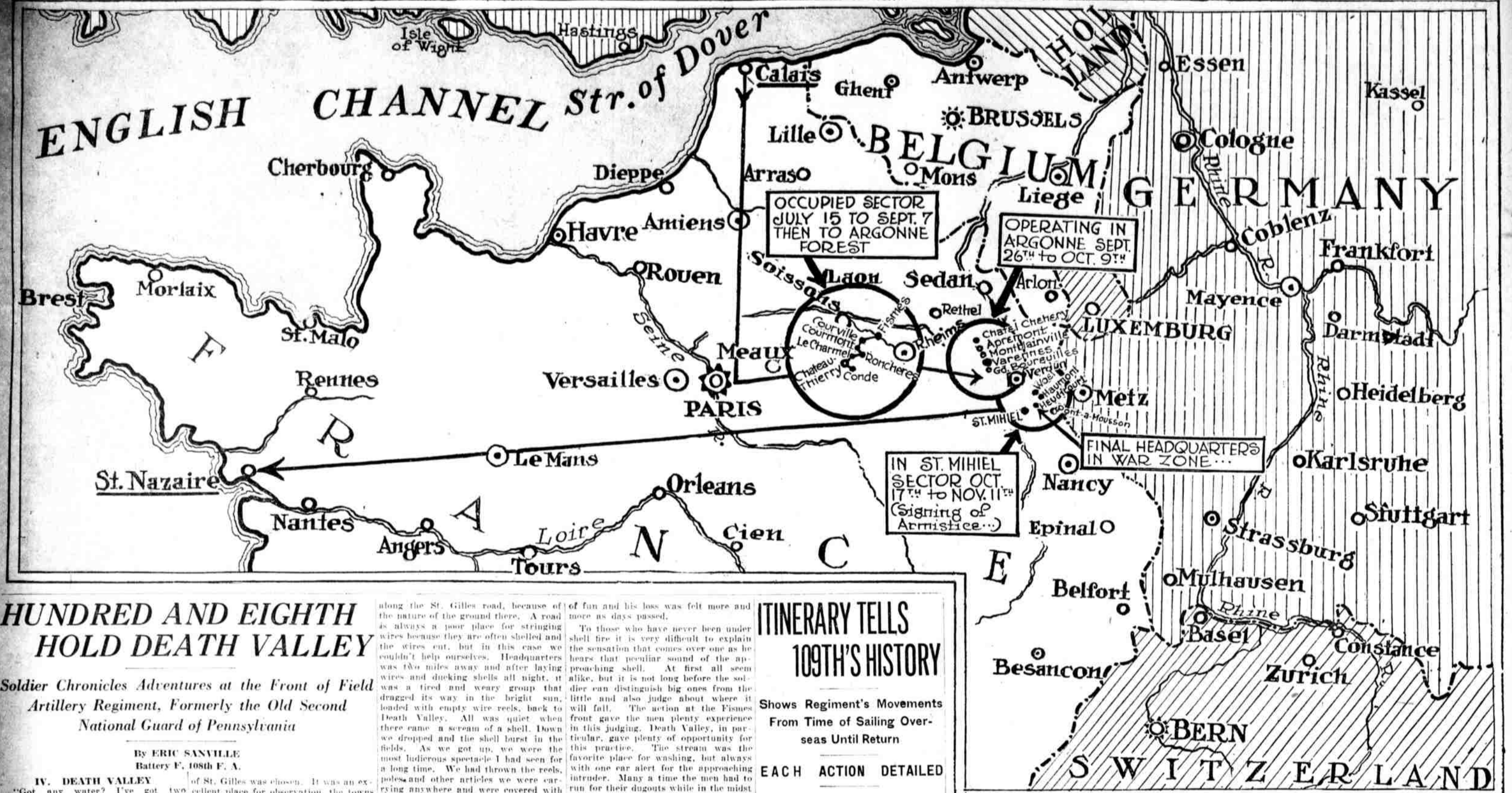


THROUGH WAR-TORN FRANCE THEY MARCHED, NOR HOMEWARD TURNED UNTIL TRIUMPHANT

THE KEYSTONE DIVISION'S "LONG, LONG TRAIL" FROM BATTLEFIELD TO HOME



HUNDRED AND EIGHTH HOLD DEATH VALLEY

Soldier Chronicles Adventures at the Front of Field Artillery Regiment, Formerly the Old Second National Guard of Pennsylvania

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IV. DEATH VALLEY

"Got any water? I've got two wounded men here who need a drink." These were the words that greeted me as I walked about 2 a. m. into the new gun position where one platoon, consisting of two guns, was already established. They had only been there one day and my heart failed me as I recognized the speaker as one of our first aid attendants and quered, "Who's hurt?" "None of our men," was the reply; "two doughboys from up the hill." Feeling better, I found an empty dugout and crawled in and, too weary to open blankets, fell on the ground and slept till daybreak.

What a wonderful position it was! At the base of a high hill over 200 feet, with the guns plumb up against the rising ground. That is the advantage of the 155 howitzer; it fires at a high angle. Behind was the valley, but 100 yards in width, and a stream through the center ending abruptly in another high hill. The hill in front of the guns looked like a pueblo village, perforated with rows of holes, for there lived the reserve line of infantry. The hill to the rear was also perforated, but with shell holes, the marks of the attempts of "Jerry" to land on the doughboys. To the right of the position ran the St. Gilles road in full view of the enemy, and sure to be fired on as soon as a wagon or other vehicle appeared on it. The valley ended at the road and when any one came in or went out, it was a case of go fast or you may never go again.

ITINERARY TELLS 109TH'S HISTORY

Shows Regiment's Movements From Time of Sailing Overseas Until Return EACH ACTION DETAILED

Here is the itinerary of the 109th Regiment of the Twenty-eighth Division. It shows the movements of the regiment from the time of sailing from the United States to the final journey back to St. Nazaire, before embarking for home. The itinerary was prepared at the direction of Colonel Millard D. Brown, former commanding officer of the 109th, from records kept by officers of the regiment.

HERE'S WHERE THEY FOUGHT HARDEST



MAJOR, CAME IN HAND, FALLS LEADING FIGHT

Thomas B. Anderson, Commander in 110th Regiment, Killed Leading Battalion in Offensive on Vesle River

Lieutenant Tells How Pennsylvanians Marched Into Flood of Gas After Masks Had Been Ruined in Swimming Stream

THEY WANT GOOD ROADS

Soldiers' Experience in France Made Them Staunch Advocates

"The American soldier back from France has given great impetus to the good roads movement in the United States," said H. Ross Maddocks, of the Stewart Automobile Corporation. "He saw the wonderful roads of France, the national arteries of traffic that saved the country when the gray columns of Germany struck at the heart of France, and he mentally put them down in his own United States and regarded the improvement with vast satisfaction."

Red Keystone Designates "Unit of Shock Troops"

Having proved themselves Class A shock troops, the commander of the Twenty-eighth Division issued an order on October 27 directing the Pennsylvanians to wear the red keystone insignia.

RUINED GAS MASKS

"There was to be a new offensive. We forded the Vesle and most of us were forced to swim it. We ruined our gas masks. No sooner did we reach the other side than we walked right into a flood of gas. And our useless masks were a mockery."