

HIGH GROUND WON BY MIGHTY DRIVE

British Make Final Dash and Seize All Save One Bit of Land Near Bapaume.

ARTILLERY EVEN GREATER

Infantry Rushes, Yelling, in Wake of New Armored Cars, Sweep- ing Germans Down Hill and Taking Many Prisoners.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, via London Sept. 16.—Army officers universally are speaking of Friday as the best day for the British arms since the offensive began on the Somme front. With the exception of July 1 the attack begun yesterday morning was the most extensive of any in the 10 weeks of battle.

For the first time new armored motor cars of ingenious pattern suitable for crossing trenches and shell holes compete with the infantry as the British swept down from the ridges to the lower ground toward Bapaume. At this writing the British are beyond the village of Flers, which they took early in the morning, and are established in Martinpuich and Couleuse.

Drive Largely Downhill.

The slow, plodding work of recent weeks, which included the taking of Ginchy and Gueudecourt, had for effect control of the high ground from the region of Thiepval to the junction with the French on the right. The Germans fought hard for every foot of it. Delville, or Devil's wood, High wood and the ridge of hills, which the windmill crowns, lay open. Posters, have been steeped with blood of men fallen there in their long stand under the heaviest orgy of shelling in the history of war, as experts agree.

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Germans Rout Russians and Roumanians in Dobrudja District.

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British, Too, Fighting Furious Battle on Struma Front, but Fail to Make Serious Forward Thrust.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 16.—Bulgarian forces on the Macedonian front says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff, have occupied a new position after losing Malka Nidze, in a battle with troops of the entente allies.

Field Marshal von Mackensen, in command of the troops on the central powers in the Balkans, has decisively defeated the Roumanian and Russians in the province of Dobrudja, and is now pursuing them, continues the statement.

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The telegram was forwarded yesterday, and an officially given out reads:

"Field Marshal von Mackensen just informs us that the Bulgarian-Turkish-German troops in Dobrudja have gained a decisive victory over the Russo-Roumanian forces."

Striking and extensive changes in the war map have been made by Roumania's sudden invasion of Hungary and declaration in favor of the allies. Her attitude virtually makes a battle line of her Bulgarian border, which extends to the Black Sea. The line on which the Serbians and the British and French troops are fighting the Bulgarians, and that on which the latter are advancing there in their long stand under the heaviest orgy of shelling in the history of war, as experts agree.

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