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ENEMY EVACUATES FORWARD POSITIONS

GENERAL INTEREST CENTERS IN SITUATION ON THE PICARDY FRONT.

ALBERT IS STRONGLY HELD

Increasing Artillery Activity Continues Along New Somme Battle Front.

With the British Army in France... General interest in the situation along the Picardy battle front has shifted to the northward, where it is confirmed that the Germans are evacuating some of their forward positions.

Albert is still held strongly by the Germans... British patrols, on entering the town, were fired on from the Albert cathedral.

It will be remembered that the German retirement in February, 1917, to the Hindenburg line was immediately preceded by slight local retirements such as have been made north of Albert.

Along the new Somme battlefield quiet still continues except for rather increased artillery activity at several points.

PLANS SET IN MOTION TO REGISTER 13,000,000 MEN

Washington—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced that plans already have been made for registering the 13,000,000 additional men which he estimates will be brought under the selective service law when Congress enacts the pending bill extending the age limits to include men between 18 and 45 years.

So urgent is the need for additional manpower, General Crowder said, that the draft machinery is being put into shape for the great task ahead without waiting for final action by Congress.

When the 13,000 men are enrolled nearly \$25,000,000 will have been registered since the United States entered the war.

2,000,000 IS FIGURE SET AS PROBABLE IN CLASS 1

On the basis of actual figures from insurance companies, census computations and experience of this office in the previous registration, it has been estimated that the required number of men for class one may be had only by including within the draft age limits men between 32 and 45 and between 18 and 20.

DATE OF REGISTRATION EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Assurance having been given that the legislation will receive immediate consideration upon the assembling of the house and of the senate, this office, in its preliminary instructions set out to draft executives in the various states, has proceeded on the assumption that the new registration might be held early in September.

GEN. TASKER H. BLISS



Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, American representative at the supreme war council, has been given the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by the British government.

CAPTURE LASSIGNY RUMORED

HUN FRONT LINE TRENCHES ARE MADE UNDEFENDABLE BY THE ALLIES.

Germans Apparently Successful in Holding Back British and French From Somme to Oise.

North and south of the Somme the Germans have lost further important ground. In the former region they have evacuated their positions over a five-mile front to the British north of Albert.

German front line trenches at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puisseux-Mont and Bucquoy have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras.

Unofficial reports have announced the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Bray-Sur-Somme and Elnem by the Australians.

From the Somme to the Oise, except in the latter region, where the French have made further gains, the Germans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chaules and Roye, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and French have been centered.

FREING REGION BETWEEN THE OISE AND SOMME

The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive, which has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the region between the Somme and the Oise of the enemy.

Although they are still encountering violent resistance, the French are continuing to make progress through the wooded and hilly country between the Matz and the Oise, where the Germans, from recesses in the forests, are using machine guns innumerable.

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OVER THE LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Granite Falls.—Fritz Barlow, a young man about 18 years old, employed by the Granite Falls Manufacturing Company, was drowned in the company's pond.

Greensboro.—Fire today destroyed the Blandwood, a large boarding house in the center of the city, causing a loss of \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

Durham.—Mr. William D. Carmichael Jr., known to his friends as "Billy," left about ten days ago for Washington, D. C., where he successfully passed examinations for the aviation corps.

Asheville.—Joseph Meyers, a merchant of West Asheville was seriously injured when a Ford truck he was driving got beyond control on Jefferson drive as he was passing a wagon, and hurled itself and driver down a 30-foot bank.

Winston-Salem.—The amount left by the late R. J. Reynolds for the colored hospital here is \$120,000, instead of \$12,000 as printed in a dispatch from here, due evidently to an error in transmission.

Raleigh.—Fifty-six markets in North Carolina sold a total of 249,033,374 pounds of tobacco during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1918, according to the annual report just released by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Gastonia.—The division of four minute men of the federal committee on publication is to be actively represented in Gastonia and that immediately, according to an announcement by Leake Carraway, of Charlotte, district chairman of the four minute men for this section.

Wake Forest.—The warehouse of W. C. Brewer & Co., of this place, was burned. The building contained general merchandise. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, partially covered by insurance.

Morganton.—Heavy damage has been done in Burke the past few days by hail and windstorms. In many places the corn has been leveled to the ground and many fields of alfalfa and other crops have suffered severely.

Gastonia.—Robert Manning and Thomas Shelton, white boys apparently 18 or 19 years of age and claiming Charlotte as their home, are in the city jail charged with burglary and the police officers are on the lookout for two other youths who were with them at the time the crime they are charged with was committed.

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MAJ. PAUL T. DESSEZ



The splendid work of Maj. Paul T. Dessez of Washington, a regimental surgeon with the American army at the French front, has occasioned a special story about him from one of the correspondents in the war zone.

ROYE AND NOYON IN PERIL

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY PLAYED ON PART OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN FORCES.

Retreat of Foe Along Oise Valley May Cause Entire Enemy Line to Break in Unison.

Fresh reinforcements and large numbers of guns have been brought up by the enemy to aid him in his endeavors to hold the line, which is essential to the safety of the German armies now in the pocket described by the Somme on the north and east, and on the Oise on the south.

Notwithstanding the enemy's efforts however, Chaules is receiving a mighty visitation of shells from the allied guns, and Roye has been so crunched upon that it is now under a heavy crossfire from both the north and south, and seemingly both towns ultimately must be evacuated.

Far to the north from Ypres to Albert there has been considerable activity on the part of the British and French forces against the Germans.

On the Vesle river the Germans in attacks against Fismett, which is held by the Americans and French are declared to have driven the allies to the southern bank of the river.

These successes render impossible any rupture of the line which would separate the French armies of the center from those to the east, or a rupture of the junction between the French and British.

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GERMANS GIVEN NO REST BY ALLIES

FAMOUS LYS SALIENT IS GRADUALLY GIVING WAY UNDER PRESSURE

HOLDING ALONG THE VESLE

Foe Given No Rest Along the Somme; Harassed by Franco-Americans on Vesle and Lorraine.

Gradually the famous Lys salient in the region west of Armentieres is giving way under the pressure of the British. Again Field Marshal Haig's forces have compelled the enemy to seek ground to the eastward where he will be more secure from the shells of the big guns that for several weeks have been firing cross-over over the entire salient.

Likewise the Germans are being given no rest by the Franco-British forces north and south of the Somme, and the French and Americans along the Vesle and Americans in Lorraine, also are harassing them by artillery fire and local attacks.

Over a front of four miles between Bailleu and Vieux Regin on the Lys sector, the British have forced back the Germans to a depth ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 yards, taking in the maneuver the village of Outtersteen and 400 prisoners.

While, as a whole, the German line between the Somme and the Oise rivers are still holding, notwithstanding the terrific pounding it is receiving from the allied guns, the British have drawn nearer the road leading from Chaules to Roye between Chilly and Farnsart, placing Roye in greater jeopardy by attack from the north.

Along the Vesle river front, where the Americans and French are holding the line against the Germans, there has been considerable reciprocal artillery shelling.

AMERICAN TROOPS REACH VLADIVOSTOK FROM MANILA

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SPRIT OF AMERICAN FORCES RAISES MORALE OF ALLIES

New York.—The spirit of American forces overseas has raised the morale of the allied troops to the highest pitch, according to Dr. E. W. Buckley, of St. Paul, Minn., who has just returned from a tour of the western front.

The keenest impression of anyone who has the opportunity to visit the American front is that our boys have brought the spirit of victory overseas with them.

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