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WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY--In the recent fight for Hill 140 on the Fifth Army front in Italy Technical Sergeant Ted T. Tanouye, Torrance, Calif., personally knocked out two machineguns and killed 14 Germans.

Leading a dawn attack Tanouye's platoon of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team spearheaded the advance of 24th "Red Bull" Division forces on the heavily fortified Hill 140.

The terrain afforded little cover. Ordering his men to dig in as best they could, Tanouye, with two men, skirted the positions of an enemy machinegun holding up the advance. Armed with his Tommygun and hand grenades, he crawled through open space under heavy small arms fire to within grenade range of the machinegun. Making a final dash toward his objective, he pulled the pin, tossed his grenade and hit on the nest and killed the two machinegunners.

With dawn, the three men came under the observation of the enemy and were fired on by six snipers. Picking off three of the Germans, one by one, the Japanese Americans withdrew and rejoined their platoon.

Reorganizing his platoon, Tanouye, with one Browning automatic rifleman, successfully flanked the enemy main position on the hill while the rest of his men made a frontal attack. After he had been knocked down but not seriously injured by a grenade fragment, Tanouye rushed another troublesome machinegun nest and put it out of action by killing all four members of its crew with his Tommygun.

His action, followed by a barrage laid down by his mortarmen, opened the way for the remainder of the 34th Division troops to drive the Germans from their hilltop position. During this drive a German lieutenant and most of his 60 men were killed or captured. Sergeant Tanouye was credited with an additional eight Germans killed and seven wounded.

The fighting Japanese American was a sales clerk in Torrance before he entered the service at Fort MacArthur, Calif., in February 1942. His mother, Mrs. Momoya Tanouye lives at the Rohwer Relocation Center near McGehee, Ark.

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Leading a dawn attack, Tanouye's platoon of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory spearheaded the advance of 30th "Red Bull" Division forces on the heavily fortified Hill 148.

The terrain afforded little cover. Ordering his men to dig in as best they could, Tanouye, with two men, skirted the positions of an enemy machinegun holding up the advance. Armed with his Tommygun and hand grenades, he crawled through open space under heavy small arms fire to within grenade range of the machinegun. Making a final dash toward his objective, he pulled the pin, tossed his grenade and hit the dirt. He scored a direct hit on the nest and killed the two machinegunners.

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His action, followed by a barrage laid down by his mortar men, opened the way for the remainder of the 30th Division troops to drive the Germans from their hilltop position. During this drive a German lieutenant and most of his 60 men were killed or captured. Sergeant Tanouye was credited with an additional eight Germans killed and seven wounded.

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