

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

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Konrad Koslowski, Pvt, 2nd Co, 59th Regt, FPN 05181.
Hipolit Guzek, Pvt, " " " "

PW, both of them Polish, deserted to our 1st Bn last night with safe conduct leaflets.

PW confirm an earlier report that their company withdrew in the evening of the 11th Oct from a position just north of Fossieux to a position 300 meters west of the large wood near Lemoncourt. The CO and a squad established the Co CP at the edge of the wood.

Four days ago the company drove thru the woods and PW observed the following:

About 6 AT guns were camouflaged on both sides of the road in the open field just east of the woods. Along the road in the center of the wood they saw several autos standing. Telephone men and wire equipment were also there. A Lt Col and several other officers made their appearance. From these observations it looks like the site of a larger CP. This company was loaded on 4 tanks and drove into Fossieux. Halfway they were met by some 20 German tanks going in the direction of the woods. PW state that once 4 German tanks were disabled by their own AT guns which took them for American tanks.

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Marino Mittag, Pfc, Engr plat 1126th Regt.

PW and his platoon of 35 men were laying a mine field last night. The mine field starts about 50 meters from the bridge near Fossieux and the coordinates of the center of the field are approx 970295. The number of mines is 500 and they lie over a length of 300 m in a staggered position. They are Riegelminen (Rail mines) and are 2 meters apart. Behind those are also several lines of S mines with trip wires. The field is not marked.

The road to Lemoncourt is free of mines, but covered by several AT guns.

PW also talks of 25 tanks that are supposed to be in the wood west of Lemoncourt. He believes there is a CP in this wood, but it is in one of the old pill boxes there.

PW who was formerly in the Air Corps and got lost from his unit, joined the Engrs 14 days ago and this was the first mine field he helped lay.

PW has not come across an ammunition dump in the wood.

Concerning morale, he states that his comrades would rather see the war end today than tomorrow, but desertion is difficult because ~~XX~~ they are afraid of their new SS officers.