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IN THE FIELD
231200B Aug 44.IPW REPORT

Prisoners captured by 1st Regt, SSF, vicinity TANNERON late afternoon 22 August totaled 32 (including 4 wounded). 28 PW's were interrogated; 20 were Poles and the remaining 8 German. Interrogation by the 1st Regt, SSF revealed:

IDENTIFICATIONS:

327th Reserve Gren Bn.
239th Inf. (?).
8th Reserve Artillery Bn.
7th ERSATZ Gren Bn. (?)

One Sgt gave identification of unit as "KAMPFGRUPPE ZWOERNER".
Company commanded by Lt. KUNERT.

UNIT LOCATIONS:

327th Reserve Gren Bn in ST BAZIL, VENICE.
8th Reserve Artillery Bn vicinity ANTIBES, BIOT.
239th Inf vic VALLOURIS and LA BOCCA.
7th ERSATZ Gren Bn vic JUAN LE PINS.

A combat groupment was formed a week ago vic MOUGINS from members of the above units.

HISTORY:

Group left MOUGINS moving South via main highway to LA NAPOULE where it was put into action. According to one NCO the unit was dispersed by our grenade launchers and attempted withdrawal into the mountains in the general direction of GRASSE. The unit started into battle with about 100 men, but was reduced to 53 effectives after the initial assault. PW's stated they had observed no other German units in the mountain area. Several PW's were under the impression that they had been attacked by Partisans, as they had not been informed that American troops were so far inland.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Road bridge across LA VAR River near VENICE is reported to be heavily mined, but a small RR bridge in the same area has not been mined. All minefields between VENICE and GRASSE are plainly marked. Supply dumps are located in GRASSE and streets in the town are thought to be covered by light guns (none of PW's had actually seen them). No definite location could be determined for the minefields surrounding GRASSE. Elements of the 148th Inf Div are reported to be holding the town. PW's stated that Polish troops are garrisoning ANTIBES. One heavy gun is reported in position in the heights above the city and an ammo dump is located in an open area North of an Armory near ANTIBES. PW from JUAN LE PINS area stated that a strongpoint, wired and protected by one light gun, is located on the south side of CASINO (amusement park) near the town.

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MORALE:

German PW's are surprised at the lack of air support they receive against our troops and shipping. Some are skeptical about secret weapons but still believe in the possibility of victory.

Polish PW's are classified as Volksdeutsche and are not eager to fight. One PW states that Polish troops in ANTIKES would not fight if called upon to do so. Several displayed allied leaflets.

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26 Aug 44.

IPW REPORT

UNITS IDENTIFIED TO OUR FRONT

148th Reserve Infantry Division:

8th Regiment:

2nd Bn - formed from 28th Reserve Infantry Bn; last located in MANDELIEU area.

3rd Bn - formed from Training Bn "ZWEORNA". (PW stated that this Bn had been pulled out of MANDELIEU area on the 20th).

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Cos have been identified in 509 sector.

1st Bn (?) not definitely identified, but believed to be unit of Bn size located S of MANDELIEU (22 August).

239th Reserve Infantry Regiment:

661st Ost Bn (Russian). Location not determined.

372nd Reserve Infantry Bn reported located at ANTIBES. A unit or regimental size with the number 372 has been reported identified in 509 sector. Relationship between these two units has not been determined.

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS:

6th Jaeger Bn.

444th Reserve Inf Bn on ST MAGUARITE and ST HONORAT Islands (unconfirmed).

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1ST SSF captured 35 PN's yesterday.
Interrogation revealed 148th Div under
Italian control. One complete Regt
stood intact, namely the 239th
Regt composed of 3 Bns - 372nd
227th and 444th. Last night
at 1000B the Regt received
orders to withdraw to NICE under
company control. 372nd mission
was to fight delaying action to
NICE, the next point for
food. No more communication with
Germans in France. From NICE

my plan to withdraw to MENTON
and if the fight continues to join
the GRAZNIAN ARMY.

Organization and Disposition of 372nd Pz
as of 1000B - 25 Aug - 6th Co
on MT. MILLER - 7th Co in of
VILLE NEAUX LUBET - 8th Co split up
between others, composition of 5th Co -
200 men, 4 - 81mm French mortars,
6 - 81mm Italian mortars, 6 Hotchkiss
MG's - 12 lite MG's - 6 East MG's,
3 - M-42 MG's

at CHATEAU LA BEAUMETTE (4673).
location of mortar, bomb and ammo
dump, American owned, caretaker, FFI
Frenchman, he can help locate

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minefields in vic. Units in
that area should contact him,
one item in dump, 1500 mortar
shells.

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CONSOLIDATED IPW REPORT FROM 0600 TO 2400, 26 August 1944

A total of 78 PWs were interrogated during above period:

239th Regt	372nd Bn	5th Co	6
		6th Co	8
		7th Co	7
		8th Co	11
8th Res Arty Regt		8th Battery	8
765th Res Regt		14th Co	2
Total			42

36 PWs taken by 2nd Regt 1st Special Service Force E of LES MATHIEUX. Unit was enroute to ST PAUL to join the German units there.

IDENTIFICATIONS:

- 3rd Co, Res Gren Bn 329 - 10 PWs
- 2nd Co, Res Gren Bn 329 - 16 PWs
- 14th Co, Res Gren Regt 765 - 5 PWs
- 9th Co, Res Gren Regt 765 - 2 PWs
- 14th Co, Res Gren Bn 239 - 2 PWs
- Res Arty Bn 44 - 1 PW

Total 36

Total of All PWs 42 PWs
 36 PWs
 78 PWs

Composition 239th Res Inf Regt:

- 327th Res Inf Bn
- 372th Res Inf Bn
- 444th Res Inf Bn

Above units were training battalions, converted on or about August 15 into field Bns and assigned to the above regiment. (Part of the 372nd is believed to have been transferred to the 2th Inf Regt).

Division Assembly Point (148th Res Inf Div):

PW from 327th Bn stated that his company and adjoining companies were to cover the retreat of the 148th Div. The assembly point for these units is believed to be in vicinity of MANTON.

Disposition of three batteries of 8th Res Arty Regt:

- 3rd Battery 4 155mm Arty How; said to be in vicinity of NICE, not destroyed at FRAJUS as previously reported.
- 5th Battery 4 150mm Arty How; last emplaced on hill at 61407950 (1/50,000).
- 8th Battery 4 105mm Arty How plus two 20mm AA guns left BIST in direction of NICE on 23 August.

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(Cont of AF Report).

Locations of Fortification and Obstacles in 509 Area:

1. Mine fields, interwoven with barbed wire between and on both sides of the two highways in area 4775 and 4875 (1/50,000).
2. A pill box and 75mm gun emplacement at little stream, about 24 meters from the sea (48407515).
3. A pill box at (50357535).
4. Mortar positions at road fork at (493757).
5. Small anti tank gun at (492756).
6. A pill box at (47307385).
7. A pill box at bridge at (521730).

Identifications:

CO of 372nd Bn Major PINEBORN.

UNIT STRENGTH

100 men and 2 officers compose 6th Co, Res Gren Bn 372.

30 men on Hill 212 (428795). Remainder of Co on LA TOUR (445767) covering approach to LA TOUR.

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(Con't. of IFW Report).

MISCELLANEOUS:

IFW state the road VILKOVKA - ROUBET - CERNIS is heavily mined. Food is hard to obtain due to limited transportation. IFW state 80-90% of the personnel are non-German in this Bn. Ages averages from 17-19 years old and 35-45 years old.

NOTES:

Desertions on the part of Poles, Czechs, and some Germans continue. Three men of a MG section deserted with MG and ammunition to join our forces. A searching party sent out to locate former also came to our lines.

IFW state that food has been better since 15 Aug 44. Rations have been taken from the stores accumulated at strongpoints and pill boxes. These iron rations are believed to be sufficient for a period of 20 days.

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TO : 271200Z AUG 44.

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NO. 6.

1. Total PWs evacuated 23 EM, and 2 civilians.

BREAKDOWN:

12 PWs	5th Co.	239th Reg.
3 PWs	6th "	" "
3 PWs	7th "	" "
2 PWs	8th "	" "
1 PW	13th "	" "
2 PWs	12th "	765th "
2	Civilians turned over to FFI (See receipt).	

2. PREAMBLE:

All PWs are willing talkers and 3rd class troops except "Cadre" Personnel which is excellently trained and of pure German origin.

The interrogator has the impression that troops are being organized at MENTON and will prepare to defend the ground east of the VAR River.

DETAILS

Our Naval bombardment at the LES ARNOUS sector has been very effective; neutralizing every strong point. Highway bridge East of ST RAIMEI appears completely destroyed. Ammunition allotment per rifle man has averaged approximately 90 rounds. Co CP of 6th Co, was seen at LA COLLE on the 24th of August.

5th Co N.C.O.'s threatened to shoot any man attempting to desert. Organization of 4th Co, 4 LMG's and 2 SMG's.

5th Co, C.O. Captain HERMANN.

All the above PWs are to be classified as stragglers and have been separated from their respective units for approximately 5 days.

It has been suggested by a PW formerly an Officer that Propaganda leaflets be dropped in the POLISH language as at least 50% of Enemy personnel do not speak any other language but POLISH.

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8th Res Inf Regt

3rd Co	1
5th Co	7
6th Co	1
7th Co	3
8th Co	4
10th Co	1
11th Co	2
12th Co	1

239th Inf Regt
372nd Bn

7th Co	4
4th Co	1

TOTAL: 25.

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TO : 301200B Aug 44.

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<u>PW'S</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>BATTALION</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
1	1	148	148	242
1	2	372	239	148
9	6	372	239	148
2	7	372	239	148
3	5	372	239	148
2	8	372	239	148
3	4	327	239	148
5	10	444	239	148
11	11	444	239	148
3	12	444	239	148
6	13	---	239	148
1	14	---	239	148
2	11	3	8	148
1	7	28	8	148
2	8	7/R 44	---	148
1	9	---	239	148
1	7	28	8	148
1	11	3	917	242
2	--	---	239	148
1	4	327	239	148
2	10	444	239	148
1	11	444	239	148

Total PW's evacuated from Div cage:

All total: 64.

NAME: OTTO HELMUT UNTEROFFIZIER.
UNIT: 10th Co, 239th Regt, 148th Div.
CAPTURED BY: French patriots on 1100 28 August 1944 4 Km North of Ford (517772) on the West bank of the VAR River.

UNIT STRENGTH: 56 (originally 140 men).

UNIT WEAPONS: 3 IMG's.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 10th Co had one platoon 56 km and 1 Officer.

UNIT LOCATION: PW states that 10th Co is in position along East bank of VAR River in vicinity (521774).

OTHER UNITS: PW states that there are other companies on both the left and right fl of 10th Co but does not know the numbers of these Co's.

CASUALTIES: 10th Co had 1 dead and 1 wounded.

PERSONALITIES: CO 10th Co LT TILM.
CO 239th Regt COL HAHN.

CONFIDENTIALAPC: 30486 C.NON GERMAN: 10th Co had 70% Non German.SUPPLIES: 10th Co had not received new supplies, rations and ammunition in past 10 days.DEFENSES: PW does not know of any defensive positions of 10th Co.INTENTIONS: PW does not know mission of 10th Co. PW's own mission was to man an out post together with 7 men 4 Km north of Ford (517772) on west bank of VAR River. In case of contact with American troops out post was to fall back to east bank of river and rejoin 10th Co.PW NAME: QUAST ADOLPH FELDWEEL.UNIT: 4th Co, 1st Bn of an unnumbered regiment of the 148th Div.UNIT CAPTURED BY: Unknown. In ANTIPE 1200 hrs 25 August 1944.UNIT STRENGTH: 150 men.UNIT WEAPONS: 1 LMG, 3 heavy MGs, 2 50mm Mortars, 5 81mm Mortars.UNIT ORGANIZATION: 4th Co had 2 MG Platoons and 1 Mortar platoon.UNIT LOCATION: 4th Co located on ST JEAN CAP FERRAT 630780 (there were 50 Marines with 4th Co).CASUALTIES: 4th Co has had no casualties.OTHER UNITS: 3rd Co located between ST JEAN CAP FERRAT and MONACO along the coast.PERSONALITIES: CO 148th Div GENERAL FRETO - PICKO.
CO 1st Bn of unnumbered Regt MAJOR HAHN.
CO 4th Co LT DAHL.APC: 4th Co had no APC number.NON GERMAN: 1st Bn had 60% Non Germans.SUPPLIES: PW states that supply of ammunition and rations was poor due to lack of transportation. PW states that the ammunition depot supplying 148 Div is located in vicinity of SOSPEL 740980. Exact location unknown to PW.DEFENSES: PW knows of 1 strong point with 2 MG's in vicinity of 628794. PW states that there were 3 105mm Gun How, 27 Mortars, 27 MGs (15 Flame Throwers), distributed among 18 strong points on ST JEAN CAP FERRAT (630780). PW states these positions face the Mediterranean. PW states that there are AA guns along coast road from ST JEAN CAP FERRAT to MONACO. Approximately 1 20mm DUAL AA MOUNT every 50 meters. PW states that ANTIPE IS HEAVILY MINED.INTENTIONS: PW states that mission of 4th Co was to hold ST JEAN CAP FERRAT until the rest of 148 Div had withdrawn toward the ITALIAN border. Assembly points were to be SOSPEL (740980) and MENTON (770860) there was to be a third assembly point but PW does not know its location.Blythe
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TO : 311200Z Aug 44.

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<u>140th DIVISION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
<u>8th INF REGT</u>	
1st Co	12
3rd Co	2
4th Co	2
5th Co	6
6th Co	2
9th Co	6
10th Co	59
11th Co	21
12th Co	47
13th Co	1
14th Co	1
<u>239th INF REGT</u>	
3rd Co	1
4th Co	2
9th Co	5
10th Co	11
11th Co	1
12th Co	15
13th Co	4
14th Co	2
444th Bn (3rd Bn) HQ	1
148th INF ENGINEER CO 444th Bn (3rd Bn)	1
REGT HQ CO	2
<u>8th ARMY REGT</u>	
HQ BTRY	1
2nd BTRY	2
3rd BTRY	1
6th BTRY	3
<u>FULSILLER BN</u>	
3rd Co	1
<u>DIVISIONAL SUPPLY</u>	
BAKERY Co	3
ADMINISTRATIVE Co	1
<u>44 ARMY REGT</u>	
BTRY	1

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CONFIDENTIAL148th DIVISION (CONTINUED)

	<u>NO. PW'S</u>
<u>661 EAST BN</u>	
1st Co	1
3rd Co	3
<u>662 EAST BN</u>	
3rd Co	1
<u>1291 ARMY COASTAL REGT (ATTACHED)</u>	3
13th BTRY	3
<u>OTHER UNITS</u>	
1st Co TRANSPORT UNIT 242 Div	1
1st Co TRANSPORT UNIT 352 Bn 616 TRANSPORT REGT	3
10th Co FORTRESS BN AOK 19	2
1st Co 23 TECHNICAL BN	3
1st BTRY 1196 ARMY ARMY BN	2
1st BTRY 1306 ARMY ARMY BN	3
ADDITIONAL: 148th Div 1st Co, 8th ENGINEER BN	5
TOTAL PW'S:	249

NAME: HAEKEL ARTHUR.UNIT: 1st Co 8th Res Engineer Bn 148th Div.CAPTURED BY: 1500 29 August 1944 4km South of ST ROMAN.UNIT STRENGTH: 1st Co 150 men.WEAPONS: 1st Co had 5 LMG's.UNIT ORGANIZATION: 1st Co had nothing permanent.UNIT LOCATION: 1st Co located in vicinity of NICE.OTHER UNITS: PW does not know about other units.CASUALTIES: PW does not know about casualties.PERSONALITIES: CO 1st Co 2nd LT PROYSAR.APQ: 19255 B.NON GERMAN: 1st Co had about 60% Non Germans.SUPPLIES: PW states that until three days ago supply of 1st Co was sufficient.DEFENSES: PW did not occupy any defensive position. PW states his Co layed mines along coast from the VAR to CAP MORTOLA.INTENTIONS: PW does not know about mission of 1st Co.NAME: JAHANN OYLLA.AGE: 19 years.CAPTURED ON: The night of 8-23-44.UNIT STRENGTH: 110 AM. Poles 25%, GERMAN 50%, Rest of them CZECH.ORGANIZATION: 6th Btry.

