

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
IFW TEAM 60-B, 134th INF

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All PW are born Germans. All were captured together at about 1600 by "C" Co. The three Infantry men were fighting with the Prcht unit. These inf men had been retreating with their 8th Co from St-Lo. They were ordered to drive a ammunition wagon to the Bn Cp but got stuck with the wagon and lost their unit. A Prcht officer picked them up and ordered them to fight with the parachutists.

At the present the 9th Co of the 8th Prcht Regt has a strength of about 30 men. Their emplacements consist of individual holes along a dirt wall. They are located opposite "C" Co about 100 m in front of a group of farm buildings. To their right (east) about 800 100 m is a main asphalt road with a road crossing about 300 m farther to the rear. The company CP is in the farm house. The 11th Co was on their left. It was not clear whether there were some more Prcht units to the right or whether there was an Engr unit there committed as infantry.

Mission of the company was to hold the line as long as possible. There was no report of reinforcements and the Co had withdrawn several times in the last few days. They came to their present position yesterday afternoon. The Co has one large rocket launcher, but no other heavy weapons. They had three light MGs along the dirt wall.

In this unit the paybooks (Soldbuch) were taken away about two weeks ago, apparently as security measure and a certificate substituted.

Co Cmdr is 1st Lt Wenslow; Bn Cmdr is Capt. Kammling. This Prcht unit has never made any combat jumps but has only been committed as regular infantry.

PW states that morale is low and that in the last few days rations were poor.

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