

## Chapter XV

### MISCELLANEOUS

THE American Battle Monuments Commission was created by Congress in 1923. In carrying out its task of commemorating the services of the American forces in Europe during the World War the Commission erected appropriate memorials abroad, improved the eight military cemeteries there and in this volume records the vital part American soldiers and sailors played in bringing the war to an early and successful conclusion.

All dates which appear in this book are inclusive. For instance, when a period is stated as November 7-9 it includes all three days, i. e., November 7, 8 and 9.

The date given for the relief in the front line of one division by another is that when the command of the sector passed to the division entering the line. In the few instances where no date of passage of command could be found it was assumed that command passed as directed in the field orders and when the field orders did not specify the time it was assumed that the command passed upon the completion of the relief of the last front-line unit of the division.

When units of a division entered the line for training, the date of entry into the line is that when the first unit went into the front line; the date used for the termination of this service is that when the last unit of the division left the line.

On the maps and sketches all dates on the battle lines refer to midnight of the day in question unless otherwise indicated. For example, if the date September 26 appears on a battle line, it means the line was there at midnight of September 26.

The unit boundaries shown on the small sketches are those prescribed in official field orders. On all maps which use colored areas or stippling to show ground gained, the field order boundaries are disregarded and each color or type of stippling shows the ground actually passed over by the troops of the organization concerned.

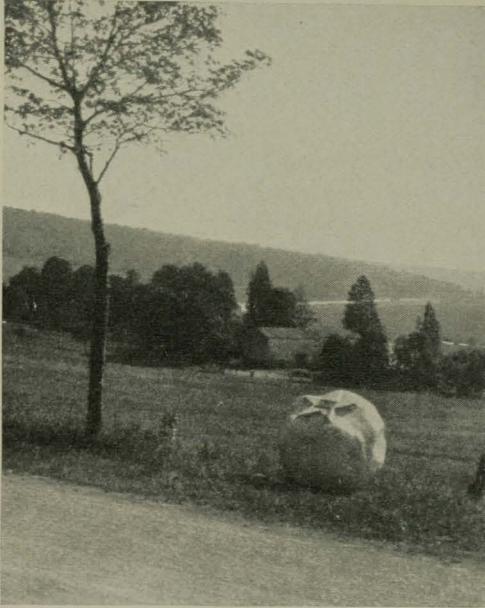
The size or type of the map illustrating any particular operation in no way indicates the importance of the operation; clearness was the only governing factor.

The 1/200,000 maps at the ends of Chapters II, III, IV and V have been placed there with the idea that while the tourist is reading the text or following the tour of a chapter he will keep the map at the end unfolded, available for reference.

As a general rule, only the locations of headquarters of corps and divisions from which active operations were directed more than three days are mentioned in the text. Those who desire more complete information on the subject can find it in the two volumes published officially by the Historical Section, Army War College, entitled "Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War, American Expeditionary Forces".

All casualty figures are derived from official records of the War Department and include only the killed and wounded in action and those who died of wounds received in action. They exclude all missing in action, captured and sick. In all cases, except on page 515, casualties are given only for the periods units actually served in the front line. In the tables at the ends of the various chapters, the casualties of units which served temporarily attached to the different divisions are given by separate figures. The casualties which appear on page 515 are from the Report of the Secretary of War for 1926, with the addition of the Marine Corps and the Navy casualties. These figures do not include the casualties of the attached units.

This text embodies the results of a very exhaustive study made by the Commission, using data from German and other sources concerning the location of the Hindenburg Line in the Meuse-Argonne region. Unless otherwise indicated the part of that position described in the text and on the maps is its main line of resistance.



Typical 2d Division Battlefield Marker

Medal of Honor citations have been used freely because these citations give a vivid picture of the hardest part of the fighting. At one place or another in the book information is given concerning the citations of each of the 94 men awarded the Army Congressional Medal of Honor. As the majority of these men were in the infantry, the branch of service has been indicated in the text only in case the soldier was in some other branch of the army.

The classification in this text of the front-line service of American divisions into battle and sector service is the same as given in General Order No. 16, War Department, 1921, and its amendments.

#### French maps and guidebooks:

There are on sale in France and Belgium excellent road maps and inexpensive guidebooks, written in English, giving complete, up-to-date information concerning roads, hotels, restaurants and objects of some historical interest. These books and maps will be found of great value while making a tour of the battlefields.

#### Information concerning French roads:

The roads in France are numbered. National highways are the best roads and are designated by the letter "N" followed by a numeral; for example, N-3 is the National Highway No. 3. Departmental roads, corresponding to state roads in the United States, are designated by the letters "G. C." or "G. C. D." and a number; for example, G. C. 6 or G. C. D. 6. These also are good roads and rank just below the national highways. The letters "I. C." and "V. O." indicate local roads. The main difference in all these roads is in width rather than in the character of the surface. National roads are wide, run comparatively straight, and are marked so they are easy to follow, whereas local roads are narrow, very winding, and in general have not many road signs.

