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Combles Falls to Allied Armies, and Further Victories Are Recorded

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WHAT CAPTURE OF COMBLES MEANS

Was Brilliantly Executed Operation, Like Victory in Champagne.

FRENCH PROGRESS IN BOUCHAVESNES.

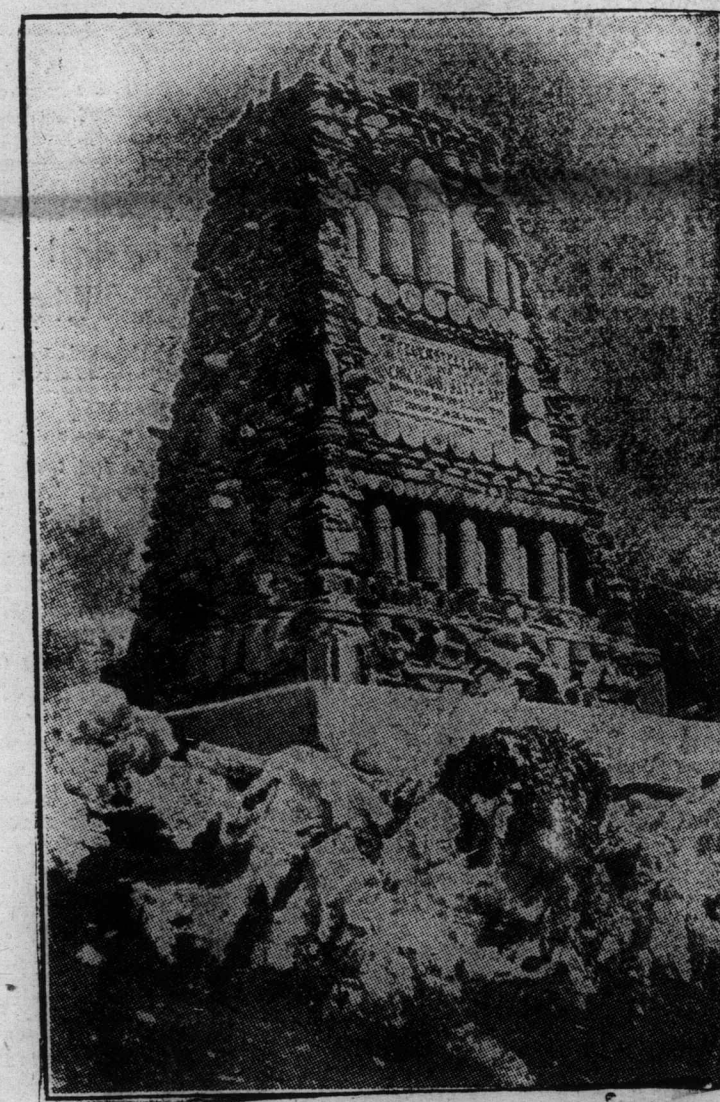
Germans Know That Allies Are Now Gaining the Upper Hand.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 27.—The capture of Combles with its great booty completes what is regarded by military experts here as one of the most brilliantly executed operations of the summer campaign.

Since September 15, the Germans had brought up three fresh divisions against the French front and the same number against the British. On the twenty-first they made a desperate effort to retake Bouchavesnes.

The progress made by the French beyond Bouchavesnes is regarded here as one of the most surprising results of the operations.

DIFFERENT VARIETY OF SHELL USED NOW.



This imposing column was constructed by the Austrians from Russian shells which "failed to explode" in the early days of the retreat in Galicia.

DECISIVE DEFEAT FOR FOE IN GREAT BATTLE IN DOBRUDJA

Germans and Bulgars Compelled to Retreat Before Pressure of Roumanians, Russians and Serbs

By Courier Leased Wire. Bucharest, Monday, Sept. 25, via London, Sept. 27.—Details of the great battle on the Dobrudja front, which lasted from Sept. 17 to Sept. 19, and ended, according to General Averesco, in the decisive defeat of the Germans and Bulgarians, are given in an official statement issued by the War Office to-day.

"The supreme command learned on Sept. 17 that detachments of our forces had been compelled to retire before superior enemy forces and were filling slowly back inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"The fighting opened along the Danube where enemy columns, consisting mostly of Germans, endeavored to force their way into Chervanov. This effort was defeated

by the splendid resistance of the Roumanians, who, with repeated bayonet attacks, supported by the fire of three monitors in the river, brought the advance of the enemy to a standstill.

"In two days' fighting of the most desperate, the enemy suffered heavy losses, his main formations being mowed down by artillery fire. In the centre he was driven from trenches which he momentarily succeeded in penetrating by the allied Roumanian, Russian and Serbian troops.

"Finally, at nine o'clock in the evening of September 19, the enemy onslaught reached its climax. The allies, by a formidable counter-attack overthrew the enemy's right wing, which fled in disorder. The enemy losses were very great, everywhere heaps of corpses were found and in front of one division alone 5,000 rifles were picked up. The allied troops then advanced, driving the enemy before them."

Serbs Repulse Bulgar Attacks

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 27.—The Serbians have repulsed three violent attacks on Katmakolan height, according to an official statement issued by the war office dealing with the Saloniki front.

BOYS FIGHTING AMONG TURKS

Later Have Mobilized Every Male Capable of Carrying Rifle.

Enemy Still Suffers from Blows Received in Dobrudja.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 27.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch from Bucharest to the Daily Chronicle says:

"On the Dobrudja front the Bulgars, Turks, and Germans are still suffering from the effects of the crushing blow inflicted on their right wing by the Roumanians. The enemy's right has fallen back considerably. Pressing the advantage obtained when the Teutonic forces were compelled to cede ground, the allies followed up and considerably harassed them, capturing prisoners and war materials.

