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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM #60

15 July 44

Date: 1330
Time: _____

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 24
To : S-2 134th Inf

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

Alexander Radaczki Pole 5th Co . ~~W~~ 916 Inf Regt. Yesterday the 6th, 7th, and 8th Co's were in line and the fifth in reserve. When the others suffered heavy casualties the 5th Co was committed also. Says that Germans have no rear installations..

Was in St. Lo 3 weeks ago on his way to his position. At that time the town had been put in ruins by air bombardment. States that there had been SS units in St Lo but that they have been recently withdrawn.

Ammunition allotment for LMG is 900 rounds per day.

Retreating troops do not use prepared installations but must dig new holes as they withdraw.

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CONSOLIDATED INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM #60 -B

Date 16 July 44

Subject: Consolidated Report of Tactical Interrogation for the
Period 0500 to 2400 15 Jul 44

To : S-2, 134th Inf.

This report covers Tactical Interrogation Reports # 1
to # 17 and Documents # - to -.

1. No of PWs interrogated: 17 men

2. Units identified:

1st Co, 353rd Fusilier Bn
2nd Co, " " "
3rd Co, 915th Inf Regt, 352 Feld Ers. Bn.
4th Co, " " " "
2nd Co, " " " "
14th Co, (AT) 915th Inf Regt
7th Co, 914th Regt
1st Co, 352 AT Bn (SF 38D)

Feld Ers Bn 352 or Kampfgruppe "Floboese" consists of remnants of the
914, 915, 916 Inf Regiments.

3. Locations:

3 AT guns, 75mm, at RJ 520652.
CP of 916 Inf Regt at Les Ifs.
SP Gun park, 1 km south of St-Lo.

4. Armament:

One Co of 30 SP 75mm AT guns . Balance of Bn consisting of
Assault Gun Co and an AA Co had tank park mentioned above. Six of the
TD's were lost at time of capture.

5. Personalities:

CO of 916th Inf Regt: Col. Goth

6. Losses:

Average strength of companies is 18 - 30 men and one or two
officers. Some Bn have only 5 officers. Ratio is about 5 Germans to 1
Pole.

7. Miscellaneous:

- a. All PW marveled at our artillery fire.
- b. None have seen any 88s in the area.
- c. Morale is low and most PW think the situation hopeless.
- d. Rumors were that the line was to be reinforced by an SS-
Div which never came. Another rumor is that there was a SS-Div in area
of St-Lo which was withdrawn to some other sector.
- e. PW have been cautioned in regard to security never to give

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away the strength of their companies. All talk freely, however.

f. Mission of companies in line was to hold line at all cost.

g. In defending the hedge rows the Germans dig individual fox holes and often put up a machine gun at the corner of two hedge rows. Then they have a second line several hundred meters back which they build up with dugouts supported by wood. Five men occupy the dugout with a machine gun.

h. PW heard of our tank attack at about 2100 last night. The sound of our tanks was pickked up.

i. Although short in men within units, the enemy apparently has plenty of automatic weapons and we find generally two machine guns with each ten or twelve men.

j. Reinforcements in the strength of 1 Bn (100 men) arrived in our 2nd Bn area at 07x 1900 last night. This is a reserve Bn of a previously identified unit.

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Subject: Consolidated Report of Tactical Interrogation for the
Period 0001 to 1500.

To : S-2 134 Inf

This report covers Tactical Interrogation Reports # 18
to # 25 and Documents # to .

No. of PW interrogated: 8

Identifications: 4th Co 353 Fusilier Bn 518 Mobile Bn
8th Co 899 Inf Regt
6th Co 899 Inf Regt
3 Co. 352 Inf Regt
Armed Russian PW
2 Co 513 Mobile Bn

Misc:

1. One PW had been a prisoner taken by the Germans from a PW Camp at Dortmund (Stalag VI) . Had been a Russian soldier and was captured at Stalingrad. Wore soldiers uniform except that it did not have the national emblem of the eagle and swastika on pocket. Was used to dig holes in front line and carried a rifle. Does not have any idea of how many similar cases there are.
2. 4th Co. 353 Fusilier Bn suffered 15 casualties yesterday and now has ~~15~~ strength of 30 men.
3. Rumors that there are armored and SS units in vicinity of St Lo, but have not been seen.
4. Mobile Bn still in training. Suffered 75% casualties ~~75%~~ yesterday

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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
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Date: 16 July 44
Time: 1115

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 18

To : S-2 134th Inf.

