

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IFW TEAM 60

8-Set. 44

27 PW taken by 2nd Bn 134th and 3 Bn 137th in support of 134th.

Units represented:

1st and 4th Co 553 Fusilier Bn. Taken between Fossieux and Ajoncourt.

Mortar Tng Bn: Unit lies on high ground between Fossieux and Malloucourt as previously reported. The PW from this unit (2) were sent to Fossieux to find out what all the shooting was about since the unit defending Fossieux had no communication with the Mortar unit. They were told that Fossieux was unoccupied by Americans but this was not the case. PW from this unit were the only ones who looked like good soldiers, the other units being very young or old or physically unqualified.

14th Co. 198th Security Regt: Strength is 27 men. All except those with the company train at Chenicourt were taken. Mission had previously been guard duty at bridges, etc. Men were armed with rifles and three Czech machine guns: they had a 400m front to defend. Unit consists of men 38-50 years old and some younger men with physical deficiencies. They were just assigned a new officer (22 years old) since their other officers had gone back to Germany a few weeks ago. The new officer was wounded.

Combat Group Eggers: consists of remnants of the 92 Air Corps Regt and other miscellaneous air troops. Were preparing to return to Germany because of heavy losses, but were thrown in to the defense this morning. There were a total of 27 men from this unit present divided into two groups. Were in position on hill S of Fossieux.

All PW say that in general the effect of the artillery and tanks and the rapid advance of foot elements overwhelmed them even to the point that many did not fire their weapons.

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PW is Cpl Saenger, forward observer of 10th Btry, 1553d Arty Regt, 553d Inf Div.

PW gave the following information:

1. 150mm Btry of 2 guns located at 96003235.
 2. Truck Park of 10th Btry at Vulmont (95053730).
 3. Btry of 4 88mm AA-AT guns vicinity Lemencourt.
 4. OP in which PW was captured at 94102830.
 5. Radio communication is not used because of fear of detection by our airplanes.
 6. CP of 4th Arty Bn in Letricourt.
 7. Standing number of rounds per Btry is 320, i.e. if the Btry shoots 20 rounds in a day, it replaces the rounds next day in order to be up to the full amount of 320.
 8. OP had both B.C scope and field glasses and one range finder.
 9. No F.D.C. center for Bn or Regt concentration, but each Btry does its own computing from the coordinates given by Bn or Regt.
 10. 150mm Btry usually laid in a sheaf 110 meters in length. The pieces usually staggered in "W" or other formation. The Btry opens and closes on Nbr 2 piece. The usual interval between Nbr 2 piece and Nbr 1 and 3 is 40m; that between Nbr 3 and Nbr 4 is 30m.
 11. Ammunition Dump in Saarburg.
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