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On May 1 of this year it was in the hands of the German army; three weeks of the ceaseless battle for possession of the town.

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AEROPLANE WEAPONS OF TRENCH WARFARE

were taken by an officer of the French flying corps anti-aircraft guns. They are for the use of maps for the Allied generals in the field.

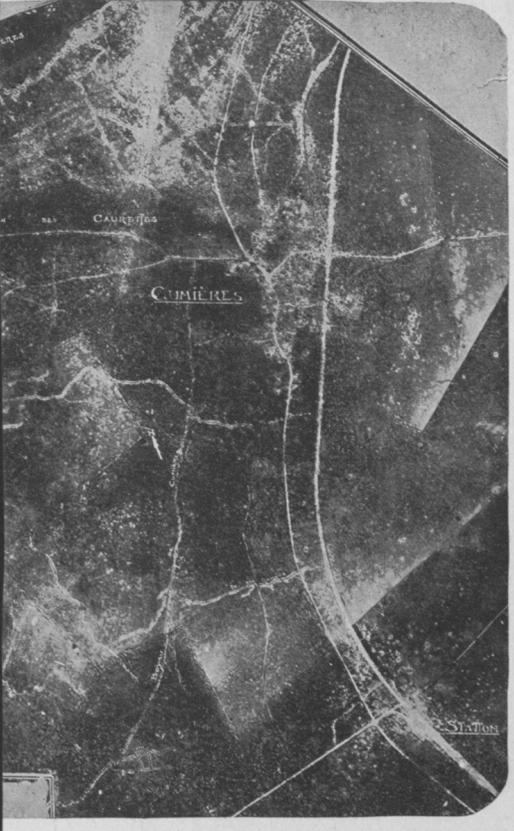
TEN MILES INSIDE THE GERMAN LINES—A village in the Verdun sector, cut by the rear trench lines of the army of the German Crown Prince and mottled by shell holes. Each circle in the network of trenches incloses a battery of German artillery, each rectangle a section fortified with big guns.

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TESTING THE WIND FOR SHELL FIRE—An official photograph showing the inflation of one of the small balloons employed to determine atmospheric conditions affecting the use of big guns.

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EXPLOSION OF AN AERO BOMB. A German aviator aimed a bomb at this tiny village in the Dixmude region and struck a building already damaged by shell fire. The photograph was taken at the moment of the explosion.

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CROW'S WOOD IN THE VERDUN ASSAULT. The photograph was taken in the latter phase of the German attacks on the city. The whirls and squared effects in the lines of trenches stand out more distinctly because the aeroplane was within half a mile of the earth.

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Composite, made up of twenty-six photographs arranged to show the position of the front line. The center is Hill 304.

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