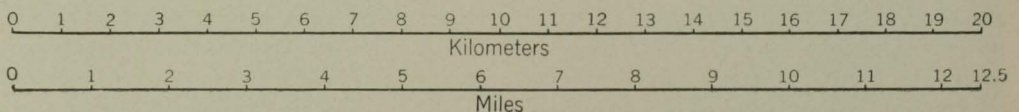
All roads except poor ones have alongside them a stone post at each kilometer. That part of the post facing the road bears a number and the designation of the road, such as N-3 or G. C. 6. The sides of the posts generally give the name of the next large village or town and the distance to it. Small posts about 8 inches high usually mark each tenth of a kilometer between successive posts. Roads change the numbering of their kilometer posts, given on the side facing the road, at each departmental boundary.

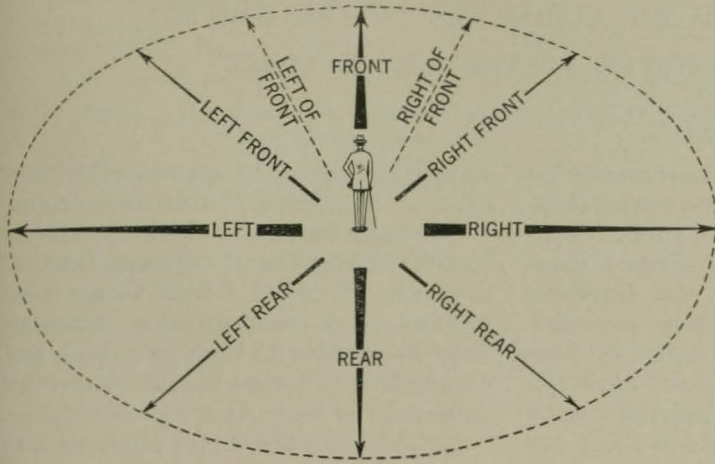
#### Conversion of meters and kilometers:

1 kilometer	=	0.62137 mile
1 mile	=	1.6093 kilometers
1 meter	=	39.37 inches
	=	1.09 yards
1 yard	=	0.9144 meter

A simple rule for roughly converting kilometers to miles is to multiply the number of kilometers by 0.6. To change from miles to kilometers do the opposite and divide the number of miles by 0.6.

The graphic scales below can be used for conversion purposes where distances shorter than 20 kilometers are involved:





The requirements for these medals are not always strictly enforced. In general, all those who served in the area bounded by the following (all towns are inclusive) are eligible for the Verdun medal: Conflans-en-Jarnisy, Thiaucourt, Montsec, St. Mihiel, Noyers, Ste. Meneshould and to the north as far as the Armistice line. The area prescribed for the St.

**Information for use on described tours:**

On the described tours road directions have been given where there is a possibility that the tourist might go astray. At junctions where no road instructions are given the tourist should, of course, continue straight ahead.

The speedometer distances recorded by automobiles vary greatly and those recorded by the same car under different conditions, such as wet and dry weather, are not the same. These points are mentioned so that too much reliance will not be placed on speedometer readings.

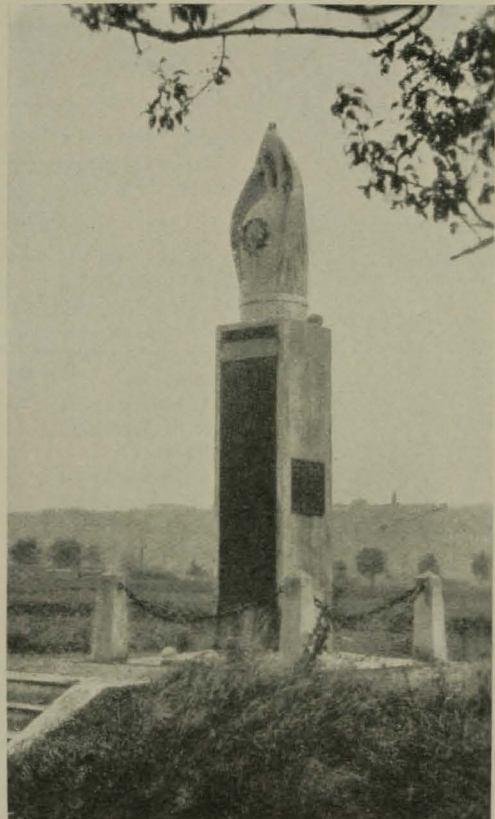
At the stops the tourist is told to face in a certain direction and the account of the operations is given with respect to that facing. The meanings of the various expressions used to indicate the different directions are illustrated by the sketch located on the upper part of this page.

**Medals issued by the cities of Verdun, St. Mihiel and Château-Thierry:**

The cities of Verdun, St. Mihiel and Château-Thierry have issued special medals which are available to all American veterans who served in the general vicinity of these cities during the war. These medals may be obtained by writing and sending some proof of service in the American Army and in the region to the mayors of the cities concerned, who will place the letter in the proper hands. A small fee is charged for the cost of the medal.

Mihiel medal is roughly as follows: Pont-à-Mousson, Ménil-la-Tour, Ligny-en-Barrois, Souilly, Les Eparges and Vandières. No general area has been prescribed for eligibility for the Château-Thierry medal.

Typical 1st Division Battlefield Monument



AMERICAN WORLD WAR MEMORIALS IN EUROPE  
ERECTED BY AGENCIES OTHER THAN  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

IN addition to the memorials erected by the United States Government there are a number of other American World War memorials in Europe. Some of these were in existence before the American Battle Monuments Commission was created and others are useful memorials constructed with the Commission's approval. A few are memorials to American units which served with the French Army before the United States entered the war and concerning the erection of which the Commission was without jurisdiction.

