To : Bde H.Q.

From : Sgt R. Leruth

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4 Apr 45

Interrogation of P.O.W. at 2100 hrs.

7 German Prisoners captured round the railway bridge.

1 Cpl, 1L/Cpl and 5 Ptes

Unit: 46 th M.GM Fortress Bn (M.G. Festung Bat. 46)

4 th Coy, 1 st Platoon. This unit is in the Arnhem area since September 44. On their left flank we have the SS Freiwillige Brigade Ndl (Dutch SS Volunteer Bde). The boundary between the two units is the railway bridge. On the right bank of the Rhine the enemy has a SS Bn + 3 Coys from the 46 th M;G. Fortress Bn. The probable position of the German Arty is in a hill behind the area OOSTERBEEK-ARNHEM. 3 btys of 3 guns each, a total of 9 guns. Caliber 15cm The Bn H.Q. of 46 th Fest. Bn is in Arnhem on the left side of the bridge

The Fallschirm Jäger Regt 22 was in the area a month ago and has left thi sector for an unknown destination.

One of the P.O.W. belonged to the 76 th Fortress Bn coming from the Hamburg region. Another Jerry originally of the 37 inf Bn was attached to the 46 Fest. Bn.

Mines: are reported on the Rd DRIEL+RAILWAY BRIDGE and along the DIKE. NO MINES ON THE Rd DRIEL-ferry wharf.

Sketch of the enemy minefields.

BC=66 or 77 yds

AB=385 yds

OPQ= NO MINES according to infmn gigg. by P.O.W.

RAILWAY.

MAP A. 706- 762)

RIGHT BANK FERRY-BOAT LEFT BANK DRIFL

Observations: the 4 th Coy received two orders.

1. When enemy in sight, retreat.

2. and fire very pistol

This second order was shouted to them from the other side of the Rhine. The 1 st Pl of the 4 th Coy stayed in their position and didn't retreat because they had no written orde; The name of the 4 th Coy Comd is Hauptmann Burmeister (Cpt) On the right side of the bridge (706 762) a wall 4.5 OR 5.5 Yds in breadth and 9 yds high has been built. Armament of the 1 st Pl of the 4 th Coy:

> 1 M.G. 42 4 RIFLES 12 Grenades 2 Revolvers Bazookas.

8 days ago the 4 th Coy of the 46 th M.G2+Fortress Bn was : DRIEL, then moved Eastward. Moral of The enemy : not to good The 1 st Pl of the 4 th Coy is also named Brink Pl Some of the P.O.W. fought in Russia.

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## Interrogation of two Dutch Civilians on 13 Apr 45.

Names: Willem Zwaan

Antonius Bernadus Huiskes

Addresses: P/A M. LETHER KRUISVELD

P/A Jansen Zweekhorst Zevenaar

ANGERLO

Painter

Trade : Carpenter

These two civilians are now in Zevenaar, JUVENAAT where Cdt Henke is taking care of them.

## Information about the enemy.

. The German tps seem to concentrated under the woods (ONZALIGE BOSCH, DEELER WODD and IMBOSCH where three gps of vehicles were noticed) and in field between DEELER WOUD and IMBOSCH along the road four A/TK guns, believed to be 88 mm(?). Enemy tanks in the Appeldoorn area. Mines have been land layed on both slopes of the dike (860 808), wood mines and between the lock and DE STEEGH metal mines are reported. Road blocks, blown down trees, on the MIDDAG der ALLEE (860 823) and the Steam Tram track running from RHEDEN to Velp. AT the pt 740850 De SCHAARSBERGEN the two civilians were blind folded and ran for about twenty minutes. In the factory 875 788 mines are reported and approximately 40 germans are defending it. The bridge 859 790 has been blown up. The Ortskommandantur in DE STEEGH have left the village.

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