

Tactical Interrogation Report
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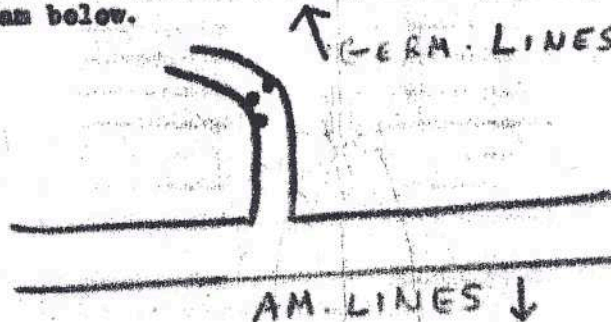
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All PW were taken together at 0700 this morning by Co I. Three are medics and two were messengers sent to find out if the Bn aid station was to withdraw. They were captured at the sight of what had been an aid station, near the cathedral in St. Lo.

Since being placed in line here the battalion of about 850 men has had about 70% casualties. Most casualties occurred from mortar and artillery fire.

The unit is at least 50% Austrian.

On being questioned about mines one PW stated that the main streets were probably not mined, but the side streets and alleys were. Generally this was done at a curve and at the sides of the road, using mines (Teller) in groups of three as shown in the diagram below.



PW do not believe that the Germans had time to extensively booby trap St. Lo and knows of none that have been set.

The normal medical strength of this unit was one enlisted medic per rifle platoon and one doctor per battalion. Two of the PW had been platoon medics, but when their platoons were lost the medics were put in the Bn aid station.