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To PWD  
From 281200 Oct 44  
29 Oct. 44 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Special Interrogation Report # 17

TO : Asst G. of S. G-2 - Iceberg

UNIT	NO OF PWs	FPB
361 Volks Gr. Div 953 Volks Gr. Regt 3 Co	1	

Personalities: Div. CO- Col PHILIPPE  
Regtl CO- Lt. Col STEINHAUSER  
I Bn CO- Capt ZYBON

Note: PW, escapee 3 Co CO- Lt. BASTIAN Force Field Div, 18th Arty

History: Div was activated beginning of Oct 44 near Cologne, re constituted by 50% veterans and discharged army personnel reinducted, the other 50% are young men of the Basic class 17 and 18 taken out of Hitler Youth and Arbeits-londienst. Div received further training in N HOLLAND, finally told had 8 weeks of training as unit. Regt left one HOLLAND middle of Oct, travelled 7-8 days by rail, de- of strained at DIEUZE on the 24 Oct. The Div is to re- vate place the 11 Pz Div in this sector, the 953 Volks Gr Regt Detachment replaced the 110 Pz Gr Regt. with another con-

Composition and Strength: Div consists of: 951, 952, 953 Volks Gr and Regts. Each Regt consists of 3 Bns of regular infantry composition and armament. The Co consists of 3 plat of each platoob in turn of 3 squads. The squad contains: headed by 1 MG by NPs night of 28 Oct.

3 Sub-machine guns  
PWs from 120 Automatic Rifles in captivity since the end of Sept, had Karabiner '98 in lower echelons until 28 Oct.  
The heavy weapon companies have SMGs and medium mortars.  
Co strength- 70 men (excl trains)

Location and disposition: Regt has I and II Bns on line between MOYONS and VIC sur SEILLE. I Bn CP located inside MOYONS.

Miscell: Morale in the outfit is low, the war weariness of the veterans in the units having infected the younger men. Food and supplies very poor. Length of travel from N HOLLAND due to constant exposure to Allied air force strafings. Train moved mostly during night only. PWs stated that officers had emphasized that they would be treated very badly by the Allies should they become PWs.

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UNIT	NO OF PWs		FPN
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110th Regt, 7th Co	2	0	
Escaped PW	1		
TOTAL NO OF PWs	3		

Note: PW, escapee, was from 18th Air Force Field Div, 18th Arty Regt, 3rd Bn, Hq Btry. Name, Cpl PAUL MICHALKE, ASN, 1770. He was captured 29 Aug on road between AZEVILLE(?) and AVERS(?) was evacuated to a cage 60 km behind CHARTRES. Reason for escape: Lack of food; PW went without food for long periods of time, once for 48 hours and once for 62; finally the PWs were given German rations consisting of one can of meat (1 kilo) for 3 men ~~xxxxxx~~, and 2 pieces of Knaeckebrod each per day. PW complained of lack of water for washing, and of lack of work.

Details of escape: On 5 Oct, PW escaped with another companion by slipping through the barbed wire, and without aid of map or compass, headed East, traveling only by night. The companion was caught by the French 10 km E of CHARTRES on 7 Oct, and the PW in question was apprehended by Lucky MPs night of 28 Oct.

PWs from 110th Regt have been in captivity since the end of Sept, had been retained in lower echelons until 28 Oct.

Location and situation: Regt was I and II Bns on line between ... and ... I Bn CP located inside MOYONS.

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roves, 58,000 coils of barbed wire, 90,000 tons of cement and 500,000 drawing instruments.

pany nance Battalion, reconditioned 17 armored vehicles.

warning drivers to caution.

# Act Draws Fire—Mortars Applaud

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

## IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE WITH THE 4th INF. DIV.—You

found out later that the act always draws fire. But now as they rigged the loud speaker that was in a square steel box on a tall-stemmed tripod they were boasting the way actors do before they go on. They let you know they were good at what they did and they didn't want you to miss the punch lines.

The loud speaker was set up on the shell-mutilated fringe of a wood less than a thousand yards away from where the enemy hid in the pillboxes along the ridge across the shallow valley.

The men of the company came out of their noles that are now log-covered ponds in the forest after five weeks of rain. They watched Pvt. Paul Eisler, who clerked in a

San Francisco bank before he escaped from Vienna five years ago, and Pvt. Charles Leveille, a bantering middle-aged truckman from Manchester, N.H., get ready for the curious soliloquy in the forest.

### Clamps Microphone

Eisler, a sarcastic and cynical man with a lot of pride in what he does, clamped a lip microphone on his long baggy-eyed face. Leveille set the dials. The generator throbbled gently the way a dog's insides do when it is contented. For a while it was the only sound in the oddly quiet wilderness.

The steel voice that had no human quality told the Germans now they could surrender. It roared the language of the Germans with a solemn and deliberate cadence and the birds flew out of the trees the way they do when a shell goes over.

"Mortars," the infantry sergeant said as the first one came. The mud-filthy black-bearded line soldiers ducked back into the foxholes and they counted eight rounds.

But the monstrous steel voice never faltered in its recitation. Eisler crouched when the first one came but there was no cover for him or for Leveille.

"It was a very successful broadcast," Eisler said later.

"How do you know?" a soldier asked.

"If they hadn't heard me they wouldn't have shot at me. If they don't shoot, I am very disappointed."

The soldier said he knew a lot of actors. But Eisler is the first one who ever demanded that his audience shoot at him.

"Mortars are my applause," Eisler said.

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ing they up—dozers and fighting another battle, one that's still going on—the battle against the mud.

## Frontline Flashes

"Practice makes perfect" seems to be a Jerry saying too, as S-Sgt. Sebastian Licato discovered while searching a house for Krauts. Detecting voices from the cellar, the dough, who is with the 90th Division's 358th Infantry, listened closely and heard two Germans studying what was apparently their first lesson in English. Licato gave them a chance to try out their lesson on him, and then marched them to the PW cage. They had been practicing how to say, "I surrender." Thoughtful Krauts.

### Animal Prisoners Pose Problem

Whether animals can be taken prisoner was faced S-Sgt. Garrison Haven

are usually members of German counter-patrols found in the shadows of trees and houses. Two German SS troops, responding to leaflets we dropped telling them to come on over and surrender, were sore as hell when they had to swim the river in order to give themselves up. "We thought you'd at least have a bridge or a boat for us," they complained, "and not only that, but somebody took a shot at us." Last night Lt. Roy Mulcahey, Hoboken, N. J., was standing on a log in the middle of the stream trying to get the

## THE ENEMY

### "Please Refrain. . . ."

Nazi field commanders, trying to hold waverers in line, were patently annoyed at the "safe-conduct" passes dropped by Allied planes on German positions, which as a rule promise the bearer unmolested passage through the lines and decent treatment in captivity. Recently the night-flying *Luftwaffe* has been dropping on Allied positions the German retort, a mock pass which reads:

"The German soldier who carries this safe conduct is using it as a sign of his genuine wish to go into captivity for the next ten years, to betray his fatherland, to return home a broken old man and very probably never to see his parents, wife and children again.

"Signed. . . . Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander Military [sic] Expeditionary Forces."

On the reverse side: "We are returning your age-old dodge. . . . It was highly amusing. . . . But please refrain from molesting us further. . . ."

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