### The Fliers' Job In a Great Battle

Zero Hour! .

Clearly the British flying-officer, rigging inspected. Colonel Enderby, who had been sent up on patrol to relay information, could see the British as they clamber air and were early scouring the heaved out of the assembly trenches, over ens miles away over the lines in the the top. The duil alitter of their bay- endeavor to keep the opposing aironets "showed up plainly through the craft from approaching our trenches. murk. On they went, line upon line of them, ne of the most moving and inspiring sights it will ever be my lot to see." So says Colonel Enderby in "Letters from a Flying Officer," by R. Stuart Wortley (Oxford University Press).

The book is fiction, but into the life of Colonel Enderby, the hero, the author has put much of his own wartime experience. The deeds of the Colonel may not be literally true, but they are typical. The volume was intended to interest the youth of England in the future of the air.

The flight described by Colonel Enderby took place in the great Somme battle, starting on only 1, 1916. Writing of it the next day, he said: Yesterday was a historic day; won-

derful and awful, It was the culminating point of

The Fourth British Army flung its emplacements, battering in their was "drum fire" now. trenches, so preparing the way for the Great blocks of earth shot sky- are sumptuous in their feeling and infantry attack. The zero hour, that wards; shivered asunder and fell, beautiful in design and color. settled for 7.30 a.m.

the night before, we were much on with debris. edge. Again and again we went over Puffs of black smoke flashed up into care and 'rouble.



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At last the summer morning came, calm; smiling, tranquil.

The roar of the guns had died down. Only the echo of an occasional crump could be heard faintly wafted tanks and ere of again to the line. from the eastward. From the first When darkness came there was not Gray columns of smoke "stalked gleaming of dawn onwards, the zero- one of us who was not dead forward like a row of trees set in mo- drome became a scene of bustling ac- had been a day of high hopes, partly tion by some magic power. The tivity. Finishing touches were being realized, partly disappointed. The put to the machines, engines tested,

This was the day of days.

The scouts had already taken the I had been detailed for contact pa-

trol, trench-plane, whose job it was to keep in touch with the attacking battalions, to report the progress of Materials Bring Symmetry of their advance, to watch for their signals, and to communicate their needs to the Commands of Staff.

Ten minutes before the hour of zero I was floating over the front line at about 1,000 feet. The artillery bombardment had started an hour since. Guns fall calibres had joined the true value of any fabric rests upin raining shot and shell on the enemy on its ability to enhance feminine front lines and supports. The heavy howitzers were plunking huge projectiles onto the German billets, onto wide range. Since sarterial enchantcross-roads, and onto strong posts far ments depend upon symmetry of line,

It was a stupendous spectacle! Never in the history of mankind

months of steady preparation, hard by human agency been so concenthought, hard work, and hard training, trated by nation against nation,

The air was thick with smoke; the full strength against the German posi- atmosphere suffused with the acrid tions on the River Somme, supported smell of pewder. The whole broad on the left by divisions of the Third belt of dusty brown which marked the Army, and on the right by the French. trench line lay under a dirty yellow For a few days previously the massed pall, stretching from Gommecourt in allied artillery had been carrying out the north way down beyond the river an intensive bombardment of the Ger- Somme. The ground below lay quivman system of defenses; cutting ering as in mortal agony under the through their barbed-wire entangle- hail of staggering blows as the guns ments, destroying their machine-gun quickened their rate of firing . . . . it

is the schedule time for assault, was breaking into spray like an Atlantic roller which has burst against a rocky There was little sleep for any of us promontory, and flooding the ground

the details of the operation orders. We sight and slowly dissolved into the would not fail the infantry for lack of general haze; to be replaced by others and yet others. Smaller puffs of white went dancing in hundreds along the parapets. The fifteen-pounders were working at full pressure.

Behind the curtain of vapor great columns of powder and dust spouted upwards from where the fifteen inch

It was as if nature had thrown up a string of miniature volcanoes. How could mortal man survive in such a terrible inferno?