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

Casimir Hain, Pfc. FPN 58516 C
6th Co Uncertain of regimental or larger group number.
2nd Bn. PW states it may be part of Kampfgruppe Kentner.
Deserted from opposite our 3d Bn front at 0200 16 July.
Yesterdays losses in 6th Co heavy: present strength unknown but
PW estimates it at less than 50 men. Company had 10 l.m.g., 1 80 mm
mortar, 3 large and 2 small rocket launchers.

Copy of sketch drawn by PW on reverse side.

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3d Av Front

wide dirt road



advance positions
and covered
by EMB's

41 M
MCH 1942

wide dirt road

Forward
partially
destroyed



narrow dirt road



500 YDS



narrow

ridge row

large
farm
containing
small river



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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
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Date: 16 JUL
Time: 1130

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 21

To : S-2, 134 INF

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

FELIKS KOTZUWAN, Gren,
8th Co, 899 REGT, FPN 58516 E.
Captured by Co L, 3d BN.

PW was on observation in front of his lines when captured. He says front is held by 3 lines some 50 m apart. The bulk of the troops was 500 m behind the most forward position. The 8th Co here is no MG Co.

PW saw a 50 mm AT GUN 100 m behind a RD crossing with 4 houses on both sides of RD. GUN stands in ditch at RD.

PW states a SS BN with tanks moved close to the front-line last evening.

The Co. had many wounded.

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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
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Date: 16 July 44
Time: 1300

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 20-22

To : S-2 134th Inf.

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

Stephan Konkol - Czech 352 Regt. 1st Bn, 3 Co.
Cannot speak German

Joseph Kunz - Polish. Fusilier Battalion 353. 4th Co. Strength 30 men.
Suffered 15 casualties yeaterday. Have 4 of 12 heavy m.g. left; have
6 - 80 mm mortars about $2\frac{1}{2}$ km behind lines.. Rumor that there are four
SS divisions, including armored units, in the vicinity of St Lo, but he
has not seen any SS uniforms.

The above are both deserters and have been planning to run over for some
time.

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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
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Date: 16 July
Time: 1600

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 23

To : S-2 134th Inf

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

Nikolai Kulagin unidentified unit.

No soldbuch. Has identification as Russian PW taken at Stalingrad.
Worked in Stalag VI at Dortmund ~~1/2~~ until January, 41, and then was
taken to France 50 Km beyond St. Lo., Worked here with an artillery
unit cleaning the horses. The artillery had horses but no guns.
Unit identified as 8th Artillery Regt. Was brought to front two days
ago and used to dig holes 100 yds to rear of firing line. States
that these were new holes and the Germans had no previously prepared
rear installations. Wears the uniform of a soldier but not the national
emblem of the eagle and swastika.

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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM #50

Date: 16 JUL 44
Time: 1300

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 25
To : 5-2, 134 INF.

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

PRANGO, WLADIS, Pvt.
2 Co. 513 MOBILE BN.

PW has been in the Army only three months and was still in training at COUTANCES. The whole BN of trainees came to the front by bicycle.

OUT of 200 men Co. only 40 were left yesterday. His Platoon has 2 MG and 1 MORTAR.

PW also discloses that the 513 MOBILE BN is on line on some sector here and that he heard it suffered heavily also.

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TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IPW TEAM #50

Date: 16 Jul 44
Time: 1700

Subject: Tactical Interrogation Report # 26

To : S-2, 134Inf

The following points of information were disclosed by PW:

Werner Goebbeln, Cpl. Telephone operator.
Hq 353th Div Fusilier Bn, FPN 40334-A.

PW was attached for duty with the 2nd Co. His morale is low because for the last 4 days he was busy on the telephone and at night he had to repair wires. When the American infantry attack came, he was ordered to call for reinforcements to units in the rear, but those did not arrive. This Fus.Bn was formerly the 371 RCN BN. Since this PW is from Hq ~~ix~~ he is not informed on the conditions of the companies, but he admits heavy losses in men.

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16 July 44
1730

Report # 27, 28

Franz Blaszczyk 14th Co. 943 Inf Regt 328 Div. 1 platoon of
this company is in line. FPN 19354

The 14th company of a regiment is usually an Anti Tank Co, but this platoon was in the line armed with rifles and fighting as infantry men. They were attached to one of the battalions in line : did not know which: the battalion commander was wounded and probably killed - was a 1st Lt, name unknown. The platoon normally has 3 75 mm AT guns but since these were committed as infantry troops the AT guns were left at an unknown place about 22 Km distant.

Gassimow, Kadir. Pvt. Same unit as above. Unable to speak German.
Is Russian, and was taken PW by the Germans at Stalingrad.

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IPW Team 60 B

16 July 44
1100

Report # 29

Siegmund Czajka, Pvt. 14 Co 943 Regt. 353 Div.