For the benefit of those interested there is given below a tabulation of American World War commemorative memorials in Europe of which the American Battle Monuments Commission has a record and

which were erected by agencies other than those of the United States Government.

This table does not include monuments to units smaller than a regiment, markers now falling to pieces, French village monuments which commemorate American units in addition to their own dead, and monuments to foreign armies erected by Americans or from American sources.

In this connection it may be stated that the Commission feels that the memorial project of the United States Government, described in Chapter XII, adequately commemorates all units of the American forces in Europe during the World War and that the erection of any additional American monuments abroad would not be in good taste and should be prohibited.

Unit or event commemorated	Number	Location	Character	Date erected	Remarks
V Corps.....	1	3 miles southeast of Mouzon (Ardennes) on the main road.	Small marker built of field stones.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by members of unit to mark V Corps line at the Armistice. See picture, page 301.
1st Division.....	5	(a) Along road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southeast of Cantigny (Somme). (b) On main highway west of Buzancy (Aisne). (c) At road junction east of Vigneulles (Meuse). (d) Along main road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of St. Juvin (Ardennes). (e) Along road south of Wadelincourt (Ardennes).	Small concrete shaft, surmounted by a carved eagle of stone.	1919.....	Erected by the 1st Div. Names of dead in vicinity given on bronze plates. See picture on page 521.
2d Division.....	22	On all of the battlefields where the division had fighting.	Concrete boulder about 3 feet in diameter, with 2d Div. insignia in bronze upon it.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by men from the division. See picture on page 520.
3d Division.....	1	Château-Thierry (Aisne), northwest of the main bridge.	Stone monument of medium size.	1923.....	Erected by division to its deeds and dead. See picture, page 60.

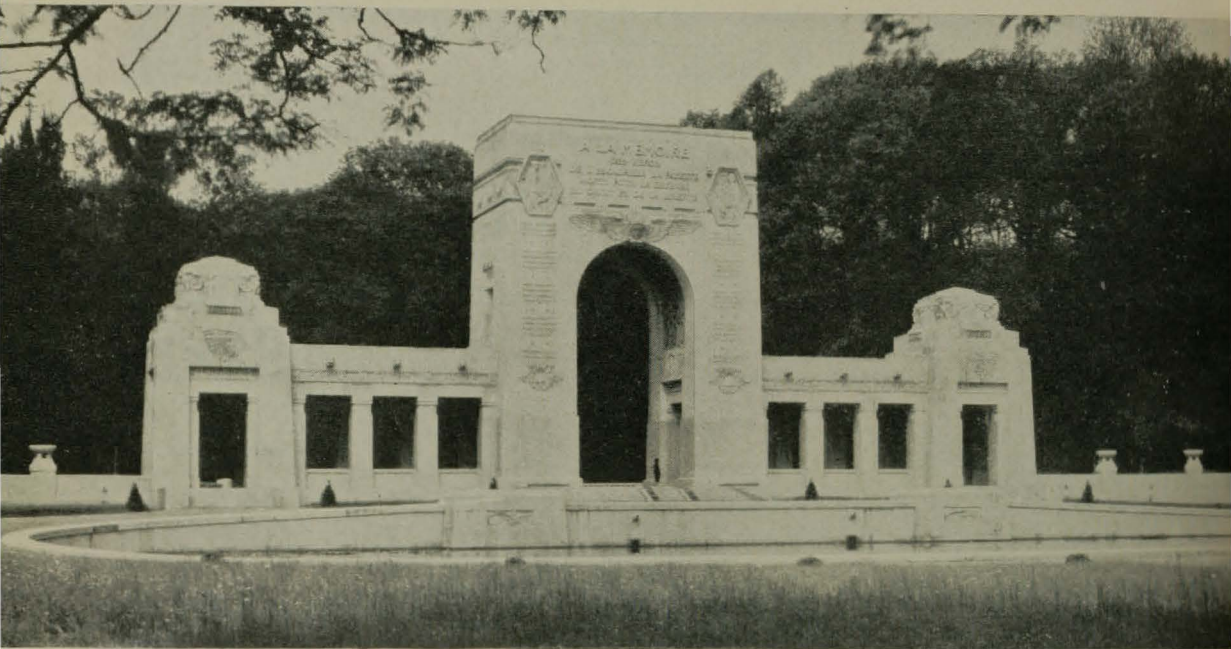
Unit or event commemorated	Number	Location	Character	Date erected	Remarks
4th Division.....	3	(a) About 1 mile west of Fismes (Marne). (b) At the eastern exit of Manheulles (Meuse). (c) About 1 mile west of town of Briulles-sur-Meuse.	Small stone obelisk.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by the division. See the picture appearing on page 80.
5th Division.....	28	On all of the battlefields where the division had fighting.	Small obelisk of concrete.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by men of the division. Inscriptions give details of fighting. See picture on page 525.
5th Division.....	1	Dun-sur-Meuse.....	An ornamental wrought-iron railing on a bridge.	1932.....	Erected by the 5th Div. Assn. to commemorate crossing of the Meuse River.
26th Division.....	1	Belleau (Aisne).....	Reconstruction of village church.	1929.....	Erected by the 26th Div. Assn. in memory of division's dead. See picture, page 53.
28th Division.....	1	Fismes (Marne).....	Ornamental stone bridge.	1927.....	Erected by the State of Pennsylvania. See picture, page 525.
30th Division.....	1	Along the main road south of town of Bellicourt (Aisne).	Small monument of cut stone.	1923.....	Erected by the State of Tennessee to her troops of the 59th and 60th Brigades. See picture, page 377.
37th Division.....	1	Montfaucon (Meuse).	Substantial stone building, donated for use as an almshouse.	1929.....	Erected by the State of Ohio. See picture of building on page 214.
37th Division.....	1	Eyne, Belgium.....	A large bridge, stucco finish.	1929.....	Erected by the State of Ohio to commemorate crossing of Escaut River by 37th Division. See the picture on page 397.
80th Division.....	1	Nantillois (Meuse)...	Medium-size stone fountain.	1927.....	Erected by the State of Pennsylvania. See picture on page 525.
102d Infantry..... (26th Division.)	1	Seicheprey (Meurthe-et-Moselle).	Small granite fountain (no water).	1923.....	Presented by men and women of the State of Connecticut. See picture on page 128.
117th Infantry..... (30th Division.)	1	Southwest edge of Prémont (Aisne).	Small monument of cut stone.	1923.....	Erected by private subscription. Same design as 30th Div. monument. See picture on page 377.



