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BRITISH SMASHING HINDENBURG LINE Capt. James . B. Lynch-Meeting of BY HEAVY DRIVE (Continued from Page One.)

Announcement is made by Capt. James B. Lynch, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, that on account of the postponement of the regular drill of burg line southeast of Arras has been the W. L. I. on Tuesday night a special taken, as shown by last night's offi- drill has been called for this evening

cial communication giving a total at the regular hour. width of three and one-half miles to the turning movement at the top.of this famous position.

In falling back the Germans are making in the direction of an emergency auxiliary line to the rear of the Hindenburg line, called the Drocourt-Queant line. Work on this position is far from complete and the Germans seem to have had no idea of using it except as a last resort. They are now fighting under orders to delay the British advance at every possible point to permit completion of the work of making the new position defendable.

On retiring from the Somme last month the Germans aparently expect-! ed to hold all the Hindenburg line running southeast from Arras in front of Cambrai and through St. Quentin and Laon. The important point at the northern end of this line was Vimy ridge. There is no doubt the Germans never expected to be driven; off that ridge by a frontal attack, as was done by the Canadians on Monday.

Anticipating a northern offensive, however, the possible outflanking of the Vimy positions, the Drocourt-Queant switch running north from the Hindenburg line, was planned. In the meantime the Germans, driven-back from their old positions, were endeavoring to dig themselves in at various places, especially in front of Monchy-Le-Preux, in which process they suffered heavy casualties from artillery and machine gun fire.

It is rather difficult to explain the exact situation where the attacks center on arbitrary German field positions rather than on towns or villages. But in modern warfare, the taking of a bit of trench or a strong point marked only on war maps may be of far greater importance and significance than the capture of a city.

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