

# Six Yanks Stand Off 75 Japs Until Relief Comes

Engaging a combat patrol of 75 Japs with a reconnaissance patrol of six American infantrymen is not recommended by the War Department. Sgt. John M. Martinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Martinson, 2039 Wantland

Sgt. Martinson was section sergeant in a 60-mm mortar section of a rifle company of the 7th infantry division, and in this capacity accompanied the patrol to direct the placing of mortar fire on any enemy forces found in the vicinity.

"We found them, all right," the veteran of 21 months' service in the Pacific recalled in an interview at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, "but there were more of them than we could handle . . . handle indefinitely, that is.

"For more than three hours, though, our little patrol was able to keep those Japs busy until our company pushed out and relieved us. We put out so much fire power that the Japs never discovered how few of us there were."

The 25-year-old doughboy received his basic training at the infantry replacement training center at Camp Roberts, Calif., and joined the 7th division in the Aleutians. He took part in the 7th's landings at Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians, Kwajalein in the Marshalls, and Leyte in the Philippines, and earned the combat infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Sgt. Martinson was wounded in the arm and neck during an attack on Leyte, when he was advancing with the leading echelon of riflemen behind a tank platoon.

"The Japs' antitank guns were able to stop our tanks," he recalled, "so they directed their fire at the infantry. I moved

## Pacific Veteran



S/Sgt. John M. Martinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Martinson, 2039 Wantland, served 21 months overseas as a mortar section sergeant in the 7th infantry division. In addition to the Purple Heart, awarded for wounds received on Leyte in the Philippines, Sgt. Martinson wears the combat infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, and has four battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon for the landings at Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians, Kwajalein in the Marshalls, and Leyte in the Philippines, and earned the combat infantryman badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

with the first echelon, because as a mortar section sergeant I had to be in the front lines to

see where mortar fire was needed and direct it when the riflemen were pinned down.

"Instead of armor-piercing ammunition, the Japs were using high explosive shells in their antitank guns that day, and they skidded them along the ground at us. They fired into the ground, and the shells exploded on contact, showering the fragments among us. That was how I was hit."

Sgt. Martinson arrived in this country for transfer to a hospital near his home.

## OPERATOR DIES

SALEM, Feb. 22 (AP)—Frank G. Myers, Salem restaurant operator from 1911 to June of last year, died at a hospital yesterday of a heart ailment. He had lived here since 1889, and attended Salem schools. He leaves a widow and two children.

# 'We Never Die' Says Nazi; Yanks Prove Belief Wrong

By THORBURN WIANT WITH U. S. FORCES INSIDE GERMANY, Feb. 21 (Delayed AP)—Hiding in a machinegun nest, a German soldier remained quiet while a hundred or more Americans crossed the Moselle river into Germany in an area 13 miles east of Luxembourg.

Then, with American troops still pouring across the swift, blood-swollen river, the German suddenly poked up his head, lifted a bayoneted rifle and shouted:

"We never die!" Cpl. Elder Burke, Jackson, Mich., said. "He fired a shot, missing my face only by a fraction of an inch, and then lunged with the bayonet."

Lt. Blent Slinger, Seaside, Ore., and Pvt. Arthur Anargyros, Brooklyn, N. Y., pitched in with Burke, and swarmed all over the Nazi.

"I thought for a while he was telling the truth when he said he'd never die," Slinger said. "We stabbed him twice and shot him three times before he was finished."

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 (AP)—Further decline in cases of communicable disease was reported today by the state board of health.

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