

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

BLACKSTONE IPW TEAM

4 July 1944
CARENTAN
1400

SUBJECT: Tactical Interrogation Report #1.

TO : G-2 Blackstone.

The following points of information were disclosed by three (3) PW's captured by Blackjack at approximately 0450:

1. Identification of PW:

Names; Paul Unger, (Cpl, Age:20)
Werner Ney, (Cpl, Age 21)
Toni Staal, (Pvt, Age 17)
Unit (all 3 PW's): 6th Co, 6th Para Rifle Regt.
FPN: L55096 C
Captured vic 321791.

2. Mission:

To defend ground S of marsh 3179.

3. Strength of unit:

PW's state strength of 6th Company app. 120 men.
One PW states strength of 6th Para Regt about 2500 (?).

4. Armament:

App. 25 LMG in 6th Company. PW states that 2 50mm-mortars and 2 81mm-mortars are roving vic 315785. No heavy weapons in company. PW states that no ~~HEAVY~~ heavy weapons in entire regiment, except one (1) AT-gun, caliber unknown, location app. 4 km (2 1/2 miles) rear of company line. PW states presence of one (1) 88mm gun, location unknown, belonging to Arty Regt, identification unknown.

5. Reserves:

PW states that 6th Para Regt, after heavy losses at CARENTAN, was replenished by members of parachute units from FRANCE and CASSINO. He further states that 6th Para Regt is again up to T/O strength (?).

6. Locations:

6th Co 315795 to 322791 on grounds South of marsh. (MLR)
PW gives location of 5th Co on his right flank, extending to CARENTAN-PERIERS road (?). 7th Co on his left flank, further location unknown.

7. Personalities:

CO, 6th Para Rifle Regt Major Von Der Heydte
CO, 6th Co, T/Sgt Trimborn. (Comm. Off in company killed or missing. Lt Franklaus, Lt Thym.)

8. Miscellaneous:

- a. 6th Para Rifle Regt is an independent unit; it was moved from WAHN (Rhineland) to CARENTAN and arrived there 6 June 1944.
- b. 1 PW formerly belonged to Panzer Bn 100 . His squad was left behind when Bn retreated from BAUPTÉ 3185 and made their way to 6th Para Regt.
- c. One (1) PW states that he saw members of the Waffen SS, organization unknown, at the delousing station 2 miles behind his lines last week.
- d. All PW's state that food has been excellent: plenty of butter and meat. Milk was taken from French civilians who were friendly to German troops.

9. Morale:

Very high.

10. Rumors:

500 heavy tanks coming up for reinforcements. Rumble of tanks on highways was heard. Presence of rocket guns 4 km (2½ miles) behind front lines which have not been used because of hazard to own troops.

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