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INTERROGATION REPORT
134TH INF REGT
IPW TEAM 60

28 Mar 45

1st Bn Hq, 1225 Regt, 190 Div:

CP until yesterday was at 431326: withdrew last night leaving a 10 man covering force (which included practically all enlisted personnel of Bn Hq).

PW states that regiment has two battalions one of which is committed in this area and the other farther to the north.

Clearing station to which wounded of this unit are evacuated is at HAUS BECK (475354). It is not the clearing station of the parent division, but of another unit, probably the 116th Arm~~e~~ Div.

13th Co, 1225 Regt:

Co has three platoons: a heavy mortar platoon with four 120mm mortars, 3 trucks and 30 men; an infantry howitzer platoon with two howitzers (75mm) and 20 men; and a rifle platoon with two lmg and rifles several of which are of foreign make. PW says there was no ammo for mortars and that this platoon was committed as riflemen. The howitzer platoon has no howitzers but is expecting two from their supply source and this platoon is also being used as riflemen. PW says that many in the company are untrained in the use of heavy weapons.

Route of approach of unit from Holland was AMMERSFORT, APPELDOORN, ZUTPHEN, WINTERSWYK.

1st Co, 1226 Regt, 190 Div:

Strength is about 60 men. Co had 9 mg including some of foreign make. Also has one small bazooka.

These units previously had 50mm mortars in the rifle companies but they were given up because of the many accidents they had caused by shells exploding in the mortar tube.

PW says that most of the men of the 2nd Bn were transferred to the 1st Bn while in Holland. A small cadre was left to which was added 250 replacements from AA units. This new 2nd Bn has not yet been committed/

7th Co, 1226th Regt:

PW of this unit was not with his company but was with the 1st Co. The 7th Co is not committed here. Confirms fact that regiment has two battalions.

4th Co, 1226 Regt:

Strength is 40 men. The mortar platoon of company has not yet arrived from Holland because of motor trouble suffered en route. The company also has two 75mm howitzers which are not here, their prime mover having run out of gas on the way. The company has four heavy mg in position, two of which support 1st Co (S flank) and two the 2nd Co (center). The 3d Co at about 440300 is without support by the 4th Co. One of the mg supporting the 2nd Co developed a stoppage this morning and has not yet been repaired.

Casualties in some units ran as high as 20% during H&I fire last night. Other units, although sporadically under fire, suffered no casualties but were greatly limited in movement.

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CO of 1226 Regt is Lt Col Bernhard; of 1st Bn, Capt Griesl;
and of 1st Co, Lt Krahe.

PW say that 1224 Regt was virtually destroyed on bridgehead op-
posite WESEL. The survivors attempted to cross Rhine in daylight
and were bombed, causing 100 killed and many wounded. Those who
were left in the regiment were transferred to the 1225th and the 1224th
was not reorganized.

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2nd Co, 1190 Eng Bn, 190 Div:

The bn has three companies of which two arrived here yesterday and were immediately committed as infantry. The 3d Co remained in vic ZEIST, Holland because of insufficient transportation to bring the whole bn. Their commitment was supposed to fill a 3 Km gap in the line formed when a parachute unit was routed. A Bn of the 1225 Regt was to their right (North). The 2nd Co has 65 men and is somewhat stronger than the 1st; armament consists of mg and rifles only. No engineer equipment was brought along by the units, but was left with the trains in Holland. PW states that the 190 Div (or at least the elements of it which are here) is attached to the 116 Armd Div and has the S flank of that unit.

CP of 190 Div at 517339 in a four-house farm. Div CO is Gen Hammer. Bn CO, Maj Kola. CO of 2nd Co, Lt Potroth.

The vehicles used to transport bn from Holland to here were borrowed from the coast artillery.

In conversation with corps commander before leaving Holland the G-3 of the division was heard to say that the unit was not ready for combat because only 50% of the men had rifles and helmets.

7th Btry, 890 Arty Regt, 190 Div:

Regt has three bns each with three batteries. Regiment left vic AMSTERDAM, Holland y/y and arrived here vic BOCKHOLT after two nights travel. While underway our planes dropped flares over their column at night but did not bomb or strafe.

7th Btry has two 105's and two trucks. One slightly damaged 105 and one truck remained with trains. Strength of btry is 35 men. No replacements were received in Holland. Btry brought 10 rounds of ammo along. The remainder of ammo was turned over to another unit in Holland because of lack of transport facilities.

PW was captured while on patrol "to find out what infantry unit (German) was in front of them". At the same time his patrol left another was sent out to establish an OP.

Bn CO is Capt Mueller and Regt Co Col Schwarz

4th Co, 1225th Regt, 190 Div:

This unit reported yesterday as having arrived here two days ago without its heavy weapons. PW captured today says that heavy weapons are still not here.

2nd Co, 1226 Regt, 190 Div:

PW states that he believes entire regt is here, but has only seen people from 1st bn (as in case of 1225 Regt). The bn arrived yesterday in GLADBECK from vic of ZEIST, Holland, and advanced to take three houses at approx 432303 and to form an MLR on the road KIRCHHALLEN - BOTTROP. The company has 60 men, of which 30 are replacements just received in Holland. Each man in the company has a machine pistol '44. The company has 3 lmg and 9 small bazookas. The 1st Co has sector north of road BORGEWERTH - MEY and the 2nd Co the area south of road. There were some engineers of the 1190th Bn in the same area. 2nd Co has 1 mortar and 2 mg of 4th Co in support.

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CO of 2nd Co is Lt Zink.

Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 1080 Arty Regt:

This regiment is attached artillery and is undercommand of Parachute army GHQ. It is supposed to be attached to Div Hamburg, a parachute unit previously identified on W side of Rhine.

The regiment has three bns each with three batteries and each battery with three pieces. Originally each bn had two batteries of 105mm howitzers and one battery of ~~75's~~ 75's. During the artillery preparation of ours prior to crossing the Rhine PW estimate that a third of their pieces were lost. All personnel of the 9th Btry were eliminated at that time. At that time the regiment had been stationed around HIESBERG with the mission of opposing the river crossing.

Until 26 Mar CP of regt was at 445348; at that time it moved probably to ~~4593~~ 459350. The weapons are horse-drawn.

PW does not know exact ammo status. He knew they had 200 rounds, but did not know whether this was for his battalion, regiment or for one battery.

Bn CO is Capt Magotski. 3d Btry CO is Lt Abel. Hq Btry CO is Lt Holler.