

Trapped Marine Tank Battalion Kill 62 Saipan Japanese

United Press War Correspondent CHARON KANO, Saipan, June 27—(Delayed)—Six marine crewmen of amphibian tank No. 4, trapped in a trench behind Charan Kano and surrounded by swarms of Japanese, opened fire with rifles, carbines and a machine gun and killed 62 of the enemy.

Number 4 didn't do much damage D-Day on Saipan but after it bogged down in the trench and the command passed to a corporal from Connecticut it really raised hell.

The lieutenant commanding amphibian No. 4 hopped out to try to extricate it and almost immediately was killed. This left marine Corp. Paul A. Durand, Putnam, Conn., in command. Through the slits in the turret, Durand and his five crewmen could see Japs all around.

Private Open Fire
Leroy J. Clobes, an ammunition passer and private from China, Ill., opened the turret hatch and shoved a .30 caliber machine gun out of it. He opened fire and destroyed exactly 30 Japanese with what Durand casually described as a "spraying motion."

The tank driver, Pvt. Sylvester A. Balsano, Murfreesboro, Tenn., picked off four more Nips with his carbine—a feat duplicated a few minutes later by Pfc. Glenville Barriger, Indianapolis, also an ammunition passer. Barriger fired from the turret.

Pvt. Robert M. Adair, Loganport, Ind., pushed his Garand through

another slit and shot a Jap sneaking up with a magnetic mine. By this time Durand was eager to supplement the responsibilities of command with a little action.

Heavy Weapons Used
He spotted a straw house nearby and blazed away with the tank's heavier weapons. He counted 15 Japanese bodies in what was left of the burning straw and later he got eight more with another blast.

Number 4's crew couldn't see any more Japanese, but in a few minutes marine infantrymen began sitting by. One of them was badly hit a few feet from the tank and Pfc. John F. Smith, Jr., Freeport, La., the communications man, crawled through a hatch and carried the man to the beach.

Durand, ruefully deciding No. 4's usefulness was about over, led his crew over the side and they dodged through a rain of Jap mortar shells to the shore.

The 62 dead Japs have been buried and tank No. 4 was snaked out of the trap and hauled away for salvage. Durand is waiting for delivery of a shiny new amphibian and a spot promotion to sergeant which will give him full command of it.

Complete Jap Regiment Fights with Italy Yanks

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy — (AP) — A complete Japanese-American regiment is in the front lines fighting with the Fifth army in the drive toward Pisa and Livorno (Leghorn).

In the line on equal footing with their white comrades on their right and left flanks, the Japanese-Americans are winning the complete confidence of other American troops who praise their fighting qualities and, at the same time, emphasize that the Japanese-Americans do not show any of the ferocity demonstrated by native Japanese in the Pacific.

Many of their officers also are Japanese-Americans.

One of the pet hates of the Japanese-Americans is the army's canned food.

"I've seen them go into battles with live chickens slung on their backs," one officer said.

Hundreds of Marked Salmon Recovered

ASTORIA, Ore.—(AP)—Increased marking experiments have resulted in the recovery of between 700 and 800 marked Columbia river salmon since June 12, Floyd G. Bryant, aquatic biologist of the U. S. fish and wildlife service, announced here.

The number is more than half the yearly recovered on the Columbia. About 90 per cent of the recovered fish are blue-backs and chinooks, part of the Grand Coulee salvage program.

Most of the marked fish are recovered by fish receivers and butchers at canneries. Bryant pays a 50-cent reward for each fish with two marked fins and identifies the fish.

Traffic Conference Scheduled July 27

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12—(AP)—Final plans are under way by the Portland traffic safety commission for an Oregon traffic conference to be held here July 27.

Speakers due at the session include Norman Damon, automotive safety foundation, Washington, D. C.; Harvey D. Booth of the national safety council; James P. Economos of the American junior bar conference, and Earl F. Campbell, western regional director of the national safety council.

Portland City Commissioner William A. Bowes will preside during the morning meeting, and Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin, during the afternoon.

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What Goes on at The Statehouse

(EDITOR'S NOTE—This is one of a series of articles discussing the measures which will appear on the Oregon state ballot in the November general election.)

By ERIC W. ALLEN, JR.
SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—A petition filed shortly after the legislature adjourned last year refers a law passed by that body to the vote of the people on the November ballot.

The legislative measure provides that all wines and other beverages, containing more than 14 per cent by volume of alcohol, shall be sold only by state liquor stores, which are operated by the state liquor control commission.

Only exception to this would be wines sold for sacramental purposes and those sold for export from the state. The referendum petition was sponsored by the wine council of Oregon. The measure is known as the Burke bill.

Another of the measures to be placed on the ballot is a brief constitutional amendment, which changes section 3, article II of the state constitution. It provides that persons convicted of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary may vote if so provided by law.