2 Platoons. EM -per Pvt. 15.

O.P. Personal. 9 NCO'S, 10 EM.

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WEAPONS: 11 - 10cm. Howitzer (CZECH). 2 LMG (BELGIUM), 22cm FLACK. All these weapons were in fixed position West of VAILORS approximately 450 yds and 3 miles away from coast in mountains.

POSITIONS OCCUPIED:

Feb 20, 44 Btry had ITALIAN weapons originally and were replaced 6 weeks ago.

PERSONALITIES: Btry CO CAPT BACH.
Bn CO CAPT KOTUR.
Regt CO COL [unclear].
DIV CO GEN FREDDO-PICCO.

APO: 30634 B.

SUPPLIES: 3000 pounds per gun, left 1000 pounds in position. 3 pieces need repairs. PW states that Btry moved via NICE to MENTON. 7 - 8 trucks - 2 cars (Personal).

DEFENSES: All positions heavily mined with Booby-traps only.

PW'S NAME: RUDOLPH HEINEL.

AGE: 30 years.

RAT.: U OFFZ.

CAPT: AT NICE.

HOME: GERMANY.

ORGANIZATION: 180 EM.

2 Btry - 8 Regt. 148 Div.

@ Light Howitzer - only 1. F.H.B. 16 had 2 at disposal. Had only 50 horses; TO and E called for 150 horses. 1 LMG Italians. Regiment 3rd Bty, L.F.H.B. 15 had 3-4 pieces.

CASUALTIES: NONE SO FAR.

SUPPORTED: MTRZ UNIT.

PERSONALITIES: BTRY, LT SCHUCHNE.
BN, CAPT BREM.

APO: 30634 C.

NON GERMAN: OVER 50%.

NON SEASONED TROOPS

SUPPLIES: D.P. IN BIOT.

DEFENSES: Fixed towards water (ocean).
50 Meters between pieces.

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FROM: 311200B Aug 44.
TO : 011200B Sept 44.

IPW REPORTPW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR PERIOD 2400, 30 Aug to 2400 31 Aug.148th DIV8th REGIMENT

11th Co

12th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

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239th REGIMENT

1st Co

4th Co

13th Co

2

1

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MISC. UNITS

6th Co 194th SECURITY REGIMENT.

13th Co 194th " "

5th Btry 391st AA Bn.

HQ Btry 1196 ARMY ARTY BN

1st Btry 1196 " " "

4th Btry 1196 " " "

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TOTAL PW'S.

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550th Inf - S-2, BARCELONETTE, FRANCE, 30 Aug 44 1700 Hrs.

1. PW: 1 Officer and 3 EM interrogated. They were picked up by the FFI N of BARCELONETTE. PW'S tried to reach Italian border after having been separated from their unit on Aug 19.

2. UNITS: 6th and 13th Co's of 194th Security ("SICHERUNGS") Regt. This Regt had its HQ last in TOULOUSE; it's companies, consisting mostly of men over 35, are scattered. Strength: 6th Co 90 men (before 19 Aug) 6th Co last located in DIGNE; was sent on 19th Aug to cover Rd at CHAFFAUT-LAGREMUSE (P/0300); there it was engaged by American tanks and scattered.

3. PERSONALITIES:

CO 194 Sec Rgt -- LT COL (OBERSTLEUTNANT) SANDER.

CO 2nd Bn -- CPT (HAUPTMAN) STANDACHER.

CO 6th Co (PW) -- 1st LT ERNET.

4. FPN: 6th Co 12134 C.
13th Co 12134 A.

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NAME: FRESSE GUSTAVE OBERGEF.
UNIT: 6th Co 194th SECURITY REGT.
CAPTURED BY: 550th CT on 1000 hrs 30 August 1944.
UNIT STRENGTH: 90 men (19 August 1944).
UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMGs (19 August 1944).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 6th Co had 2 Platoons, 3 squads per platoon.
UNIT LOCATION: 6th Co was located in DIGNE on 19th of August when PW got separated from 6th Co.
OTHER UNITS: 13th Co was located in DIGNE on 19 August; 194 Regt scattered.
CASUALTIES: 6th Co had 25 casualties up to 19 August.
PERSONALITIES: CO 6th Co 1st LT ERNST.
APQ: 12134 D.
NON GERMANS: 6th Co had 10 Non Germans.
MISCELLANEOUS: PW has been separated from his Co since 19 August 1944 and does not believe that his company is still in existence. PW states that 6th Co was only used for Guard duty in DIGNE.

NAME: FLATHMANN HEINRICH OBERGEF.
UNIT: 13th Co 194th SECURITY REGT.
CAPTURED BY: 550th CT on 1000 hrs 30 Aug 44.
UNIT STRENGTH: 100 men (19 Aug 44).
WEAPONS: 12 heavy MG (19 Aug 44).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 13th squad, 3 platoons, 4 squads per platoon.
UNIT LOCATION: 13th Co located in DIGNE on 19 Aug 44.
OTHER UNITS: 6th Co 194 Regt located in DIGNE 19 Aug 44.
CASUALTIES: PW does not know about casualties.
PERSONALITIES: CO 13th Co 1st LT BUERGER.
APQ: 12134 A.
NON GERMANS: PW does not know of Lon Germans in 13th Co.
MISCELLANEOUS: PW has been separated from 13th Co since 19 Aug 44, and does not know present location of 13th Co. PW does not believe 13th Co is still in existence. PW states that 13th Co had only been used for Guard duty in DIGNE.

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FROM: 011200Z Sept 44.
TO : 021200Z Sept 44.

IPW REPORTPW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR PERIOD FROM 2400 hrs 31 Aug 44, TO 2400 hrs Sept 1 44

<u>148th DIV</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
<u>8th REGT</u>	
REGT HQ	1
1st Co	3
2nd Co	9
7th Co	8
9th Co	1
11th Co	1
<u>239th REGT</u>	
9th Co	1
<u>8th ARTY REGT</u>	
3rd Btry	6
<u>8th ENGINEER BN</u>	
1st Co	2
2nd Co	1
<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>	
ZOLLGRENZSCHUTZ (BORDER CUSTOMS PROTECTION)	1
<u>TOTAL PW'S</u>	34

NAME: NIEDLICH HANS LT COL.UNIT: COMMANDING OFFICER 8th Res Regt 148th Div.CAPTURED BY: FRENCH PARTISANS IN NIJE AT 0900 hrs 28 Aug 44.UNIT STRENGTH: 1000 men (Originally 1900 men).UNIT ORGANIZATION: 8th Regt has 3 rifle Bns. One 13th Co., the Cannon Co, one 14th Co. The AT Co. Each Bn has 3 rifle Co's and one MG Co.

1st Bn strength 350 men.

2nd Bn " 300 " .

3rd Bn " 350 " .

13th Co Weapons 3 - 75mm How.

14th Co " 3 - 50mm AT fms.

13th and 14th Co's were not fully organized.

PERSONALITIES:

CO	Regt HQ	8th Regt	CAPT WALDEN.
CO	1st Bn	8th "	MAJOR SCHMIDT.
CO	2nd Bn	8th "	CAPT BERSCHWINGER.
CO	3rd Bn	8th "	MAJOR ZWIRNER.
CO		239th "	COL HAHN.
G-2		148th DIV	1st LT PICO.
G-3		148th "	MAJOR SCHULTZ.
G-4		148th "	CAPT LIEBICH.

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CONFIDENTIALAPQ: Regimental HQ 8th Regt 29682 A.UNIT HISTORY: 8th Regt was formed at the outset of the war as a training Regt in SILESIA. Moved to LORRAINE in May 1941. Moved to central FRANCE Sept 1942. Moved to vicinity TOULOUSE May 1943. Moved into vicinity of NICE to take over defense of coast in December 1943.NON GERMANS: PW states 8th Regt has 60% Non Germans.DEFENSES: French defenses on Italian border face generally West, PW states that largest gun found in emplacements are 75mm How's. with little ammunition available for these guns. PW states that Italian emplacements facing French border are built elaborately but are not entirely occupied.SUPPLIES: PW states that transportation of 8th Regt was sufficient only while Regt was stationary. The Regt still has ample supply. Huge quantities of supplies were stored in vicinity of NICE prior to invasion. Supply roads from NICE to SOSPEL and from SOSPEL to Italian border have been bombed frequently but with very little effect due to rocky foundation of roads.CASUALTIES: 8th Regt had approx. 900 casualties (incl. PW).OTHER UNITS: PW states that the 239th Regt had approx. 2000 men when invasion started. Believes that 239th Regt had approx. 1200 men at present.MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that he received 148th Div F.O. on 28 Aug 44 and immediately departed from his CP in NICE for a conference with CO 239 Regt. During this trip he was ambushed by French Partisans. His driver was killed and he was taken prisoner. PW states he did not issue any orders to 8th Regt in connection with 148 Div F.O. prior to his departure for conference with CO 239 Regt. PW states that he believes that 148 Div F.O. is being carried out and did not know who would assume command. PW does not believe that the West Alp positions can be held by Germans without considerable reinforcements of men and material. PW confirms report 75th Corp is under the supreme command of FIELD MARSHALL KESSELRING.Blythe
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IN THE FIELD.
FROM: 031200B Sept 44.
TO : 031200B Sept 44.IPM REPORTPW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 2400 hrs PERIOD ENDING 2400 hr s 2 Sept 1944148th DIV8th REGT1st Co
3rd Co
8th Co
9th CoNUMBER OF PW'S13
5
4
2239th REGT

REGT HQ CO.

1

MISCELLANEOUS

6th Co, 194th SECURITY REGT.

1

TOTAL PW'S

26

NAME: OESTERREICH HELMUT 1st LT.
ADJ. to Regt CO of 239th Regt (COL HAHN).APO: 27536 A.AGE: 28 years.YEARS OF SERVICE: 7 years.REGT CP: ST MARGERITE as of 8-28-44.DIV CP: (See Div F.O. of 8-27-44).STRENGTH:AT PRESENT1st Bn 400
2nd Bn 200 - 250
3rd Bn 300ON 15 AUGUST 1944600
500
600

MISSING: 20%

WOUNDED: 10%

DEATH : 5%

WEAPONS:

In 1st Co, 6 75mm Mobile Howitzer's, truck drawn.

In 14th Co, 5 75mm AT guns (PACKS).

8 3.7 " AT guns (").

2 5 " AT guns (").

In 4th, 8th, and 12th Co's, 10 HMG (most of them are German).

NON GERMANS:

GERMANS in % in 239th Regt, 20%

SLOVENIANS " " " " " , 10%

POLES " " " " " , 70%

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PERSONALITIES: 1C -- G-2 LT PLOCO.
1B -- G-4 LT STULIMAN.
1A -- G-3 MAJ SCHULZ.

In Regt 239c 1c and 1b -- LT NEOMAN.
1st Bn CO CAPT UOGT.
2nd Bn CO " PLETSCHE.
3rd Bn CO " SELISCH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two Regt's namely the 239th and 8th in zone of operation, reinforced by 2 Mountain Bn's. Line of defense SOSPEL-ST MARGERITE. Regt 239 along coastline on 30 mile front. Regt 8th on high ground supported by two Mountain Bn's. Rec. of prepared position for 30th Regt was initiated on 8-25-44 by LT RIEGER, same Officer was to report to MENTON the results. Troops were scheduled to arrive in defensive position on 8-31-44 and be ready to defend on 9-2-44, each company is supposed to furnish combat outposts 2-3 km's in front of company sector. OP consisting of 1-2 HMG and approximately 20-30 men. They will withdraw to MLR. Supply routes not mined.

239th Regt dispositions of Bn in MLR.

1st Bn - LEFT.
2nd Bn - RIGHT.
3rd Bn - CENTER.

PW states that above lines will be defended to the last man.

NAME: SCOBACNA, FRANZ PVT. JUGOSLAV.

UNIT: 1st Co, 8th Regiment.

CAPTURED BY: Gave up to patrol of 509th on 1100 hrs Sept 2nd 1944 on outskirts of MONACO.

UNIT STRENGTH: 130 men.

UNIT LOCATION: 1st, Co 7th Bn, 8th Regt is at MONACO PW states that from MONACO running North to MENTON there are no troops or fortifications.

CASUALTIES: 20 dead and wounded.

PERSONALITIES: Co CO LT STEIN, Bn CO MAJOR SCHMIDT.

APC: 17820 B.

NON GERMAN: 50% (Poles and Jugoslavs).

SUPPLIES: Since the invasion rations became much better.

INTENTIONS: PW is 17 years old and is very anxious to tell more than he knows. Contradicts himself.

NAME: JASKULLA EMIL, PFC, POLISH.

UNIT: 1st Res Co 148th Div.

CAPTURED BY: Gave up to PFI on 29th Aug at VILLE FRANCHE.

UNIT STRENGTH: 178 men.

WEAPONS: 13 LMG (GERMAN, BELGIAN, POLISH) 3 Bazookas.

UNIT LOCATION: MENTON.

CASUALTIES: PW states that up to the day of his capture there were no casualties.

PERSONALITIES: Co CO LT PROYSA, Bn CO MAJOR LOSSER.

APC: 19255 B.

NON GERMAN: 50%.

SUPPLIES: Food and cigarette rations have increased since the first day of invasion.

