

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT  
IPW TEAM 60-B, 134TH INFANTRY

11 Oct 44

Report of 4 PW's from 1126th Regt, 559th Div.

1. The 2nd Bn has been near Fossieux 3 days. Mission was to take the town. 5th Co of 35 men and 7th Co of 60 men arrived on Monday to break in vicinity 970291. 6th and 8th Cos held in reserve to right and left of Fossieux and to the north. The Bn came from Lemeneourt and its CP was set up in Aulnois. They suffered considerable losses thru artillery fire yesterday.
2. The 1st Bn sent the 2nd Co via Delme on foot towards Fossieux. The strength is 80 men. They also suffered losses thru artillery fire in vic 970291. PW does not know if other Cos of Bn came also.
3. Eight days ago most of the officers of this Regt were relieved by SS officers.

Report from PW, 9th Btry, 1553rd Arty Regt, 553d Div.

PW states that a German counterattack supported by 20 tanks was to take place this morning against Fossieux. Tanks are concentrating in woods vic 9930. Other PW also saw tanks camouflaged in those woods.

The 9th Btry was an AT Btry. In this Arty Regt the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th Btry are AT btry. Originally the btry had 6 75mm guns, tractor-drawn, but 3 guns were destroyed Sunday and 3 yesterday. One 75mm may be back in service after having been repaired. The 2nd Arty Bn Hq moved last night from Fossieux toward Lemeneourt.

Cel Eggers had his CP in Aulnois and it may still be there.

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Kurt Scharschmidt, Cpl, Combat Group Capt. Herst, part of Combat Group Eggers.

PW states that the 20 men of his unit are lying vic 968305, directly north of Fossieux. PW was sent by his sergeant on foot to vic Ajoncourt to recall one of their squads which was there about but the exact location of which he did not know. He followed the river bed and near Ajoncourt he fell into the water waistdeep. This was last evening. He stayed all night on a little island surrounded by water and only when morning came did he find a way out. When he entered Ajoncourt he was captured by American soldiers.

This unit apparently had a defensive position and was dug in. Capt Herst was not with them and his location was unknown. Food was brought to them by messengers from the rear and chow time was any time between 1700 and 2000.

PW's unit was in Luneville in August and has been in this general locale since then. Before that PW had been an Airport gasoline dump attendant in Norway.

PW states he did not think there was any other officer in his unit besides the captain.