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## Germans Begin Attack on 65 Mile Front

 American Troops in Thickest Fighting AMERICANS DRIVE back enemy in соиNTER ATtaCK numas mantrag greate foont than any APPEAL TO PEOPLE


By Associated Presa. 15.-The Germans at daylight today launched a violent attack
against the American positions west of Chateau Thierry especial-
ly near Vaux.

The attack came after a most violent bombardment of high
explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American
troops sought shelter wherever it was available. When the
enemy infantry appeared, the Americans swarmed out and met enemy infantry appeared, the Americans swarm
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An enemy bombardment of towns in the rear of the lines
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began shortly after six oclock a.m
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in the fighting, maintaining their positions.
Heavy shells from German naval guns are fallng in regions far behind the actual battle area, many of these projectiles hav-
ing fallen in the city of Meaux, 25 miles from Chateau Thierry ing fallen
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projectiles being from ten and twelve inch naval guns.
Reports from American advance positions said that the
American troops were "handling the enemy well" in the desperate
Amighting which is continuing.
At this hour it had not been determined how the battle in
the vicinity of Vaux was progressing. The whole line in both
directions from that town was dense with smoke and gas fumes
The roar of the cannonade was punctuated in the few intermis sions with a terrific din of machine gun and rifle fire which seem
$\qquad$ the fighting indicated to those near the scene that the operat as a renewal of the general attack that had been expected. an artack east of Rheims but on the sectors on that front on which
French and Americans are fighting side by side the positions are
 advancing close formations of Germans.

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it began the Germans attacked all along the Marne where they
were gallantly opposed by more of the American troops and the
French. The fresh attack was made at the peak of the bi

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After a wait of 33 days since they were halted in their plunge toward Compiegne along the west bank of the Oise, the Germans at dawn today launched a new phase of their mighty of fensive by attacking from Chateau Thierry to Maison De Champagne, north of Massignes and far east

Latest reports from the battle field state that the Germans have rossed the Marne at several places. This probably refers to the reaches of the Marne between Chateau Thierry and Dormans.
American troops are engaged in battles in this particular region and reports say they are "handling the enemy well." They broke up the reports say they are "handling the enemy well." They broke up the
German drive in the Vaux region, west of Chateau Thierry by a dashing
Reports show that, so far as the length of the line is concerned, the present drive is the greatest of the year. At first it was believed from the Freneh war office statement that the line was about fifty miles in extent, but apparently the report from Paris told simply of the length of the French-held times under attack. Measurements of the line where fighting is known to be going on however, show that it is 105 kilometers, or 65.1 miles long. The Cambrai front on March 21 was over a front of 55 miles.




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