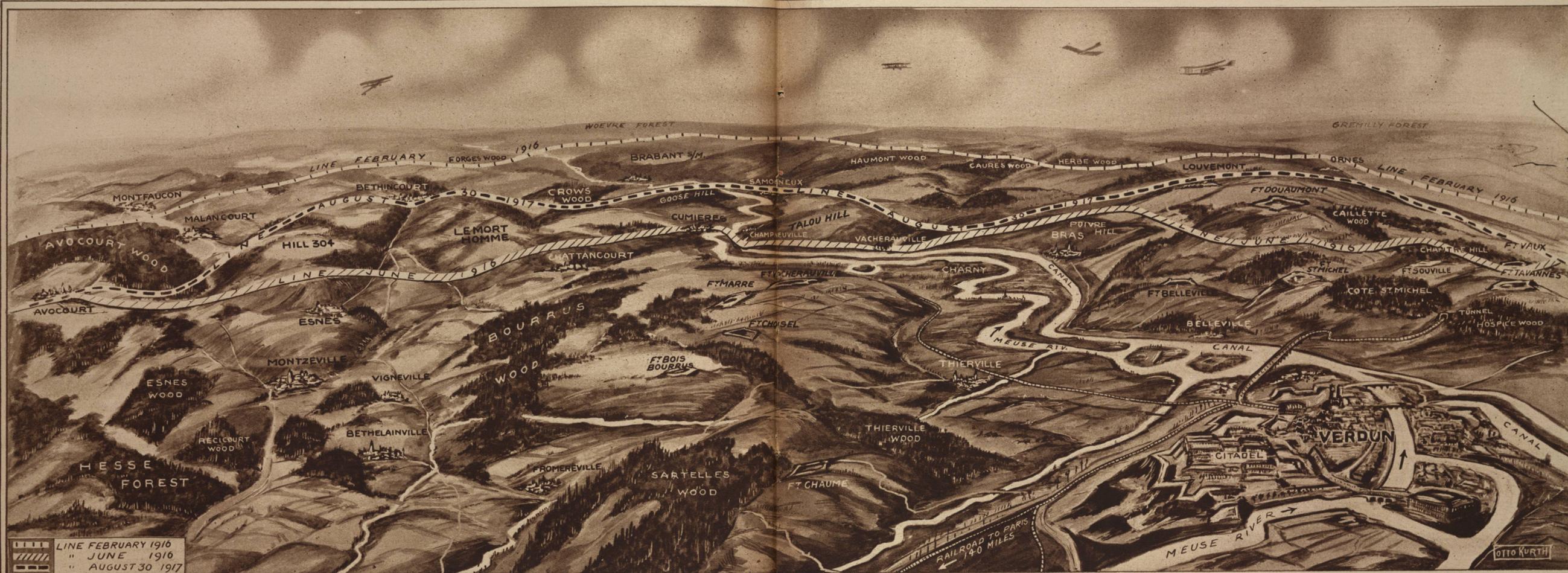


VIEWS AND MAP OF VERDUN, THE GLORIOUS DEFENSE OF WHICH IS ONE OF THE PROUDEST MEMORIES OF FRANCE



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VERDUN, FROM THE FURTHER BANK OF THE MEUSE, BEFORE THE BOMBARDMENT, SHOWING THE CATHEDRAL ON THE HIGHEST POINT OF THE CITY.
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Verdun will always be memorable in French annals because of the immortal phrase: "They shall not pass," that became the watchword of its heroic defenders, and which they made good at such a tremendous sacrifice. Had Verdun been captured, the taking of Paris would have been almost inevitable. Besides indicating the famous Le Mort Homme, Hill 304, the Wood of the Crows and other famous spots, the map shows the lines when the German attack began, where it ended and where the armies rested after the Germans had been driven back in 1917.



VERDUN, AFTER THE SHELLING BY THE GERMANS, WITH THE HOUSES ON THE RIVER BANK CRUMBLING INTO MASSES OF MASONRY AND DEBRIS.



STRIPPED AND SHATTERED TRUNKS OF TREES AT VERDUN STANDING IN THEIR DESOLATION LIKE GHOSTS KEEPING WATCH OVER A VALLEY OF THE DEAD.