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AN AMERICAN SOLDIER LOOKS NUMBLY AT BODIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO WERE SHOT BY THE GERMANS. SOME OF DEAD LIE IN ROWS WHERE THE GERMANS LINED THEM UP

## MURDER IN THE SNOW

Americans find a field of horror where Germans shot U.S. prisoners

On the second day of the breakthrough the Germans added a detail to the frightful total of their guilt.

At a road junction near Malmédy, German tanks overpowered a little column of American trucks. The Germans herded some 159 Americans into a field by the road. A German officer spoke to a tankman, who shot at the prisoners with a pistol. Another German then set up a Schmeisser machine pistol in an armored car, massacred the Americans at point-blank range.

The men who were still alive lay among the dead for an hour. Some of them moaned and the Germans shot them in the head. Finally many of the Germans went away. Then the survivors, most of them wounded, got up and ran to a woods. Fifteen of them, weeping with rage, got back to tell what happened.

When the Americans took back the road junction in January they looked to see what the Germans had done. Brushing away the snow, they found 115 bodies.

Huddled together in the snow, many of the men are frozen in the same positions in which they died. Some of them still have their hands above their heads





**A medical corpsman** clutched at his throat when he fell. Most of the men killed by the road were part of an artillery observation battalion. The rest were men from other units who had

become lost in the fighting. The picture above has been retouched to obscure the dead man's face. Many of the men's faces were mutilated when Germans shot the wounded at close range.