

WHEN THE YANKS STRUCK ON MEUSE

American Doughboys Faced
Three Fortified Defense
Systems.

NOTHING COULD STOP THEM

Interesting Description of One of the
Last Big Fights in Which
Peeling Troops Were
Engaged.

With the First American Army—
Three fortified defensive systems
guarding the German positions be-
tween the Argonne and the Meuse
when the Americans burst through them.

The advanced line, the enemy's old
line, called the Hagen Stellung; his
intermediate line ran a kilometer or
two behind it, according to the con-
figuration of the terrain, hills, streams
and woods, and was called the Volter
Stellung. Behind that ran his main
reserve line of defense, the Krombilde
Stellung, a continuation of the Hagen
Stellung, which runs through
Champagne.

At their first assault the attacking
waves of doughboys swept over the
first two fortified zones with their
barbed-wire entanglements cut to
pieces by the preliminary bombard-
ment, and in several points they pen-
etrated the Krombilde Stellung, which
pivoted in the Aisne-Meuse sector on
Montfaucon.

The three-hour artillery preparation
between 2:30 and 5:30 o'clock in the
morning had driven the enemy to his
deepest dugouts and the advanced re-
sult troops were in the trenches
throwing gas bombs and grenades
down the stairways into the under-
ground headquarters before the
doughboys could get upstairs.

Reducing Strongholds.
Between the three different lines of
intrenched positions the Boches had
installed series of strong points, ma-
chine gun nests, sometimes emplaced
in concrete and steel pillboxes, or else
merely set in strong, natural, com-
municating positions. The system for re-
ducing these strongholds was identical
with that already practiced by the
enemy in his various offensive opera-
tions.

The advanced waves of storming
troops going forward in open order,
worked their way between the strong
points, often by working along for con-
siderable distances on their stomachs,
or by crawling on hands and knees,
through woods or along ravines. Ar-
riving in the rear of these positions,
they established contact with one an-
other and proceeded forward, leaving
snipers to work their way back in the
rear of the strong points and pick off
the Boche machine gunners in many
cases.

It was the job of the succeeding
waves of assault, with their light ma-
chine guns and their little trench mor-
tars mounted on light, two-wheeled
carts hauled by man power to reduce
these strong points with or without the
aid of artillery, tanks, or airplanes.
The most advanced waves were en-
tirely safe from the machine gun pos-
itions once they passed them, as the
Boches usually could not work their
guns toward their own rear, the em-
placement having been organized with
a view to firing ahead or on the flanks
only. Furthermore, if the Germans
fired toward the rear, they would re-
veal their presence to the succeeding
attacking waves which would put
them out of action before they could
swing around again.

Why Casualties Are Light.
It is because the attacking waves
went forward deployed in extended
formation and behind a curtain of fire
of bursting shells, a creeping barrage,
that casualties among attacking
troops were so much lighter than any-
one unfamiliar with these tactics
might imagine.

The doughboys passed Montfaucon,
which was a hive of machine gun
nests in their advance toward Nim-
ville and Gerches, and it was not un-
til the day after the town had been
penetrated and surrounded that the last
enemy resistance was crushed there.
After penetrating well beyond Mont-
faucon on either side, American re-
troops of two and three began to
reconnoiter the area and the chain
which stands in a semi-circle sur-
rounding the town in all directions.
These troops, which started from the
trenches, moved back their way
through the ruins of shell-shattered
houses right up to the front of the
town, where they found the German
machine gun nests in the tanks, as they
were being an American tank ad-
vancing from the town. The tanks were
about 500 yards from the town and
50 feet below the ground level two
days after the Americans had estab-
lished themselves in the town.

Kinds "Fungy Men" in House.
St. Louis, Mo.—When word of this
city was broadcasted in a story from
the press by the "Fungy Men" who
were living in a house, who had been
in the city. The child, named
"Fungy" who's the "Fungy Men" in
house.

Passions.
Passions are known best to food
and straws, the shallow murmur, but
the deep are dumb.—Sir Walter
Scott.

A WANT AD will do it.

SAYINGS OF A CYNIC

The fruit of labor is success, but the
fruit is often sour.

Marriage isn't even a good lottery;
it makes a chance in a lottery.

A man shows signs of understanding
a woman when he doesn't try to refute
her arguments.

Gout is too fashionable to be cured.

It generally takes a woman to mend
a man's ways.

From the free list to the blacklist is
but a jump.

All women are convinced that all
men are terrible, except possibly one.

About the time a man ought to quit
wearing red ties he begins to wear
them.

Some people are like shadows—they
are with you only when everything is
fair.

Some nations and all women begin
hostilities without declaring war.

We often discard the wrong cards,
and sometimes it happens that way
with friendships.

The virtues of men, at best, are nega-
tive; I require a woman for what she is
and a man for what he isn't.