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041200B Sept 44.PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 2400 hrs PERIOD ENDING 2400 hrs 3 Sept 44

<u>148th DIV</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
<u>8th REGT</u>	5
2nd Co	2
7th Co	1
10th Co	
<u>WAKO NIZA</u>	3
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
2 Btry 1196 Army Arty Bn	1
14 Btry 1191 Army Coastal Btry's	1
Italian Pa Unidentified	1
<u>TOTAL PW'S</u>	26

NAME: SYDEORA, BOGUSLAWUNIT: 3rd Co, Regt 8.CAPTURED BY: Surrendered to advanced unit of 509th at 1200 Sept 3rd on outskirts of MONTE CARLO.UNIT STRENGTH: 145 Men. (Company strength previously reported as 70 men).WEAPONS: PW states that his unit had old rifles captured from the Polish Army plus 2 outdated Belgian EMG's that were not in working condition.CASUALTIES: 2 dead, 2 wounded (lightly), and 2 badly wounded, 25 Poles deserted the enemy lines and joined the Partisans.APO: 17820 G.SUPPLIES: PW states that prior to 15 Aug. 44 rations dwindled to nil. However, from the 15th of August till approximately the 28th of August food and other rations have been very satisfactory.NON-GERMAN: Approximately 80% Poles.INTENTIONS: PW states that he has overheard his Captain tell his NCO's at an emergency meeting that their task was to withdraw intact toward GERMANY via ITALY.

The following 4 men have joined the above mentioned "SIDZINA" and together have deserted the enemy lines and gave up to our Forces. Their stories are identical. (1) BARCZYK EMIL, PVT. (2) LATAL FRANZ, PVT. (3) IA ZAR BRUBO, PVT. (4) LORNA VINCENT, PVT. All 5 PW's belonged to the same Co., same Bn., same Regt., same Div.

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C O N F I D E N T I A LCONSOLIDATED REPORT BASIS OF THE INTERROGATION OF 4 PW'S BY 517th ICT,
2 Sept 44UNIT: 8th Co., 8th Res Inf Regt, 146th Res Inf Div.OTHER UNITS: Known to be in this vicinity by PW's: 5th, 6th, 7th, Co's.UNIT MISSION: 8th Co (LG Co) was split up among other Companies of the En. PW's section saw supporting 6th Co vicinity LUCERAM with 2 Polish HV MG's.UNIT ARRIVAL: 8th Co had come to this area from NICE 3 days ago. They left the major part of the supporting weapons in NICE. They brought 2 HV MG's plus 2 HV MG 42's (German). The latter were left to guard the Co CP with a guard unit numbering 15 men. CP is located at COL DE MAUS (9770) in largest of 3 houses near outskirts on road towards SOFEL. Observed 2 75mm (NAVAL), plus 1 37mm AT moving on road from L'ESCALIER toward LUCERAM (Aug 30).DISPOSITION: Remnants of above Companies split up into small groups are holding strategically located elevations (Approx. 17 men), parts of these units are withdrawing into ITALY, direction of TORINO, with the remaining ones covering their withdrawal. Co's contain as high as 75 Poles. PW's estimated about 300 - 400 left or moving toward ITALY.PERSONALITIES: 6th Co, FARSON 1st Lt.
7th Co, led by MCC BRIDWELL HOPP.
8th Co, ROBERTS, 1st Lt.
2nd En CO, Capt BARONBAMBER. (?)APC: 14653FOOD: Rations consisted of one loaf of bread and one spoon of meat a day. PW's were very hungry most of the time and had been looking for opportunity to escape since their first committal at CAMBIS. All 4 PW's were Polish.

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051200B Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 2400 hrs PERIOD ENDING 2400 hrs 4 Sept 44

148th DIV

8th REGT

- 1st Co
- 3rd Co
- 5th Co
- 14th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

- 1
- 5
- 7
- 4

8th ENGINEER BN

- 1st Co

2

TOTAL PW'S

19

NAME: NEUEACH, GEORGE

RANK: PVT.

AGE: 19 Years

APC: 14653B

CO: Lt BIENIG

BN CO: Capt BERSCHWINGER

REGT CO: Lt Col HANS NIEDLICH

UNIT: 5 Co M, 2 Bn, Regt 8, 148th Div.

WEAPONS: Rifles only. 60 rounds of ammunition.

CAPTURED BY: Captured by American troops at 2300 near SOSPELL.

POLES: 80% - 20% Germans.

YEARS OF SERVICE: One.

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In the field
061200B Sept 44

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 2400 hrs PERIOD ENDING 2400 hrs 6 Sept 44148th DIV8th REGTNUMBER OF PW'S

1st Co
3rd Co
5th Co
6th Co
7th Co
14th Co

1
1
6
1
7
1

TOTAL PW'S

17

NAME: WIKAREK EMANUEL, PVT.UNIT: 6th Co, 8th Regt, 148th Div.CAPTURED BY: 31st PI on 1100 Hrs 4 Sept. 1944 in vicinity COMTES.UNIT STRENGTH: 70 Men.UNIT WEAPONS: 4 LMG.UNIT LOCATION: Unknown to PW.APQ: 14653C.PERSONALITIES: CO 1st Lt BARSCH.UNIT REORGANIZATION: 6th Co was organized into 3 Platoons, 4 Squads per platoon (Originally 9 men per squad).CASUALTIES: PW does not know about losse of 6th Co.NON GERMANS: 6th Co had 60% non Germans.NAME: LUDWIG WOMBAHRAGE: 18 Years.SERVICE: 6 months.APQ: 14653A.UNIT: 7th Co, 8th Regt, 148th Division.CAPTURED BY: American troops right of mountains of GOLDEPFEUS.INTENTIONS: To guard street between GOLDEPFEUS and TOLLET.UNIT LOCATION: 7th Co CP, 1 Km NE of place of capture.UNIT STRENGTH: 60 Men.NON GERMANS: 60% Poles.WEAPONS: 4-5 LMG (1200 Rounds of ammunition).SUPPLIES: Not very good.DEFENSES: At (68.2-96.1) two large holes in road 10 yds wide and 25 yds deep.

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2nd Co
3rd Co
5th Co
8th Co
10th Co
13th Co
14th CoNUMBER OF PW'S2
18
17
1
2
1
1
1239th REGT1st Co
2nd Co
5th Co
13th Co
REGT HQ CO5
1
1
4
8DIVISIONAL SUPPLY COAACCO6
18th ARTY REGT6th Btry
9th Btry1
1MISCELLANEOUS5th Co, 200th Regt, 90th Pz Div.
Hq Co, Eng Bn, 142nd Inf Div.
Workshop Co, 142nd Inf Div.
3rd Co, 650th Signal Bn.
Hq Btry ARMY ARTY BN.
1st " " " "
2nd " " " "
3rd " " " "2
1
1
1
3
1
1
1

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TOTAL PW'S:

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HQ 1st A/B Task Force
7 Sept 44, IPW REPORT (Cont'd)

NAME: RICHANEK, FRANZ

AGE: 35 years

SERVICE: One year

APO: 42860 A

UNIT: ENG 142nd JAGER DIV

DIVISION CP: Approximately 2 Km of IL PONTE

CAPABILITIES: 14 days ago Division employed at GENOA-SAVO NNA located next to 34th Division.

Bn consists of 3 Companies and HQ Company

3 Companies layed mines in GENOA.

142nd Division consists of young personnel

Division was in JUGOSLAVIA since July for training.

NAME: VON KLEEWITZ, HAROLD - CAPTAIN.

UNIT: CO 2nd Co, 1st Bn, 8th Regt, 148th Div.

CAPTURED BY: SSF

UNIT STRENGTH: 130 men, 60% Poles.

UNIT WEAPONS: 9 LMG's.

UNIT LOCATION: RIGHT FLANK - MT MERAS - length - 250 metr es.

LEFT FLANK - COLLEDE BLANKET.

CENTER - Forward slope of MT OURS.

OTHER UNITS: 2nd Bn on left flank.

PERSONALITIES: Note change - MAJOR ZWIRNE formerly 3rd Bn CO, replacing LT COL HANS NIEDLICH.

APO: 18720 C.

UNIT MOVEMENTS: This unit while in position suffered our concentrated automatic fire until completely disorganized. Co CO lost thereby control of his unit. 3 Btrys of 155mm were on call for fire missions in 2 Co sect ors. Enemy troops green and unseasoned. All platoon leaders were NCO'S.

NAME: WZIENTEK, JOSEPH - GEFREITER.

UNIT: 5th Co, 200th Regt, 90th Panzer Grenadier Division.

CAPTURED BY: 550th Gli Inf at 1600 hrs 5 Sept 1944 in vicinity ARGENTERA, ITALY.

UNIT STRENGTH: 80 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 6-7 LMG's.

UNIT LOCATION: 5th Co located in ARGENTERA.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3 platoons, 2 squads per platoon.

OTHER UNITS: 7th and 8th are 4 Km West of ARGENTERA on the FRANCO-ITALIAN border.

PW claims the 1st Bn of 200th Regt is located somewhere in FRANCE.

PERSONALITIES: CO 5th Co, 1st Lt SCHAPHAUS

CO 2nd Bn, Major MOERGEL

CO 90th Div, Brig General BADE.

APO: 57115 B.

UNIT MOVEMENT: 5th Co, fought on the ARNO River between FIRENZE and PISA. Left on 30 July, 1944 and moving over Northern ITALY to fight Italian Partisans. Arrived in ARGENTERA 20 August 1944.

INTENTION: PW states that 5th Co manned OP's in hills W of ARGENTERA to watch for movement of AMERICAN troops.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that the 190th Regt is now a part of the 90th Division. Has never seen tanks with 90th Division.

NON GERMANS: 2 men in 5th Co were Non German.

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HQ 1st A/B Task Force.
7 Sept 44, IPW REPORT Con't.

NAME: KRAMER, GERHART - UNTER OFFIZIER.
UNIT: AA Company.
CAPTURED BY: PW was wounded in NICE and drove to French hospital in NICE 28th August, 1944.
UNIT STRENGTH: 50 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 5 20mm AA guns.
UNIT ORGANIZATION: AA Co had only one platoon.
UNIT LOCATION: PW does not know present location of AA company.
PERSONALITY: 1st LT KOENIG.
APD: NONE.
NON GERMANS: AA Company 50% Non Germans.

NAME: BELTER, KURT - PVT.
UNIT: 1st Btry, 1196th Army Arty Bn, 271st Army Arty Reserve.
CAPTURED BY: 1st SSE 1200 hrs, 5 Sept, 1944 in MONTE CARLO.
UNIT STRENGTH: 80 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 4 - 152mm Howitzers; 1 LMG.
UNIT ORGANIZATION: Each Btry has 2 platoons of 2 guns each.
UNIT LOCATION: 1st Btry is in position in hills 2 Km North of MENTON.
OTHER UNITS: 1196th Army Arty Bn has 3 Btrys and PW states that these Btrys are in the same vicinity as 1st Btry.
APD: 18398 B.
PERSONALITY:

CO 1st Btry CAPT LAIRLE.
CO 2nd Btry CAPT PILTZ.
CO 3rd Btry 1st LT DUFT.
CO HQ Btry CAPT SEUS.
CO 1196 Army Arty Bn MAJOR ERKLRL.
CO 271st Arty Regt COL BERGMAN.

CASUALTIES: PW states 1st Btry had 4 dead.
INTENTIONS: PW states 1196 Army Arty Bn mission is to assist in the defense of MENTON.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that 152mm Howitzers of 1st Btry have a maximum range of 9+ Km. Btrys are not in fixed positions and are capable of 360 degree field of fire. PW states his Bn attached to 271st Division. PW states that a new secret weapon was expected in five weeks. PW has been away from 1st Btry since 31 August, 1944.
NON GERMANS: 1196 Heavy Reserve Arty Bn had 90% Non German.

FROM: HQ 517th Procht Inf.
DATE: 6 Sept 1944.

NUMBER OF PW'S: 1.

UNIT: 9th Co, 3rd Bn, 8th Regt.

LOCATION: Vicinity of N LUCLRAM.

ORIGIN: Traced unit from LA BOCCA to PEGAMOS (S of GRASSE) to LA ROQUETTE and thence to vicinity LUCLRAM.

ARMAMENT: 9th Co-----3 LMG (French).
10th Co-----3 " ("), one or two 50mm Mortars.

NOTE: PW states his comrades unaware that Allied troops had penetrated into his sector. They were told they were fighting FFI exclusively. Many of them would have deserted long ago.

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2nd Co
4th Co
5th Co
6th Co
8th Co
9th Co
14th CoNUMBER OF PW'S16
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19
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6
24
1
18th ENG BN
1st Co

1

FUESILLER BN

3

MISCL:14th Btry Army Coast Arty Regt
3rd Btry Army Arty Bn12
3TOTAL PW'S

147

NAME: NATUSZYK JERZYUNIT: 8th Co, 8th Regt, 148th DivisionCAPTURED BY: 517th PI at 1000 hrs 6 Sept 1944 vicinity LUCHEAMUNIT STRENGTH: 70 men.WEAPONS: 2 HMG (Captured by Americans), 2 80mm Mortars.UNIT LOCATION: PW believes that his Platoon, which was attached to the 6th Co, is withdrawing toward SOSPEL.PERSONALITIES: 1st Lt BOLNSCH.APQ: 14653 D.NON GERMANS: 8th Co had 70% Non Germans.SUPPLIES: PW reports that his platoon has had little to eat since 5th Sept; supply trains had been destroyed. Ammunition supply is inadequate. PW had 1 Polish MG (destroyed) for which he had 1000 rounds of ammunition.MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that only the Sgt and 2 men from his platoon escaped capture.C O N F I D E N T I A L

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Hq, 1st ABIF, 8 Sept 44,
IPW REPORT (Cont'd).

NAME: WDWRA, STANISLAUS - Dionier.

APC: 19254 B.

UNIT: 1st Ingr Co, 8th Regt.

CAPTURED AT: In front of CASTILLON.

PERSONALITIES: Lt FREUCAU, Company CC.

INTENTIONS: PW assisted personally the laying of mines at CAP MARTIN and on the beaches of MERTON.

NAME: HAAS, ANTON - WACHTELISTER.

APC: 18398 D.

UNIT: 3rd Btry HEERES ARTILLERIE 1196th.

BTRY CO: 1st Lt DUFF, Bn CO, JAGOR IRIEL.

YEARS OF SERVICE: Five years.

YEARS IN FRANCE: One year.

CAPTURED BY: SSF 0530 7/8/44.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW was manning OP with 2 men between MT MIRAS and MT OURS. Btry was in position 3 Km Nw. of OP. Btry was 30 men strong utilizing three 10cm cannon. Italians supported 2nd Company which was in position for 5 days. 30 metres between pieces. 50% Poles.

The following PW's were captured by a 509 patrol:

KRAWINKEL, WILHELM - SGT

KLEINWICHTER, FRITZ - CPL

SCHULTZ, ERICH - PVT

BARTH, KURT * PFC.

All PW's from COMP-STAFF, 224th Co, APO 24648.

These PW's were clerks on GENERAL "NURLINC'S" staff. They walked 40 kms N of NICE keeping to mountains and living on what they could find. On the 14th day PW's found a surrender leaflet distributed by US forces and decided to surrender. They walked along highway to attract attention and 509 patrol found them.

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In the field
091200E Sept 44

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 hrs PERIOD ENDING 2400 hrs 8 Sept 44.

148th DIVISION8th REGT

2nd Co
3rd Co
4th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

1
2
3
6

TOTAL PW'S:

LORKE, HANS, OBERGEFREITER in the German Navy. Captured by French Gendarmes vicinity of LE LAUZET (2644 1/100,000)

His unit was HAFFENSCHUTZGRUPPE FRIOUL - a harbor guard which was located on FRIOUL Island, just outside of MARSEILLES. This unit had small French patrol vessels; had to leave island about 26 August.

