

SECOND ARMY MOVE UP TO VENRAY.

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This is a good illustration of the fact that a quiet day on the fighting front is only quiet by comparison. Men of General Dempsey's British Second Army were closing in on Venray; they eventually took it, and cleared out the German defenders in house-to-house fighting. It's nothing like the gigantic battles that cleared France and much of Belgium; but although it may be a lull in the headlines, ~~now~~<sup>it</sup> isn't a lull for everyone.

The cameraman is advancing with a small unit; snipers' bullets are whistling from houses and copses. One bullet can be the end of one man's war just as easily as a twenty-four hour bombardment.

Immediate objective is a house in German occupation; it's near the River Maas and near the German frontier and the enemy are fighting for every yard. ~~of ground~~

They took the house and took the prisoners; it's man to man fighting while the big battalions gather strength; and we have the better men.

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