

pers of every calibre, and the concentration of their fire was terrific in its The Germans were being blasted by a ntensity hurricane of fire. For a time I could see nothing

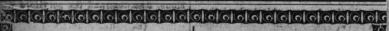
Airmen Join in the Attack. through the low lying mist and the Over my head came a flight of six heavy smoke clouds which mingled aeroplanes led by a single monoplane with the mist, and I stood like a blind which steered steadily toward the man, only listening. It was a wonderful thing which came to my ears. Germans. The sky was deeply blue above them, and when the sun caught Shells were rushing through the air

as though all the trains in the world their wings they were as beautiful and delicate as butterflies and to drop were driving at express speed through endless tunnels, in which they met explosives into masses of men behind the German lines. Further away a each other with frightful collisions. Some of these shells fired from German plane was up and the antibatteries not far from where I stood, aircraft guns were searching for him ripped the sky with a high tearing with their shells, which dotted the

note. Other shells whistled with sky with snowballs. that strange, gobbling, sibilant cry - Every five minutes or so a single

which makes one turn cold. Through gun fired a round. It spoke with a the mist and smoke there came sharp, voice I knew, the deep gruff voice of loud, insistent knocks, as the separ-"Old Grandmother," one of the British ate batteries fired salvos and great, 15-inches, which carries a cathedral ingorous strokes as of iron doors with one enormous hurst. I could follow the journey of the shell by list anged.

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> Troops were moving forward to the attack from behind the lines. It was nearly 7.30. All the officers about me kapt glancing at their wrist watches. We did not speak much, but stared silently at the smoke and mist which floated and hanked along the lines There hidden were the men They too, would be looking at their wrist

watches. The minutes were passing very uickly, as men's lives pass when they ook back upon the years. An officer near me turned away and there was a ook of sharp pain in his eyes. We were only lookers on. The strong aen, the splendid youth, that we had passed on the roads of France, were

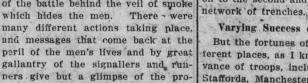
about to do this job. "Good luck go with them." Men were muttering such wishes in their hearts. It was 7.30 o'clock. Our watches old us this but nothing else. The guns had lifted, and were firing beind the first line, but there was no udden hush for the moment of the ttack. The barrage by the British guns seemed as great as the first ombardment for ten minutes or so.

sefore this time a new sound had. come into the general thunder of the artillery. It was like the rafale of rench soixante-quinze; very rapid with distinct and separate strokes, but ouder than the noise of the field guns. They were the trench mortars at work long the whole length of the line be-

ore me. The moment for the attack had ome. Clouds of smoke had been librated to form a screen for the inantry and hid the whole line. The nly men I could see were those in eserve winding along the road by ome trees which led up to the atacking points. They had their backs

urned as they marched very * slowly nd steadily forward. The Charge of the Infantry. At a minute after 7.30 o'clock there ame through the rolling smokecloud rushing sound. It was the noise of

ere out of their trenches and the atack had begun. The Germans were arraging the lines. The country





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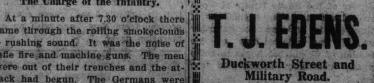
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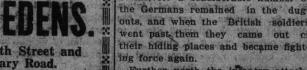
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Varying Success of the Attack.

the German troops defended them

with real courage and worked their

machine guns from hiding emplace-

Montauban, to the northeast of Ma-

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and the British also gained a strong

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to-night, eluding the

Somme continued last though with less violence the preceding two days Office announced to-day progress has been made ish near Ovillers than sector. A group of det ings has been captured. AT VERDUN PAR On the Verdun front. carried on bombardment ancourt, Fleury and Dan RUSSIAN PROGR PETROGRA

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