When a young man once drops into
poverty he seldom gets on his feet again.
—Chicago Herald.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

Cultural stations of the United
States bureau of fisheries produced
more than 5,000,000 fish and eggs in
the year ending with June, a new high
record.

The timber possibilities of British
North Borneo are to be investigated
by an expert from the United States
whom the government has employed.

In an experimental way, at least, an
Italian inventor's wireless apparatus
transmits written messages, sketches,
shorthand characters and various de-
signs.

As a substitute for a grocer's
shop an inventor has patented a
pump that lifts dry articles from their
containers, which remain closed to ex-
clude dust.

A well-known motion-picture actress
has designed an automobile which
serves her as a dressing room with al-
most as many conveniences as a dress-
ing room in a theater provides.

From the speed at which earth-
quake waves travel through the earth
an English scientist has constructed
a theory that the world has a dense
central core, which may be measured
in time.

In the cities of the Seville consular
district there appears to be a growing
tendency toward outdoor recreation,
which should afford American manu-
facturers of sporting goods an oppor-
tunity to ship their wares to Spain.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

And we always wonder if the
girl at the phone looks as sweet
as her voice sounds.

The man who can climb up
stairs after being bumped from a
pedestal is the greatest hero
of all.

Act crazy and you may be re-
garded as a genius, but you are
more apt to be considered a darn
fool.

When an old woman looks ex-
tremely young it is a sign that
the business of the beauty plumb-
er is flourishing.

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GENERAL CLOUDON



General Cloudon of France is a mem-
ber of the French mission in the United
States.

MORE FATAL THAN AUTO

Animal-Drawn Vehicles Cause Many
Deaths in Massachusetts.

Animal-drawn vehicles caused more
deaths in Massachusetts during the
last year than did automobiles.

The annual report of the state in-
dustrial accident board, just issued,
states that there were 45 fatal ac-
cidents, of which 23 were caused by ve-
hicles drawn by horses and 20 by those
not propelled.

Fleeing Not Patriotic.

The flit is not a patriotic in these
times, according to Doctor Crossland,
who addressed a gathering of the So-
cial Women's Business club recently.
"Young women should be taught," said
Doctor Crossland, "that the most val-
uable thing they can give to man in
service is wholesome counsel."

New Dollars-Year Man.

Knoxville city schools now have the
pride of distinction of having a "dollar-
a-year" man in the person of A. W.
Fisher, physical director of the local
Y. M. C. A. He had agreed to serve
as physical director for 10,000 pupils
at that salary.

Observer advertising will bring re-
sults.

When Fur Meets Fabric



A splendid fabric appears at its best
in the rich and stately wrap which is
shown in the picture above. The de-
sign reveals an understanding by its
creator of the fitness of fur fabrics to
the making of ample and luxurious
garments. This one is a long and beau-
tiful draped cape to which sleeves
have been added. The fur fabric is an
imitation of broad tail and it is finish-
ed with a maroon collar and cuffs,
which serves to set off the other; the
fur and the fur fabric are rivals in
beauty.

This is one of several very hand-
some wraps in which furs have been
made up with fur fabrics with an ef-
fectiveness not equaled in the past.
Among them there are long coats, in
which wide borders of genuine
fur form half the length of the skirt
portion and collar and cuffs are very
large. A variety of plushes—which
is the other name for fur fabrics—made
up with a variety of furs, have result-
ed in some entirely new and very hand-
some coats, but nothing finer in de-
sign has been offered this season than
the wrap pictured. It covers the
wearer from neck to shoe top, looks

warm and is warm, and it is really a
splendid achievement of the cloth ma-
nufacturer and the designer.

One wonders where all the pelts
come from that go to make up ever-
present furs. It seems as if many
species of animals must become ex-
tinct before long. In the meantime fur
fabrics are showing their ability to
take the place of skins and may grad-
ually replace them; at any rate they
are already joining forces in making
wraps that are everything we could
wish for.

Julia Bottomley

A Slip-Over Blouse.

A pretty slip-over blouse is of white
dotted Swiss with deep circular yoke
of white organdy, to which the dotted
Swiss blouse and sleeves are attached.
The organdy yoke is rounded out at
the throat and finished only by a cor-
doned piping. Cuffs are of organdy and
the long sleeves of dotted Swiss. Swiss
and organdy are joined throughout
the blouse with lines of hemstitching.

LIEUT. E. G. CHAMBERLAIN



First Lieut. Edmund G. Chamber-
lain, Marine corps aviator, who was
recommended for the Victoria Cross
and the Congressional Medal of Honor,
the highest awards of two nations, for
downing seven German planes while
on a visit flight with a British air
squadron. He dispersed a company
of Hunns with a machine gun while
landing, took one prisoner and car-
ried back a wounded French officer.
Chamberlain holds from San Antonio,
Tex., and is a graduate of Princeton
and Texas universities.

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