

HANDFUL YANKS KILL 100 NAZIS IN 7 HOUR FIGHT

'Terrible 20' Slaughter Germans in Attack at Tillet, One American Killed.

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With the 87th Division, Belgium, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Mild, pint-size 2nd Lt. Glenn J. Doman and his "Terrible 20" laughed and killed for seven hours in the town of Tillet, and at the end the score was 100 dead Germans against a loss of one dead and one wounded.

Their story can be told now with official disclosure that the 87th division has been fighting in the battle of the Ardennes.

Doman, a former physical therapy student at the University of Pennsylvania, was a regimental supply officer until January 6 when his request for combat duty was granted.

Platoon Commander
He was made commander of the first platoon of K company. He found combat the same day.

Shortly before midnight he and Staff Sgt. James Deal of California and Radioman Pfc. Warren Horton of Madison, Kans., left their foxholes 400 yards from Tillet, 10 miles west of Bastogne, to see what was in the town.

They entered the first house and found it empty, but heard Germans in the house across the street and withdrew. With a

seven man patrol Doman returned and snatched a strapping panzer grenadier from the house of Germans. From the prisoner they learned the enemy had five machine guns and 100 men in the town with a reserve of five tanks in a nearby woods.

Battle Joined
The "Terrible 20" attacked at 4:30 a. m. and the seven hour battle began.

Doman and a small group of men took a position in the first house while the others surrounded the Germans in the house across the street. With Germans firing from every window of the second house, the doughboys crept to windows under fire and hurled in phosphorous bombs and grenades.

Pfc. Walter Mudden of Detroit held a grenade in each hand toward Tech. Sgt. Donald A. Corbin of Zanesville, O., and said:

"Pull the pins for me so I can throw them both."

Then he crept closer and planted both in an upstairs window, drawing a medley of screams from the Germans.

Machine gun fire between the two houses cut off Doman's group from the fighting.

Captor Shot
A German officer slipped be-

Armor Moves Against Luzon Japs



This American armored column moving against Luzon Japs halts on smooth highway until advancing infantrymen had gone forward to knock out Jap artillery. Paved roads and open country will enable Yanks to employ armored equipment on scale never before seen in Pacific, as they drive onwards to Manila. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

hind Corbin in the street, grabbed him around the neck, and demanded his surrender. Sgt. Emil J. Piger of Allentown, Pa., rescued Corbin by jamming a burp gun in the German's side and shooting him.

Doman and Horton went to an exposed position on the roof and began firing their only bazooka into the house across the street.

"They screamed each time we fired," Doman said, "and when they streamed out downstairs, my boys got 15 or 20 with tommyguns and bazookas."

About that time Doman saw 70 Germans approaching for a counterattack and he organized his "terrible 20" in the first house for a defense.

He called on the artillery for support until 105 millimeter shells with an 80-yard blast range were falling 50 yards away.

He kept up the spirit of his boys by loud chat on the radio back to the command post.

Seven Hour Fight
It was like that for almost seven hours as the boys laughed and killed Germans all around them. A German tank approached and began firing into the house.

With their ammunition practically exhausted the "Terrible 20" finally managed to withdraw, carrying their one wounded man.

When two other companies took Tillet the next day they found 80 German feet — the bodies were so torn up from grenades and bazooka fire they could not be counted—in the house across the street.

Thirteen bodies were found outside the house and about 50 bodies were found on various arcs fronting both houses.

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Commanders of two national veterans organizations today called for immediate enactment of legislation which would set up a compulsory peacetime military training program.

Commander Jean A. Brunner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars told the House committee on veterans legislation that enactment of a military training bill would enable the armed forces "to maintain adequate trained civilian reserves at all times and to meet any future threats from aggressor nations."

Commander Edward M. Scheiberling of the American Legion also said he would endorse such a measure. A military training bill, however, he pointed out, would come under the jurisdiction of the military affairs committee.

First Wave Weds
Northampton, Mass., Jan. 23—(U.P.)—The first girl in the nation to join the Waves was on her honeymoon today. Lt. (jg) Patricia C. Keegan of Waban, Mass., and Navy Lt. Ernest Delaney, former Duke University athlete, were married yesterday at San Pedro, Calif., according to word received here.

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OPENING OF CHINA SUPPLY ROUTE IS NEAR COMPLETION

Kandy, Ceylon, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—The campaign to reopen China's overland supply route from India over the Ledo-Burma road virtually was completed today as a Chinese expeditionary force and Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan's 1st Chinese army of Burma met in force for the first time at Muse near the China-Burma border.

At the same time, British invasion forces in southwest Burma moved against Japanese defenders on Ramree island, 65 southeast of Akyab and 250 miles from Rangoon, after a successful amphibious landing Sunday in a campaign to reclaim the Arakan coast line.

Wanting Last Base
Closing of the Burma road gap was reported by United Press War Correspondent Hugh R. Crumpler in a dispatch from Wanting, captured by the Chinese expeditionary force Saturday. Wanting was the last Japanese stronghold along the road.

Sultan's troops advanced 16 miles, clearing ridges dominating the road south of the Shweli river to reach Muse and link up with the expeditionary force, which had pushed south from Wanting to close a pincer on Japanese between the two armies.

The Japanese were caught between heavy artillery fire which set the jungle ablaze for three miles along the Burma road and were reported fleeing south.

