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INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
IPW 60

2 Jan 45

1st Co, 2nd Regt, 1st SS Armd Div: 21 PW since 1200 yesterday. Captured in LUTREBOIS. PW report the original strength of company as 80 men and strength at time of capture as 23 men. The Bn CP had been in the second house before the NE end of town but it is reported it withdrew to an unknown position in the woods E of LUTREBOIS ~~yesterday~~ last night. The 1st Bn had held a line 1 km south of village centering at about 564528 until this morning. This morning they withdrew to the E end of the village with the mission of holding it. They replaced a small group of VG men who had been withdrawn from the town the night before. The company suffered its high losses in the attack on LUTREBOIS 3 days ago when they tried to secure the BASTOGNE road. The company has four trucks which are with their trains (probably in DONCOLS). The Co CO is Lt Bock: Lt Teich, former CO was wounded 30 Dec. The Bn CO is Capt Richter.

2nd Co, 2nd Regt, 1st SS Armd Div: 12 PW since noon yesterday. At time of capture this company had 30-35 men in LUTREBOIS. This was the entire company except one squad which, together with the 3d Co, was at the Bn CP either as reserve or CP security. Part of the company withdrew from the town to the woods to the NE 10 minutes before our attack this morning. Those who were captured were unable to withdraw because of our mortar fire. PW included a 2nd Lt platoon leader who said that he had lost contact with adjacent unit on left (1st Co) and that no unit was to his immediate right. He located the regimental CP at DONCOLS, but did not know the new position to which the Bn CP had withdrawn after leaving LUTREBOIS.

4 Co, 2nd Regt, 1st SS Armd Div: 12 PW since noon yesterday/ This is a heavy company whose original strength included 150 men, six 80mm mortars, three 75mm AT guns and four 120mm mortars. Also had a platoon equipped with large bazookas. Two of the AT guns were damaged at STAVELT and it is not known whether they have been repaired: they are not in use. Two of the 80mm mortars were lost and three others are with the trains because of lack of trained personnel to operate them. PW have seen only one 80mm mortar of this company in firing position and believe that the remaining four mortars and the remaining AT gun have been given to some other unit. Yesterday they received 54 rounds of mortar ammo for the one piece they have in LUTREBOIS. Up to time of capture they had fired 15 rounds, and PW say that these fell short on their own men. They say that the reason for this was that the platoon leader was afraid to come out of the cellar on account of arty, and the others were not proficient in the use of the mortar. CO of 2nd Bn is Capt Keil. His CP is in the last house at NE of LUTREBOIS and was believed to still be there this morning.

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8th Co, 2nd Regt, 1st SS Armd Div: 3 PW since noon yesterday.
Nothing to add to previous report on 8th Co except that 2nd Bn
had withdrawn from LUTREBOIS last night.

3d Co, 339 Regt, 167 Div: 3 PW since noon yesterday.
At 1600 today the 1st and 2nd platoon of this company were at
569530. The 3d platoon was at the NE end of Lutrebois with the
1st and 2nd Co yesterday, and left town to the east with those
companies last night. The two platoons had been in this position
for three days and were under constant arty fire. They suffered
3 dead and 6 wounded which they could not evacuate because of art y.
Because of this they also received no food for four days. Yesterday
afternoon they pulled back into LUTREBOIS and were able to evacuate
their wounded last night. They had lost contact with their battalion
and could not find their own aid station or CP, so evacuated to an
SS aid station in WARDIN. They report that there is an SS CP of
some unit in WARDIN. Co CO is Lt Eckelmann. Bn CO is Capt Schumacher.
Regt. CO is Lt Col Hoffmann. Div CO is Lt Gen Hoecker.

4th Co, 331 Regt, 167 Div: 1 PW since noon yesterday.
This company was in support of 1st and 2nd Co in attack on
LUTREBOIS three days ago. At that time they had 8 hmg, four 80mm
mortars. Before this they had four horse-drawn 75mm cannon, but
these have not been seen recently. The attack was repulsed with
heavy losses at the edge of the woods west of LUTREBOIS. PW say
that 30 men of the battalion remain. As in the case of the above
unit these men have been isolated by artillery and were unable to
evacuate wounded until last night. PW state that this regiment
had been engaged in fighting ~~MAA~~ Maquis while training in Czecho-
slovakia before being brought to the west front.

6th Co, 331 Regt, 167 Div: 4 PW since noon yesterday.
PW were at 562528 where they had been since their attack three days
ago. There were 7 men of the 6th Co and 6 men of the 5th Co at
this point. They were isolated, had no food for three days. PW
believe that this is all that is left of the 5th and 6th Cos.
CO of 1st Co, 331 Regt is Lt Bayer
CO of 1st Bn, Capt Stoebe (wounded 3 days ago)
CO of 331 Regt, Lt Col Zaehner.

