

INTERROGATION REPORT  
134TH INF REGT  
IPW TEAM 60

29 Mar 45

1226 Regt, 190 Div:

Engineer platoon and bicycle platoon arrived here yesterday from Holland and were immediately committed as riflemen: these are both elements of Regtl Hq Co. At the time they reported in the Regt CP was in school house at 45883098.

PW travelled from Holland to POLSUM by truck. They went from POLSUM to BUER and then half-way to BLADBECK by electric trolley car which was still operative yesterday.

Point of capture was 458317. PW was told that another Bn was to be committed to the right of his hastily formed unit and that an AT gun would be brought up on the left. He believes that the men were told this for reassurance and did not expect that it would occur.

1225 Regt, 190 Div:

Bicycle and engineer platoon with total strength of about 80 men occupied N-S road KERCHELLEN - BOTTRUP and withdrew to nearby RR line with sector from underpass at 446323 to next bridge to the south.

Volksturm:

Unit consists of a company of about 150 men all of whom live in or near GLADBECK. Company is organized into platoons and squads but does not have any regular army officers or non-coms. Company is commanded by a school teacher named Vehrman. The company is part of a battalion, another company of which is in ZWECKEL. The unit had a few weeks spare time training with 1871 rifles, practice digging foxholes and terrain exercises. For a short while they have been living a more military life by converting a school in GLADBECK into a barracks and living there instead of at home. The PW who were captured say that they were a group of six who were given a CR to hold: they had no weapons and were promised that rifles would be sent them, but these had not yet come. PW say that they were on their way home to take off their "uniforms" and become civilians again when they were captured. They believe that most of the Volkssturmers in their company had already done this. The uniform is makeshift, and in this case consisted of an out of date army coat worn over civilian clothes along with the Volkssturm armband. All in the unit do not have the same uniform.

1223 Regt, 180 Div:

This is the same as the 588 Regt which is virtually destroyed. PW was formerly with the trains of the regt and along with 12 others was attached to 1st Co 1226th as a rifleman.

PW says that GLADBECK is empty of German soldiers and that all were ordered to withdraw to BUER at about 0200 today.

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471 AA Bn, 7th AA Div:

In February the battery of the bn to which the PW belonged was sent to Russian front with its six 88mm guns to help stem the Russian advance. The unit to which they reported kept the guns but sent the men back. Their previous station had been in KREFELD. When they returned here without guns the men were distributed among the various batteries of the 471st Bn. He had previously been in the 244 Bn of the 4th AA Div.

PW says there are two fixed 88's at HAGENHOF (455306) which were destroyed by their crews yesterday. The guns could not be removed because of lack of transport. They had fired a total of 50 rounds of unobserved interdiction fire on the roads around GRAFENMUEHLE. After having fired the last of their ammo they were supposed to withdraw to an assembly point at the east end of BUER RESST.

PW says that National Labor Service (Reichs Arbeitsdienst), which is not a military organization has its own AA batteries, not part of any other branch of the armed forces.

5th Btry, 883 :t AA Bn, 4th AA Div:

Btry formerly had four platoons each with three 20mm guns and 15 men: each platoon also had one mg. Btry had been stationed vic WESSEL except for 1st platoon which was ordered to HUENIGSTE where it went into a position together with 2nd Btry 625 AA Bn, 4th AA Div. Three days ago all pieces at HUENIGSTE were destroyed and unit committed as infantry under command of Lt Vogel, CO of 2nd Btry. Had position in our 2nd Bn zone ~~7/67~~ vic RENTFORT. Were ordered to withdraw this morning to BUER, but the indications are that they were unable to accomplish the withdrawal and that the entire btry was killed or captured. The strength of the combined unit under Vogel had been about 100 men, most of them armed with French rifles.