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

5 Oct 44

3 FW from the Mortar Trng Bn attached to the 553d Div.

The history of this unit was reported by this IFW team on 2 Oct 44. This Trng Bn left the remaining 7 mortars that they had left, in Achatel on 1 Oct 44. One platoon arrived at Fossieux in two trucks and committed as infantry.

These PW confirm the previous report and also give the strength of the unit here as 30 men. Their position is at 982278. Their mission is observation and defense, but if an attack would be overwhelming, they were to withdraw.

The unit is attached to the 1120th Regt. Their position was under artillery fire daily and these 3 PW deserted over to the 1st Bn while they were on guard duty.

The CO of the 30 men here is 1st Lt Loges.

PW don't believe in a secret weapon anymore, and to illustrate this point one prisoner told the following joke which makes the round in the German lines:

"Hans meets his frierd Fritz who is carrying a large suitcase. Hans asks: Fritz, what do you carry in your suitcase? Fritz replies: Shhh, the new secret weapon. Then Hans opens the suitcase and says: There's nothing but straw and hay in here. And Fritz replies: That's for the asses who still believe in the secret weapon."