Pw left MARSEILLES 28 August trying to make his way back to Germany. He traveled on foot and mostly at night. He went by way of DRAGUINAN, CASTELLAN, PARCELONETTE, LE LAUZET - where he was captured.

This PW is recommended for detailed interrogation at higher headquarters. This PW cannot be absolutely trusted. When he was captured, PW wore a civilian jacket and hat over his navy work uniform; he stated he found these clothes and wore them to keep warm. There is also a suspicion that PW can speak English, although he emphatically denied it.

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2nd Co
3rd Co
4th Co
6th Co
8th Co
11th Co
13th CoNUMBER OF PW'S4
4
8
1
3
8
2
1239th REGT

6th Co

2

TOTAL PW'S:

33

NAME: DANJEK, RODOLPH, UNTEROFFIZIER.UNIT: 6th Co, 239th Regt, 148th Div.CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 2030B, 8th Sept 1944, 4 Km S of SOSPEL.UNIT STRENGTH: 70 men.UNIT WEAPONS: 7 LMG's.UNIT LOCATION: 2nd platoon of 6th Co, located 4 km S of SOSPEL.OTHER UNITS: 1st platoon along road to CASTILLONE. PW states other enemy troops west of his unit. PW does not know identifications.UNIT ORGANIZATION: 6th Co, composed of 2 platoons, 1st platoon, 3 squads; 2nd platoon, 4 squads.UNIT MOVEMENT: 6th Co moved from ST RAMO to present front-line position two days ago.PERSONALITIES: 1st LT LUDINIA, CO 6th Co.**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Hq 1st ABTF, 10 Sept 44.
IPW REPORT (Con't).

APO: 08952 C.

DEFENSE: Strong point located on heights 4 km West of SOSPHEL.

CASUALTIES: 6th Co, 2 dead, 2 wounded.

NON GERMANS: 6th Co had 60% Non Germans.

SUPPLIES: PW states that supplies in 6th Co were still sufficient.
Food was good and plentiful.

INTENTIONS: 2nd platoon to hold strong point 4 km West of SOSPHEL.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW was very disgusted that he had commanded such poorly trained and disciplined troops.

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10 September 1944

INTERROGATION OF TWO ITALIAN PATRIOTSNAME: ELIO ROSARDI
ELMO PAOLO MISERIAPREAMBLE:

The above named Italians belong to a group of twelve partisans at VENTIMILIA - led by a local housepainter a certain - ATTILIO MAGNANI . This partisan group became active after October 8, 1943. Their work was limited to supplying larger partisan groups in the mountains with weapons, ammunition, food and to observe and record enemy installations and movements. When MAGNANI became aware of the fact that the Germans were about to launch ONE-MAN TORPEDOES he sent these men out to contact and warn our Naval forces. Additional interrogation by this Ho revealed the following additional information as of 10 Sept 1944.

Map Reference: FRANCE 1/25,000 Sheet 102 III NW Sheet 102 III NE.

ARTILLERY POSITION:

- a. The following guns were observed firing out to sea.
- | | |
|--|--------|
| 4-5 medium or heavy guns in river bed vic. | 851892 |
| 2-3 | 851902 |
| 2-3 | 845916 |
- b. Heavy fire reported from undetermined number of guns point 200-300 yds north of the town of CALVO (826920).
- c. Two medium artillery pieces directed upon MORTOLA were observed vicinity 828882.

DEFENSIVE INSTALLATIONS:a. Mine Fields:

Partisan were not able to give exact layout of minefields nor did they know the type of mines used. However, it seems highly probably that wooden box-mines were used in many cases. Their general statements were:

Intermittent minefields S of Highway 1 between GRIMALDI (808873) and MORTOLA (818870).

The area immediately E of CAPO MORTOLA and S of Highway 1 between the point (819865) and (824870) is free of mines.

Heavily mined areas S of Highway 1 and E of CASERMA UMBERTO between (852873) and 861870).

The gardens (862873) and (862871) and (863872) are heavily mined and barbed wire obstacles have erected in the surrounding streets. Double apron wire obstacles and intermittent mine fields on the beach E of (862871) to CAPO S.AMPEGLIO (915854).

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C O N F I D E N T I A LHQ, 1st ABTF, 11 Sept 1944,
Report (Cont'd)**b. ROAD BLOCKS AND PILLBOXES:**

Pyramidal concrete roadblocks on both sides of Highway 1 are ready to be installed vicinity (851875). About 100 to 300 yds W of this point there is double concrete wall across the Highway leaving passageway for one vehicle.

A large pillbox at (849877) is unoccupied.

Single apron wire defenses on N side of Highway opposite CASERMA UMBERTO I.

Two to three heavy MG positions in the immediate vicinity of FORTE S. PAOLO (852876).

Pillbox and trench system S of CASERMA UMBERTO I. has not been completed nor weapons installed.

c. ROADS AND BRIDGES

The iron bridge across the ROIA river between (860872) and (862873) has been demolished.

The concrete bridge between (858875) and (860876) has been prepared for demolitions. A bypass has been constructed further up the river bed approx. between (848891) and (855890). Over the river itself the Germans have built a light wooden bridge at water level wide enough for two vehicles. In this area the river is shallow in many places and can possibly be forged by armoured vehicles.

Highway 1 is clear of mines between MORTOLA (818870) and BORDICHERA (907856). No mining so far reported on Road both sides of ROIA River and on the road between LATTE (827881) and S. ANTONIO (824908). Secondary road leading from CASERMA UMBERTO I to VENTIMIGLIA ALTA is also reported clear.

TROOPS:

a. A garrison of about 100 to 150 German and Italian troops in CASERMA UMBERTO I.

b. A small detachment of Italian militia mans the MG positions around FORTE PAOLO.

c. German and Italian troops are thinly spread within the LATTE SAN ANTONIO valley. In SAN ANTONIO 20 men belonging to the BARBARIGO Bn., SAN MARCO Regt., were seen only a few days ago.

ONE MAN TORPEDOES:

Launching points; (824873) and (862871).

Storage points: 8 torpedoes were seen on the evening Sept 9, 1944, vicinity of (862872).

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MISCELLANEOUS3rd Btry, 671 Regt, 715 Div (in ITALY)
Hq 2nd Bn, 200 Regt, 90th Div
3rd Co, 4th HIGH MT BN MERRALPEN REGT
6th Co, 989 Motor Transport Bn
GERMAN NAVY
Italian Laborer
Unit Hofschulz1
2
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13
1TOTAL PW'S:

84

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 IPW REPORT (Cont'd)

NAME: KLIMMER, ALBERT OBERGGER
UNIT: 3rd Co, 4th High Mountain Bn NEERALPEN REGT.
CAPTURED BY: 509th PI 1000 hrs 10 Sept 1944, in ST MARTIN
UNIT STRENGTH: 200 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 9 LMG's, 1 - 80mm Mortar, and 2 - 75mm Guns (attached).
UNIT LOCATION: 3rd Co, located on top of mountain (63.5-23.5).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3rd Co had 3 platoons of 3 squads each.
MOVEMENT OF UNIT: PW joined 4th Mt Bn then part of 1st Prcht Div, on Jan 44 at MT CAIRO, ITALY. 4th Bn withdrew to PONTE TASSIO July 1944. Arrived in its present position in vicinity ST MARTIN 28 or 29 August 1944.
OTHER UNITS: 2nd Co is located north of 3rd Co and 1st Co is located north of 2nd Co. 4th Mt Bn has 4 companies, a Hq Co and one pioneer platoon.
PERSONALITIES: CO 3rd Co, 1st Lt STRLIFEN
 CO 4th MT Bn, Capt SCHOLNLEEN

APC: 58675B

NON GERMAN: 3rd Co had 80% Austrians.

SUPPLIES: PW states that supplies were sufficient but arrived irregularly.

DEFENSES: Strongpoint on MT (63.5-23.5) consisting of 2 bunkers. These bunkers are not completed. There are one squad and one LMG in each bunker. Bunkers ringed with barbed wire, no mines. Other squads of 3rd Co only had foxholes along Mt top.

INTENTIONS: Mission of 3rd Co was to defend a pass east of ST MARTIN. River MADONA DELCE FINESTRE flows through pass.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that the following units hold the line running from vicinity ST MARTIN E to vicinity MONT BLANC:

Regt NEERALPEN
 3rd High Mt Bn
 4th High Mt Bn
 Mt Tng Bn "MITENWALD"
 5th Mt Div

PW states that 4th High Mt Bn are in vicinity MOUNT BLANC holding N flank of line. Other units somewhere in center of line. PW states that there used to be a 1st and 2nd High Mt Bn but both units were destroyed in RUSSIA. PW states 3rd Co uses 40-50 mules for transportation. PW states personnel of 4th Mt Bn consists of battle-hardened veterans.

NAME: ZACHARIAS WALTER UNTEROEBZ

UNIT: 11th Co 239th Regt 148th Div

CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 1900 9 Sept 1944 vicinity 4 km E MENTON.

UNIT STRENGTH: 135 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMG's, 1 50mm Mortar, 1 HMG (attached from 12th Co)

UNIT LOCATION: 11th Co located 4 km east of MENTON. PW states that 11th Co is covering a 8 km front from MENTON due north.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 11th Co had 3 platoons of 3 squads each.

OTHER UNITS: PW believes 9th is on north flank of 11th Co. 11th Co had 8 men attached who are from the German Navy. These men used to

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UNIT MOVEMENT: 11th Co withdrew all the way to GENOVA (in ITALY along FRANCO ITALIAN frontier) and then moved back to MENTON 6th Sept 44.

DEFENSES: PW states 11th Co did not occupy prepared defensive positions. Individual squads were in position on prominent terrain features.

SUPPLIES: There was no new supply on ammunition. Food was sufficient.

NON GERMANS: 11th Co had 70-80% non Germans.

PERSONALITIES: CO 11th Co 2nd Lt ANDERS.

APC: 30486D.

INTENTIONS: Mission of 11th Co was to act as rear guard to permit troops in vicinity of MENTON to withdraw safely. The 1st Bn withdrew to the Italian border while the 3rd Bn covered withdrawal. PW does not know the location of 2nd Bn. PW believes 11th Co will withdraw approx. 20 kms.

NAME: SIMENTSCHITZ - VALENTIN

AGE: 19 Years.

SERVICE: Seven months

APC: 30486E

UNIT: 12th Co, 239th Regt, 148th Div.

PERSONALITIES: CO Capt RITTNER.

POSITION: (77.4-88.1).

Was in 30 minute walking distance directly east of PW point of capture. PW was member of a party consisting of 2 HMG's (15 men) in support of the 11th Co. HMG's were in position on Sept 8, 1944 at 0400.

MISCELLANEOUS: He heard rumors that 2 squads of Marines arrived yesterday to support 11th Co. He had 1 dead and 2 wounded thru arty and rifle fire.

NAME: DORDELMAN KURT - OBERGESTREITERS A.S.N. 2

AGE: 31 years

APC: 75115 A

UNIT: Hq Co 2nd Bn, 200th Regt.

CAPTURED AT: LARGHE

BN CP: ARGENTIA

BN CO: Major MORGEL

REGT CO: BARON V BEHR Col.

PW MISSION: Should have established contact between 5th and 6th Companies. Companies were approximately 1 1/2 hours towards French border from BN CP.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW was Bn telephone operator and therefore did not know Co positions. He has been in new location (ARGENTIA) since Aug. 3, 44.

REPORT FROM 517th Inf CT: One SS company armed with Machine Pistols and supporting armored vehicles arrived around five o'clock last night. They moved out in the direction of CASTILLION from SOSPEL. PW believes they were committed on the line between SOSPEL and CASTILLION. Armored Vehicles are type known as T-38 with a 4.76 gun. Co Strength: 180 men, all Germans.

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4th HIGH MTN BN

3rd Co

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90th PZ CREW DIVISION200th REGT

6th Co

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LISCL:13th Btry 1291 Army Coast Arty Regt
Italian Laborers1
4TOTAL PW'S:

32

NAME: HERRMANN, RUDOLPH, LT, INF.CAPTURED AT: PW was captured at 0630Z Sept 9, 1944 at (31.7-58.3).UNIT: 6th Co, 200th Regt, 90th Div.PERSONALITIES: Co CO 1st LT FRANKEL.

Bn CO MAJOR MORCEL.

Regt. CO COE BARON VON ELHR.

TACTICS: The entire Bn was in small groups (15) with 2 LMG's and rifles as weapons.LOCATION: Sheet: LARCHE NW 1/25,000.First Group: 6th Co 15 men at (31.4-58.5).Second Group: 6th Co 15 men at (33.3-59.5).Third Group: 6th Co 15 men at (32.4-58.1).CONFIDENTIAL

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Two H. Mortars at (32.3-58.7).
Co CP at (32.4-59.6) near Hill 2502.
7th Co in vicinity (3459).
5th Co in vicinity (3561).
Regt CP at (31.5-65.4), first large house as you enter
LARCHE from West.
Bn CP in ARGENTERRA.

ROUTES OF SUPPLY: From ARGENTERRA to height (1954) then SE on dirt
road to front line units.

MISCELLANEOUS: Ammunition in strong points, 60 rounds per rifleman
1200 per LMG. One half of that AT to replenish AT Co CP is available.
90th Div consists of Regt 200 and 361 Regt. The 361st Regt plus
1st Bn of 200th is in ITALY.

NAME: MAYER, LEONARD OBERGLF.

UNIT: 12th Co, 8th Regt, 148th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT at 0700B Sept 1944 vicinity MOLINET.

UNIT STRENGTH: 90 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 4 LMG's, 3 - 80mm Mortars, 1 - HMG.

UNIT LOCATION: 12th Co vicinity MOLINET.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: Unknown.

OTHER UNITS: 2nd Co, 8th Engineer Bn, PW's former Co, had 1st
platoon vicinity MOLINET and 2nd platoon vicinity PASS DE TURIN and
3rd platoon vicinity SOSPELL.

PERSONALITIES: CO 1st LT MANGLEN.

APQ: 25639 D.

DEFENSES: PW did not reach defensive positions.

INTENTIONS: 12th Co was to hold positions vicinity MOLINET,
until rest of 148th Div had time to withdraw to SOSPELL.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that his first Sergeant told him that
Division would withdraw to VINTEMICLIA (ITALY). PW states that
Germans intend to strengthen Bridge in MOLINET.

NAME: WAWOCZNY, LRIC, PVT.

UNIT: 13th Co, 8th Regt, 148th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT 9 Sept, 1944 6 km W of SOSPELL.

UNIT STRENGTH: 80-100 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 2 - 75mm Light Inf Howitzers.

UNIT LOCATION: Vicinity SOSPELL.

OTHER UNITS: Regt CP in large Villa, only large Bldg on left side
of road going toward BREILL, (75.9-98.5).

PERSONALITIES: 1st Lt ASSIC.

APQ: 29862 D.

DEFENSES: Side road in grid square (69.0-98.0) mined on curves.
Road from SOSPELL to BREILL prepared for mines.

