

II Information. - *Trip to MANNHEIM*

a. Saw fortification being built 1 km west EINSIEDLERHOF (Q9593) A/T ditch, dragon's teeth.

b. At station at EINSIEDLERHOF he saw ammo being loaded into a train. Ammo was brought from a wood south of station. In  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour he saw 8 to 10 trucks coming out of woods to station loaded with ammo. A non-com in charge of loading told him place had been bombarded several times, but only the station, not the ammo dump. Dump is (Q943908) according to non-com. It is built into hillside and is just south of crossroad.

c. All trains crowded, mostly stragglers, few civilians - no Volkstrum.

d. In MANNHEIM 776th Landes-schuetzen Battalion, 1st Company in MANNHEIM, 2nd Company in MANZ, 3rd and 4th Companies in BINGEN on RHINE. He heard this from an armorer for the 776th and also from 2 other people. The equipment of the 776th: 1st Company has from 100 to 130 men and 1 MG. The CP of the 776th is located at the Volksschule at the corner of Wasserturm and Rosengarten Strasse. (C-3)

e. Signals platoon of the 42nd Infantry Regiment in MANNHEIM as of 15th Feb (C-3).

f. Agent saw Signal Company of Luftwaffe at old airport in MANNHEIM.

g. At KAISERWILHELM barracks is an Schwere Artillerie Ersatz Abestellung, 69 - 1st Company.

h. On 16th between 0500 - 0600 he saw 2 ammo trains that went toward HALLE fully loaded.

i. He saw a troop transport and 2 ammo trains of 26-28 cars fully loaded left for HALLE on 16th at 0600 hours. They came from DARMSTADT according to station master.

j. Station master at MANNHEIM said in transporting troops, units, even corp, are split up and spread out into various trains. Every transport train is guarded by troops and carries 1 quadruple 20 mm gun just behind engine and 3 or 4 cars behind that 1 20 mm solo flak and in middle of train another 20 mm quadruple gun. On last car another Solo Flak. The same is true of all trains except regular passenger trains. This agent observed himself, on several occasions, and heard from many people.

k. The Volkstrum in MANNHEIM not armed yet - used for digging.

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1. In MANNHEIM no tanks, no Strumgeschuetz, only Klak.  
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- m. All RR traffic ~~XXXXXX~~ MANNHEIM and goes through FRIEDRE-CHSFELD (M6194).
- n. No traffic on Rhine River because river has been mined. Only shipping left tank is on NECKAR and the Rhine Barges are being unloaded and goods put on NECKAR barges.
- o. Loaded train reported above came from DARMSTADT. Agent knows of dump located between EBERSTADT and SEEHEIM at (M6634) at the northern point of the triangle formed by RR and the EBERSTADT SEEHEIM road. It's an ammo dump where is ammo for Howitzers and cannon, rifle, MG., Panzer Faust, Hand Grenades. (Info is from a man who talked to workers). Agent does not know how large dump is.
- p. Agent saw no signs of units from COLMAR pocket in MANNHEIM.

### III Information 18 February 1945.

- a. German experiment to discover means of protecting armor from Panzerfaust discovered that about 3 cm of concrete covering a net is sufficient protection.
- b. Trains crowded with Volkstrum and troops coming from hospital.
- c. Saw nothing at FRANKENSTEIN - perhaps because it was dark. Heard nothing.
- d. The only troops in HOCHSPEYER 30-40 SS FELDGENDARMERIE.
- e. Two out of 4 barracks on route to the side of road half way between HOCHSPEYER and KAISERSLAUTERN have been destroyed by bombing, about (R0792) - other barracks occupied by Volkstrum and troops coming from hospital.
- f. Traffic on road between HOCHSPEYER and KAISERSLAUTERN from 12 or to 1600. Agent saw about 25 vehicles in both directions, of these, 5 or 6 were military vehicles.
- g. Frontleitstelle in KAISERSLAUTERN is located at HILDEGARDE ~~KAISERSLAUTERN~~ ~~KKXSEKNE~~ KASERNE and they cook for an average of 180 men.
- h. No stationary troops in KAISERSLAUTERN - No motor vehicles about 20 - 25 horse drawn vehicles. All troops are transient.
- i. From KAISERSLAUTERN to SAARBRUCKEN volkstrum has been drafted but not armed.

IV Information 19 February 1945.

- a. Saw only one tank in KAISERSLAUTERN - a mark IV under a bridge.
- b. No traffic from EINSIEDERHOF dump which was reported above.
- c. On road between KAISERSLAUTERN and SAARBRUCKEN, earth and log road blocks every  $1\frac{1}{2}$  kms.
- d. KAISERSLAUTERN and LANDSTUHL, saw no tracked vehicular traffic.
- e. From KAISERSLAUTERN to St INGBERT hard surfaced road. From St INGBERT to SAARBRUCKEN, hard surfaced road in poor condition.

V Information 20 February 1944.

- a. At NEUNKIRCHEN, much traffic, personnel carriers, military automobile, civilian cars, stragglers and casualties.

ALL THRU TRIP, NO LARGE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS - ALL MOVEMENTS WERE STRAGGLERS, HOSPITAL CONVALESCENTS ETC.

- b. Russian prisoners are in a camp - possibly 400 men - in barracks at (Q5885) in the wood between SCHUFFWEILER and NEUNKIRCHEN
- c. In LANDSWEILER (Q5684) - is a tank repair depot at (Q565850) on north east side of RR crossing from NEUNKIRCHEN. There was a number of tanks - he saw 3: 1 Mk IV, 1 Mk V and 1 King Tiger.
- d. Agent talked to tank mechanic in his shop. Man said Bären Tank Division had been expected at LANDWEILER by the 21st but had not arrived as of that date. These tanks were a new King Tiger which belonged to the Bären Division. There were 19 other tanks of various sizes, mostly Mk IV's. The mechanic's stated he thought tanks being repaired would be assigned for the Bären Div. upon arrival. Mechanic thought Bären Div. would have it's CP at LANDWEILER and would be committed by 28 Feb. CG of this Div. is supposed to hold RITTER KREUZ of the Iron Cross. Name unknown.
- e. This tank repair shop is a collection of 3 buildings (see attached sketch) A LARGE installation (Q563850).
- f. Agent saw flashes and heard sound of 150 mm howitzer from area between bicycle race course SW of SAARBRUCKEN between approximately 4370 and the FORBACH Road. Agent saw no troops and no GUYS west of race course.
- g. Night of 22nd between 1800 and 2000 hours, all troops SCHOENECK (Q410695) and ZIEGELHOF (Q4070) except MP's were moved back to SAARBRUCKEN. Agent observed LFH and 1 ammo train supposedly of the 880 (PAK)? Bn.

h. Radio station at SCHOENECK in the water tower. There is an observer in the tower (Q413692).

1. RR viaduct (Q437780) whose arch is heavily mined and guarded.

1. Road running parallel and south of the Sarte & F of RRTK3 at approximately (Q437709) is barricaded and blocked by barbed wire and a stone wall about 1 1/2 yds high and about 4-5 yds wide.

k. On 22nd at 2030 hours, CP of troops in FORBACH was at (Q402673).

1. At (Q385706) is CP of 860 Gren. Regt., Col Cmdg is in same building.