

AIRMEN, EYES OF THE ARMY, WON THIS BATTLE FOR FRANCE

A Telling Exhibit in "The Sun's" Campaign for Great American Air Fleet as Short Cut to Winning War



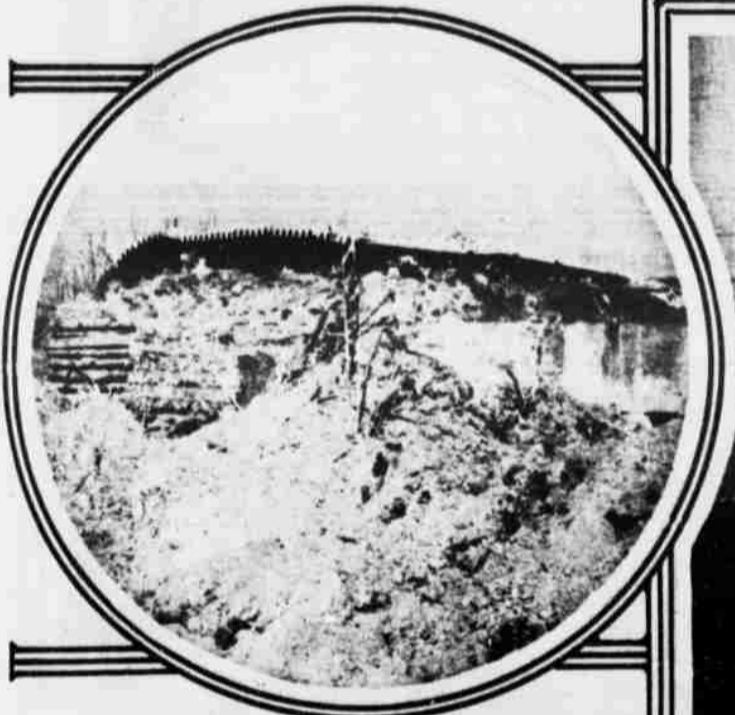
1—All that remained of one of the small forts known as points d'appui. It was built of reinforced concrete.



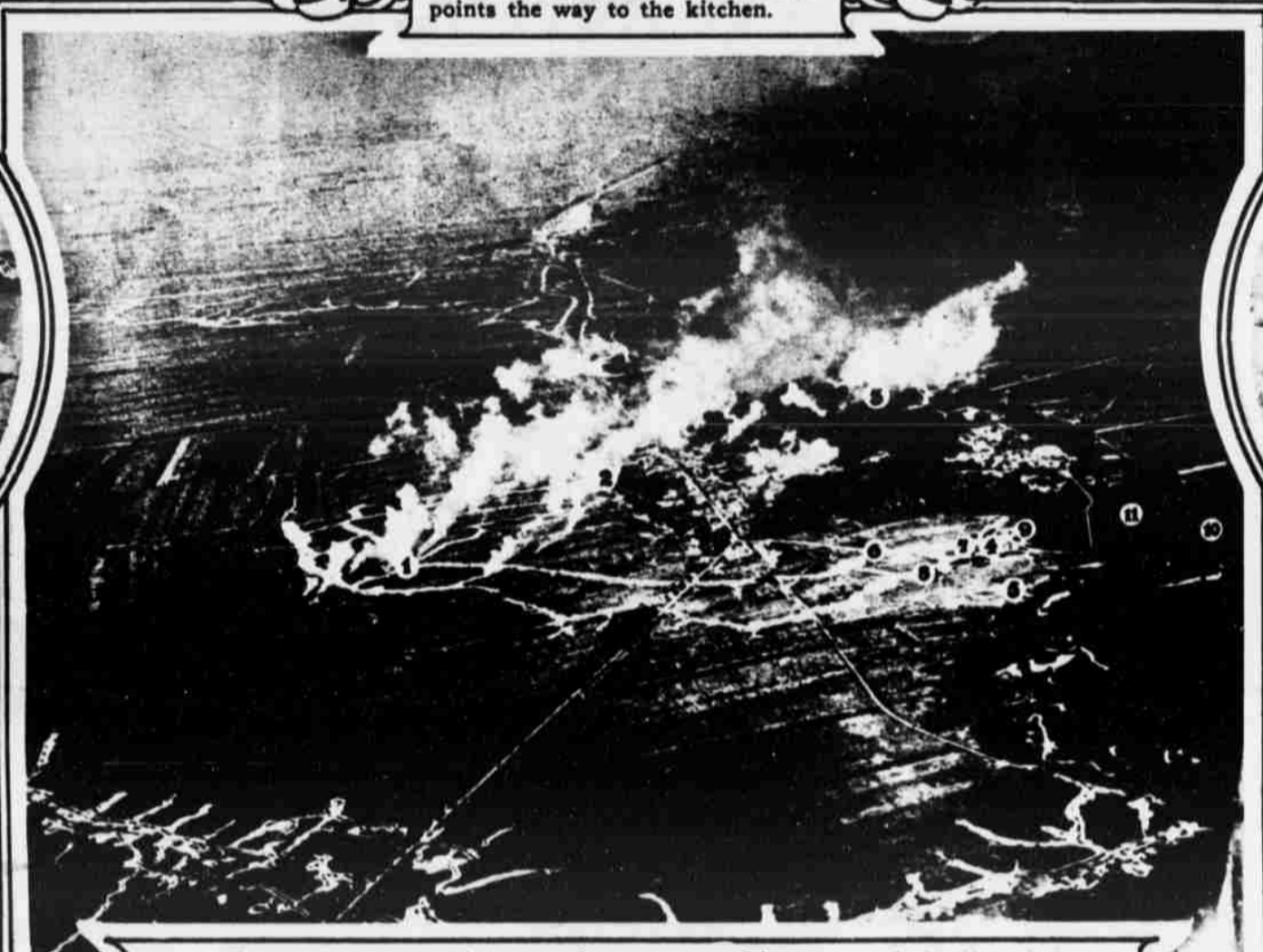
2—A carefully constructed communicating trench after airmen aimed French guns at it. The sign points the way to the kitchen.



