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Wilhelm Busack, Pfc, Combat Group Mueller.

7 PW were captured at Fossieux by TDs and turned over to the 3d Bn 137th. These men belonged formerly to the 11th Armd Div. About two months ago a number of men out of the AT and Cannon companies of the 11th Armored were pulled out and sent to a 119th Field Replacement Bn near Strassburg where they received infantry training.

Out of this replacement Bn was formed the combat group Mueller to which these PW belong. 1st Lt Mueller and his men were on their way by trucks from Strassburg to rejoin the 11th Armd Div around Dieuze, east of Chateau-Salins. Yesterday morning they received the order to stop our breakthrough at Fossieux. Their mission was to retake Fossieux and hold it till a new company could relieve them tonight and which would push 3 to 4 km farther on. Their new MLR is supposed to be formed behind the town.

This company Mueller has a strength of over 100 men and armed with small bazookas against tanks. They arrived into Fossieux over a bridge. They were supported by some 40 men from Airforce units and 6 tanks. This morning one PW saw 1 Panther tank and 2 Mark IV still in operation in the town. Leader of the attack was a captain of an Armd outfit which had the tanks.

The 11th Armd was pushed back from Belfort and Besancon and suffered heavy losses at Luneville.

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Paul Herr, Sgt, 4th Co, 1121 Regt.  
Meritz Rauh, Sgt, " "  
Captured by our 2nd Bn.

Yesterday morning these PW were part of 2 bazooka teams which were used as flank security at the village of Meivron. When our attack came, their company withdrew without telling them about it. Thus 11 men were cut off. During the day they hid in hedges and when night came they followed a river bed in direction of burning villages (which they thought to be the front) to regain their own lines. They were behind American lines for they watched trucks passing them on the road. Finally they came to a bridge guarded by an American sentry. Two Germans who spoke English advanced and called out something to the guard, supposedly to fool him and gain permission to pass. It was so dark that nobody could see one another. The two English speaking Germans returned and then all 11 men started running to make a get-away. The guard gave alarm and American soldiers began shooting. The two Germans which were captured fell down and called Comrade. The other nine took advantage of the darkness and escaped. During the shooting one American sergeant got wounded.