The constitution has held heretofore that no person convicted of a felony could vote.

The pertinent language of the amendment is: The privilege of an elector, upon conviction of any crime which is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, shall be forfeited, unless otherwise provided by law.

The "unless otherwise provided by law" is the effective proposed change.

Still another constitutional amendment, referred to the people of the state by the legislature, is one in which it is made possible, for the counties of the state to elect or appoint a county manager, in a system similar to the city manager system now being used by several cities of the state.

All county offices, whether provided for by the constitution or otherwise by law, could be abolished and their powers and duties vested in an elective commission. This, however, would be entirely up to the electors of the county, and is in no way mandatory upon the counties.

Economic Collapse Of Germany Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—The defeat of Germany is a "substantial certainty" in 1945 if not in 1944, the foreign economic administration said here in an analysis revealing that Nazi war production is confronted with a crisis that in a few months will reach a nearly hopeless position.

A summary of the German war economy prepared by Director William T. Stone of the FEA's special areas branch and based on information from allied military leaders, said:

"Germany today lacks the economic foundations necessary to meet the full scale of attack on the eastern, southern and western fronts. In spite of prodigious and partially successful efforts to increase war production, the combination of blockade, the bomber offensive, continuing fighting in the Mediterranean and on the Russian front, have left the Germans with a total supply of munitions today which must decline progressively in the coming months."

The report, however, warned against selling the German army short, saying that it is "in absolute terms, as formidable as ever."

"The factors that have held down German strength have only held it down," it said. "They have not yet cut it down and beaten it; only the all-around attacks which have now started can do that."

It also cautioned against disregarding German capacity for inventing and producing new weapons such as the robot bomb.

San Francisco Spud Shipments Hit High

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Charles W. Smith, of the war food administration has announced that potato rail shipments out of Kern county have set an all time high this year with 24,686 cars, nearly a billion pounds, going to eastern markets as of July 8.

"This factually refutes the recent public statement that intimated the government was 'dumping' a large part of the crop of 'choice' potatoes for cattle feed," Smith said.

Rail shipments this year are 5,800 cars greater than at the same time last year, Smith said. Carload shipments by truck to local western markets amounted to 3,544 cars this year.

The potato supply will be adequate to fulfill both civilian and military demands this year, Smith added.

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Cherbourg Port Soon To Be In Service

By EDWARD V. ROBERTS
ADVANCED ALLIED COMMAND POST — (AP)—Cherbourg harbor, blasted, mined and booby-trapped by the Germans before their surrender of the port city, will be put into service by the allies at an early date, a high naval source said here.

Repair of the port is proceeding under the direction of Comdr. William A. Sullivan, outstanding salvage expert of the American navy. It was he who put Bizerte and Naples into service and thus made a big contribution to the allied war effort in the Mediterranean.

The Cherbourg project is almost 100 per cent American, the naval informant said, though Great Britain is contributing some salvage gear.

"The port will be open for LSTS (landing ships—tanks) and so forth shortly," the informant said. "Other craft will be able to use it as soon as cleaning up is completed."

German engineers showed ingenuity in placing their mines and booby traps so as to hamper allied operations, the informant said, and had sunk between 40 and 50 ships in the harbor.

However, he added, American cleaning up units had foreseen the size of their job and had taken with them almost every piece of equipment necessary.

Revealing further details of the great storm which hit the English channel two weeks after D-day, the naval informant pointed out that had it come at the start of the offensive it might have brought disaster to the allied forces.

Many Thames barges, equipped with motors, were taking supplies to the beaches to aid in unloading when the four-day storm broke, and some of the barges were lost. It was a high tide period and some craft being used in operations were carried so high on the beaches that refloating was a problem. Repair of essential craft damaged in the storm is proceeding rapidly, the informant said.

Labor, Negroes Have Common Foes, CIO Told

CHICAGO (AP)—The Negro and organized labor share the same common enemies, James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, said here, and urged Negroes to combine their ballots with those of progressive labor voters to defeat the foes of both.

"It is not difficult to see that the same congressmen who hate labor hate the Negro," he told a wartime conference of the National Association of Colored People. "The same congressmen who fight progressive legislation for labor fight progressive legislation for the Negro. The same congressmen who oppose the establishment of a permanent fair employment practices commission oppose such legislation as the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security extension act."

Carey said the direction of world events is at stake in the November elections.

New Wheat Loan Schedule Announced

CORVALLIS (AP)—A revised wheat loan schedule prepared following the increase of 7 cents per bushel in rates announced by the Community Credit corporation last week has been sent by the state AAA office here to all county offices.

The change in rates brought the loan figure to 90 per cent of parity instead of the previous 85 per cent. Officials here stated.

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