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good work with the withdrawal to the present lines.

They go out on patrol and occasionally, in small groups, clank out to break up small pockets of Japanese troops.

A technique has been devised by which the tanks drive through densely wooded areas and knock out Japanese field guns and machine gun nests.

It is dangerous work, because the Japanese are using several types of land mines, the most deadly of which is one which Japanese soldiers sneak out of the jungle, put on the side of a tank. It explodes a few seconds later.

I inspected a land mine, disc-shaped, which the Japanese throw in the path of a tank, to knock off its tread.

Sometimes the Japanese tie a mine to a cord and then, hiding in bushes, pull the mine out into the road in the path of a tank.

Second Lieutenant Preston, also of Harrodsburg, Ky., like Gentry, favors the use of tanks in open rather than wooded or jungle areas when possible.

"When a tank smashes through a grove of bamboo trees," he told me, "the trees spring back straight up. The result is that we don't only fail to see where we're going but we don't know where we've been."

Lieut Harold W. Collins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of LaCarme, O., and a member of the Port Clinton, O., tank company which formerly was assigned to the 87th (Ohio) Division, now in training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The Port Clinton company, augmented by selective service, inductees while in training at Fort Knox, Ky., left the U. S. after summer maneuvers and arrived in the Philippines in November. It was commanded by Capt. Robert Sorensen.

At Fort Knox, Lieutenant Collins won assignment as a tank corps tactician.

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