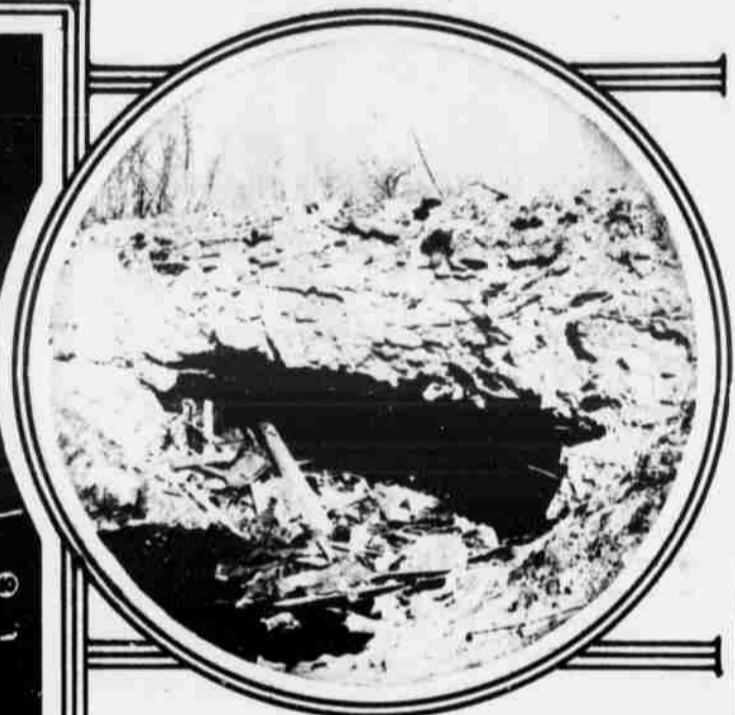
3—Emplacement of a German battery which was smothered by accurately directed fire of the French artillery.



4—One of a group of forts forming the key to the position.



These pictures constitute a unique photographic survey of the French bombardment of Auberville and its effects. Auberville was part of the famous Hindenburg line. The above photograph was taken from a French airplane. The French artillery fire was directed by airplanes. After the capture of the village photographs were taken of the shattered German defences to check up the accuracy of the French aviators. The result is a series of remarkably precise and enlightening comparisons between the later photographs and the aerial view. The points photographed are indicated by numbers. The French trenches are in the foreground. The German trenches are seen in front of Auberville.



5—Wreck of a concealed shelter of concrete spied out by French aviators.



6—Showing the condition to which the German trenches were finally reduced by the French bombardment.

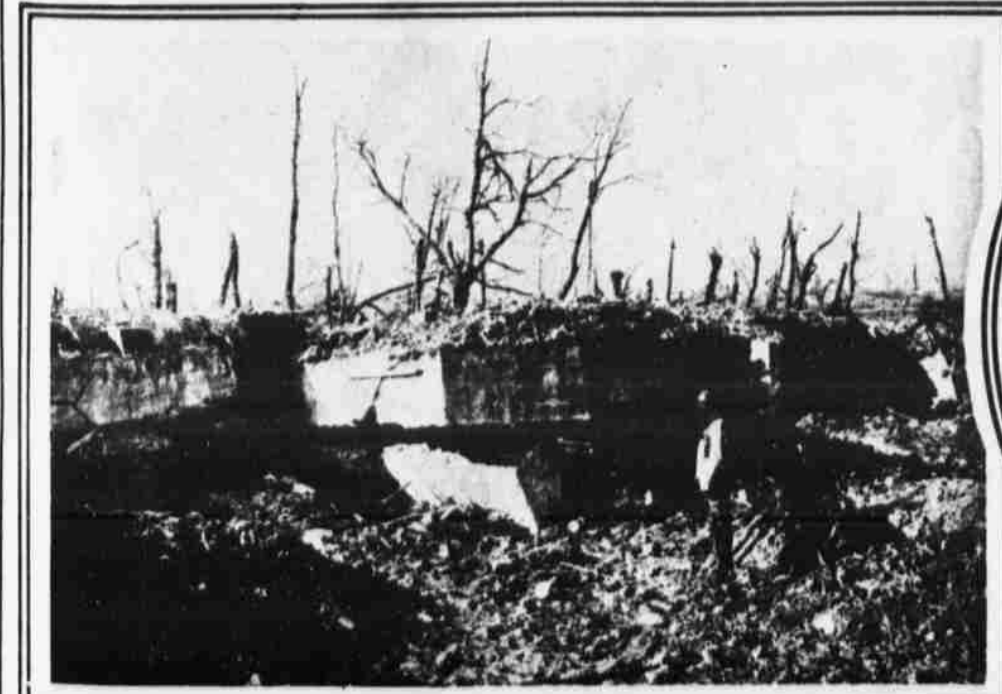


7—Effect of guns plus airplanes.



Deepest German shelter a ruin.

8—This gives an idea of how the Hindenburg line was built and hidden. Yet it was smashed.



9—Impressive evidence of power of French artillery. Note the size of the concrete blocks that failed to protect.



10—Mere piles of debris beyond the river mark the line of the German defences.



11—Wire entanglements and trees torn apart and the earth ploughed up along the River Suipe by the French shell fire.