

# AMERICAN STYLE OF FIGHTING IN VOGUE ON FRONT

### Open Warfare Forces Abandonment of Trench Tactics as Result of German Advance — Rifle Shooting Coming Into Use—Americans Excel in New System.

WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS FACING THE GERMANS IN NORTH-EAST FRANCE (Controlle American), May 16.—The American style of fighting has come back again over here. The great German offensive has forced all sides to return to open warfare, where the man with a rifle on his shoulder becomes a real factor again and where the cavalry must again be reckoned with.

#### Little Baggage Carried.

Whereas many a German division fought during the first days of the battle with every man loaded down with his entire pack on his back, the Americans literally stripped to the waist for the fray.

Hundreds of tons of personal baggage were left behind. One blanket, a raincoat, a canteen of water, emergency rations, gun and ammunition—that is practically all the American soldier carried with him, except for a small trench tool, to be used in case of necessity.

"Use your rifles and take careful aim," I heard a colonel instructing his men. "Forget about the hand grenade if this open warfare, because one good rifle and a belt of ammunition is worth more than all the grenades you can carry."

"Don't be like the Germans I heard about the other day who began throwing their rifles at the French when their grenades gave out."

Rifle shooting had become a lost art in the European war zones up to the time of the German offensive. But now, behind the allies' lines, rifle practice goes on every hour of the day, and the chances are the Germans are doing the same.

Every big offensive develops some new tactics. In this battle the Germans have shown to what extent the machine gun and the light trench mortar can be used.

The Germans were able to plow their way for big advances at the start largely thru the use of thousands and thousands of both of these. The German mortar is so light it can be pulled by men. The Germans were not able to make their artillery keep pace with their advance, but relied almost entirely on their machine guns and mortars.

Another trick the Germans used to good advantage was in timing the arrival of fresh divisions.

Their reserves all hid toward the front at night and were so separated that now ones reached the scene at daylight each day.

During the daylight hours they stayed under cover and rested.

The American troops sent to help the French and British were so glad to get out of their uncomfortable trenches that they welcomed with shouts the chance to meet the Germans out in the open.

#### Hate Trench Warfare.

Trench warfare doesn't fit in with the American temperament.

"When the enemy shells you, you have the helpless feeling that there is nothing to do but stand in the trenches and take it," one boy told me. "What I like is a chance to strike back myself and not leave the job to our artillery."

On the way up to the British and French fronts, the Americans were so gay and festive that one would have thought they were on their way back to a rest camp, instead of being headed for a bloody battlefield.

Pretty French girls threw kisses to them in every city and village they passed thru and many of the American who has tucked in his belt the address of some French lassie.

And in the French homes they were billeted, waiting for the command to go forward. French peasant folk brought them fresh eggs and milk and vegetables for their mess, and many of the boys slept in real beds for the first time in months.

The American troops were fortunate in having for officers a number of men who had served with distinction in the British army up to the time the United States entered the war. In addition, other officers were known as experts in open warfare maneuvers.

# FRENCH HONOR THREE DARING YANKEE FLIERS

### Pershing in Communique Tells Details of Trench Raid by American Snipers—Aviation Officers Cited in French Orders—Two Aviators Killed in Flight.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The war department today made public an official communique from General Pershing in two sections, the first repeating a communique that came in press dispatches this morning, and the second giving additional information of the activities of the American troops.

The second section said: "In Lorraine May 12, the three snipers, scouts of intelligence service went out in camouflage sniping suits to find German snipers and encountered 18 of the enemy at a strong point near dugout. They shot four, of whom one appeared to be an officer, secured valuable papers and retired under heavy fire. One failed to reach our lines and the major com-

manding the sector, sent three officers and four men to find him."

#### Patrol Attacks Enemy.

"This patrol also penetrated the enemy's line and reached the strong point attacked by the first patrol. Here the enemy was not reinforced and our patrol was driven back by a hot rifle and grenade fire. On reaching our lines one man of this patrol was found missing. Two officers were sent out to find him, and brought back the body for identification purposes. The missing man from the second patrol has not been found, but the third intelligence scout of the first party has returned.

"On May 12, three officers of our aviation forces were cited in orders by the commanding general of a French army corps and decorated with the Croix De Guerre: Major Ralph Royce of Hancock, Mich.; for making first American reconnaissance over enemy's lines and for always setting fine example to his squadron; First Lieutenant Herbert R. Garrison of New York, pilot, and Second Lieutenant Paul De Meyers of Milwaukee, observer, for an infantry liaison mission on April 12th. Flying at 300 meters they finished their mission in spite of intense fire from enemy machines and anti-aircraft guns.

"North of Toul on the afternoon of May 14, Lieutenant Engel and Lieutenant Emerson were killed by a fall

within our lines, while on observation duty. The accident took place within a cloud and the particulars are not known. North of Toul our aviators today brought down three German two-seated machines, one of our aviators bringing down two and another bringing down one."

### 49 MEN CALLED FOR DRAFT ARMY

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