

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

7 Oct 44

Franz Maurer, Sgt, 1st Co, 553rd Fusilier Bn (Replacement Bn)

The 1st Co was in position in vicinity Chenicourt till yesterday. Yesterday evening the company marched to vicinity Arroye and Han. This prisoner and his squad were, by mistake, left behind and during the night they marched up here to find their unit back. While this sgt went ahead alone to find his company, he was captured by our 2nd Bn.

PW states that the strength of his company is 100 men. They have small infantry weapons, but no mortars. They have had wounded lately thru artillery fire, but this unit gets replacements, mostly of stragglers.

Konrad Benz, Pvt, 4th Co, 1125th Regt. Deserter. Capt by 1st Bn.

This PW was attached to the 2nd Co as a bazooka man. Their position is on the slope SE of Malaucourt, where they have been for three days. PW states that their position has been fairly quiet in the last few days, but he stayed in his foxhole all day long and only left it at night to go to chew. As far as he knows, they do not expect an attack by us, nor do they intend to attack. This unit did not receive any leaflets which we dropped into this area yesterday.

PW deserted because he was often shifted from company to company and had to stay in a muddy hole all day long.

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4 PW captured by 137th Inf/Vicinity Fossieux.

PW are of Combat Group Liebing, commanded by Major Liebing and made up of remnants of 92 G A F Regt. The PW belonged to a platoon commanded by 1st Lt Scheider composed of the remnants of the 1st and 2nd Co and other air corps and precht stragglers: strength of the platoon was 35 men. The platoon was formed in Letricourt 14 days ago and ~~was~~ went then to Erlén and then Fossieux where it arrived 8 days ago.

PW state there there are other small infantry units to their flanks but cannot identify them.

During the 8 days during which PW were in position just south of Fossieux they received occasional arty and mortar fire from us but suffered no casualties.

PW located an arty OP in a pill box overgrown with grass just out of Fossieux on the road leading to Marhoue. Arty of undetermined caliber or quantity is supposed to be in the wood just north and slightly east of Fossieux. Three SP assault guns, 75 mm, have been coming out of these woods daily in the direction of Fossieux to fire, and then withdraw back into the woods again. These guns only made their appearance during the hours of darkness. PW also located an AT gun guarding the S approach to Fossieux, which they said had been captured by us before it had a chance to fire.

PW state that the 1120 Regt was relieved on the 4th or 5th of Oct to go back to Germany for reforming. A new unit is supposed to have replaced it.

PW state that a scanty amount of warm food consisting mainly of bean soup and bread was brought up to them in a small car at about 2130-2230 each night. The food was brought from Erlén and the road over which it came was interdicted by our arty, often making the food late.

Lt. Scheider, the platoon leader, had given the order that any man who withdrew from his position would be shot.