

BYNG STRIKES BLOW AGAINST WEAK POINT IN GERMAN LINE EVERY TANK OBSERVES BYNG'S BATTLES TO DO ITS DANDEST

BATTERY OF TANKS PREPARED FOR ACTION AT FRONT

CAMBRAI ASSAULT INDICATES BREAK IN ENEMY DEFENSE

In Last 17 Months Germans Have Seen Offensive Wrested From Them in West.

LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

250,000 Men, 1500 Heavy Guns and 1500 Square Miles of Territory Pass to Allied Armies.



Key map on which black line indicates battle front in west and shaded area territory immediately concerned in battle of Cambrai.

By Frank H. Simonds

Copyright, 1917, by the Tribune Association, Inc. Measured by the depth of penetration into the enemy lines in the first four days, the victory of General Byng before Cambrai establishes a new high-water mark in trench warfare on the western front.

The exploit of Cambrai must be compared with the achievements of Plumer at Messines and of Allenby at Arras to get its full significance. At Messines, in June, Plumer advanced the British army in Italy had a fixed objective; his whole purpose was to abolish the salient in the British lines which enabled the Germans, holding the towns of Wytschaete and Messines, to sweep the rearward communications of the British in the whole Ypres salient.

But before Plumer, Allenby had had his chance at Arras. His objective was less definite. He had to take the Vimy ridge, just before him. But he had to do more than this. His aim was also to disorganize the German plans and prevent a German offensive on either of the flanks of his great retreat.

Reasons for Byng's Assault

Byng was aiming at a point in the line behind which was situated Cambrai, a highly valuable rail and road center, a base of great importance, but so far behind the front that it could hardly fall to a single thrust and would have to be the prize of continued operations after the first rush was over.

Doesn't Suffer Now With Stomach Trouble

Recommends Fruitola and Traxo as Positive Remedy That Brought Relief. In her work as an evangelist in the mountain districts of West Virginia, Mrs. Mary A. Ferree, 1964 Madison Ave., Huntington, W. Va., is frequently called on to relieve suffering among her people and has become familiar with the practical value of remedies easily available.

MRS. MARY A. FERREE heard of Fruitola and Traxo and tried it at a last resort. The first dose brought immediate relief, and after using three bottles of Fruitola and two of Traxo she was entirely cured.

together with the French, to aid them in Venetia, but also striking a heavy blow in the Cambresis, would have instant effect. It would be a moral counterweight to German efforts to give the impression that Britain had brought Italy into the war and then deserted her in the moment of peril.

There was another reason for the selection of the Cambrai front. North of this sector all the way to the sea, there has been terrific fighting, and the whole front to a depth of more than 10 miles on each side of the front line trenches has been transformed into a wilderness of mine craters, trench excavations and ruins; roads have been destroyed, rivers blocked.

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Thus we see that the dominant feature of the first phase of the battle of Cambrai was the element of surprise.

Three Great Bases

The value of Cambrai to the Germans was the value of Lille and of Laon. It was a great railroad center and also the point of intersection of a great number of good roads.

Three Millions for Traction Terminal

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Three million dollars is to be spent soon in the development and upkeep of the new traction lines, operated by the Key route system, which runs ferry boats connecting San Francisco and the Berkeley mole, and operates cars to carry passengers to and from the mole.

point of intersection of a great number of good roads. With Lille and Laon, it made the third important German base in the west.

When the British got Cambrai and the French got the Germans will have to retire out of the salient. If the British should get Lille, or swing around Lille from the north, the Germans would have to quit the whole salient from the line to the Meuse.

Mata-Hari's Intrigue

The German war office, with characteristic conceit, announced that the tanks were failures. Thereafter it ceased to mention them.

The answer to this is that not only will the local boards in all towns and cities by the method become better acquainted with the class of men destined as Sammites but by this method thousands of dollars will undoubtedly be saved and much trouble saved men who

Then on the morning of November 31 the tortoise appeared far in advance of the hare. The tanks, no one knows how many, started to demolish a German trench along the Hindenburg line, the line of the Hindenburg line.

German Losses Enormous

In this period of 17 months Germany, on the defensive, has lost 200,000 prisoners in battle, in addition to some 50,000 men of the minor groups of trench warfare between the French and British lines.

As an auxiliary in the treatment and prevention of pyorrhea

British Achievement in Breaking Hindenburg Line Result of Thorough Preparation.

Admiral Nelson said on October 21, 1805, "England expects every man to do his duty, and Great Britain." England made herself mistress of the seas.

Every tank did just what the commander of the Third British army suggested. Numbering scores and scores, these behemoths of armored motor cars, with great grey, conical turrets on wheels, smashed the reputedly impenetrable Hindenburg line as decisively as Nelson's wooden fleet annihilated the navy of the Spanish.

Mechanisms Improved

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Measles Upset Schedules At Camp Lewis Cantonment

Quarantining of Entire Companies Disrupts Drill Periods and Plans for Athletic Competitions and Other Outside Activities.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Dec. 8.—Caused chiefly by measles with here and there a sporadic case of spinal meningitis, the wholesale quarantining of companies during the past week has completely disrupted all schedules in athletic competitions, smokers and other forms of entertainment as well as a good many forms of drill.

Baseball Season Approaches

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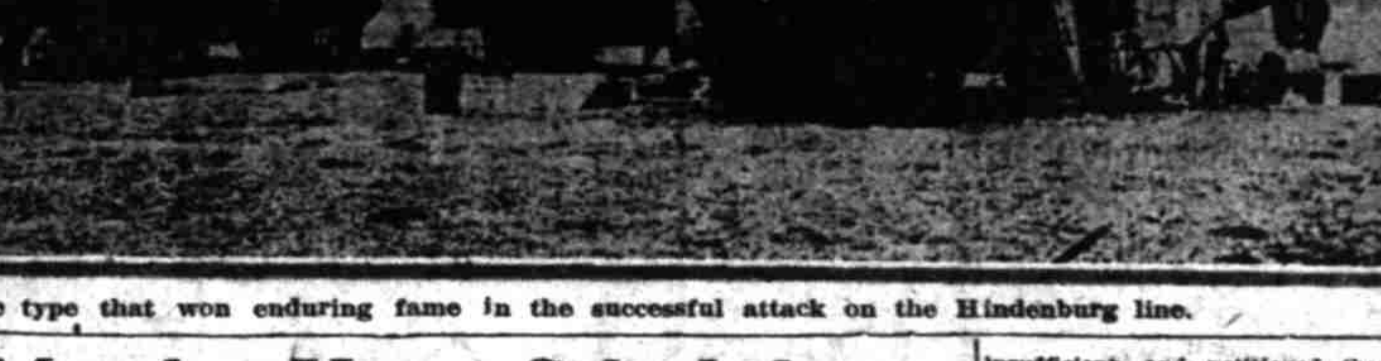
Means Says He Got Big Sums of Money of German Agents

Cross-Examination Brings Fact Defendant Prospered After Meeting Mrs. King.

Court House, Concord, N. C., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Gaston B. Means began to gain affluence after he met Mrs. Maude A. King, the woman he is accused of having murdered.

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Huge battle tanks of the type that won enduring fame in the successful attack on the Hindenburg line.

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Alaska Investigation Not to Be Reopened

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The opening of the Alaska investigation, conducted by James Wickham, Alaskan delegate in congress, was denied today by the interstate commerce commission.

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