Trucks and ambulances were using the captured road section east of Namkham and the first China-bound allied convoy, which has been waiting at Myitkynna, was expected to start moving soon.

Duce's Cohorts Placed on Trial
Rome, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—Eight former high Italian officials went on trial today on charges of being implicated in crimes committed by the fascist government under Benito Mussolini.

Seven other defendants, who either fled to north Italy or other countries, were being tried in absentia.

The eight who appeared in court when the trial, most spectacular ever held in Italy, began were:

Fulvio Suvich, one-time high-ranking diplomatic Francesco Jacomoni, former lieutenant general of Albania; Gen. Mario Roatta, formerly of military information service; and five other officers, Col. Santa Emanuele, Maj. Domenico Formica, Maj. Elio Ligas, Maj. Vincenzo Bertolino, and Capt. Manlio Petragliani.

RASS BOSE DIES
By United Press
Tokyo radio announced today the death of Rass Behari Bose, supreme adviser to the provisional government of the Japanese-sponsored "free India" movement. Bose, an anti-British agitator, was ejected from India after having been jailed a number of times and went to Germany where he broadcasted to India over Berlin radio.

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Nisei's House Set Afire



Sumio Doi, one of the first Japanese-Americans to return to the West Coast, points to charred side of his Newcastle, Calif., home, which unidentified persons attempted to set afire. Attempts were also made to dynamite the building and to intimidate him and his family with gunshots.

State Of Trade

Babson Says Buyers Are Getting Tired

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., Jan. 19—

(Special correspondence)—There has been a slump in many lines of business since January first. Retailers naturally expect a let-up in sales after Christmas; but their sales usually pick up again before this.

Steel Industry Steps Up Production
On the other hand, some basic industries are again speeding up. The steel industry has been increased to 500,000 tons per month; while the demand for plates, bars, etc. for heavy tanks is very great. Crude oil output is continuing to show an increase over the same period last year; it is producing the incredible amount of about 5,000,000 barrels per day! Paper products, which are in such great demand for packing ammunition for shipment, are being increased above previous requirements. Lumber products also are ahead of a year ago. Farmers received 10% more money for their crops in 1944 than in 1943 and 5% more for live stock and live stock products. Railroad gross earnings, however, which are the best barometer of general business, have ceased to increase; while electric production has begun to decline.

Various reasons are given for this slackening in general business. Some families have decided to buy no more cheap war goods; others are mixed up by the various changes in ration points; while many are thinking only of their boys abroad and have no heart to buy much; while everyone is getting tired. Certainly a cloud of some kind has shut the sunshine off Main street since the bad news came from France. However, it will be found that

this cloud has a silver lining. Farmers Looking Ahead For Slump
Recently several important addresses have been made to farm organizations. Farmers are being told by their friends that they must expect a severe slump in agricultural prices after the war. This fact is now "sinking in" and many farmers are rather solemn. Railroad labor, which has been riding high and handsome, is likewise realizing that railroad traffic will fall off terribly after the war. Most of the railroad employees, taken on during the past two years, will be then out of work.

Most postwar "new inventions" will be labor-saving in effect. They will result in fewer people being employed. Since the November election, even the government has had the courage to tell women workers that they will be laid off FIRST. Bankers and investors who have been counting on a big foreign postwar demand are realizing that this is possible only by loaning money to European governments.

Congressmen Becoming More Conservative
When congressmen were home for Christmas, they explained that most of our Allies are, more or less, communistic. These congressmen asked their constituents if the U. S. should loan these Allies money to start socialistic and nationally-owned industries? What has happened in Belgium, Greece and elsewhere is making many ask for what we are fighting.

People are beginning to wonder whether the talk by Churchill and Roosevelt demanding "unconditional surrender" is either Christian or wise? We are coming to realize that world

peace will exist only as every nation surrenders unconditionally to God, rather than to the British Empire or Mr. Stalin or even to us Americans.

Postwar National Income Overestimated
Talk about a postwar national income of \$160 billions continues. Such talk is crazy. With the inevitable postwar depression in agriculture, railroads, shipping, aviation, and all kinds of war work, there will be much unemployment. This can temporarily be relieved by more government borrowing and inflation, but would mean continued high taxes. SOME DAY TAXPAYERS WILL REBEL. The only permanent cure for unemployment is for most cities to throw out their present school boards and train children to work and think instead of play and complain.

Business in 1945 will not be up to 1944—probably off a little more than 10%. The stock market may suffer a "communist scare" sometime during 1945, but many selected stocks should ultimately sell at higher figures than now prevailing. Commodity prices will strengthen until Germany collapses. There will be many labor strikes as the "take home" pay declines; but hourly rates will hold up. Building prospects are especially bright. I am bullish on suburban real estate and small substantial farms—not big farms. We have much for which to be thankful, but from now on we should think soberly. If our losses in Europe will make us do so, they will be a blessing in disguise.

cal board, the retailers will be permitted adjustments on their ration inventories, according to L. L. Ternahan, executive secretary of the local board.

Since the point changes from time to time during the rationing of food have created inventory problems with retailers, this move is being made over the entire district in an effort to adjust the allowable point inventories. Ternahan states. For meats, fats and processed foods, adjustments up to 75 per cent of the allowable inventory of each retailer will be made. Ternahan stated, and in the case of sugar, the board is empowered to restore the full allowable inventory in some cases.



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