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ARTY LOCATIONS: PW saw following Arty on 6 Sept 1944:
1 Arty Piece unknown caliber (74.4-97.6)
1 Arty Piece " (76.5-98.0)
1 20mm AA Gun (75.8-98.6)

SUPPLIES: On 6th Sept supply train of 13th Co located in BRELL
approximate location (79.8-4.5).

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239th REGT

5th Co	4
9th Co	1
11th Co	2

FUESILIER BN

3rd Co	5
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90 DIVISION200th REGT

6th Co	3
7th Co	2

34 DIVISION80th REGT

2nd Co	4
5th Co	1

MISCL:

2nd Btry 391 AA Bn	2
3rd Co 650 Signal Regt	1
Italian	1

NAME: MILLER - U - OFFICERUNIT: 7th Co, 200th Regt, 90th Div.STRENGTH: 50-60 men.WEAPONS: 9 LMG's.COMPANY CO: Lt WULFBN CO: Major MORGELREGT CO: BARON V. BEHRAPO: 57115512DEFENSES: To defend Mts. in strongpoints.C O N F I D E N T I A L

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NAME: VOLLKOMMEXIDER ADOLF OBERGLFREITER

APO: 00526P

UNIT: 5th Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.

COMPANY CO: 1st Lt GEIERSBACH

BN CO: Capt WINTER

REGT CO: Maj BUCHHOLZ

DIV CO: GRAF V RITTBURG - General

STRENGTH: 70-75 men.

WEAPONS: 9 LMG's - 2 SMG's

UNIT LOCATIONS: Parts of 6th, 7th, and 8th Co's in VENTIMIGLIA.
5th, 7th, and 8th should have occupied new position 20 kms E of
MT LEMONTE.

STRENGTH: 6th Co 55 men, 7th Co 60-65 men, 8th Co 6 LMG's.

CAPTURED AT: 8188 SAN REMO.

NON GERMANS: 99% Germans.

MISCL: 8th Co supported line Co's.

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I P W R E P O R TP R I A M E L E:

1 Officer and 24 EM were captured vic Hill (74.5-92.1) when their attack failed.

U N I T I D E N T I F I C A T I O N:

2nd Co, 80th Regt, 34th Inf Div.

U N I T S T R E N G T H:

2nd Co:

1st platoon - 1 Off, 17 men.
2nd platoon - 1 Off, 18 men.
3rd platoon - 15 men.

3rd Co:

2 Off, 50 men.

1st Co:

1 Off, 60 men.

4th Co:

2 Off, 80 men.

U N I T L O C A T I O N:

2nd Co from (73.5-93.6) - (74.6-92.3)
1st Co from (73.9-94.1) - (73.2-95.8)
3rd Co in reserve vic (77.1-93.9)
4th Co in support of the above Co's.

C P L O C A T I O N S:

80th Gren Regt - BILIL.
1st Bn, 80th Gren Regt in house at (74.5-95.0).
2nd Co, 80th Gren Regt in tunnel (74.6-93.5).

M I S S I O N:

2nd Co, 80th Gren Regt was to secure MT OURS and Hill 1108, with 1st and 3rd platoons leading and 2nd platoon in reserve in the tunnel in CASTILLON.

1st Co on the right flank was to secure high ground (73.0-97.6) and MT MERAS if possible.

2nd Co was out-manuevered and the Lt surrendered with his men.

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MOVEMENT OF 1st BN:

On September the 1st Bn, then located in the SAVONA area, entrucked and were transported via the coast road to VINTIMILLE. From VINTIMILLE they moved North to BREIL, thence to SOSPELL where troops detrucked during hours of darkness. The Bn proceeded immediately to CASTILLON where the 2nd Co was bivouacked in the tunnel (74.60-93.55), the 3rd Co sent to reserve area vic (7793) and the 1st Co vic (74.1-94.7). 4th Co was divided up into 3 supporting groups prior to the movement.

13th Co, 80th Gren Regt is now on the move to the CASTILLON area from SAVONA.

14th Co, 80th Gren Regt is due in SOSPELL between 2400-0400B 14 September from BREIL.

9th Co, only Co of 3rd Bn, is in BREIL.

ORGANIZATION OF 80th GREEN REGT:

The 80th Gren Regt consists of 1st and 2nd Bns and 9th Co of 3rd Bn. 13th and 14th Co's are in Regimental support.

1st Bn, due to heavy engagements in partisan warfare, is low in strength.

2nd Co is made up of 3 platoons of 2 squads each. Squad strengths are between 4-8 men and total fighting strength of the Co is approximately 50 men.

1st and 3rd Co's are similar in make-up.

4th Co has a strength of 80 men, armed with 6 HMG's - no heavy mortars.

Elements of 34th Div Artillery are moving from TURIN to the AIROLE area. Div artillery left most of their guns on the Russian Front.

SUPPLY AND EVACUATION:

In the CASTILLON tunnel are found considerable stores of food, water, mortar ammo, mines, engineer equipment and MG and s/a ammunition. No pack mules are available and food and supplies are hauled by man pack. The road CASTILLON-SOSPELL-BREIL remains the main supply and evacuation route for the Bn and during hours of darkness traffic is heavy.

PERSONALITIES:80th Gren Regt:

CO	Major BUCHOLZ
Adjutant	1st Lt FENELIX
Vet	Dr ATZLERT
Surgeon	Dr KHRINGS
Chaplain	1st Lt EOS
Chaplain	1st Lt SCHWEITZER

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1st Bn, 80th Gren Regt:

CO, 1st Co	Lt ROELOFSEN
CO, 2nd Co	1st Lt HOLLSTEIN
CO, 3rd Co	1st Lt SITZMANN
CO, 4th Co	Capt SCHULZE

2nd Bn, 80th Gren Regt:

CO, 5th Co	1st Lt GLISSBACH
CO, 6th Co	Lt FLIEDNER
CO, 8th Co	1st Lt HOFMANN

3rd Bn, 80th Gren Regt:

CO, 9th Co	Lt GRUBER
13th Co	Lt WULFF
14th Co	1st Lt HACKER

REACTION TO ARTILLERY:

PW's all state that Allied artillery is dreadful and that casualties are always inflicted by our barrages.

Phosphorous shells are particularly hated and feared by the Germans.

UNIT CITATION:

In October, 1941 the 34th Div was decorated by the FUHRER. To identify the various Co's the following double bands on the shoulder patch were issued:

- 1st Bn - 2 white bands.
- 2nd Bn - 1 red and 1 white band.
- 13th Co - 1 blue and 1 white band.
- 14th Co - 1 green and 1 white band.

MISC. LLANEOUS:

German personnel of the 80th Gren Regt average 4-6 years of active service. These veterans are tired of war after 3 years on the Russian Front and the unceasing harrassing of Partisan groups since their arrival in ITALY.

The captured officer refused to believe of the Allied advance through BELGIUM and HOLLAND and the entrance of U.S. troops into GERMANY.

Through the courtesy of the interrogator the Lt was permitted to listen to a BBC newscast stating the true facts. The Lt left the Interrogation point a sadder but a wiser man.

Interrogated by Capt FINN W. ROLL
 1st SSFORCE

INTERROGATORS NOTE: Capturing Company stated that the Officer surrendered his men without a fire-fight, indicating that our heavy artillery concentrations were responsible for the surrender. Officer made the statement during interrogation that he had been "out-manuevered".

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90th DIVISION200th REGT

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MISCELLANEOUS

14th Stry, 1291 Army Coast Arty Regt	1
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TOTAL PW'S:

21

NAME: JOSEPH OSTROWSKI GEF.(CPL) age 21 years, service 2 years.UNIT: 1st Co, 1st Bn, 80th Regt, 34th Div.CAPTURED: 0700B 14 Aug 44, vicinity CASTILLONE (98.2-75.6).UNIT STRENGTH: 1st Co had 50 men 13 Aug 1944.WEAPONS: 10 LMG's - 2 HMG's - Two 81mm Mortars from 4th Co.UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3 platoons in 1st Co, 3 squads per platoon plus 2 squads of 4th Co.UNIT LOCATION: 1st Co was located 3 km S of CASTILLON.OTHER UNITS: 3rd Co 1 1/2 km S of CASTILLON. Due to casualties only 1 platoon left of 2nd Co which was held in reserve for reinforcements.C O N F I D E N T I A L

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CASUALTIES: 4 dead and 8 wounded up to 13th Aug 44 caused by American mortars and MG fire.

MOVEMENTS OF UNITS: 80th Regt took part in Russian campaign from 1941 to April 10, 1944. Was badly beaten, returned to GERMANY for reorganization. Later moved to GENEVA (ITALY) and in July 1944 to vicinity SAVONA (ITALY) thence to vicinity CASTILLON 11th Aug 44.

PERSONALITIES: CO of 1st Co Lt BOSST
CO of 2nd Co 1st Lt HOLSTEIN
CO of 4th Co Capt SCHMIDT
CO of 1st Bn Capt DOZE
CO of 80th Regt Lt Col BUCHHOLZ

APO: 01348B.

NON GERMANS: 3 Non-Germans in 1st Co.

SUPPLY: Supplies arrived very irregularly because of FFI activities, continuous Allied bombardments of supply routes and RRs. There existed a severe shortage of gasoline.

DEFENSES: French-built bunkers, foxholes, and slittrenches in vicinity of S CASTILLON.

INTENTIONS: Orders were to hold those positions until Aug 23, 1944 and retreat approximately 10 km East.

MISCELLANEOUS: CP of 1st and 2nd Co's in bunker 3 km S of CASTILLON.

NAME: MALLBERG RAIMUND PVT.

UNIT: 12th Co, 200th Regt, 90th Pz Gren Div.

CAPTURED BY: 12 Sept 1944 vicinity LARCHE.

UNIT STRENGTH: 80-100 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: Six 80mm Mortars, six HMG's, one 50mm AT gun.

UNIT LOCATION: One squad of 12th Co in LARCHE.

OTHER UNITS: 3rd Bn CP partly in LARCHE partly in MAYRONNES.

DEFENSES: 12th Co did not occupy prepared defenses.

PERSONALITIES: CO 12th Co 1st Lt LESKE.

APO: 58291E.

INTENTIONS: PW'S mission was to go on patrol with 3 other men to try to locate an American Arty OP which seemed to direct our Arty fire into LARCHE.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW and 13 men were attached to 3rd Bn with AT gun. PW states the entire Division is motorized.

WARNING

PW reports: German Capt BISPING from 90th Pz Gren Div speaks perfect English including dialects. PW heard that this week the Captain put on an American uniform and went into the hills West of LARCHE, seeking to induce American soldiers into LARCHE where they were to be captured. Capt BISPING is believed to come from South West AFRICA.

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NAME: KLEE RUDOLPH UNTEROFFIZER
UNIT: 5th Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.
CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 070CB 13 Aug 44, 5 km NE MENTON
UNIT STRENGTH: 50 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 5 LMG's, two 80mm mortars (attached from 8th Co).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3 platoons each platoon consisting of 2 squads.
UNIT LOCATION: 5th Co located on height 5 km NE MENTON.
OTHER UNITS: PW states the 6th, 7th, and 8th Co moved to BREIL 10 Sept 1944.
PERSONALITIES: CO 1st Lt GEIERSBACH
 CO 2nd Bn Capt WINTER.
 CO 80th Bn Major BUCHHOLZ.
 CO 34th Div Major General LIEB.

APC: 00548B.**DEFENSES:** 5th Co did not occupy prepared positions.**SUPPLY:** Food was bad and meager in past 5 days. PW states that 4 men eat one can (size of our C ration) for one day. Ammunition was still sufficient but no new supplies were received in past three days.**NON GERMANS:** 5th Co had no Non Germans.**CASUALTIES:** 5th Co had 20 wounded and missing since 11 Sept. 44**INTENTIONS:** Mission of 5th Co was to retake Hill 148. Not accomplished.**MISCELLANEOUS:** PW reported he heard that the artillery supporting 239th Regt. was very short of ammunition. PW states that 5th Co was attached to 11th Co, 239th Regt.**NAME:** KROTKI ANTONI MARINE GEFREITER.**UNIT:** 1st Co, of unidentified Marine Bn**CAPTURED BY:** 1st SSF 1100B 13 Sept 44, in vicinity MENTON.**UNIT STRENGTH:** 90 men.**UNIT WEAPONS:** 9 LMG'S.**UNIT ORGANIZATION:** 3 platoons per Co, 3 squads per platoon.**UNIT LOCATION:** 1st Co was located on height 3 km NE of MENTON. (PW states that 1st Co probably moved back).**PERSONALITIES:** CO 1st Co 1st Lt SCHINDLER.**APC:** 02515.**DEFENSES:** 1st Co did not occupy prepared defenses.**NON GERMANS:** 1st Co had 12 Non Germans.**CASUALTIES:** 1st Co had 2 dead and 3 wounded 11 Sept.**SUPPLIES:** Supply on food very poor and meager. PW states company was fed once per day. Ammunition was sufficient.**INTENTIONS:** 1st Co was supposed to retake height 625.**MISCELLANEOUS:** PW reported personnel of 1st Co not trained as infantry. PW states 1st company went into the line 5 Sept 1944 to replace 12th Co, 239th Regt, which had only 12 men left. PW added these 12 men were assigned to 9th Co, 239th Regt, and 1st Co took over sector of 12th Co, 239th Regt.C O N F I D E N T I A L

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Hq 1st ABTF, 15 Sept 44.
IPW REPORT (Cont'd)

NAME: PVT HELMUTH MATURA 19 yrs, 1 year service.

UNIT: 5th Co, 239th Res Regt.

CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 0730B 13 Sept vicinity CASTELLINO.

UNIT STRENGTH: For the attack during the night 12-13 Sept, the Co could only scrape together 35 men. Many of these are believed to have become casualties since.

WEAPONS: 3 HMG's - '34, 2 LMG's - '42.

OTHER UNITS: The men of the 5th Co were told that they would be relieved by Mtn troops immediately after their attack. PW saw several Officers of a mountain unit on rec in this sector and reports that a company largely composed of Russian personnel had already taken up positions to the left of the 5th Co, 239th Regt.

SUPPLIES: The 5th Co had not received rations for 6 days previous to their attack and the iron rations had dwindled. Even the request for water had to be denied to the men.

PERSONALITIES: Capt NEUMANN CO 5th Co, 239th Regt.

APC: 09852B.

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IPW REPORT

Hq 1st A/B Task Force
In the Field
161200B Sept 44

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400B HRS 16 Sept 4434th DIVISION80th REGT

2nd Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

24

TOTAL PW'S:

24

NAME: REDLICH, FRANZ LT.UNIT: 2nd Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.APO: 01348 C.STRENGTH: 50-60 men.PERSONALITIES: Co CO LT HOLLSTEIN.

1st Platoon LDR. LT REDLICH

Bn CO CAPT DOSSE

Regt CO COL BUCHHOLZ

Div CO GEN HOCHBAUM

CAPTURED AT: Sept 12 at 2200B with entire strongpoint, at PIC DE GERUSA near MT OURS.WEAPONS: Weapons at strongpoint: 4 LMG's and 3 MP's.PERSONNEL: German origin.