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2nd Co and Assault Platoon (of 1st Bn), 901 Regt, Pz Lehr Div: 2 PW since noon yesterday. The assault troop, the 2nd Co, a squad of engineers fighting as infantry, and 9 men equipped with small bazookas making a total of 60 men advanced last evening at about 1700 to 594552 (between our 1st Bn and armd inf unit). Their mission was to retake this ground which had previously been occupied by the 1st Co of the regiment. The 1st Co had been wiped out. Strength of 2nd Co is 30 men. PW report that the 3d Co of the regiment is in reserve. The 4th Co supported the attack with 2 or 3 mortars, 1 or 2 SP guns and two half-tracks mounting 75's. They had had two more such half-tracks, but one was destroyed by tank fire and the other abandoned because of motor trouble. The location of the heavy weapons was estimated at 500 yds to the rear but could not be definitely located. PW report that the battalion has an ultimate reserve of a platoon which had formerly been a motorcycle unit but which was now mounted on four half-tracks. CO of Bn is Capt Haenecke. CO of Regt is Lt Col von Hauser. The 2nd Co had had its strength cut down to 30 men in its attempt to take BASTOGNE at a position farther to the north. Three days ago it was brought to assembly at 589565 and yesterday received its attack order which was to cross the BASTOGNE road.

5th Co, 901 Regt, Pz Lehr Div: 3 PW since noon yesterday. Co had been in regimental reserve and was committed this morning to relieve the 2nd Co and assault platoon which had advanced to 594552 last night. Two platoons of this company numbering 36 men took part in this. In addition to them was a small bazooka squad of nine men.

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1 PW, 1st Co, Anti Tank Bn, 167 Div.

There is very probably only one company in this battalion. There had previously been two but the second was dissolved before the division was committed here. Strength of the company is 120 men. It has 9 75mm AT guns towed by small tractors, 6 mg, and many small bazookas. Three days ago they still had all their guns but two of the tractors had been knocked out by arty: this shelling also killed 6 and wounded 3 men. One AT gun knocked out one of three tanks coming toward it today: exact location cannot be determined. CO of Co is Lt. Nielsen. CO of Bn is Capt Kaufmann. The Co and Bn are in the same place in WARDIN: PW is not sure that they have not withdrawn from here.

1 PW from 14th Co, 331 Regt, 167 Div.

This company has about 130 men which were distributed to the other units of the regiment for AT defense. The company has 54 large bazookas and is distributed in squads of 13 men armed with 6 bazookas. The unit was first committed at 0400 29 Dec in the attack on LUTREBOIS. This PW was attached to 1st Bn Hq. The attack was repulsed with heavy losses, and PW hid in cellar for four days in the town until captured today. Two days ago he saw two tanks destroyed by planes in LUTREBOIS. Co CO is Capt Schirn

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Date: 2 Jan 1945
Time: 1245

TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT
(IPW TEAM # 68)

Name: Hans Griesbach Age 30
Rank or grade: Sgt. ASN 2 APO L 62871 A
Organization: 1st Co. 14th Regt. 5th Para Div.
Nationality: German Captured by: Army White
Place of capture: 585439
Strength of unit: 15 man patrol
Mission of unit: Determine if woods at 576497 unoccupied and by U.S. troops
if free occupy with 15 men - woods were unoccupied.
Location of CP's - OP's: Co. CP 57445010 - 1st Bn CP 58545037
Regt #1 CP 65833945 - 5th Para Div. CP 6559 (Oberwambach)
Location of Supp. Arty pieces: 2 - 150 mm howitzers vic. 625535, at 1900
on approx. 1 Jan 1945
Observation of Arty withdrawals or reinforcements: 2 - 150 mm howitzers
attended to tanks at Doncols 6354 withdrawing
Location of supporting tanks: Saw 7 Royal tiger tanks in Doncols 1900, 1 Jan 45
Reserves; Reinforcements: Saw elements of SS Div. "Grossdeutschland" in
Oberwambach - Tanks in Doncols were from this Div. according
to PW.
MER: Oberwambach-Niederwambach-Schleif-Doncols-Santer-Tarchenpe-Luttenmange
Location of Ammo DP's: Oberwambach also gasoline
Ammunition status: Sufficient
Status of food and other supplies: PW claims 80% of food is captured American
food - use captured clothing to keep warm
Morale in general: Good during advance - low now that situation is difficult
for the Germans
Miscellaneous: PW states Oberwambach 6559 is overcrowded with troops - also
claims there is much ammo and gasoline there, but heavily
defended by AA 20 mm and quadruple AA - these guns change
positions frequently and PW states that our fighter bombers
can't approach the village to bomb effectively.

Interrogator:

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