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**Captain Hall and  
Lt. Rickenbacker  
Down Foe Avion**

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AMERICAN FRONT. — Captain Norman Hall and Lieutenant Eddie V. Rickenbacker, the American aviators, brought down a German machine last night over the enemy lines after a battle close to the ground. The German machine was in flames when the Americans swooped down for a final glimpse at the result of their duel, and then they slipped off over to their own lines, being fired at by German infantry.

Captain Hall is one of the best-known younger authors in America. He wrote "With Kitchener's Mob," which attracted much attention in the early days of the war, and he has been contributing a series of articles to the "Atlantic Monthly." He is not yet thirty years of age and learned flying before the entry of the United States into the war, and for several months he has been flying with a French squadron. Lieutenant Rickenbacker is well known to Americans as an automobile racer.

#### The Battle Described.

An alert was given for approaching enemy machines just before sunset yesterday. The Americans soared at once. They saw a German machine flying rather low coming toward them and flew to meet it a few hundred mètres up. Lieutenant Rickenbacker flew above the German and drew the first fire, while Captain Hall "peaked" from a high altitude and began pumping rapid fire at the German.

The exchange of shots continued till the Americans had fired 250 rounds each. The German's machine was well riddled and with flames spurting from the sides it started upside down for the ground. Not only were the American fliers in danger from the attack of the German fier, but they were within range of infantry fire. Volley after volley was let loose at them, but no damage was done.

I asked the two aviators to describe their experience. They said it was merely an incident. "They happen every day in many places in the North," said the two Americans.

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