

IPW Team 60-B

17 JUL 44
1400

Report 36

JURDCEK, ALOYSIUS, Cpl.

7 Co. 899th REGT. FPN

Captured 0700.

PW is of Czech descent and gave up voluntarily. He had 6 men in squad out of the original 9. Co. strength is 40 men, 1 officer.

Their only mortar was destroyed this morning.

A AT Gun was standing to the rear at a small crossing, but it was out of ammunition.

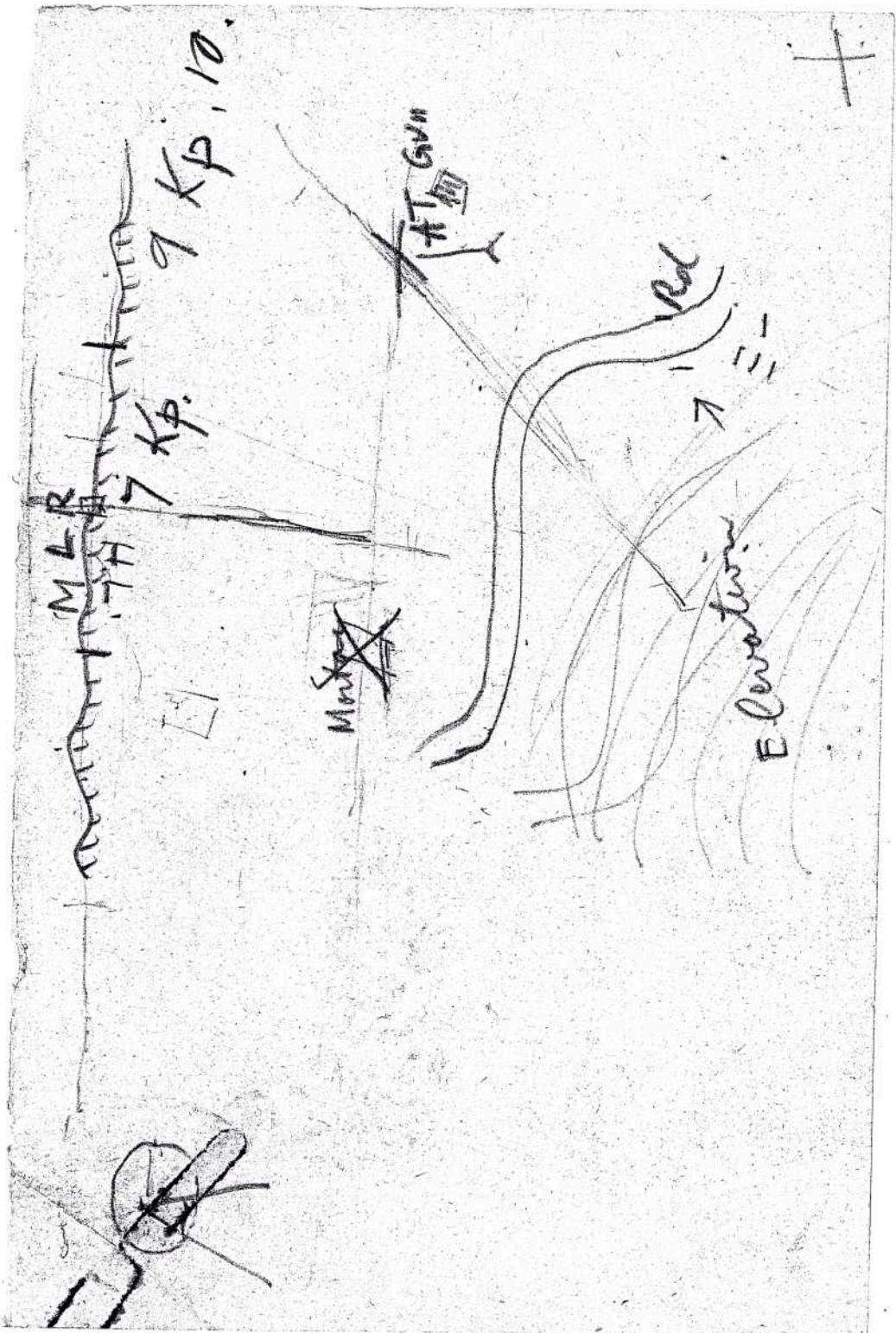
Many foreign soldiers would desert, but the officers keep watch over them.