Memorial at St. Nazaire Commemorating First American Troops to Land in France



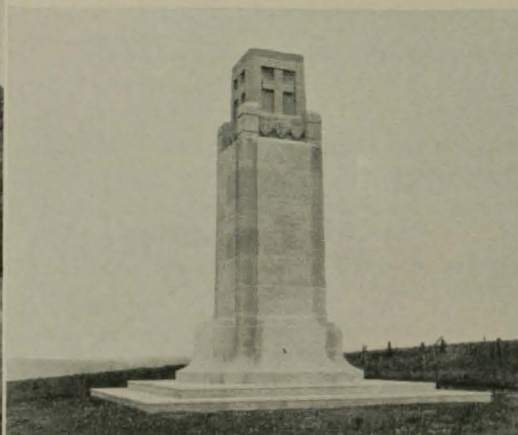
Memorial Near Islay, Scotland, to Those Who Lost Their Lives on the S. S. *Tuscania*



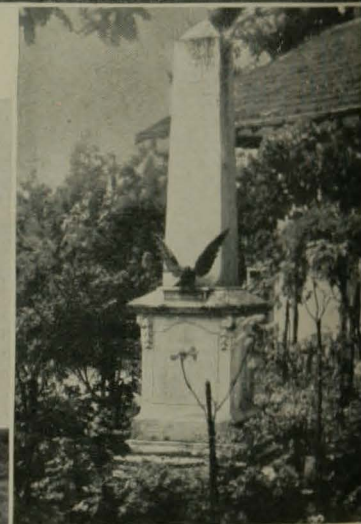
Lafayette Escadrille Monument Erected Near Garches by Members of the Unit



3d Aviation Center Monument at Issoudun



Monument on the Borne de Cornouiller to American Troops Who Fought Near By



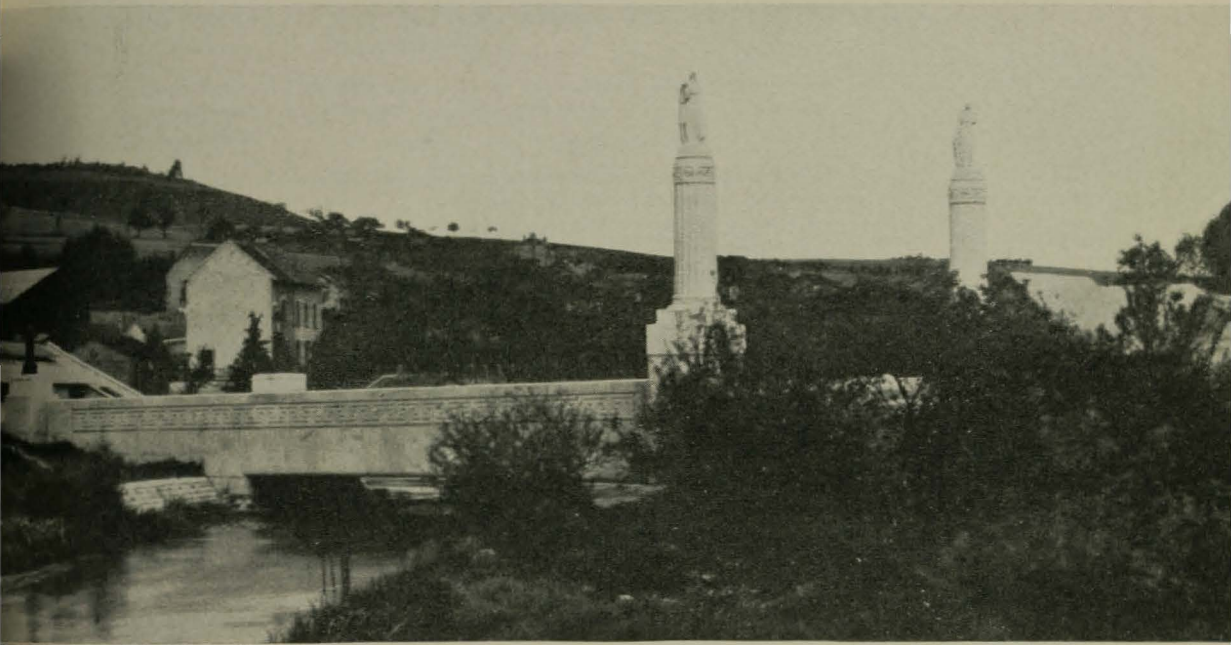
U. S. Naval Air Station Monument, Moutchic-Lacanau



