

Spalding Products Help Yank's War Score

★ FROM THE EUROPEAN front A. G. Spalding & Bros. have received a report spot-lighting the vital part played by the gun for which it produces essential sections, the Browning automatic rifle. Although not one of the newer weapons it is proving one of the most effective and valuable fire-arms in the hands of U. S. infantrymen.

The Browning's amazing accuracy at both long and short range has made this rifle more than a match for enemy machine guns firing 1500 rounds a minute. The "BAR Boys", by which teams of Browning automatic riflemen are known, have become an important element in Yank infantry units covering American ground advances and in breaking up enemy attacks.

A sample of the Browning's effectiveness is contained in the citation awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor to Pfc. Alton W. Knappenberger of Spring Mount, Pa. This relates how one man armed with one of these weapons disrupted an enemy attack for over two hours. In the course of that time Private Knappenberger put out of action two German machine guns, killed one member of a 20 mm anti-aircraft gun crew firing at him, and repelled an assaulting platoon armed with automatic weapons.

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