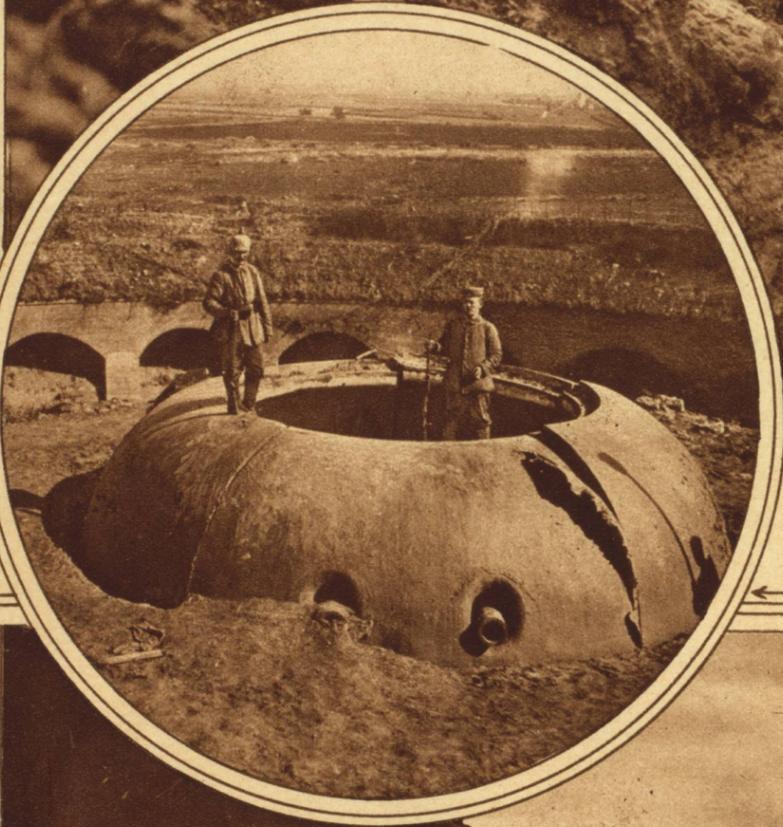


Havoc Wrought by Heavy German Siege Howitzers



ONE SHELL FROM A GERMAN 42-CENTIMETER GUN DESTROYED THIS FORT AT MAUBEUGE.

FORT DESTROYED BY GUNS WHOSE SHELLS HAD ALMOST THE FORCE OF A VOLCANIC ERUPTION.



THE BELGIAN FORTS, WHICH WERE COUNTED AS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN EUROPE, CRUMPLED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE IMPACT OF THE GERMAN SIEGE GUNS. THE DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR POWER PROFOUNDLY MODIFIED THE SUBSEQUENT CONDUCT OF THE WAR.