Fountain in Nantillois Erected by State of Pennsylvania



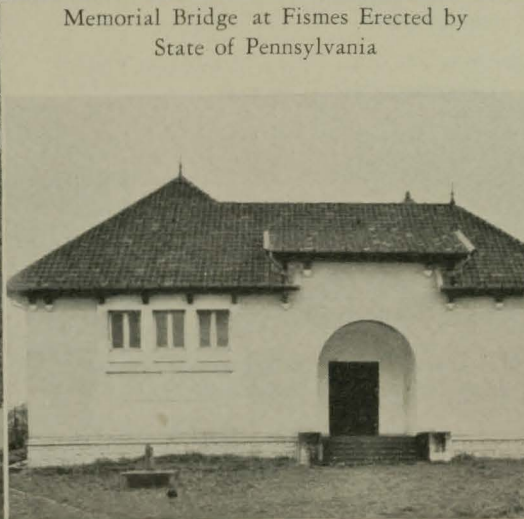
Monument in Paris to American Volunteers Who Died for France



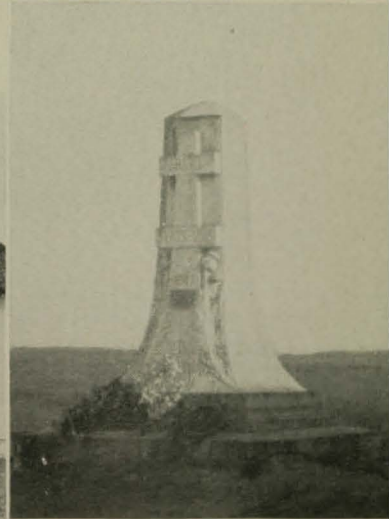
Memorial Bridge at Fismes Erected by State of Pennsylvania



Typical 5th Division Battlefield Marker



315th Infantry, 79th Division, Memorial Building in Nantillois



French Monument at Bathelémont

Unit or event commemorated	Number	Location	Character	Date erected	Remarks
118th Infantry..... (30th Division.)	1	In the northern part of town of Brancourt-le-Grand (Aisne).	Small monument of cut stone.	1923.....	Erected by private subscription. Same design as 30th Div. monument. See picture on page 377.
310th Infantry..... (78th Division.)	1	In church at town of Semur-en-Auxois (Côte-d'Or).	Stained-glass church window.	1927.....	In memory of the dead of the regiment.
313th Infantry..... (79th Division.)	1	Alongside the road in old town of Montfaucon (Meuse).	Bronze tablet on a fence post.	Soon after the Armistice.	Tablet states that the town was captured by the regiment.
315th Infantry..... (79th Division.)	1	Nantillois (Meuse)...	Building given to the village as a recreation center.	1930.....	Erected by the regiment in memory of its dead. See picture appearing on page 525.
362d Infantry..... (91st Division.)	1	Gesnes-en-Argonne (Meuse).	Concrete post, about 4 feet high.	Soon after the Armistice.	A small bronze plate describes fighting of regiment in vicinity.
371st Infantry..... (93d Division.)	1	On hill in open field about ½ mile south of town of Ardeuil (Ardennes). (Difficult of access.)	Small granite monument, which lists names of the dead.	About 1924....	In memory of the regiment's dead in vicinity. See the picture appearing on page 361.
372d Infantry..... (93d Division.)	1	Along main road, ¼ mile south of Monthois (Ardennes).	Small obelisk of cut granite.	1920.....	In memory of members of the regiment killed in action, Sept. 26-Oct. 7, 1918. See picture on page 361.
6th Engineers.....	1	Cathedral at Amiens (Somme).	Tablet.....	1919.....	Erected by the citizens of Amiens to commemorate the dead of 6th Engineers lost in defense of that place.
23d Engineers.....	1	In village of Varennes-en-Argonne (Meuse) across from the church.	Concrete marker, about 5 feet high.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by the men of the regiment.
The American Field Service.	1	At Pont-à-Mousson (Meurthe-et-Moselle).	Large Renaissance fountain.	1931.....	Erected by members of unit to those of American Field Service who died for France. See picture appearing on page 138.
The Lafayette Escadrille.	1	At Garches (Seine-et-Oise), near Paris.	Imposing memorial of cut stone.	1928.....	Erected by unit. Contains bodies of members. See the picture appearing on page 524.
All Pennsylvania troops who served in the World War.	1	At Varennes-en-Argonne (Meuse).	Development of a public park.	1927.....	Erected by the State of Pennsylvania. See picture on page 222.



