

FIGHT AT VERDUN A BIG-GUN DUEL

French Continue to Maintain Undoubted Mastery on the Meuse.

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By the Associated Press.

Army, Wednesday, Aug. 22—(Night)
—The battle around Verdun developed today into purely a big gun duel in which the French continued to maintain undoubted mastery. Many more

unanimously say that the French artillery barrage was terrible in its effects. One said:

"Not even a hare could have got

The testimony of prisoners that the Germans intended to hold the left bank of the Meuse at all costs. The regiments stationed there were ordered to dig at their posts.

while what remained in the line were captured. Over two-thirds of the prisoners were taken there.

A visit to the reconquered territory

tions of Le Mort Hommes and Regneville as defensive organizations. The ground everywhere is covered with small fortresses. It was the last hope of the German crown prince, who

to conquer Verdun, in the neighborhood of which thousands of the flower of the German army found only a burial place, without any laurels.

Small French Losses.
All attempts to recapture the positions lost proved vain, every German effort being thrown back in disorder. The remarkable thing about the whole

their losses, while those of the enemy have been terrible, as can be seen wherever one goes on the battlefield. Of one German division, at least three regiments exist no more and the

One of the captured men told how a French shell fell into a depot of poisonous gas shells near Herbo, the fumes of which killed the complements of three entire German battalions.

horrible projectiles over the French lines. A German infantryman captured related that his battalion while being relieved from front line duty had lost two-thirds of its to

FRENCH ADVANCE ATTAINS SUCCESS

German Counter-Attacks Verdun Prove Costly

Failures.

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**Allies Regain All Former
Ground Except Small
Eminence.**

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French, objectives north of Verdun appear to have been attained. If the offensive was continued fresh artillery preparations would be necessary.

terday against dominant positions such as Dead Man Hill and Hill 119 proved to be costly failures, leaving the French masters of the points.

battle of Verdun last year, with exception of Hill 304, which as yet is in the enemy's hands.

ways refer to the offensives of allies in support of their content as they have frequently been hampered by downpours after a day two of fighting. In the present

A projectile fired by a French battery which was silencing enemy turrets struck a depot of ammunitions.

German prisoners express enormous admiration of the French artillery fire. "No troops could have got your barrages," one said.

The German artillery was very effective north of the Aisne, especially the sector between Braye-en-Laon and Hurtebise. Several enemy attacks in the regions of Laffaux Ailles, and Cerny were repulsed.

(Verdun front) our artillery, which had the upper hand, was very active during the night. On the right bank of the river a detail operation enabled us to reduce a small point of resistance of the enemy north of 1

"The number of prisoners taken since August 20 has reached 7,639, including 185 officers and 600 wounded. The captured material listed included 24 cannon of all calibres, and many

"There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."