Then came the zero hour, the eruption of the men from tht trenches. From his vantage point above Colonel Enderby could see them. He des-

cribes the charge thus: On they swept. A few short minutes and they had gained their first objectives. Not all along the line. There were gaps. I could see that already. In some places the oncoming

waves of khaki had faltered. Men fell in heaps in the face of the German machine-gun fire. Our bombardment had evidently failed to cut the barbed-wire absolutely and com-

I could see the men struggling to get through the tangled maze. Nor had even the heaviest guns succeeded in penetrating the roofs of the deep The blinding storm, the hungry disdugouts which the Germans had constructed. As our barrage lifted I could Of lean wet winds—these can I hold see their machine gunners, their steel gray uniforms and "pickelhaubes" Nor do I fear heaped breakers, black were easily distinguishable, bringing shelter 20 feet below the ground. In some cases. Where our men had over- But, O! ye windy gods; avert from me Huns emerged in rear of them and shot them in the back.

My time had come: the moment was at hand in which I could help. I came down to 200 feet. I remember a pang of uneasiness. It was not pleasant flying at this altitude right in the line of the trajectory of our own shells which were still pouring

over into Hun-land. But fear is most readily banished from the mind when there is much

else to think about. I sounded my Klaxon horn, and almost immediately the flares showed up. I flew up and down the line, both my observer and myself busily drawing in the positions newly occupied by our infantry on a trench map. In some places they had penetrated unexpecdedly far into and beyond the German line. They had taken Fricourt and had pushed on as far as Containaison. Over toward the Ancre the attack had not been so successful. There was obviously a terrific

val Wood. We filled in the new line on our mr

fairly accurately, I think, and fe dropped the information knew was anxiously await we returned to the front line, and again announced our presence by blast upon the Klaxon horn,

One by one the white letters of the code of signals were displayed upon the ground: "B.B.," "H.H.," "The enemy are retiring," "Lengthen range," came up the silent cry of the units of the 34th Division. Our own barrage was holding up the advance. "Z.Z.," "Held up by wire," said the division to its left. "F.F.," "P.P.," "The enemy are offering strong resistance, reinforcements wanted."

We flew back with these messages. The long day wore on. Twice and three times the pilots returned to the aerodrome, replenished their petrol situation is still obscure: to-morrow we shall know better what we have gained and what the victory has cost. I fear it has cost the R.F.C. a few lives that can ill be spared.

## **Novelties Bring** Sophistry

Line and Harmony

pleasant stimulus in the fabric surprises of the spring season. Many and delightful are the novelties in new materials and the manner of their use. When the last word has been said, charm. Weaves and color combinations this spring offer the couturier harmony of color, and the use of materials appropriate to the cut of gowns, paper aphorism that nothing is news the more diversified styling of mate- which does not come by the quickest have organs of destruction contrived rials is an incentive to greater originality in design.

Fabrics this spring combine body and suppleness. Satins of consider airship, when it comes; but Ether, able weight and great elegance, some of them richly brocaded, some of soft, We invite the Associated Chambers luscious crepe satin, proclaim the new of Commerce in all seriousness to conera of formality. Figt crepes grow sider which would be of the greater richly soft and take on new dignity, value to the community—an Air Mail, chiffons have more body, and laces arriving a day or two before the Sea of real worth, such as Alencon and Post, so uncertain that every import-Chantilly, supplant the sheerer and ant message should be duplicated, or less impressive ones. Tuile, nets, wirelss messages at a penny a word. and even horsehair braid add their None can doubt what the answer originality to materials for evening should be.

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sheer blackness of its material gives it tremendous chic:

shells had made their mark, spreading of the gown. Spirating around the hips, can rest as though in a refuge. Tothe braid is molded to the figure, giv- morrow's storms and cares cannot ing the chic tubular line. From be- touch us.-J. R. Miller, D.D. low the hips, wider braid makes a full skirt which billows like an ir- Minard's Will Kill Corns. regular umbrella, swooping to the floor in the back

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-Margaret Sackville in the Glasgow Herald.

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QNE DAY AT A TIME

All along our earthly life we are shut in with God, as it were, in little spaces. We must live a day at a smartly the utilization of horsehair time. The mornings are little hilltops braid for evening gowns. It is an from which we can look down into the valley of one little day. What lies over the next hill we cannot tell. Per haps, when we come to it, it may reveal to us a lovely garden through The entire gown is formed of horse- which our path shall go. Or it may hair braid of varying widths com- show us a vale of shadows, or a path mencing with narrow braid which amid briers. No matter; we have but fashions the smart bolero that flares the one little valley of the day now in slightly over the molded body-lines sight. Evening is our horizon. Here of the gown. Spiraling around the in this cae little day's enclosure we

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