Unit or event commemorated	Number	Location	Character	Date erected	Remarks
Men of Missouri who gave their lives during the World War.	1	At the road junction, south of the town of Cheppy (Meuse).	Stone shaft surmounted by a bronze figure.	1922.....	Erected by the State of Missouri. See the picture on page 216.
To those of the U. S. Naval Air Station at Moutchic-Lacanau who lost their lives.	1	Moutchic (Gironde) west of Bordeaux.	Stone obelisk.....	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by subscription from officers and men of naval air station. See the picture on page 524.
To those who were killed at Third Aviation Center.	1	11 kilometers from Issoudun (Indre), on road to Vatan, about 40 yards off from the road.	Stone, of medium size, surrounded by an iron chain on stone posts.	Soon after the Armistice.	Erected by subscription from officers who were on duty at the Aviation Center at the time. See the picture on page 524.
American soldiers who were killed at the village of Apremont.	1	Apremont (Meuse), near Montsec.	Building with a fountain outside.	1922.....	Erected with funds donated by the city of Holyoke, Massachusetts.
American soldiers who were killed near Seicheprey.	1	On outside of church in Seicheprey (Meurthe-et-Moselle), near door.	Small ornamental plaque of bronze.	1929.....	Funds were supplied by an American.
Achievements of American troops who fought in the vicinity of Sivry-sur-Meuse.	1	On the Borne de Cornouiller near Sivry-sur-Meuse. (Difficult of access.)	Stone obelisk.....	1925.....	See picture, page 524.
To the American volunteers who died for France.	1	In Place des Etats-Unis at Paris.	Stone, sculptured group on front.	1923.....	Erected by the French. American dead of the Foreign Legion, Lafayette Escadrille and American Field Service are listed. Picture on page 525.
To the first American troops to land in France.	1	St. Nazaire-sur-Loire (Loire Inferieure).	Stone shaft surmounted by a bronze soldier on an eagle's back.	1926.....	Erected by public subscription from Americans. See the picture appearing on page 524.
To first three Americans killed at front during the World War.	1	In Bathelémont (Meurthe-et-Moselle) 12 kilometers north of Lunéville.	Stone shaft, about 18 feet high.	1918.....	Erected by the French. See picture page 525.
Those who lost their lives as a result of the sinking of S. S. <i>Tuscania</i> during Feb. 5, 1918.	1	Near Islay, Scotland.	Stone tower on a rocky headland.	1920.....	Constructed by the American Red Cross not long after the war. See the picture appearing on page 524.

**The Consulting Architect of the American Battle Monuments Commission:**

Dr. Paul P. Cret of Philadelphia has been the Consulting Architect of the Commission throughout its entire existence.

**Architects who designed the memorials constructed by the Commission:**

The chapels and monuments erected in Europe by the American Battle Monuments Commission were designed by the following named American architects:

John Russell Pope, New York.

Meuse-Argonne memorial, Montfaucon.

York & Sawyer, New York.

The chapel and other architectural features in Meuse-Argonne cemetery.

Egerton Swartwout, New York.

St. Mihiel monument, on Montsec.

The chapel, entrance and flagpole in the Brookwood cemetery in England.

Paul P. Cret, Philadelphia.

Aisne-Marne memorial, on Hill 204.

The chapel in Flanders Field cemetery.

Monument located north of Bellicourt.

Memorial archway located at Gibraltar.

Bronze tablet on building at Chaumont.

Bronze tablet on building at Souilly.

Cram & Ferguson, Boston.

Chapels and other features in Aisne-Marne and Oise-Aisne cemeteries.

Ralph Milman and the Howard Shaw Associates, Chicago.

Monument on old fortification at Brest.

Arthur Loomis Harmon, New York.

Memorial fountain at city of Tours.

Monument near village of Sommepey.

Monument in the village of Cantigny.

George Howe, Philadelphia.

Chapel and other architectural features

in the Somme cemetery near Bony.

Vierstraat monument, south of Ypres.

Thomas Harlan Ellett, New York.

The chapel and other architectural features in the St. Mihiel cemetery.

Charles A. Platt, New York.

The chapel and main entrance gate at the Suresnes cemetery, near Paris.

Harry Sternfeld, Philadelphia.

Monument and park development in the village of Audenarde in Belgium.

**Sculptors and artists who did outstanding works of art for the Commission:**

The work of the following sculptors and artists in connection with the chapels and memorials erected by the Commission in Europe is worthy of special recognition:

C. P. Jennewein, Sculptor, New York.

All sculpturing for Tours fountain.

Adolph Weinman, Sculptor, New York.

Meuse-Argonne memorial, Montfaucon.

Paul Manship, Sculptor, New York.

Soldier monument and urn at chapel of the St. Mihiel cemetery, Thiaucourt.

John Bradley Storr, Sculptor, Chicago.

All sculpturing for Brest monument.

A. Bottiau, Sculptor, Paris.

Features for Aisne-Marne monument.

All sculpturing on Bellicourt monument.

Flanders Field chapel near Waereghem.

Marcel Loyau, Sculptor, Paris.

Sculpturing for Somme cemetery chapel.

Barry Faulkner, Painter, New York.

Mosaics on the interior walls of the

St. Mihiel and Suresnes chapels.

Reginald Hallward, London.

All stained-glass windows in both the

Brookwood and Suresnes chapels.

