

~~xxxxxxx~~ " There are two ^{effective} ways of clearing away barbwire ~~entanglements~~ entanglements. One is through the use of tanks, which ~~has been shown to be~~ ~~clear a path for the infantry to follow,~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ clear a path for the infantry to follow, ~~xxxxxx~~ The other way is to use shell-fire .

" The Japanese have been denied the use of their tanks. If the Chinese have been successful in laying down a lot of ~~barbwire~~ barbwire, as we may readily assume, ^{they have been} the Japanese would have to depend on shell-fire to clear a way through the entanglements.

~~xxx~~ " Despite the seeming superiority of the Japanese in heavy guns, the ground at Shanghai would tend to offset this advantage. Heavy shells ~~might be~~ would bury themselves deep in the ~~xxxx~~ soft soil, destroying their lateral effect which is always best in clearing away barbwire.

" Thus we see that the Japanese are robbed to a very great ~~xxx~~ degree of the effectiveness of ~~xxx~~ their fighting equipment. The mental attitude of the Chinese, generally classified as stoic, is in their favor. It makes them stubborn fighters.

^{also} " They have the advantage of ~~xxxx~~ experience ~~xxxxxxx~~ gained in fighting among themselves. They know what it is like to be ^{'shot over'} ~~shot over~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ The Japanese, ~~xxxxxxx~~ on the other hand, ~~xxxx~~ are using untried troops. "