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IPW TEAM 60-B, 134th Inf

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Vincenz Schmitt, Pfc, 2nd Co, 352 Fus Bn, FPN 41486C  
Arno Steinbuch, Pfc, 2 " "  
Captured by 3d Bn.

The unit, formerly a bicycle RCN unit, has lost its identity and has been placed together with some artillery troops fighting as infantry to form Combat Group Trautmann of about 60 men. Group Trautmann together with other remnants form Combat Group Zundorf. Group Zundorf was formerly called Group Neubert.

During the night the unit withdrew, intending to march 20 km in the direction of Vire. Generally the unit moves on minor roads in single column and at night. The unit no longer has bicycles.

PW also state that Combat Group Verboese also withdrew at about the same time. They know this because messenger came to their unit with this message.

T- and S- mines were laid in front of barracks formerly occupied in St-Lo--barracks called La Caserne. T-mines are laid diagonally across road in a line of 6. PW unit laid 10 mines. The mines are placed in very shallow holes and covered with rubble.

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Kasimir Zielinski, Pfc, 3d Co, 897th Regt, FPN 57172D, Pole.  
Johann Brillowski, Pvt, 4th Co, 897th Regt, FPN 57172E, Pole.

Both PW are Polish and had worked as wagon drivers in the company trains. A week ago they were put in as infantry soldiers. When the company withdrew yesterday, they remained behind.

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Theodor Schuberth, Pvt, 4th Co, 984th Regt, FPN 41357E  
Paul Krzon, Pvt, 4th Co, 352th Regt, FPN 41126E,.

PW belonged originally to two different outfits. Schuberth was dispersed from his unit at Pont Hebert and came to a collecting point from which he was put into the 352nd Regt. PW is not sure whether it was the 352nd Field Ersatz Bn. His Lt was named Dietschke. They were located near the St-Lo Barracks and the Bn consisted of 80 men according to a supply report that PW heard. PW were ammunition carriers for a mortar and state there was plenty ammunition available at St\*Lo .

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Felix Eckert, Sgt, 352 Fus Bn , 2nd Co,

Sgt and 9 men of his squad had the mission to stay back in the Caserne (military barracks) of St-Lo and hold back the first American troops while the rest of the Co withdrew. They had 2 MG and in case they could not hold out any longer, they were to withdraw also but fire continuously. All of them offered no resistance when captured by the men from EEI, Hq First Army.

Three Russian PW from an unidentified unit were also taken. FPN is probably 59979C. The men cannot speak German. They are Russo-Turks.

A large package of letters received by a unit but not yet distributed to the men was identified by the FPN as the 352nd Arty Regt which had been once before identified and which has been committed as infantry. Spot-checking of the letters revealed that the soldiers' family lamented the fact that the unit was now fighting as infantry ; that morale and air attacks at home (Nurnberg) were very bad and that people hoped the war would soon be over. The correspondents did not know where the unit was located, were concerned over the safety of the soldiers, and that mail service was fairly poor.

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Heinz Knobloch, Pvt, 8th Co, 943d Regt, 353d Div.FPN 23473C .  
Horst Loof, " " " " "  
Helmut Grueter, " " " " "  
Werner Kohler, " " " " "

The 8th Co has been combined with the 6th Co. It has no heavy MG, but 6 mortars. Only about 60 men were left in the whole battalion and 4 officers. Strength on 16th July of 2nd Bn was about 400 men; now it is 50-60. As far as PW know there were only two Bn in Regt. Major Moll was 1st Bn Cmdr. Oberst Bohm was very seriously wounded three days ago.

The 8th Co was situated on the 12th of July near Chateau Lucerne at St-Lo, then it moved some 150 m behind racing track. Last night at 2300 the Bn withdrew 16 or 17 km. It was considerably reduced in strength, and only 17 men were left of the other three companies. Casualties were from arty and inf weapons, but no casualties from air attacks. Morale is very bad and officers pushed men forward by threatening them with pistols. They were told of reinforcements which never came. Our arty fire is so precise that they cannot even come out of their holes to withdraw.