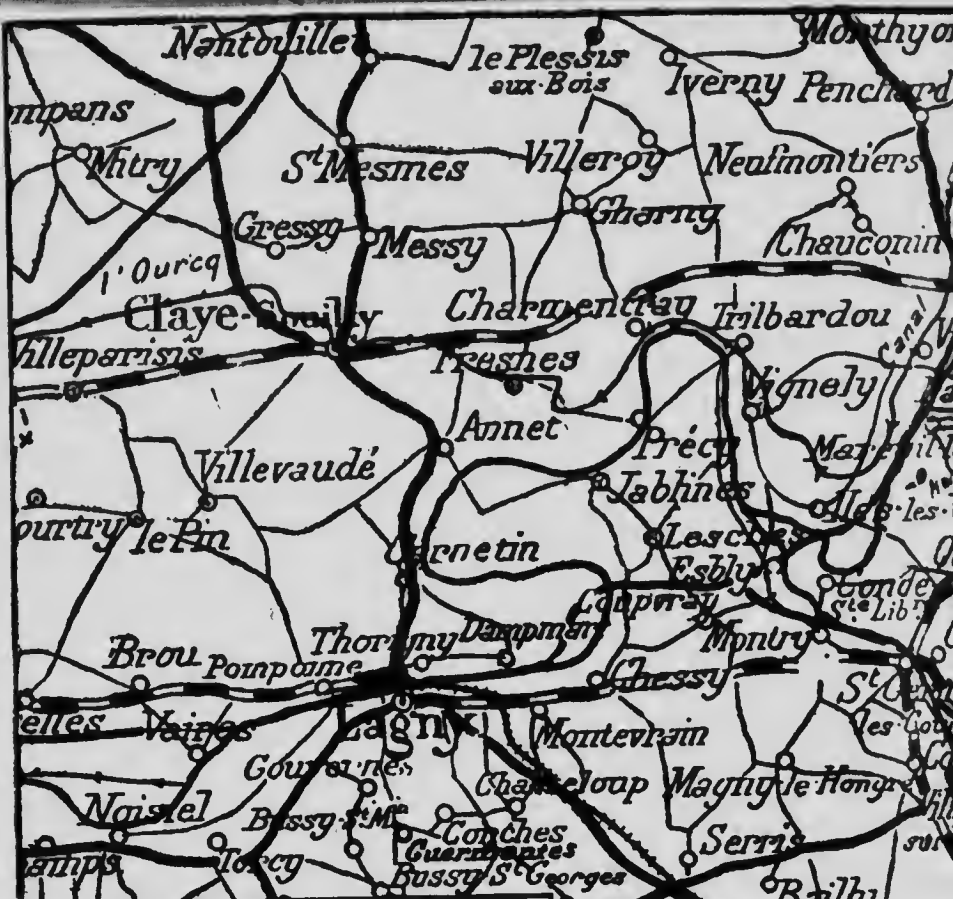




Note—The little village of Huiry, where La Creste—"the house on the hilltop"—is situated, is marked on the map a short distance southwest of Meaux. Paris is sixteen miles west of Lagny. The heavy broken line indicates the route nationale.

The arrows show the direction taken by the Third (English) Division, referred to in the letter quoted on page 48. Beginning at Meaux, where they crossed the Marne in the retreat early on the morning of September 3, the division went east to Signy-Signets, where they turned southwest by the communal roads to La Haute Maison. There they stopped at five o'clock, expecting to bivouac, but an hour later they started again, still retreating southwest. They crossed the Grande Morin at Crecy-en-Brie. Reaching the route nationale they retreated directly south and marching all night on the fourth they reached Fontenay, which marked the extreme southern limit of the retreat for this division. Then they advanced, first to the northeast through Coulommiers and later to the northwest, and crossed the Marne near Nanteuil in the direction of the Canal de l'Ourcq, where one of the biggest actions of the Allied offensive took place. N—S— was really nearer La Creste when his division recrossed the Marne on the advance than when they crossed it during the retreat. It was probably the route they took which deceived him, and then, too, he must have been too weary to know exactly where he was.