dumps
 - 1 Fire direction center
 - 2 Gasoline DP's
 - 5 Factories currently producing war material
 - 2 Straggler Collecting points.

In addition the strengths, dispositions, armament, supply routes, intentions, etc, of enemy forces opposing us have been determined.

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4. Additional Activities:

a. Interrogation of civilians: When time has permitted this team has been active in the interrogation of civilians and displaced persons both for the purpose of determining their status as suspicious persons and for the purpose of obtaining enemy intelligence. By such interrogations many prepared gun emplacements, tank obstacles, bridges prepared for demolition, strength and attitudes of enemy units, etc (these items not mentioned in Par 3) have been determined. Two specific missions in civilian interrogation have been assigned and accomplished, namely the location of potential ferds and the general condition of the Blies and Our Rivers in preparation for crossing them. The ability of two interrogators to speak Italian (Lt Ackerman and Sgt Cerf) and one to speak Russian (Lt Ackerman) has been of great value in handling displaced persons.

b. Examination of enemy equipment: The team has been called upon from time to time to determine the significance of the markings on captured vehicles, ammunition, etc. On one occasion a PW was used to instruct a group of our men in the firing of the "Faustpatrone".

c. Use of artillery liaison planes: In static or semi-static situations it has been found very advantageous to go on occasional flights with artillery observers. By such flights a better appreciation of the terrain features which PW mention can be obtained than by studying a map.

d. Truce party: One member of this team (Lt Ackerman) accompanied a truce party into the town of Montargis, France, in an attempt to talk the German commander of this town into a surrender. He was awarded a Silver Star for this action.

e. Miscellaneous: On two occasions a member of this team has captured or participated in the capture of prisoners by talking them into surrender: in this way 28 were taken at Arroye-et-Man and 2 at Sarreguemines, France. On one occasion a member of the team has gone on a night patrol (vic Le Mans, France) which was made in an attempt to capture an isolated group of Germans who had been raiding farms in the vicinity for food: the function of the interrogator was to shout threats and instructions to surrender to the field where the enemy was supposed to be. On several occasions men from the team have aided battalions in the evacuation of prisoners when German-speaking personnel was needed for this task.

5. Method of Reporting:

a. At regimental level two types of reports are made. Information of immediate value is phoned to the S-2 as soon as obtained. Following the

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complete interrogation of a PW or a group of PW a typed report is made in eight copies. These are distributed one to each battalion, one to the regimental commander, one to regimental S-2, one to G-2, one to the interrogator at division PWE and one retained for file.

b. At divisional level additional notes are made on the reports sent to them by regiments, and these are sent to G-2. In addition a daily consolidated report is made here. After use by G-2 both reports are turned over to the Order of Battle Team.

c. The interrogator at the clearing station reports the results of his work to G-2 and to the interrogator at division PWE.

d. Reports and captured documents relative to enemy communications are sent directly to the corps signal intelligence unit from any level.

e. Reports and documents which are of interest to the Psychological Warfare Board are sent directly to this agency.

6. Relationship to other Intelligence Teams: The work of the IPW team is sufficiently well defined that it does not infringe on that of other agencies, but in the temporary absence of CIC and MII personnel this team has performed some of their functions as well. Information gathered by these other agencies has served as a basis for questioning prisoners. This team and the Order of Battle team have reciprocally furnished each other with information.

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