**Officials of European Office, American Battle Monuments Commission, who supervised construction:**

The following officials who served in the European Office of the Commission while the memorials and chapels were being constructed had important duties in connection with the construction work. (All officers are in the Regular Army and are listed in order of reporting for duty.)

Lt. Col. X. H. Price, C. E. (In charge.)

Capt. Thomas North, F. A.

Lt. Col. Harris Jones, C. E.

Maj. George A. Horkan, Q. M. C.

Maj. Hubert W. Beyette, Q. M. C.

Lt. Col. Wilhelm D. Styer, C. E.

Capt. Robert A. Schow, Inf.

Maj. Willis E. Teale, C. E.

Lt. Col. Raymond G. Moses, C. E.

Maj. George F. Hobson, Q. M. C.

Capt. Louis J. Rumaggi, C. E.

Mr. Henry R. Brown.

## GLOSSARY OF MILITARY TERMS USED IN THIS BOOK

**Aid Station.** A medical establishment, near the front, for emergency treatment and further disposition of combat casualties.

**Artillery Preparation.** Scheduled artillery fire delivered before an attack to destroy or neutralize the enemy defenses, matériel and personnel.

**Barrage.** A curtain formed by fire from artillery or other weapons firing from fixed mounts. A "standing barrage" is one usually placed across a probable avenue of enemy approach. A "rolling barrage" is one that precedes the attacking infantry at a prescribed rate in order to assist its advance. A "box barrage" is a continuous standing barrage, covering the rear and flanks of an area in order to prevent the escape or reinforcement of the enemy within the area.

**Base Section.** A rear area or subdivision of the Services of Supply.

**Battalion (Infantry, American).** A tactical unit consisting of a headquarters and four rifle companies. The normal command of a major. Total World War strength 1,027 officers and men.

**Battery (American).** An artillery unit consisting of a specified number of guns, usually four, and the personnel to man them. Commanded by a captain.

**Bridgehead.** A position covering a bridge, located on the side toward the enemy.

**Brigade (Field Artillery, American).** An organization comprising a headquarters, two regiments of 75-mm. guns, one regiment of 155-mm. howitzers, and one 6-inch trench mortar battery. The normal command of a brigadier general. World War strength 4,908 combatants and 48 guns, 24 howitzers and 12 trench mortars.

**Brigade (Infantry, American).** An organization consisting of a headquarters, two infantry regiments and a machine gun battalion. The normal command of a brigadier general. World War strength 8,324 combatants; 6,459 rifles.

**Camouflage.** Means employed to conceal from hostile observation, both ground and air, troops and matériel located in exposed areas.

**Captive Balloon.** A balloon, held by cables, used for observation purposes. Some of these, because of their shape, were called "sausage balloons."

**Casualties.** The dead, wounded, captured, missing in action and sick in campaign and battle. Those sick from disease are not included in the heading "battle casualties."

**Command Post.** The place from which a commander directs the operations of his unit. Often called during the World War a "P. C." meaning a post of command. Now generally abbreviated in the United States Army and called a "C. P."

**Company (Infantry, American).** The authorized command of a captain. World War strength 256 officers and men.

**Concentration Camp.** A camp in which troops are assembled preparatory to service against an enemy or for transportation to the theater of war. A camp or cantonment where prisoners or refugees are interned.

**Consolidate (a position).** To prepare a captured position for defense by erecting field fortifications, etc.

**Convoy.** A group of vehicles or vessels, the escort and the matériel or personnel being transported.

**Corps (American).** A tactical unit normally made up of a headquarters, two or more divisions and auxiliary troops. The normal command of a major general or lieutenant general.

**Defile.** Any narrow space or place which can be passed only when troops are in column, such as a ford, bridge or mountain pass.

**Depot.** A place where military supplies are collected for distribution.

**Detachment.** A group separated from its organization for a special purpose.

**Division (American).** Two brigades of infantry and one brigade of artillery. It contained also engineer, machine gun, signal, medical and transportation units and a headquarters. World War strength 28,105 officers and men; 16,193 rifles. The normal command of a major general.

**Doughboy.** Name applied to an American infantryman. A colloquialism.

**Dressing Station.** Place established during combat for the reception of casualties and treatment of minor wounds. Also known as an aid station. See under "Aid Station."

**Dump.** A place where supplies are temporarily stored for distribution in the field.

**Emplacement.** A prepared gun position.

**Enfilade.** A firing in the direction of the length of a trench, line or column of troops. This is also known as "flanking fire".

**Evacuate.** To withdraw from a position. To remove sick, wounded, prisoners or the civil population to the rear.

**Field Fortifications.** All field works, shelters and obstacles constructed to increase the powers of resistance of a force.

**Flame Thrower.** A device for projecting flame. Carried on the back and operated by gas pressure, it threw a flame of burning oil about 20 yards and was capable of two minutes continuous operation.

**Flank.** The right or left of a command or position. To pass around or turn a flank. To threaten a flank.

**Fox Hole.** Individual shelter or rifle pit, usually dug during combat.

**French Colonial Division.** A division composed of troops from a French colony. During the war it was abbreviated to D. I. C.