Among the prisoners are a number of young, immature soldiers, notably among the Turks. The latter have seemingly mobilized every male capable of carrying a rifle.

The Roumanian divisions are now fighting with the steadiness of seasoned troops. Even the divisions which suffered severely still wish to be in the lead against the enemy.

PRISONERS TAKEN NOW REACH 4000

That Number of Germans Captured by British in Two-Days' Offensive.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 27.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed portion of General Haig's report of Tuesday night, which was given out to-day.

The report says: "The battle continued violently during the day over the whole front, between the Somme and the Ancre. Our troops were successful everywhere, carrying out their attacks most brilliantly. During the last 48 hours, between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken."

Disheartened and Broken, Huns Give Little Resistance

Capture of Combles One of the Most Picturesque Incidents in Entire Offensive—Opening of Forward Surge by Allied Forces.

By Courier Leased Wire. British Front in France, Sept. 26, via London, Sept. 27, 4.05 a.m.—The capture of Combles was one of the most picturesque incidents in the whole course of the great Somme offensive. It marked the opening of to-day's forward surge which reached its climax in the capture of Gueudecourt and Thiepval.

All night long bitter fighting had been in progress at various points on the front and with dawn the battle broadened to include the whole British line. Combles fell as the sun rose on a perfect summer day. Sitting in the midst of a heap of hills the town was isolated yesterday by the seizing of the high ground on either side by the French and British. In the early hours of the morning the British took an orchard in the northern outskirts and then, after a heavy preliminary shelling, they charged the trenches on the edge of the village. The trenches were empty when they reached them. At the same time the French, directly behind, pushed vigorously forward into the heart of the village. In the main streets the soldiers of the two nations met and joyously shook hands, calling out to each other "parlez vous" and "How D'ye do."

British Advance on the Somme

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 27, 2.26 p.m.—The British again advanced on the Somme front last night, the War Office announced to-day. The greatest success was won in the direction of Faucourt L'Abbaye.

The statement follows: "Our troops made progress during the night, particularly in the direction of Faucourt L'Abbaye. "Successful raids were carried out by us opposite Beaumont and Hamel and in the neighborhood of Loos.

"Three hostile aeroplanes were destroyed in air fighting Monday and six others were driven down, damaged."

CASUALTIES GROW HEAVIER

Long List of Local Names Appear To-day, the Majority Wounded.

With ever increasing numbers the casualties from the great offensive fighting on the Somme front continue to press home in Brant county with no less force than elsewhere throughout the country. The name of Lt. Maurice Wilkes, of this city, appeared in yesterday's list as killed in action, after having been missing and believed killed. Other names appearing upon this morning's lists are the following:—

- Died of Wounds: Pte. John F. Glover, Brantford. Seriously Ill. Corp. Wm. R. Smith, 302 Colborne street. Wounded: Corp. Jas. G. Keymer, Echo Place. Pte. Arthur B. Smith, 22 1/2 Edward Street. Wm. Curtis, 201 Clarence street. Alfred G. Cornelius, Brantford. Corp. Smith, Seriously Ill. Corp. W. R. Smith, 302 Colborne street, left Brantford with the 84th battalion, being later drafted to the front. He was a man with many years of able military service to his credit, having seen fighting in South Africa and been with the late Earl Kitchener in Khartoum and Omdurman. He served for nine years in the Queen's Own Royal West Kents, and for twelve years in the Royal Artillery. He enlisted in the 84th battalion through the medium of the 25th Brant Dragoons. Corp. Keymer, Wounded. Corp. James Keymer, of Echo Place, also enlisted in the 84th battalion, through the Dufferin Rifles. He was at the time of enlistment an Englishman, 39 years of age, and married. He was another man of extensive military experience, having to his credit 12 years service in the Inniskillen Fusiliers. Pte. Arthur B. Smith, Wounded. Pte. Arthur Bartram Smith, 22 1/2 Edward street, is a veteran of the 19th battalion, having been at the front for very nearly a year now. This is the second time he has been numbered in the casualties, as he was wounded in April last. He was, previous to his enlistment, a laborer, and unmarried, having served two years in the Dufferin Rifles. Word of the wounding of Pte. Wm. Curtis was announced by the Courier yesterday. Pte. S. Hill, wounded, is a member of the Six Nations.

PTE L. MOORE, PARIS, KILLED

Drafted from 125th Battalion and Went Overseas Some Time Ago.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Paris, Sept. 27.—Word was received in town this morning by Mr. J. J. Moore, that his son Lawrence had been killed in action during the recent fighting in France. He joined the 125th Battalion here, but went overseas some months ago, as one of those who offered his services for special draft. He was a staunch member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, and very prominent in the Men's Society of that parish. He sorely bereaved have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

French Take Strong Point

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 27.—A brilliant French attack east of Vermandovillers has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office to-day.

ZEPPELIN RAIDS NOT FAVORED

Hungarians Strong Against Aerial Attacks for Various Reasons.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 27.—(New York Times cable)—According to the correspondent of The Morning Post at Budapest, aerial attacks against non-military objectives, such as the Zeppelin raids on London, are deeply resented by the Hungarians. The correspondent quotes a writer in the Hungarian paper Az Unjasg, who, commenting on the raid on England Saturday night said: "It is a deplorable thing to send men in a fragile airship for the purpose of bombarding places that they cannot distinguish, with the excuse that they did not mean to murder them. It is impossible for a Zeppelin commander to distinguish objects upon the ground from such heights as the Zeppelins fly."

BRITISH NAVAL BASES BOMBED

Suffered from Attack During Zeppelin Raid on Monday Night.

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