

CAPTURE OF IWO HILL TAKES TOLL OF 200 MARINES

Leathernecks Twice Forced Back From Key Point on Tiny Jap-Held Island.

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Iwo Jima, Feb. 28 — (U.P.)—Hill 382 is not large as hills go, but its capture cost 200 marines killed and wounded in a day and a half of fighting.

Twice the marines reached the summit of the hill, highest point in northern Iwo. Twice they were driven off. The third time up they stayed.

A platoon of Leathernecks from a company commanded by Capt. Stanley C. McDaniel, of Duncan, Okla., reached the summit the night before it finally was captured. They were cut off when fire in their rear became so heavy that supporting elements could not get through.

We put down a smoke screen to get the men out. Japanese fire was cutting them down mercilessly and 10 wounded had to be left behind.

Japs Infiltrate
The enemy infiltrated in small groups during the night. Capt. Donald S. Callahan, Springfield, Mo., commanded a company which lost 60 men and in return killed between 15 and 20 Japs, many of whom were wielding sabers.

"Some of them spoke English," Callahan said. "They jumped into empty foxholes around us and yelled. Their English was pretty phony and we spotted them."

The battalion that finally took Hill 382 was commanded by Maj. James L. Scales, Stoneville, N. C. His men first took the protecting ridge which literally was honeycombed with bunkers, pillboxes and caves running 50 feet into the earth. The terrain was craggy and treacherous. The Japanese had set up machine and anti-tank guns in every conceivable protected spot.

Tanks Useless
Our tanks could not operate on these rocky hillsides. On the



DEFEAT PERSONIFIED is written in the face of this weary wounded warrior of der fuhrer's army. American medic leads unhappy German, wounded at U. S. 1st Army fought for St. Vith, Belgium, to new quarters.

first attack, two of them struck mines and two others were knocked out by direct fire from anti-tank guns.

It was impossible to bring up flame throwers and demolition experts as our men had to cross a part of the airstrip which was covered by sweeping enemy fire.

Our planes and artillery blasted the hill for days but there is a limit to the damage that can be done to men and installations literally buried in the side of a hill.

We finally took Hill 382 the hard way by sending men in a frontal assault against the Japanese. Our men had to fight their way through terrain flanked by enemy guns. Our Bazookas proved to be an invaluable weapon. We fired them pointblank into enemy machine gun positions with devastating results. After 4½ hours, we captured the most expensive—but most valuable—hill on this island.

There are other hills on this island, just as heavily defended which must still be taken. The cost will be inevitably high.

Sentiment Grows For Stern Hand Over Hitlerites

New York, March 2 — (U.P.)—The American people favor sterner treatment for defeated Germany today than they did a year ago, according to a Fortune magazine survey. The survey was conducted by Elmo Roper before announcement of the Crimea conference decisions.

The survey disclosed that 93 per cent believe the Nazi party should be abolished as compared to 87.9 per cent in January, 1944. Roper said 84.7 per cent were in favor of complete demobilization and eternal military suppression of Germany, as compared to 77.2 per cent a year ago.

ELIZABETH GRANT
San Diego, Cal., March 2.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be conducted today for Mrs. Elizabeth Grant, 87, daughter-in-law of the famed civil war general and later President Ulysses S. Grant.

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Newburn Sentence Planned Saturday If Attorney Here

In the event Rep. Hilding Bengtson returns tomorrow from the legislature at Salem, Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna will pass sentence upon Woodrow Wilson Newburn, convicted of rape. Rep. Bengtson is attorney for Newburn, who has been in the county jail since his conviction last December.

After Newburn was convicted a date for sentencing was set, but Judge Hanna was stricken with the illness from which he is now convalescing. As trial judge, Judge Hanna is the only one who can impose sentence on Newburn under Oregon law. The Newburn case involved a minor girl.

Judge Hanna visited the courthouse yesterday and informed the district attorney he would occupy the bench to pass sentence.

What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

Girl Scout Troop 5
Traffic Officer Dick Baize spoke at the meeting of Girl

Scout Troop 5 at the Jackson school yesterday, his talk being in connection with public safety work of the troop. Eight of every 100 deaths in traffic accidents are due to jaywalking, Baize said, most of these occurring when persons emerge on a road from between parked cars. The officer stated that Girl Scouts may help cut accidents by learning traffic signals and obeying them, by crossing at intersections only and remaining on the curb until the traffic is clear.

Mrs. W. R. Finch, leader, Mrs. John Larwood, assistant, and all 12 members of the troop were present for the meeting.

The troop expressed its appreciation to Mr. Baize for his appearance at the meeting.

Justice Stone On Bench 20 Years

Washington, March 2—(U.P.)—Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone today completed his 20th year on the bench of the Supreme Court.

He is now two years past the retirement age of 70. Stone has said often that he will stick to his post as long as health permits. At present he looks in excellent trim and hasn't missed a session during the court's present term.

Park Service Buys Forest in Ranier

Washington, March 2—(U.P.)—The National Park Service has purchased 300 acres of forest land in Ranier National Park in Washington from the Northern Pacific Railway Co., Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today.

He signed a contract with C. E. Denney, president of the company.

Congress took no action on a bill introduced by Rep. John M. Coffee, D., Wash., last year to authorize the purchase. Ickes said, but "since the emergency was acute it was considered advisable to utilize a balance of funds available to the National Park Service."

Ashland Chamber Elects Directors

Ashland, March 2—The chamber of commerce members have elected the following as directors for the following year according to the tabulation of

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votes today: Robert Dodge, Harold Merrill, Howard Oden, Dr. W. Weller, Jake Weitzel, Frank Van Dyke and Ivor Erwin.

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