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Hq 1st A/B Task Force
In the Field.
171200B Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2400 HRS 16 Sept 44

34th DIVISION
80th REGT

3rd Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

1

TOTAL PW'S:

1

NAME: SCHUREI, LUDWIG PVT.

UNIT: 3rd Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 15 Sept vicinity 4 km South of SOSPEL.

UNIT STRENGTH: 60 men combat strength 25 supply trains total 85 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 9 LMG's, 2 - 80mm Mortars (attached from 4th Co).

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3rd Co was organized in 3 platoons of 3 squads each.

UNIT LOCATION: 6th Co in area (73.0-96.5).

OTHER UNITS: Bn and Regt CP at entrance of RR tunnel (77.5-98.8).

APO: 01348 D.

PERSONALITIES: CO 3rd Co 1st Lt ZITSMANN.

Platoon leader 3rd Co, 2nd Lt ANGEL.

CO 1st Bn Capt TOSSE.

DEFENSES: On 12 Sept PW saw 3 bunkers, two with 75mm guns in them on MT in vicinity SOSPEL. They are the only Bunkers on this MT, approximate location (74.5-98.7).

ARTILLERY: On 12 Sept PW saw 2 75mm Inf How at (75.8-98.3).

SUPPLIES: Ammunition supply was adequate. Food supply was very poor due to our harrassing of roads.

INTENTION: Mission of 3rd Co is to hold present position.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW saw Bn supply train on 9 Sept at (80.2-04.8), 200 meters from RR station at BRAIL.

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181200B Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400 HRS 17 Sept 44

<u>148th DIVISION</u>	
<u>8th ENGINEER BN</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
2nd Co	6
<u>34th DIVISION</u>	
<u>80th REGT</u>	
3rd Co	1
<u>MISCL</u>	
GERMAN NAVY	1
<u>TOTAL PW'S:</u>	7

NAME: JOHN ERWIN PVT.
UNIT: 2nd Co Eng Bn 8th.
CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT Bn on Sept 18 at 1200B hrs.
PERSONALITIES: CO Lt MATHEUS.
UNIT LOCATION: (7208) Com. CP., Bn CP 350-400 m. North of Com. CP.
APQ: 19255 C.
ARTILLERY: In MOULLINET extremely accurate round hit into orderly room of 2nd Co a few days ago.
CASUALTIES: Within 4-5 days 8 dead and 7 men wounded thru grenade fragments.
SUPPLY: Rations poor, gas 20 Ltres or 5 gal per day. Mostly used mules.
NON GERMANS: Great percentage Non Germans.
MORALE: Awaits end of war. PW was used as point on a patrol and did not take gas mask along.

NAME: OBLAK, STANISLAUS PVT.
UNIT: 2nd Co, Eng Bn 8th.
UNIT STRENGTH: 3 Platoons.
UNIT LOCATION: (7109) 12100,000 Command CP., 10 km N from MOULLINET.
PERSONALITIES: COM CO 1st Lt MARCZOK.
EN CO Maj LASSO.
DIV CO Gen FREDDO PICCO.
APQ: 19255 C.
DEFENSES: None.
ARTILLERY: Does not know.
CASUALTIES: 2 men.
SUPPLIES: Fair.

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HQ 1st ABTF? 18 Sept 44,
IPW REPORT (Cont'd).

NAME: DOMBROWSKI, JOSEF PVT, age 22 years.
UNIT: 3rd Co, 1st Bn 80th Regt, 34th Div.
CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT Sept 18 in the morning. Platoon was 5 km
NE of SOSPEL and was 16 men strong.
PERSONALITIES: CO Co 1st Lt SITZMAN.
CO Bn Capt DOSSE.
CO Regt Maj. BUCHOLZ (over 50 years old).
CO Div Gen LIEB.

APC: 01348 D.

DEFENSES: Should hold position on Mt.

ARTILLERY: Should have 5 Artillery pieces.

CASUALTIES: 3 dead and 3 wounded in last 3 days.

SUPPLIES: Poor.

NON GERMANS: 5 Poles in Platoon.

STRENGTH: 55 men in Company.

MISCELLANEOUS: 107th and 253rd Regt's part of 34th Div were in
107th Regt in SAUONA, ITALY. Both Regt's should be committed very
shortly. Regimental CP of 107th Regt in SAUONA received new
filters (48) and was ordered to wear gas masks at all times.
This includes entire company.

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 191200A Sept 44

P W U N I T I D E N T I F I C A T I O N F O R 2 4 H R P E R I O D E N D I N G 2 4 0 0 A 1 8 S e p t 4 434th DIVISION80th REGT

7th Co
 8th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

37
 3

34th ARTY REGT

3rd Btry

1

TOTAL PW'S:

41

NAME: VIZ FRITZ PVT.

UNIT: 8th Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 517 PI 0900 18 Sept 1944 vicinity SOSPEL

UNIT STRENGTH: 70-80 men

UNIT WEAPONS: 5 HMG's, Twelve 81mm mortars.

UNIT LOCATION: 8th Co was split up to support 5th, 6th, and 7th Co.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 8th Co had 3 platoons (1 MG platoon, 2 mortar platoons)

PERSONALITIES: CO 8th Co 1st Lt HOFMANN
 Platoon Leader 2nd Lt MIKE

APO: 00526 E.

SUPPLIES: PW states 8th Co is short on ammunition and that food was neither good nor sufficient.

NON GERMANS: 8th Co had 25 Russians with the supply trains.

MISCL: PW states that his CO, 1st Lt HOFMAN, told the men of 8th Co 2 days ago that on the 20 Sept 1944 they would be relieved by units of the 107 REGT.

NAME: MARTIN VECRICH

UNIT: 3rd Btry, 34th Arty Regt, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 517 PI 0900 18 Sept 44 vicinity (71.0-97.0).

UNIT STRENGTH: 100 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: Three 105mm Howitzers (horse drawn).

UNIT LOCATION: 3rd Btry located at a Mt Pass halfway between BREXL and SOSPEL vicinity (76.1-02.7) (1:100,000).

PERSONALITIES: CO 1st Bn 34th Arty Regt Capt MICHEL
 CO 2nd Btry 2nd Lt DIBONKE
 CO 3rd Btry 1st Lt HILDEBRANDT.

APO: 21603 D.

MOVEMENT OF UNIT: 3rd Btry left SAVONA 18 Sept arrived in present position 17 Sept 1944.

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Hq 1st ABIF, 19 Sept 44,
IPW REPORT (Cont'd)

OTHER UNITS: 2nd and 3rd Bn of 34th Arty were still in SAVONA when 1st Bn left.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 1st Bn had 3 btrys and 1 Hq btry.

NON GERMANS: 3rd Btry had no non Germans.

SUPPLIES: Bn supply trains located in BREIL. 3rd Btry had 150 rounds per gun. Food was sufficient.

INTENTIONS: Mission of 1st Bn 34th Arty Regt was to support 80th Inf Regt.

MISCL: PW states that 1st Bn CP might be in BREIL. German OP on MT GROSSO 7605. PW states 34th Division consisting of 253rd Inf Regt and 107th Inf Regt are still in SAVONA.

NAME: BURGHARDT ERICH 2nd Lt.

UNIT: 7th Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 517 PI 0900 18 Sept 1944 in vicinity (71.0-97.0).

UNIT STRENGTH: PW does not know if 7th is still in existence.

UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMG's, 1 HMG (from 8th Co).

UNIT LOCATION: Vicinity (71.0-97.0).

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3 platoons, 3 squads per platoon.

OTHER UNITS: PW states that 7th Co relieved either 1st or 2nd Co of 239th REGT. PW states that this company went back to SOSPFL.

2nd Bn sector between vicinity (70.4-99.2) and (71.9-96.8).

PERSONALITIES: PW was CO of 7th Co.

CO 80th REGT Lt Col BUCHHOLZ

APC: 00626 D.

COMMUNICATIONS: PW states that he did not have communications with adjacent units.

NON GERMANS: 7th Co had no non Germans.

CASUALTIES: 7th Co had 4 dead and 16 wounded.

ADJACENT UNITS: 3rd Co was south and 6th Co was north of 7th Co. Contact to 6th Co should have been established at (71.2-97.7) and to 3rd Co at (71.1-95.6).

MOVEMENT OF UNIT: 7th Co came into line 8 days ago.

ARTILLERY: 3rd btry of 34th Arty Regt was in support of 2nd Bn 80th Regt.

SUPPLIES: PW states that supplies are brought up from SOSPFL every night. Food was neither good nor sufficient.

MISCL: PW states 80th Regt is attached to 148th Div. PW states he left 34th Div in IMPERIA.

INTENTIONS: Mission of 7th Co was to hold positions.

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IPW REPORT

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201200A Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400HRS 19 Sept 44

<u>148th DIVISION</u>	
<u>8th REGT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
12th Co	3
 <u>34th DIVISION</u>	
<u>80th REGT</u>	
7th Co	8
3th Co	3
 <u>34th ARTY REGT</u>	
1st Btry	2
 <u>MISCL</u>	
2nd Btry of 451st GHQ Arty Bn.	2
 <u>TOTAL PW'S:</u>	18

NAME: SCHWEIKERT, ROBERT CPL.
UNIT: 2nd Btry, GHQ Arty 451st.
CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT, 0830, 18 Sept at (71.2-98.2) - 1850,000
MENTION Sheet.
APQ: 35602 B.

PERSONALITIES: CO Btry 1st Lt HANSTEIN.
CO Bn Maj. N UMAN, Maj. WALTER.

WEAPONS: 4 - 15 cm Howitzer (Mot). Bn has three Btrys.
SUPPLY: Good.
MORALE: Fair.
STRENGTH: 96 - 110 men all Germans.

MISCELLANEOUS: Btrys were engaged at CASSINO. PW reveals that two Btrys came from SAVONNA 14 days ago and occupied positions. Supply dump was 14 km NE of SOSPEL. PW was member of a forward Artillery OP at (71.2-98.2) and in charge of supply.

NAME: LARNZINI, LUDWIG PVT (DESERTED).
UNIT: 12th Co, 8th Regt, 148th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 509th BT.
UNIT STRENGTH: 80-100 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: 12 HMG's, 4 - 80mm Mortars.

OTHER UNITS: PW reports 11th Co strength approximately 100 men. 11th Co weapons: 8 IMG's, 2 HMG's (from 12th Co).

C O N F I D E N T I A LHQ 1st ABTF, 20 Sept 44.
IPW REPORT (Cont'd).LOCATION OF UNITS: 3rd Bn: 11th Co from (69.0-09.0) running East to (70.5-09.5). 10th Co from (70.5-09.5) running SE to (71.5-08.8). 9th Co from (71.5-08.8) running S on Mt peaks to MOULINET (72.0-05.3). 2nd Bn located south of 3rd Bn and runs to vicinity SOSFEL.PERSONALITIES: CO 12th Co 1st Lt MANKEN.
CO 3rd Bn Capt HUBRICH.

APO: 25639 D.

MISCL: PW states 6th Regt was to be relieved by elements of 80th Regt. Elements of 8th Regt where upon being relieved to go to GENOA for reorganization.NAME: HERBER, WILHELM UNTEROFFICER --OFFERMAN, RUDOLPH GEFREITER.UNIT: 1st Btry, 34th Arty Regt, 34th Div.UNIT STRENGTH: 100 men.UNIT WEAPONS: 4 - 105mm How, 2 LMG's.CAPTURED BY: 517th RCT 08000 18 Sept 1944, vicinity (71.1-97.0).UNIT LOCATION: 1st Btry reported at (76.1-02.7).UNIT ORGANIZATION: 1st Btry had 2 platoons with 2 Howitzers per platoon.OTHER UNITS: 1st Bn had 3 Btrys and 1 HQ Btry. 2nd and 3rd Bn reported in vicinity SAVONA.PERSONALITIES: CO 1st Bn Capt MICHEL.
CO 1st Btry 1st Lt HILDEBRANDT.

APO: 21603 B.

NON GERMAN: 1st Btry had no Non Germans.SUPPLIES: Munition for 1st Btry was brought at night from direction of BREIL. Food was good but not quite sufficient.INTENTIONS: 1st Btrys mission was to support 2nd Bn, 80th Regt.MISCL: PW heard that 34th Div was to relieve parts of 148th Div.

PW does not know what parts of 148th Div his unit would replace.

Communications between OP and Btry were established by means of radio transmissions were made on the following wave length:

0900 - 1500 hrs 4 wave length 4830

1500 - 2100 " " " " 4500.

Code Names: 1st Btry: IDA - SIEGFRIED WILHELM
OP : MARTHA - LUDWIG ANTON.

These code names change every 3rd day. PW does not know when they were changed the last time. Communications between the Btrys and Bn are by means of telephones. PW states that American artillery fire is very effective. PW states that German soldiers fear bombing from American 4-motored bombers.

NAME & RANK: ERWIN TEUBERGER, GEFREITER (PFC), German, Age 20.CAPTURED BY: Surrendered to FFI at CAMP DE FOURCHES about 1600, this date.UNIT: 5th Co, 200th Pz Gren Regt, 90th Pz Gren Div.UNIT STRENGTH: Total - 50-60; Combat - 35.UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMG'S, 1 HMG (of 6th Co), about 4 "Faustpatronen" (Bazookas), 1 81mm Mortar (of 6th Co), rifles.**C O N F I D E N T I A L**
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IPW REPORT (Cont'd).

UNIT ORGANIZATION: Co consisted only of three squads, each having approximately 12-14 men. The machine guns were operated by four men, who had alternate shifts of two hours.

UNIT LOCATION: CP at (36.35-56.85) - 1/25,000. 15-20 men vicinity of COL DE POURRIAC (35.3-54.9). Two squads in reserve same vicinity.

OTHER UNITS: 2nd battery of 75mm Inf How (3 guns) attached to 5th Co. Guns located at (35.90-54.75). Squad of mountain engineers now attached to 5th Co are laying mines and digging entrenchments along with preparing dug-out for a new company GP in vicinity of (35.7-55.1). PW heard that the 3rd Bn was to be relieved by mountain troops believed to be a Mt Trgn Bn which was located at PETRAPORZIO.

PERSONALITIES: CO 5th Co - Oberleutnant SCHAPHAUS.
CO 2nd Bn - Major MOERCHL (recently promoted).
CO 200th Regt - Oberst BARON VON BEER.

APO: 5th Co - 57115 B.

ARTILLERY: One battery of 75mm Inf How (3 guns) located at (35.90-54.75).

CASUALTIES: 5th Co has lost 4 men during the last two weeks.

SUPPLY: Supply trains of 2nd Bn are located at ARGENTERA and FERRIERE (3954). Provisions have been brought from both places up to COL DE POURRIAC. Supply seems to be sufficient.

MORALE: Quite low; CO very unpopular. PW thinks troops would surrender to the Americans, but not to the French.

INTENTIONS: Troops were ordered to hold their positions at all cost.

MINES: Three mine fields (8 mines each) located at (34.8-54.9), (35.3-54.7), (35.4-54.8).

MISCL: PW deserted from the German lines; gave information very willingly; seems to have the present German system. Information seems to be reliable.

