OFFICIAL EYE-WITNESS DESCRIBES GERMANS BREAK BRITISH

Fierce Battle Begun Near Ypres on Saturday and Continued Through the Night-Germans Strip British Dead and Don Khakil Uniforms.

most gallantly, but was checked before long by the fire of machine guns.

Battle Continued Through the Night.

"Meanwhile the enemy launched another attack through the woods south of the Menin road, and at he same time threatened our left to she north of Ypres. Most desperate fight ing enaued, the German infantry souring on agait and again, and gradually forcing our troops back, though only for a short distance in spite of repeated counter-attacks.

"During the night the fighting continued to rage with ever-increasing fury. It is impossible to say at exactly what hour our line was broken at different points, but it is certain that at one time the enemy is minantry poured through along the Feelcappelic road, and even got as far as Wieltja thing no ur front about Frezenberg, where inostile detachments had penetrated. At both points counter-attacks are regarded without delay. To the east of the salient the Germans first were organized without delay. To the east of the salient the Germans first were organized without delay. To the east of the salient the Germans first were organized without delay. To the east of the salient the Germans first were organized without delay. To the east of the salient the counters attack carried out by us about one a. m. was mare successful. Our troops swept the enemy cut of Wieltje at the bayonet's point, leaving the string on the province of the conflict the sky was lit up by the flashes of the ground the scene of the conflict the sky was lit up by the flashes of the ground to the north to flash this point of the province of the conflict of the salient accounter attack carried out by us about one a. m. was mare successful. Our troops swept the enemy cut of Wieltje at the bayonet's point, leaving the salient accounter attack carried out by us about one a. m. was mass esceesful. Our troops swept the enemy control of the formation of th



anglo-French offensive north of Arras. He says:

"The calm that prevailed Thursday and Friday proved to be only the bulbefore the storm. Early Saturday morning it became apparent that the Germans were preparing an attack in strength against our line running east and nortneast from Ypres, for they were concentrating under cover of a violent artillery fire, and at about ten o'clock the battle began in carnest.

"At that hour the Germans attacked our line from the Ypres-Poelcappelle road to within a short distance of hemin high road, it being evidently their intention, while engaging as closely on the whole of this sector, to treak our front in the vicinity of the Ypres-Roulers railway to the north and to the south of which their strongest and most determined assaults were delivered.

"Under this pressure our front was penetrated at some points around Frezenberg, and at 4.30 clock in the afternoon we made a conter-attack between the Zonnebeke Road and neafternoon we made a conter-attack between the Zonnebeke Road and mailway in order to recover the lost ground. Our offensive was conducted most gallantly, but was checked beforeing by the fire of machine guns.

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"The reason for this very determined effort to crush our plat by the gets presented by the action resolved itself on our part into pure killing.

"The reason for this very determined effort to crush our left on the part of the Germans is not far to seek. It is probable that for some days previously they had been in possession of information which led them to suppose that we intended to apply pressure on the right of our line, and that their great attack upon Ypres on the 7th, 8th and 9th was undertaken with a view to diverting us from our purpose.

"The failure of their effort was due to the splendid endurance of our troops, who held the line around the steam of the first our line, and that their great attack upon Ypres on the 7th, 8th and 9th was undertaken with a view to diverting us from

der the hall of shrapnel poured upon them by our guns. It was on this side, where they had to face the concentrated fire of guns, maxims and rifies, again and again in their efforts to break their way through, that the Germans incurred their heaviest losses, and the ground was literally heaped with dead.

Stripped British Dead of Their Khak Uniforms

"They evidently, for the time being at least, were unable to renew their efforts, and as night came on the fury of their offensive gradually slackened, the hours of darkness passing in quetness."

They work the day our tracers are attacked several points of importance.

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OFFICIAL REPORTS

BRITISH

London, May 12 (.385 p.m.)—An official communication, giving a report of Field Marshal Sir John French, dated May 12, was issued tonight:

"East of Ypres last evening we repulsed another German attack south of the Menin Road. This was the third costly failure experienced by the Germans at this place yesterday.

"Elsewhere along the front there is no change in the stluation."

FRANCE

Paris, May 12 (10.23 p.m.)—The following official communication was issued tonight:
"The fighting to the north of Arras continues with extreme violence. During the course of last hight the enemy, reinforced, delivered several counter-attacks, which, however, were without results.

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"In that directed against Neuville-St. Veast our opponents suffered particularly heavy losses. We found in the cemetery alone more than 200 bodies of Germans, and we took about 100 prisonners.
"A second attack, between Carency and Ablain, was likewise repulsed. A third, from the direction of Ablain, was also complete-



ched this evening, 4,000.

"On the rest of the front we brought to a sudden halt by our fire three German attacks—near Berry-Au-Bac, Beausejour and Marie Bagatelle."

GERMANY

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Berfin, May 12, via London (5.55 p.m.)—The German army head-quarters today gave out a report on the progress of hostilities which reads as follows:

"In the western theatre:
"Aviators of the enemy yesterday dropped bombs on Bruges without doing any damage from a military point of view.

"East of Ypres we took an important hill. Dunkirk was bombarded by our artillery. East of Dixmude we shot down a British flying machine."

"Trenches taken by the French during the past few days between Carency and Neuville, north of Arrae, are still in their possession. Otherwise all the attempts of the enemy made yesterday to break through our lines were in vain. His attacks were confined chiefly against our positions to the east and southeast of Vermelles, in the Lorette Hills, and at the villages of Ablain and Carency, as well as against our positions to the east and southeast of Arras.

"Other advances broke down with heavy losses to the enemy. An attempt by our opponents to take Hartmann-Weilerkopf again resulted in failure.

"In the eastern theatre:
"The battle at Shavil in Course

"In the castern theatre:
"The battle at Shavil in Coursland, is still raging without any result having been reached.
"On the Bzura a Russian battalion which made an attempt to cross the river was annihilated.
"In the southeastern theatre:
"Our pursuit betwen the Carpathians and the Vistula river is

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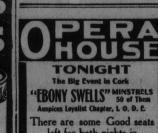
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