

Tactical Interrogation Report
IPW Team 60 B 134th Inf.

Report No. 66

Hermann Hachenberg, Pfc, 8th Co, 914 Regt FPN 48128 D
Taken by 2nd Bn, 134th.

PW a German national. When his company retreated he was left behind presumably unintentionally. Says that losses are very severe and morale is very low: says that all would desert if they could. PW knew that his regiment was to withdraw to a Hill 72: there is a Hill 72 shown on the German military map of this area at 508629. This withdrawal occurred last night.
(previously reported by phone)

Consolidated Report of Interrogation
From 1500, 18 July to 1500, 19 July 44

IPW 60 B

No. of PW interrogated 17

Identifications: 11th Co 898 Regt
HQ Co 915 Regt
5th Co 914 Regt
8th Co 914 Regt
1st Co 298 Feld Ersatz Bn.
1st Co 352 Fusilier Bn

Locations: Several PW say that Germans have completely withdrawn from St. Lo. One (only) says that he saw tanks of an SS unit retreating from St. Lo. No one else saw these.

One states that he was at St. Giles four days ago where he saw a number of tanks without gasoline to move them.

Withdrawal: There have been several instances of enemy troops having been left behind in small groups (about 5 men) by their organizations either accidentally or as security parties.

Desertions: In several instances PW (Poles) say that they have been waiting for some time for an opportunity to desert but because of the close watch kept on them by their non-coms and officers they dare not.

Medical Service: German medics wear the red cross only on the left arm. Because of the shortage of ambulances wounded have been evacuated to St. Lo by litter. Other medical supplies are also short. Medics are armed with pistols.

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ERICH MELCHERT PFC. 352 FUS. BN. FPN 41480 B
ERICH THOMAS CPL 352 FUS. BN. FPN 41480
ROLF SCHLOSSER PVT 352 FUS. BN. FPN 41480
HANS WAGNER PVT 352 FUS. BN. FPN 41480

PW: REPORTED WANTED TO DESERT SINCE A WEEK
THEY HIDE THEMSELVES FOR THREE DAYS IN AN
FARM HOUSE TO WAIT FOR OUR TROOPS TO GIVE
UP.

BN. STRENGTH 150 MEN, THIS BN. HAD 12 OFFICERS
AND NOW 2 ARE STILL THERE

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ALOIS WYCISK PFC. II CO 898 REGT. FPN 59285 D
KARL MEMEL PVT. II CO 898 REGT FPN 59285 D
GEORG HOPER PVT II CO 898 REGT FPN 59285 D.

PW: STATED WANTED TO DESERT, BUT THE
NONECOMS. WATCH THEM CLOSELY
CO. STRENGTH DOWN TO 20 MEN

PW HEARD RUMORS THAT 44 PANZER
DIVISION SHOULD STAY NEAR ST LO¹
FOR REINFORCEMENT.

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ACHAT MUCHARHAMOW PVT 2 Co 914 REGT.
VICTOR BELOVSOV PVT FPN 34826 A.

PWS: WERE WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY
TO COME OVER TO OUR LINES
PW SPEAKS NO GERMAN AT ALL

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Johann Gibalski, Pvt, Polish
1st Co, 266th Pionier BN, APO 57725B

PW was driver of a horse-drawn vehicle of his Engr Co which was stationed in St. Giles. He was bringing up food and clothing equipment to the front but had to stay in St Lo because of a sick horse. This morning he saw all German units moving out of the town and when he was left alone, he took the long awaited opportunity to run out of town and find Americans to give himself up.

While he ran up a slope to get out of town, he saw a column of about 20 tanks from a SS unit moving towards a bridge and retreating across the river. From other Engr men he had heard in town that as soon as all Germans had crossed the river, the bridges would be blown up. Other soldiers to whom he talked complained about the lack of reinforcement and said that if another week should pass without them getting more supplies the whole outfit would give itself up to American troops. The PW did not observe any pill boxes, mine fields, or road blocks around the town.

PW tells that he was in St-Giles four days ago where a number of tanks were standing about without gasoline to move on. There were also eight 88mm AA gun there, but the American planes spotted them and dive-bombed them and next day many of the guns were towed away for repair.

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PW captured by 1st Bn in outskirts of St. Lo.

RUPERT KRAFT, Pfc, 1st Co 298 F. Es. Bn.

WALTHER GRÜN, Pfc, 1st Co 298 F. Es. Bn.

Both are German nationals. Company was originally an engineer outfit engaged in mine laying in the vicinity of Brest. They have been committed as infantry in this sector, however, and have engaged in no engineer activities. Company has strength of about 50 men - has withdrawn from St. Lo.

Both PW were in St. Lo for one day and claimed to have observed no particular defenses (mines, wire, roadblocks, strongpoints, etc.). Neither has seen tanks or SS personnel. Neither believes that the Germans will defend St. Lo.

Company CO is 1st Lt. Tescher. Co has one other officer - 2nd Lt. Albrecht.

Food is good when they get it, but sometimes they don't get it for two days. Morale is very low.