American tanks broke thru the line and the BN Cndr was shot when he fired with a Faustpatrone.

See attached sketch drawn by PW.

The phosphor shells did not get in their position.

Some SP Guns (Assault guns) are supposed to be in the area



TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT

Report # 37

DATE 17 JULY 44
TIME 0900

EDMUND KOLLATH, Platoon Co 899 Regt, FPN 58516C

PW. was an ^{120 men in his Co.} advanced guard posted. His mission was the right flank to hold, and fight to the last man. Kollath had a sharpshooter rifle

(Zielfernrohrgewehr)

PW was captured, as our tanks approached, and our Artillery fired behind him.

On his left flank was the 7 Co, and 100 yds behind him, the 2nd Platoon, 6 Co.

CO. Capt. Placzykowski is killed.

PW. heard rumors that 44 and parachute supposed to arrive as reinforcement

Losses, from 6 Co. 30 men, 5 were wounded

Tactical Interrogation Report

#38

134th Inf.

1400
17 July 44

Josef Narnth, Pvt 899 Regt Co 7 FPN 58516 D

Company strength about 40 men. CO had ordered company to withdraw but PW had stayed behind to desert. Company had 2 81 mm mortars, several machine guns, small bazookas, rifles. No heavy weapons. There were 4 or 5 rifles equipped with telescopic sights in company, but the users of these did not use them as snipers; i.e., they did not camouflage themselves in trees, etc. PW does not know of any civilian snipers.

Believes that regular artillery had worse effect than phosphorus shells. Had heard that there were casualties from the latter but did not see any.

Many Jugoslavs and other non-nationals in company - all anxious to get away from Germans. Not many real Germans in company.

Battalion commander killed by a tank yesterday when he attempted to fire a small bazooka at it.

PW has seen no SS uniforms nor has he heard of any expected reinforcements.

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT

REPORT # 39

JULY 17 44
0930

Johann Speier Pvt. FPN 348163

KAMPFGRUPPE FISCHER

PW reported that he belonged to the 6 Batt. 2nd Bn. 253 DIV. they loss all guns cal. 105mm, he was waiting for new guns, but the guns never showed up.

PW. was put ~~in~~ last night in line as infantry man which was build together from other Arty. Batt. as Kampfgruppe Fischer. strength 150 men

Speier reported they had 50% foreigner in his Batt.

PW heard that on July the 20 the German Airforce shall down the air again.

On his way thro' St. Lo they came over a stone bridge near BAUDRE

Tactical Interrogation Report

134th Inf

Report #40

Johann Zielinski, Pvt.

Kampfgruppe Fischer FPN 34816B

Formerly in 7th battery of a field artillery unit which has been committed as infantry. Size of unit when committed at 1900 yesterday was about 120 men under command of 1st Lt Fischer. Unit has many foreigners, exact proportion unknown.

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IPW TEAM 60-B, 134 INF.

17 July 44

2100

Alois Wojtynek, Gren, Polish, 8th Co, 914th Regt. FPN 48128D
Rudolf Wadas, Ober-Gren, Polish, " " "
Heinz Wunderlich, Gren. German, " " "

PW belong to a MG co which has only 18 men left with 3 MG and 4 Mortars of 81mm. They deserted to the American lines and in their flight brought back with them a badly wounded American soldier.
PW were ammunition carriers for MG and state that only 1000 rounds were left per MG when they left. There was also a mortar some 100 meters behind a large farm house, but only 18 rounds of ammunition were left.
One assault gun from a AT BN was to the rear of them. A soldier from their artillery told them that the Division had 6 150mm howitzers and 4 105mm howitzers left.

3rd Bn area

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No 54.

Leopold Proeckel, Pvt 4th Co, 914th Regt. German
Captured 1500, 17 July. FPN 34140 E

Belonged to a unit of about 50 men composed of remnants of his own company, some artillery men, and men from other branches fighting as a Kampfgruppe. Kampfgruppe originally had 150 men, but thru losses its strength at the time of the PW's capture was only 50. There were originally two officers - a captain and 2nd Lt., but the captain has been wounded.

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