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IPW REPORT

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211200A Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400 HRS 20 Sept 44148th DIVISION

8th ENGINEER BN
1st Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

1

FUSILLIER BN
3rd Co

4

90th Pz GREN. DIVISION

200th REGT
5th Co

1

34th DIVISION

253 REGT
5th Co
7th Co

1

1

TOTAL PW'S:

2

NAME: LALLIER, REINHARDT, PFC, age 22.

CAPTURED BY: SSF, 18 Sept 44 - evening (deserter)

UNIT: 5th Co, Regt 253, 34th Div.

STRENGTH: 60 men (mostly Germans).

ORIGIN: Regt marched to front on Thursday of last week. Div. participated in Russian campaigns.

UNIT LOCATION: Left flank (81-87 MENTON 1:50,000). Co sector approximately 2-3 km - 1st plat 3 strongpoints. Co was supported by a HMG. Co CP in CIOTTI on hill in bldg.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 5th Co, was organized into 2 platoons.

PERSONALITIES: CO Co Lt KERNIG
CO En Capt GEIGER
CO Regt Col HIPPEL
CO Div Gen VON LIEB.

APO: 24862 B.

MISCL: 253rd Regt relieved Marine units. Coast of ABENGO was the Regt sector of defense. PW reveals that 107 Regt arrived yesterday and occupies right flank. 80th Regt is located right of 253rd Regt.

MORALE: Low.

SUPPLIES: Come from LATTE.

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Hq 1st ABTF, 31 Sept 44,
IPW REPORT (Cont'd)

NAME: POZORSKI, JOSEF, Pvt.
UNIT: 7th Co, 2nd Bn, 253rd Regt, 34th Div.
CAPTURED BY: SSF, 19 Sept 44.
UNIT STRENGTH: 120 men (combat 80).
UNIT WEAPONS: 9 LMG's, 42, 2 (81mm) mortars.
UNIT LOCATION: (80.6-88.9)-(79.6-89.9).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 4 Co's per Bn, 3 plat per company.
PERSONALITIES: CO Co 1st Lt CHERTEUR
CO Bn Capt GEIGER
CO Regt Col HIPPEL
CO Div Gen VON LIEB.

APO: 24852 D.

DEFENSES: None.

CASUALTIES: 3 wounded by Arty fire 4 days ago.

SUPPLIES: One hours walk from PW positions.

NON GERMANS: 5 Poles in Company.

INTENTIONS: To defend and send out patrols.

MISCL: 6th Co was right of 5th Co, 5th Co was left of 7th Co.

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34th DIVISION
107th REGT

N U M B E R O F P W ' S

8th Co

4

T O T A L P W ' S :

4

N A M E : BUCHNER, ALBERT OBERGEFREITER, Deserter.

U N I T : 8th Co, 107th Regt, 34th Div.

C A P T U R E D B Y : 517 CT, deserted to American troops in vicinity MOULINET 0800 Sept 21, 1944.

U N I T S T R E N G T H : 90 men.

U N I T W E A P O N S : 4 HMG's, six 80mm mortars.

U N I T O R G A N I Z A T I O N : 8th Co was organized into 3 platoons (1 HMG and 2 mortar platoons).

U N I T L O C A T I O N : 8th Co was split up among the 5th, 6th, and 7th Co's of the 107th Regt. Deserter was attached to 7th Co.

O T H E R U N I T S : 7th Co, to which deserters squad was attached, is located on LA CIME NW of MOULINET. Deserter believes that rest of 2nd Bn is north of 7th Co and 1st Bn to the south. He does not know which company occupies adjacent sector. 7th Co had 3 LMG's, 7th Co strength 80-90 men.

P E R S O N A L I T I E S : CO 8th Co Capt FUCHSLER, CO 7th Co 1st Lt HOLZ, CO 2nd Bn Capt BOCHART, CO 107th Regt Col GRONAU, CG 34th Div General LIEB.

A P O : 13207 E.

D E F E N S E S : 7th Co occupied strong point on LA CIME and vicinity MOULINET. PW reported presence of large mine field in front of strong point.

U N I T M O V E M E N T : 107 Regt. left vicinity SAVONA, ITALY on 11 Sept 1944 and marched to its present position. Arrived in line 19 Sept 1944.

S U P P L I E S : 8th Co brought all supplies with them and at time PW deserted had not received any new supplies. Food was sufficient but of poor quality.

M I S C L : Deserter states he had not received any gas training lately. He heard that there was supposed to be a new gas (V-2). Has not received new gas mask or gas mask filter. 34 Div. has 3 Regts (80th, 253rd, 107th Regts). Each Regt has only 2 Bns., and the 13th and 14th Co's.

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251200A Sept 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400A 24 Sept 44

34th DIVISION
253rd REGT
13th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S
1
1

TOTAL PW'S:

NAME: HILGERS, FRANZ GEFREITER (DESERTER).
UNIT: 13th Co, 253rd Regt, 34th Div.
CAPTURED BY: Deserted to SSF 0700 hrs 23 Sept 44 in vicinity LATTE.
UNIT STRENGTH: 13th Co strength 80 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 4 - 75mm Inf How (Horse drawn), 2 - 150mm Inf How (Horse drawn).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 13th Co had 3 platoons (2 platoons with 75mm How's and 1 platoon of 150mm How's).
UNIT LOCATION: One platoon of 75mm How located in vic (28.10-39.97).
OTHER UNITS: Deserter's platoon attached to 1st Bn, 253rd Regt. Deserter claims 7th CP located on MT vic (28.09-39.00).
PERSONALITIES: CO 2nd Lt TICK.

APO: 19099.
CASUALTIES: 13th Co had not sustained losses.
SUPPLIES: Supplies carried by mules under cover of darkness. Deserter does not know where supplies originate. 13th Co had 400 rounds per gun.
INTENTION: Mission of deserter's platoon was to give supporting fire to 1st Bn, 253rd Regt.
MISCL: Deserter claims that his platoon had been shelled by our artillery. PW states further that fire was close but no casualties resulted. He had seen American airplanes but had not been strafed by our Air Corps. Deserter said that he had heard that 9 German mortars are located near a church in vic (28.17-38.97).

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To : 261200A Sept 44

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PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400A HRS Sept 44

<u>34th DIVISION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
<u>80th REGT</u> Stal Co	1
<u>34th DIVISION</u> 2nd Btry, 70th (4) Bn	2
<u>TOTAL PW'S:</u>	3

NAME: BAGGS, OTTO OBERGEFREITER & WAGGELING, ROBERT OBERGEFREITER.

UNIT: 2nd Btry, 70th Bn, 34th Arty Regt, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF 2000 hrs 24 Sept 44, 1/2 km S of CASTILLON.

UNIT STRENGTH: 150 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: Three 105mm How (Horse drawn), 4 - LMG's (?).

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 2nd Btry had 2 platoons (one platoon with two 105mm How's and one platoon with one 105mm How).

UNIT LOCATION: PW's do not know location of 2nd Btry.

MOVEMENT OF UNITS: 70th Bn left via SAVONA 19th Sept 44, and moved to its present position. PW's reveal 2nd Btry was supposed to take up positions during the night 24 Sept 44. PW's does not know which unit 2nd Btry was to relieve.

OTHER UNITS: 34th Arty Regt is composed of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 70th Arty Bn, each Bn has 3 Btrys, all Btrys have from 3-4 105mm How.

PERSONALITIES:

CO 34th Arty Regt	Lt Col MOHR.
CO 70th Bn	Capt STOLZ.
CO 1st Btry	1st Lt GROMNINGER.
CO 2nd Btry	1st Lt BECKER.
CO 3rd Btry	1st Lt SCHORNBEACH.

APD: 20830 C.

SUPPLIES: 2nd Btry had sufficient supplies of food and ammunition. Shortage on cigarette rations.

INTENTIONS: Mission of the 70th Bn was to support 80th Regt. PW's personal mission was to man forward OP. They were on their way to occupy OP when captured.

COMMUNICATIONS: Between OP and 2nd Btry by telephones. Code name of OP was to be CAESAR. PW's reported that forward observers usually use radio.

MISCL: PW's believe their unit was to relieve an artillery unit from another Division but does not know which Arty unit they were to relieve.

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IPW REPORT (Cont'd).

EXTRACT OF PERIODIC IPW REPORT, 517th RCT

NUMBER OF PW'S: 1

NAME: FRANZ WARDEN.

RANK: CORPORAL.

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 3 years.

PW'S UNIT: 1st Med. Coll. Co./34th Div. Attchd. to 8th Co. 80th Regt as First Aid man.

UNIT EXPECTING CAPTURE: 1st Bn, 517th RCT, vic TETE DE LAVINA.

UNIT STRENGTH: 60 men (Grabenstaerke-Eff. Strength); 2 platoons of 30 men.

UNIT WEAPONS: Four 81mm Mortars, 3 Hvy MG's.

UNIT MISSION: Close support for 5th, 6th Co's, 80th Regt vic (72.1-96.8).

UNIT LOCATION: CP 8th Co house at (72.1-96.8), off COL DE BRAUS-SOSPHEL road (visible on aerial photograph 301-5, W SOSPHEL).

MORTAR POSITION: Two 81mm M. vic (72.3-96.6), two 81mm M. vic (72.4-96.8).

MORTAR OP: In fort MT BARBONNET.

OTHER UNITS: PW stated that 253rd Regt, and 107th Regt were on their left and right flanks respectively. 5th Co, 83 men, 13th Co, 80th, unknown. 7th Co, 4 men (This confirms IPW OB overlay 25 Sept).

LOCATION OF CP: CP 2nd Bn, 80th Regt in pillbox between house and street in garden at dead-end street COL ST JEAN (72.6-96.4).

ARTILLERY (KY): Guns firing from pillbox COL ST JEAN (72.6-96.4). Muzzles are elevated from shutters when firing and immediately withdrawn after firing. Inf How's of 13th Co, 80th Regt (believed 75mm) firing from vic COL ST JEAN.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS:

By Very signals, SOP	White	Friendly Troops.
Inf to Arty:	Red	Request Arty support.
	Green	Arty firing short.

CASUALTIES: PW states 2nd Bn suffered numerous losses from our Arty and Mortar fire, particularly from the latter. He alone treated more than 70 men for wounds and injuries sustained in such manner. PW himself was hit by one of our white Phosphorous hand-Grenades and described its effect in great detail. Chem Compound causes severe burns. Psychological effect on Germans particularly significant. Phosphorous horrifies them.

PERSONALITIES:

CO 2nd Bn/80th	Capt WINTER.
CO 5th Co/80th	1st Lt BRISMAN.
CO 8th Co/80th	1st Lt BUCHMANN.

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APG: 2nd Bn/80th 00526.

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Corp., JACK DUNAWAY.

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From: 011200A Oct 44
To : 021200A Oct 44

IPW REPORT

Hq 1st A/B Task Force
In the Field.
021200A Oct 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400 HRS 1 Oct 44

34th DIVISION

34th FIELD REPLACEMENT BN NUMBER OF PW'S

2nd Co 4

MISCELLANEOUS:

MARINE ARTILLERY BN (NEPTUNE) 2

18th Co SIGNAL REGT 618th 1

TOTAL PW'S: 7

NAME: AMMERT, WILLI OBERGEFREITER & WINKLER, FRITZ OBERGERREITER.

UNIT: 2nd Co, 34th Field Replacement Bn, 34th Div.

CAPTURED BY: 1st SSF at 1200A 1st Oct, 1944, 2 km SW of CASTILLON.

UNIT STRENGTH: 50 men (Combat strength) - 15 men (Supply trains).

UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMG's.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: 2nd Co had 3 platoons of 3 squads per platoon.

UNIT LOCATION: 2nd Co vicinity CASTILLON; CP 2nd Co in CASTILLON.

OTHER UNITS: 34th Field Replacement Bn has 5 Companies of which the 2nd and 4th Co are in line. 4th Co is on S flank of 2nd Co. PW's does not know location of 1st, 3rd, and 5th Companies. 5th Company is a medical Company.

UNIT MOVEMENTS: 2nd Co left PIVEDITEGO (ITALY) 23 Sept and arrived in line 28th Sept 44. Relieved remnants of 148th Division.

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IPW REPORT (Cont'd).

SUPPLIES: Food arrives at night every second day. Food is good and sufficient. PW's state they were told to try and be careful in ammunition expenditure. They have not received new supplies of ammunition.

INTENTIONS: 2nd Co mission was to hold present position; communications between platoons of 2nd Co by means of messengers.

APC: 05555 G.

PERSONALITIES: CO 34th Field Replacement Bn Capt FISHER.
CO 2nd Co 2nd Lt DEXHEIMER.

MISCL: PW's state that 80th Regt is somewhere North of 2nd Co.

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 To : 031200A Oct 44

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 In the field
 031200A Oct 44

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2400A HRS 2 Oct 44

<u>4th HIGH MT BN</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
1st Co	2
<u>TOTAL PW'S:</u>	2

NAME: BRANDNER JOHANN PVT.
UNIT: 1st Co, 4th High Mt Bn.
CAPTURED BY: 509 CT 1500A 1 Oct 1944 (location of capture unknown to PW).
UNIT STRENGTH: 200 men (combat strength).
UNIT WEAPONS: PW's strong point had two 20mm AA guns and 3 LMG's. Company weapons unknown to PW.
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 1st Company was organized in 3 platoons, 3 squads per platoon.
UNIT LOCATION: CP 1st Co in ST ARNE (67.40-39.40). Strong point in vic (65.50-36.00).
PERSONALITIES: Co Executive 2nd Lt REH.
APC: 58675 E.
DEFENSES: PW occupied strong point in vic (65.50-36.00) located in a one story house. AA guns are located in yard. LMG's located in house.
SUPPLIES: Food was good and sufficient. Food was prepared in strong point 3 times daily. Munition supply was sufficient. Supply trains with Co C.P. in ST ARNE.
REPLACEMENTS: PW was one of 500 replacements sent to this front from INSBROCK. Arrived in present position 14 days ago. All replacements were Austrians. 1st Co received 130 replacements.
INTENTIONS: Mission of 2nd Co was to hold present position.
MISCL: PW and 8 men were on a reconnaissance to find American front line positions when he was captured. 3 were captured and one was killed. PW does not know what has happened to rest of patrol.

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In the field
041200A Oct 44.

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HR PERIOD ENDING 2400A HRS 3 Oct 44

34th DIVISION
107th REGT
7th Co

NUMBER OF PW'S

1

TOTAL PW'S:

1

NAME: HOCHE WENZEL GEFREITER.UNIT: 7th Co, 2nd Bn, 107th Regt., 34th Div.AFO: 13207 D.CAPTURED BY: 517 RCT 2 Oct 44 vic TETE DU PIN.UNIT STRENGTH: 80 men.UNIT WEAPONS: 9 LMGs. 2 Semi-automatic rifles per squad (Model 43)

PERSONALITIES: Co CO 1st Lt HOLZ
Bn CO Capt FISCHEL
Regt CO Col KRONAU

UNIT ORGANIZATION: Regt. has 3 Bns. plus 6th Co, which originated
in ITALY. 4 men were taken out of 7th Co to help form 9th Co.

