

83RD GETS HOT MEAL WITH NAZIS

Former Attaboys Capture Sleeping Garrison, Trap Chow Wagon.

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With 83rd Division Doughboys Attacking Bovigny, Jan. 17 (Delayed)—Doughboys who took the village of Henvelez by surprise in a night attack caught the entire Nazi garrison asleep—and got a free hot meal to boot.

Soon after they captured the village without resistance from the drowsy defenders a German volkswagon was seen speeding in from Bovigny a thousand yards to the north.

Instead of being on the vehicle the doughboys quietly hid and let it roll right into town and draw up to a building which a few hours before had been a German command post.

"Hands back, hands high," said a Yank infantryman stepping out and covering the driver with his rifle.

When the Americans checked up they found the volkswagon was loaded with chow for the Nazi garrison which the driver thought still occupied the village. So the Yanks pitched in and ate steaming hot meatballs and soup—the first hot meal they had had in 24 hours.

While the Germans were caught napping in Henvelez they have been defending Bovigny itself stubbornly, because it is a key to roads which the Nazis wish to keep open as long as possible for retreating troops.

Three times S. S. (Elite guard) troops massed in a wood just west of the town struck out in heavy counterattacks only to be driven back with heavy losses by American shellfire.

"I have never seen such fanaticism in my life," said Maj. Granville Sharpe (home town unavailable) of the 329th Infantry regiment, in describing the enemy counterattacks. "Bodies of blasted Germans could literally be seen flying through the air."

The character of the resistance can be judged by the action of one enemy prisoner from an S.S. outfit, who committed suicide by pulling a grenade from a picket and holding it against his chest. The explosion wounded three American soldiers.

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