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INTERROGATION REPORT  
134TH INF REGT  
IPW TEAM #60

27 Mar 45

3d Btry, 581 AA Bn, 74 AA Regt, 4th AA Div:

This is a searchlight bn, but PW was able to give following information about gun positions. There are four to six 105mm AA guns in immediate area centering at 45553565. There had been a battery yesterday at 387307, but the people of this battery destroyed their pieces yesterday and withdrew to battery position mentioned above. Btry CP moved to FELDHAUSEN yesterday. Regt CP is in MUELHEIM and div CP is ESSEN. The btry trains were still in GRAFENMUEHLE this morning.

1st Bn, 1225 Regt, 190 Div:

Estimated bn strength of bn upon arrival here yesterday was about 350 men. After having lost about two-thirds of their strength between VENLO and WESEL the regiment was withdrawn to vic BUSSEM, Holland. The whereabouts of the other two regiments of the division (the 1224th and 1226th) are not known since their withdrawal from the German bridghead opposite WESEL. All PW agree that the 1226th is being reformed. Of the 1224th, some PW say that it has been dissolved to reinforce the 1225th and others say that it is being refilled. The 14th Co of the 1224th is known to have been given to the 1225th. Within the 1225th Regt the 2nd bn has been dissolved to replenish the 1st bn: there are also men from the 3d bn now in the 1st, and the 1st bn may be the only one in the regt. At most there are two battalions in the 1225th (1st and 3d),

The Bn came here alone with no other units of the division except the 14th Co of this regt. It was transported in 6 trucks which were left at KOLONIE SCHOLVEN (10 Km SE of DORSTEN). The only other units observed by PW were AA men already known to us: no other troops or military equipment was seen on the approach march. En route here the truck containing the heavy weapons (120mm mortars and mg) of 4th Co broke down and was abandoned. The 4th Co is believed to have been committed as regular infantry at least temporarily, but may revert to its regular status when their weapons arrive.

According to a captured company CO the mission of the Bn here was to relieve a unit which he believes was part of the 180th Div. Neither he nor his Bn CO knew where the front lines were, and expected to find them about 3 KM farther west than the point where he was captured: at this point the battalion was advancing along the road in column, entire bn using the same road.

CO of Bn is Capt Trede. CP not known to be set up as yet. Regt CO is Lt Col Ohlendorf and is not believed to have arrived in this area yet.

The 14th Co of regt (AT Co) has 16 lge bazookas, 7 small, and one mg.

PW state that RR leading from ZUTPHEN, Holland, to Germany is still operative. Also state that supply troops in Holland have been decimated as infantry replacements.

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180 Field Replacement Bn, 180 Div:

This battalion was formerly a construction bn used for digging emplacements, trenches, etc. It was also used as a replacement source for trains personnel. On 24th March it was used as a regular replacement bn for the first time and committed in its entirety. It has two companies, the 3d and 4th, armed only with rifles. PW says that all others of his unit were captured a few days ago, but by hiding he avoided capture. Since that time he has been moving about through our rear areas at night in an effort to get back to his own lines.

1st Bn, 23d Para Regt, 2nd Para Div:

PW are three boys of 15 years age. They belong to a group of 30 Hitler Youth who live in DINSLAKEN. They were ordered by Hitler Youth Leader Buchloh of this town to join units in DUISBERG, MUELHEIM, and HUCKINGEN on 22 March. 16 of them reported to 23 Para Regt at DUISBERG. The boys had had no weapons training and were therefore not sworn in as regular soldiers. They were to receive four weeks weapons training, but this was interfered with by our advance: if this training had been received they would have been accepted by the army. Under their present status they were not uniformed. The untrained boys are intended for use as messengers. Boys of this area in the 13-14 age group were recently sent farther inside Germany to an army training camp. This use of children is believed to be occurring on a national scale.

CO of Bn is Capt Jaeger and CP is in Hotel Duisberger in DUISBERG. Regt CO is Maj Liebing with his CP in Uhlenhorst Hotel in UHLENHORST. The 3d Co CP is in the Duisberg Cable Works: CO is Lt Zoppot.

This unit had the mission of guarding the Rhine bank until 23 March. At this time they were relieved of this mission by the Volkssturm, but the paratroopers are believed to be still in this area.

PW from 116 Armd Rcn Bn, 116 Armd Div states that the Rcn Bn was sent here to overcome ~~the~~ our paratroopers which were dropped in this area. They did not see any paratroopers.