A T Co. send one platoon in the frontline as infantrymen to hold the line. PW report that they left 3 75mm AT guns 20 km. behind. The weapon, still in 14 Co 18 Bazooka (Ofenrohre) and 3 75mm AT guns. Czajka reported that the losses of his Co are heavy. He saw far behind the lines 3 75mm assault guns (Sturmgeschuetze)

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IPW Team 60 B

16 July 44
2030

Report #30, 31

Thaddeus Czwarzki Pvt. 30 Mobile Bn , 518 Co.

Mobile Battalion also called Mobile Brigade. When at full strength it had 800 men, and contains 3 companies or squadrons. The men were formerly mounted on bicycles. Company strength is now down to 15 or 20 men. The unit came into line last night at 7 o'clock. This company had 2 lmg and rifles; no mortars. The PW was in St Lo about 8 days ago and says that everything has been completely destroyed and no soldiers are there.

The commanding officer of the brigade is Lt. Col Ratsitz. PW believes that his company commander was killed by artillery fire today. Before deserting to our lines he shot and killed a German noncom.

Others confirm this and say that they had shot noncoms and officers on several occasions before. The Brigade is composed of the 518, 513, and 517 squadrons or companies.

Thaddeus Kirzeniewski same unit as above.

Heard that there were two 88's somewhere to the rear, but he has never seen them. Also says he killed a sergeant before coming over.

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Report # 32, 33.

Name: Emil Bracek, Pvt, 5th Co, 2nd Bn, 899th Regt, 260th Div.
Vinko Leskovsek, Pvt, same unit. Both men are Yugoslavs.

PW state that their Co is made up half of Germans, half of Poles and Yugoslavs. The unit was stationed before at Merlaix in Brittany from where their Bn arrived by bicycle. They were kept in reserve all the time while on this front because the Germans did not trust the foreign soldiers enough to put them into forward position. When the American attack came yesterday and the German companies suffered enormously from our mortar fire, these reserve troops were finally committed. The foreign soldiers had been waiting for such an opportunity to get closer to the American lines in order to desert. When the American infantry attacked, the German-born soldiers defended their position, but the foreigners stayed in their fox holes and refused to fight. The Germans took all MG away from them for fear that they be used against themselves. The German officer ran to several fox holes, threatening the Yugoslavs and even sticking them with a bayonet. The PW claim that they shot several German NCO in the back, and that this was not the first time it happened either. Then the Americans arrived and hurled hand grenades and the Germans fled while the Poles and Yugoslavs waived white handkerchiefs.

The PW claim that only 12 men were left out of a Co of 60. Many wounded were kept lying around for long hours with no medics in sight. They state the German lines are in complete disorder and that decimated units are being combined into new units so that no order of battle exist any longer.

These PW were captured by the 3rd Bn.

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Report # 34, 35

Heinrich Ritter, Cpl. 8th Co, 899 Inf. Regt.
Alfred Zantopp, Sgt 6th Co, 899 Inf. Regt

FPN 58516E
FPN 58516C

Only the second battalion of this regiment is present in the line. The 8th company which is normally a machine gun company is a rifle co in this case.

Both PW are national Germans, were taken by Co. L. Captured about 0500. Strength of eighth company is now about 15 men. The company has been in the line since about the first of the month. The remainder of the men are mostly Germans, the others having deserted. 8th Co has 2 81mm mortars. Early yesterday afternoon the company withdrew about 200 yards; there was no prepared position and they had to dig new holes.

When the prisoner was asked about the effect of the phosphorus shells he said it was as bad as the regular artillery, for which they have tremendous respect. He saw no one who had been burned by phosphorus, and although there was a lot of smoke he said that no phosphorus shells landed in his immediate vicinity.

PW knew of no civilian snipers or contact with civilians at all. He had no snipers in his squad.

The 6th company had greater strength - about 40 men - because it had not been committed as often as the other companies of the battalion previously. The PW was a squad leader and his squad was cut off from the rest of the company. PW states that his company did not employ snipers and he also knew of no contacts with civilians nor had he heard of civilian snipers. His unit was greatly discouraged at the lack of German artillery and aircraft. He said that all they could do was to stay in their holes.

PW has seen no SS uniforms. He came thru ST. Lo about two weeks ago and says that the town was devoid of both soldiers and civilians.

PW has received no news other than German Army propaganda paper which was last issued about July 4th. He has not heard of our activities on other fronts.

PW was also on Russian front and states that the effect of the artillery and mortar fire here is more fearful than in Russia.

Companies are located in the order 7th, 6th, 8th, reading from left to right looking from the German lines.

6th Co had 3 large rocket launchers (88 mm) two of which were destroyed. Have also an unknown number of the smaller rocket launchers.