LOCATION: Co C.P. and supply dump at (72.20-07.27).

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To : 051200A Oct 44

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In the field
051200A Oct 1944

FW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HRS PERIOD ENDING 1200A HRS 4 Oct 44

34th DIVISION80th REGT3rd CoNUMBER OF FW'S1TOTAL FW'S:1NAME: KUCHNOFSKY, FELIX PVT DESERTERUNIT: 3rd Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.CAPTURED BY: FSSF, 0700A 4 October 1944.UNIT STRENGTH: 40 men.UNIT WEAPONS: 5 LMG's, one 80mm mortar (attached from 4th Co)UNIT ORGANIZATION: 3rd Co had 2 platoons, 2 squads per platoon.UNIT LOCATION: 1 squad of 3rd Co vic (73.60-95.95). Rest of 3rd Co in houses vic (74.25-95.99). 3rd Co C.P. vic (74.30-96.40).ADJACENT UNITS: 2nd Co located NW of 3rd Co. 1st Co located SE of 3rd Co.DEFENSES: 2 bunkers are built into the cellars of two houses vic (74.25-95.99). There are no MG's in bunkers. Bunkers are used to protect personnel against Arty fire.CASUALTIES: Losses of 3rd Co 10 wounded (mortar fire). FW reports losses of 2nd Co and 1st Co very heavy. 1st Co has 15 men left and are now in support of 3rd Co.COMMUNICATIONS: Communications between 3rd Co and 1st Bn were by telephone. All other communications were by messengers.PERSONALITIES: CO 3rd Co 1st Lt SITZMAN

CO 1st Bn Capt TOSSE (?)

CO 80th Regt Lt Col BUCHHOLTZ

APO: 01348 D.

ARTILLERY POSITIONS: There were 3 Arty pieces in bunkers vic (74.50-97.90) and 1 AT gun in bunker on top of hill (72.90-96.50).SUPPLIES: Food comes from RR tunnel at (77.50-98.80) to the RR station at SOSEPL between 2030 - 2100 hours.INTENTIONS: Mission of 3rd Co was to hold its present position.DISCL: FW reveals platoon leader told his platoon that German Army was supposed to get a new secret weapon by 1st Oct. FW does not know what this secret weapon was supposed to be.NON GERMANS: 3rd Co had about $\frac{1}{2}$ non Germans.

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EXTRACT OF IPW REPORT 517 RCT

The following is a report of Prisoner taken during period ending 13-1200A.

NAME: FAUST, Alfons.
 RANK: Oberfähnrich (OGS graduate awaiting commission.)
 LENGTH OF SERVICE: 5 years.
 PW'S UNIT: 3rd Co., 107 Regiment, 34 Division.
 UNIT STRENGTH: 70 to 70 men.
 UNIT ARMAMENT: 10 to 15 LMG'S; one 5 cm Mortar.
 LOCATION OF UNIT: CIME DU SIMON (70.2-04.2).
 DEFENSES: Company dug in using foxholes and pillboxes for shelter.
 OTHER UNITS: 7th Co. on right flank vicinity LA CIME (70.9-05.8).
 2nd Co. on left flank vicinity (70.2-03.6).
 MISSION: PW was platoon leader. His platoon occupied defensive positions on LA CIME. PW quotes company C.O. as saying that considerable reconnaissance activity would be demanded of 3rd Co. in near future.
 LOCATION CP'S: PW arrived this sector two days ago from hospital in Germany. He reported at Division CP, 34 Division, and was assigned platoon in 3rd Co., 107 Regiment. CP 34 Division: Saerge (833097) in mansion on west side of road approximately 400 meters North of Saerge. CP, 107 Regiment: Breil in house at (798045) 1st Bn. CP: St. Vincent (715999) also in house.
 APO: 1st Battalion, 107 Regiment is 09020.
 PERSONALITIES: C.O. 3rd Company: 1st Lt WERNER. Bn. C.O. ZUNKE, Captain.
 MISCELLANEOUS: PW, a German, deserted last night because of very strong Anti-Nazi beliefs. He had just come from Germany and states that people believe only a miracle can produce a German victory. PW gave extensive description of havoc wrought in German cities by Allied bombings.
 FUTURE AIMS: 34 Division expects to hold sector until such time as Allied advance up Italian peninsula makes their present positions untenable. Extensive demolitions have been prepared to cover withdrawal from this area.

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IPW REPORT

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In the field
171200A Oct 1944

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HRS PERIOD ENDING 1200A HRS 16 Oct 44

34th Division
80th Regt
2nd Co

NUMBER OF PW'S
1

TOTAL PW'S:

1

NAME: ENGELBRECHT, EMIL GEFREITER DESERTER.
UNIT: 2nd Co, 80th Regt, 34th Div.
CAPTURED BY: Deserted to FSSF 1700A 16 Oct 1944.
UNIT STRENGTH: 100 men (Including Supply Trains).
UNIT WEAPONS: 6 LMG'S, 2 HMG's (attached from 4th Co), one 50mm Mortar, two 80mm Mortars.
UNIT LOCATION: 2nd Co located in Fort CASTILLON (74.7-93.5).
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 2nd Co has 3 platoons, 3 squads per platoon.
OTHER UNITS: 1st Co is South of 2nd Co; CP of 80th Regt. located in BREIL; CP of 1st Bn. located vic (76.5-93.2).
DEFENSES: Fort CASTILLON has 3 observation towers and 3 bunkers. One bunker has two 80mm Mortars and one 50mm Mortar. The other 2 bunkers have 3 LMG's and one HMG each. PW states that approaches to Fort are mined but he does not know the location of mine fields. Bunkers are built of steel and cement with walls approximately 1 1/2 meters thick.
SUPPLIES: Food and munitions were sufficient. Re-supply was irregular and supplies arrived during night. Supplies came from BREIL. Bn. and Co. supply trains located in BREIL.
INTENTIONS: Mission of 2nd Co was to hold present position.
ARTILLERY: Arty of unknown quantity and calibre located on MT RAZET (76.0-94.5).
COMMUNICATION: Communications to and from Fort CASTILLON was by means of Radio.
MISCELLANEOUS: PW states that there is talk of a new secret weapon but nobody knows what this weapon is and how it is supposed to be used.

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IPW REPORT

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In the field
181200A Oct 1944

PW UNIT IDENTIFICATION FOR 24 HRS PERIOD ENDING 1800A HRS 17 Oct 44.

<u>34th Division</u>	
<u>34th Field Replacement Bn.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PW'S</u>
<u>2nd Co</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>TOTAL PW'S:</u>	<u>11</u>

NAME: SICKMANN, ATON, OBERGEFREITER
UNIT: 2nd Co, 34th Replacement Bn, 34th Division.
CAPTURED BY: PSSF, 0730A, 17 Oct 44.
UNIT STRENGTH: 70 men.
UNIT WEAPONS: 8 LMG's.
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 2nd Co had 3 platoons. 3 squads per platoon.
UNIT LOCATION: 2nd Co located in houses in vic (75.7-93.8).
 OP of 2nd Co. located in CASTILLON.
OTHER UNITS: 2nd Co, 80th Regt. north of 2nd Co., 34th Replacement Bn. 4th Co. of 34th Replacement Bn. was on south of 2nd Co., 34th Replacement Bn.
PERSONALITIES: CO 2nd Lt DEXHEIMER
 CO 34th Replacement Bn Captain FISCHER.

APC: 05555C.
SUPPLIES: Usually arrived at 9 - 10 o'clock in the evening.
 Supplies were brought from BREIL. 2nd Co and 34th Bn located in BREIL.
COMMUNICATIONS: Communications with other units was by means of messengers because American Arty had knocked out wire communication.
DEFENSES: PW's platoon did not occupy prepared defensive position.
CASUALTIES: 2nd Co had approx 10 casualties through American Arty.
INTENTIONS: To hold present positions.
MISCL: PW states that they had heard of a new secret weapon, but he does not know what this weapon is or when it will be employed. He states that they had received the same promise every month since the invasion of Southern France.

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IPW REPORT

NAME: FRITZEW MARTIN OBERONFREITER
UNIT: 14th Co., 107th Regt., 34th Division.
CAPTURED BY: Deserted to 509 CT, 0930 October 1944.
UNIT STRENGTH: 160 men.
UNIT WEAPON: 37mm AT guns.
UNIT ORGANIZATION: 14th Co had 4 platoons.
UNIT LOCATION: 3rd Platoon 14th Co is attached to 3th Company of 107th Regt. 3rd platoon located in vic GAISSSE DE TURINI (90.8-09.8). The other 3 platoons are located in BREIL.
CASUALTIES: 14th Co. had no casualties.
PERSONALITIES: CO 14th Co. 1st Lt FELDER
APO: 15821
COMMUNICATION: Communications to and from 3rd platoon by messenger.
DEFENSES: PW's platoon did not occupy Defensive position.
SUPPLY: PW states supplies of food and ammunition was sufficient. Received one hot meal per day.
MORALE: The morale of the men was good because there was little work and food was plentiful.
INTENTIONS: To hold present positions.
MISCELLANEOUS: PW heard that German troops in this area would retreat through SWITZERLAND whenever their positions along this front became untenable. PW heard that they were to receive a new secret weapon but nobody knows what kind of weapon it is and when it would be put in use.


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TAUCH: CO 5th Co
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NO. PW'S: 1 (Wounded and Evacuated through Medical channels).

UNIT: 5th Co, 80th Regt., 34th Division.

CAPTURED BY: "G" Co, 517th RCT.

UNIT LOCATION: 5th Co vic NW slope MT. BARBONNET vic (72.5-97.2).

MISSION: PW was part of 5-man patrol sent out at 0200A to locate our advanced positions vic TETE DE LAVINA. They contacted one of our outposts and upon drawing fire, scattered. Out of this patrol, 2 men remain unaccounted for; one captured, and two killed.

APC: 2nd Bn, 80th Regt, 00526.

PERSONALITIES: CO 5th Co, 1st Lt. GEIERSBACH.

MISCELLANEOUS: PW was OCS candidate on two month's probation in front line. He reported into this sector 5 days ago through 34th Div. CP between FONTANE and JAORGE. There he had a personal interview with General VON LIEB. He expressed his and his comrades belief in an ultimate German victory through the use of V-2. When asked about details, he knew nothing further.

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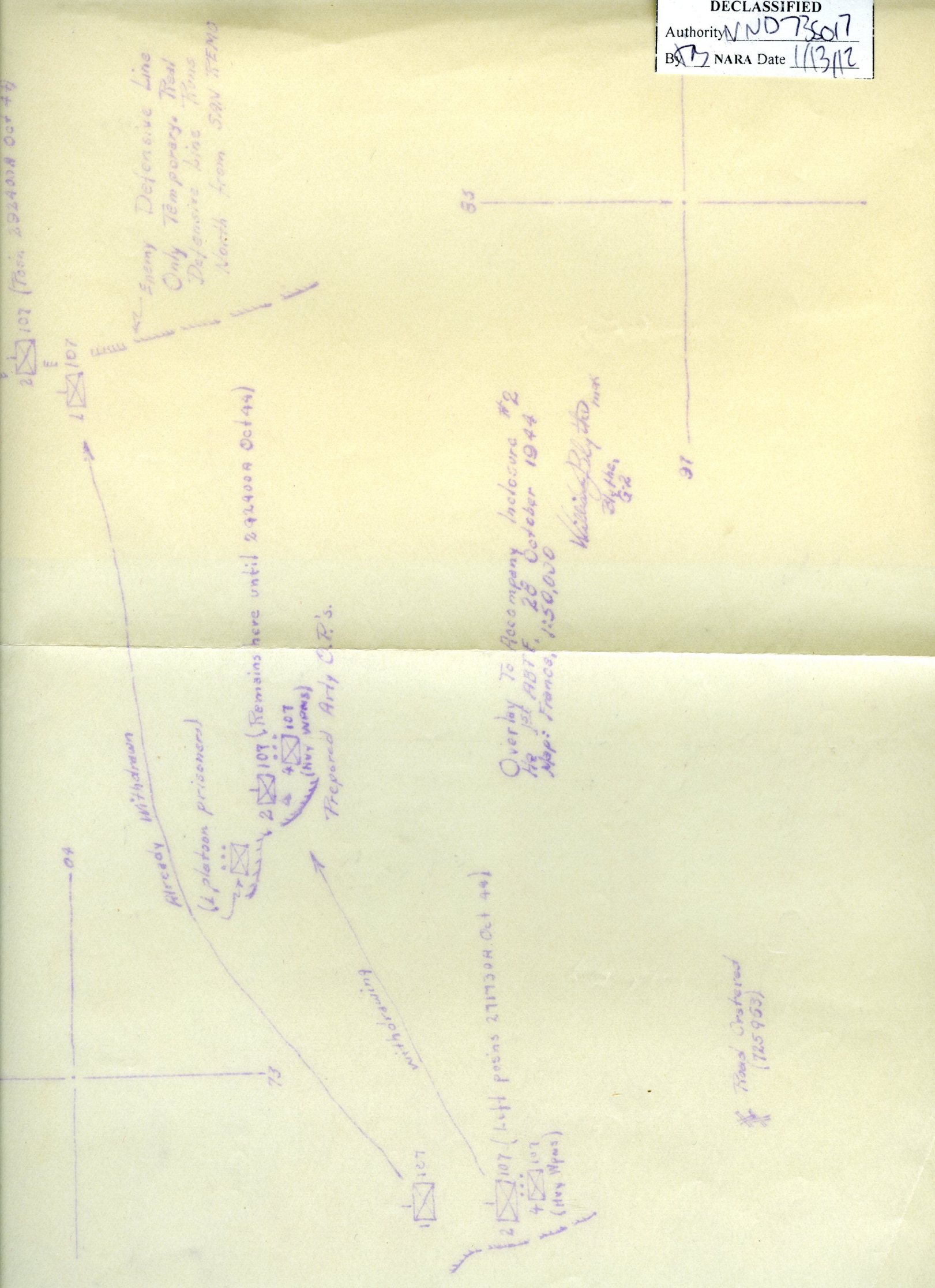
PERSONALITIES: New CO, 2nd Co, 1st Lt MUEHLER, B. CO Major HUNKL.
MISCELLANEOUS: P. is Alsatian who had volunteered for service with
French army in 39. He was demobilized after the Armistice and
thereupon conscripted into the German Army. He saw action with
34 Div on Eastern Front, was seriously wounded. He deserted his Co
last night, and escaped to our lines with 4 civilians. They brought
a message from Mayor of SOFEL, which reported the town had been
occupied by the Germans.

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1st Lt. Hirsch
Capt. Barclay

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292400A Oct 44



Enemy Defensive Line
Only Temporary. Real
Defensive line runs
North from SAN REMO

2 [Box] 107 (Remains here until 292400A Oct 44)

4 [Box] 107 (Not WPMs)

Prepared Arty C.R.'s.

Already Withdrawn
(4 platoon prisoners)

Overlay To Accompany Inclosure #2
HQ 1st ABTF, 28 October 1944
App: France, 1:50,000

Willing By the way
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2 [Box] 107 (Left posns 271730A Oct 44)

4 [Box] 107 (Not WPMs)

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