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out one of the enemy and driving him downward while firing with his machine-gun. The pair made a spiral dive from six thousand metres to four thousand, when the German suddenly reversed his machine and started to rise. In a quick turn, he poured a deadly stream of machine-gun bullets into the bottom of Hall's machine. Captain Hall promptly came out of the spiral and made a dive for the earth. He was last seen attempting to complete this manœuvre.

Every effort was made, through both official and unofficial channels, to obtain further news, but the next information came in the following dispatch from a staff correspondent of the International News Service:—

With the American Army in France, May 21.—Captain Norman Hall, the American aviator, who was brought down behind the German lines on May 7, is reported alive, a prisoner in a German hospital. He was slightly wounded when brought down with his machine.

For military reasons the correspondent is unable to give the source of this information.

On the same day a long letter reached the publishers, written by Captain Hall two days after he had given instructions for the sending of the cablegram already quoted.