**Front.** Zone of active operations. Any section of the battle line. The lateral space occupied by a unit.

**Front Line.** The most advanced line which would be defended in case of attack.

**Gas.** A chemical agent for producing a poisonous or irritant atmosphere. In general, gases were persistent (mustard) or non-persistent (chlorine or phosgene), depending on how long the area upon which they were used would remain contaminated. Placed upon hostile areas by guns, mortars and projectors. The gas was sometimes released from cylinders to be

carried by wind currents toward the enemy position.

**Grenade.** A small bomb. One type could be thrown by hand and another was projected from a rifle by means of a grenade discharger.

**Hindenburg Line.** Name given originally by the British to a powerful defensive position of great strength constructed by the Germans between Soissons and Cambrai to which they conducted a strategic retirement in February 1917. The name was later applied by the Allies and Americans to strong German defensive positions on other parts of the front.

**Howitzer.** A rifled, breech-loading cannon with comparatively short barrel and low muzzle velocity, fired at ranges and elevations intermediate between field guns and mortars.

**Infiltrate.** To pass troops in relatively small numbers through gaps or weakly held portions of the hostile lines. To move troops into or nearer a hostile position by sending forward single men, small groups or thin lines at widely separated intervals.

**Intelligence Service.** The organization in an army whose duty it is to collect, study, interpret and distribute information of the enemy and to prevent the enemy from obtaining information.

**Liaison.** Close touch maintained between units, by agents or officers, for the purpose of exchanging information and insuring cooperation.

**Lines of Communication.** All routes, land, water and air, which connect a military force in the field with its base of operations, and along which supplies and reinforcements are sent to the front and wounded are moved to the rear.

**Machine Gun.** A gun firing on the automatic principle from a fixed mount. During the war such guns were usually water cooled.

**Machine-Gun Nest.** One or more machine guns emplaced or concealed in a firing position. Usually organized so that two or more guns could be mutually supporting and could deliver crossing bands of fire.

**Matériel.** All material things necessary for war purposes. Used in contradistinction to personnel.

**Mine Barrage.** A line or network of sea mines to prevent the passage of ships. A mine layer is a boat equipped for placing mines, and a mine sweeper is one used in removing them from the water.

**Minenwerfer.** A German bomb-throwing weapon designed for trench use. It was muzzle-loading and rifled, and had a curved trajectory. A small mortar.

**Mobilization.** The organizing and assembling of troops and all resources of a nation for war.

**Mopping Up.** To clear an area or position that has been advanced over in an attack, by killing or capturing the enemy soldiers remaining in it.

**Morale.** The mental state of an individual or body of troops, especially in relation to performance of duty; also applies to the civilian population.

**Mortar.** A cannon with a comparatively short barrel and a low muzzle velocity which is fired at high angles to shell areas behind steep ridges.

**Munitions.** Military stores of all kinds.

**No Man's Land.** The strip of ground between opposing front lines. On the Western Front it varied in width from a few yards to several hundred.

**Order of Battle.** The general disposition of troops or their arrangement when participating in battle.

**Outflank.** To pass around or turn the flank of an enemy so as to be able to threaten his flank or rear.

**Patrols.** Small detachments used for a number of purposes, such as raiding and reconnoitering the enemy and protection.

**Pillbox.** A covered concrete emplacement for one or more machine guns.

**Pioneer Troops.** Military laborers employed in building roads, digging trenches, etc.

**Platoon (American).** One of the elements of a company, World War strength about 50 men. The normal command of a lieutenant.

**Ponton.** A boat used to hold part of the roadway of a floating bridge.

**Raid.** A sudden and rapid invasion of a hostile position, usually carried out by a small force for the purpose of returning with prisoners and information.

**Railhead.** A point on a railway where ammunition and supplies are transferred to dumps or vehicles for delivery to the troops.

**Reclassification Camp.** A camp to which individuals are sent for examination in order to determine the duty for which they are best suited.

**Reconnaissance.** The examination of a locality or of a hostile force in order to gather information of military value.

**Regiment (Infantry, American).** An organization composed, during the World War, of a headquarters, three battalions, a headquarters company, a supply company and a machine gun company. Strength 3,770 combatants. The normal command of an officer of the rank of colonel.

**Regulating Stations.** Large railway yards from which supplies were forwarded to the railheads.

**Remount Depot.** Replacement depot for animal casualties. A remount is the replacement furnished.

**Salient.** A part of a battle line which projects pointedly into opposing territory.

**Sector.** An area occupied by a unit in defense; the frontage of such an area.

**Sortie.** A sudden offensive movement made from a fortified base.

**Squad (American).** A basic unit of organization, consisting normally of a corporal and seven privates. A general term for various small groups.

**Strategic Center.** A region which because of its commanding position, harbor facilities, lines of communication, natural resources, bases of supply situated there, or other reasons is of great advantage to the holder in the conduct of operations, and the loss of which would seriously cripple him.

**Strong Point.** A compact area strongly organized and garrisoned for a protracted defense.

**Tank.** An armored self-propelled vehicle of the track-laying type (caterpillar tractor), combining fire-power, mobility and shock action.

**Western Front.** The name applied to the battle front in France and Belgium extending from the North Sea to the Swiss border.

**Zone of Action.** The area between certain defined limits or boundaries, generally at right angles to the front, assigned to a unit in offensive action or in a withdrawal from a certain locality.

**Zone of Operations.** The region within which an army operates between its base and its objective.

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