

Frank Borowski Helps Blast Three Nazi Tanks in Daring Ten-Minute Fight at Anzio

Described as "the hottest ten minutes of war we've seen," Pvt. Frank W. Borowski, 314 Walnut Street, loaded ammunition inside a tank destroyer in Italy which wiped out three Mark VI "tiger tanks" as big as houses which, along with crouching Jerry troops, converged upon the lone American tank destroyer of which he was a crew member.

A graphic description of the battle was given by Sgt. Hooper T. Wilkinson, New Castle, Tex., who told of the thrill he and his destroyer mates experienced when confronted by the unexpected Anzio beachhead battle problem.

Faces Big Odds

"Tigers at 2,000 yard range, we're staying put," yelled the tall, sandy-haired sergeant standing atop his land-going destroyer to his gunners below the steel hatch.

Enemy mortar shells began digging up the soft, grassy earth of the ravine protecting Wilkinson's outpost. Black puffs of smoke momentarily shut off the crew chief's observation of the attack party. When the smoke ahead cleared he saw the Tiger tanks churning full-speed ahead. Now they clattered across a marshy field and then onto a country road, big water-filled ditches on either side.

The Nazi tanks sped in 1-2-3 formation on this road leading head-on to the outpost tank destroyer.

It would be a fight to the finish. The odds were 3 to 1, stacked against the Yanks but the crew preferred the fight.

"Range-in...third tank first..." directed Wilkinson, hoarsely. The destroyer's 3-inch gun barked.

"A miss," he noted, "adjust to right, rapid fire." Three rounds of armor-piercing shells hit the third tank broadside, knocking away turret and tracks.

As the leading tank attempted to swing around in retreat on the narrow road, Wilkinson's shells smashed it, with six direct hits.

The middle tank was now hemmed-in between two broken-down Tigers.

"Shoot to kill," hollered Wilkinson, triumphantly. A bare minute later the trapped center tank cracked under a series of direct hits. It flattened out on the road before the enemy crew had time to bail out.

Excellent Shooting

In approximately 10 minutes after their first round was fired, the crew had knocked out three Tiger tanks. They fired 24 rounds in all, and every shot, except the first one, had scored a direct hit on one of the three Tiger tanks.

When their support went up in smoke, the German foot troops discontinued their advance.

During fights on the Fifth Army beachhead, this veteran crew has knocked out several machine gun positions, trucks, and dispersed enemy infantry, besides the crowning 10-minute achievement of three Tiger tanks, the War Department has disclosed.

Local Soldier Helps Bag Three Tank



A WILLIAMSPORT soldier is among the five happy members of the Allied Fifth Army shown above seated on their tank destroyer in Italy on their return from the Anzio front, where they were instrumental in destroying three German Mark VI tanks in recent German attacks. Left to right are Cpl. James C. McClinton, of Muskogee, Okla.; Pvt. Frank Borowski, son of Ignatius Borowski, of this city; Pvt. Louis Remer, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cpl. Technician Vernon Dobson, of Cleveland, and Sgt. Hooper Wilkinson, of New Castle, Tex.