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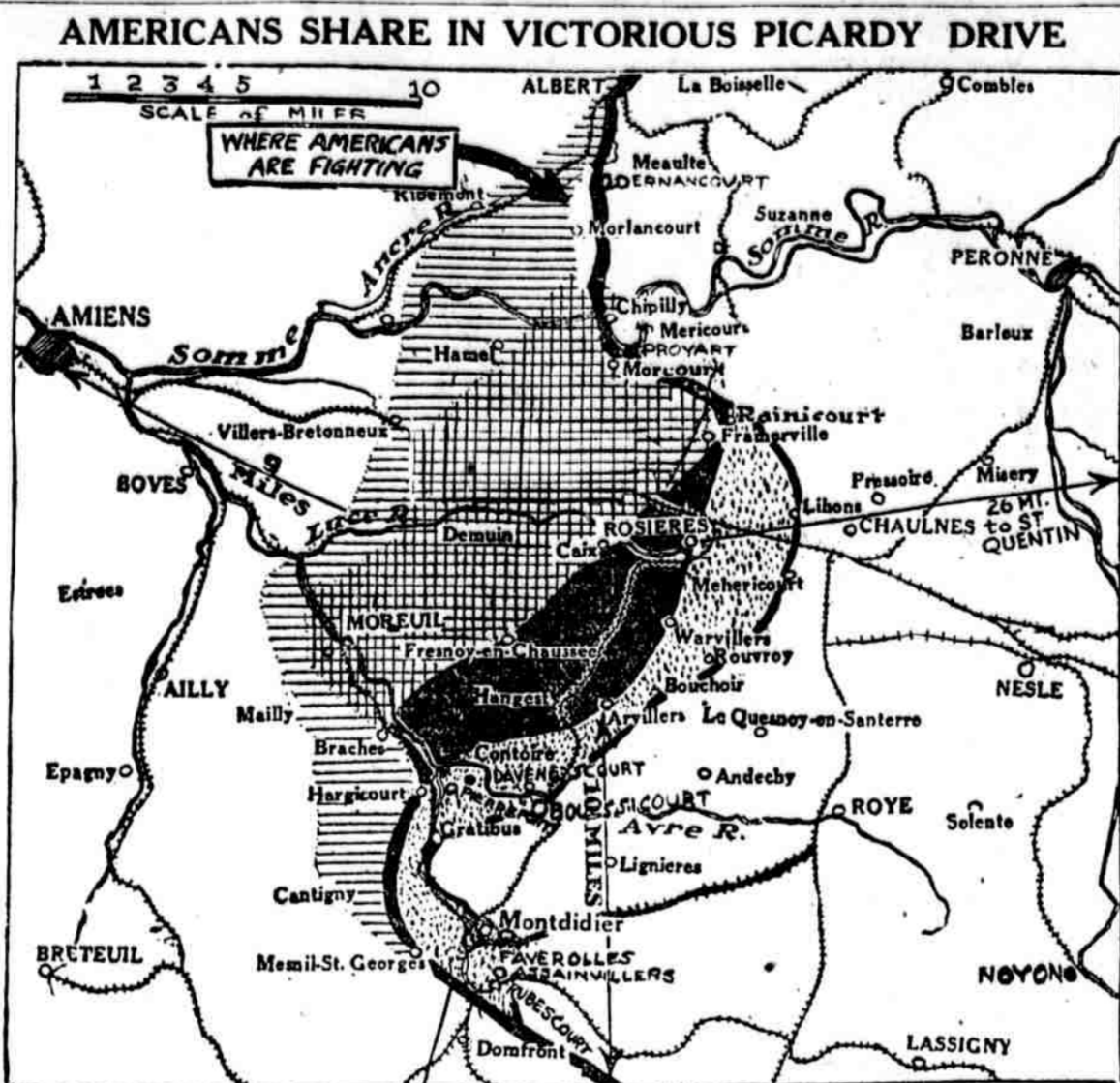
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To the north, the important junction of Chaunles is now quite untenable for the Germans, as it is well within the fire of the British field guns. The German communications have been so disorganized that thus far only two divisions of reserves have been identified, and these new troops have not been able to make any impression on the advancing Allies.

The eleven German divisions which the Allies have torn to pieces are already in such condition that they can be of little use to the German command for a long time to come, and probably some of them can never be re-formed.

The two new divisions which appeared on the front were rushed down the two principal arteries of communication. It is along these arteries, however, that the Allied forces are strongest, particularly in cavalry and tanks, and two divisions were far too few in numbers to stem the on-rushing tide.

The German army of General Von Hutier is retreating from the Montdidier-Noyon line. The movements of General Debeney's French army have been lightning-like and resulted in the taking of prisoners to the number of several thousand. General Humbert's army is still advancing on a wide front east of Montdidier and has established contact with Debeney's forces.

The retrograde movement of the Germans is being accelerated by the favorable progress of the new attack south of Montdidier. The French War Office communique of today tells of the virtual encircling of the strategic objective of Montdidier. The towns of Assainvillers and Rubescourt were captured and the French reached Faveroles, less than two miles east of Montdidier.

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