

The Challenge of the Western Front!

AMONG the axioms of military science are two that promise to be of vital importance in the present European conflict.

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he said: "It is with artillery that war is made."

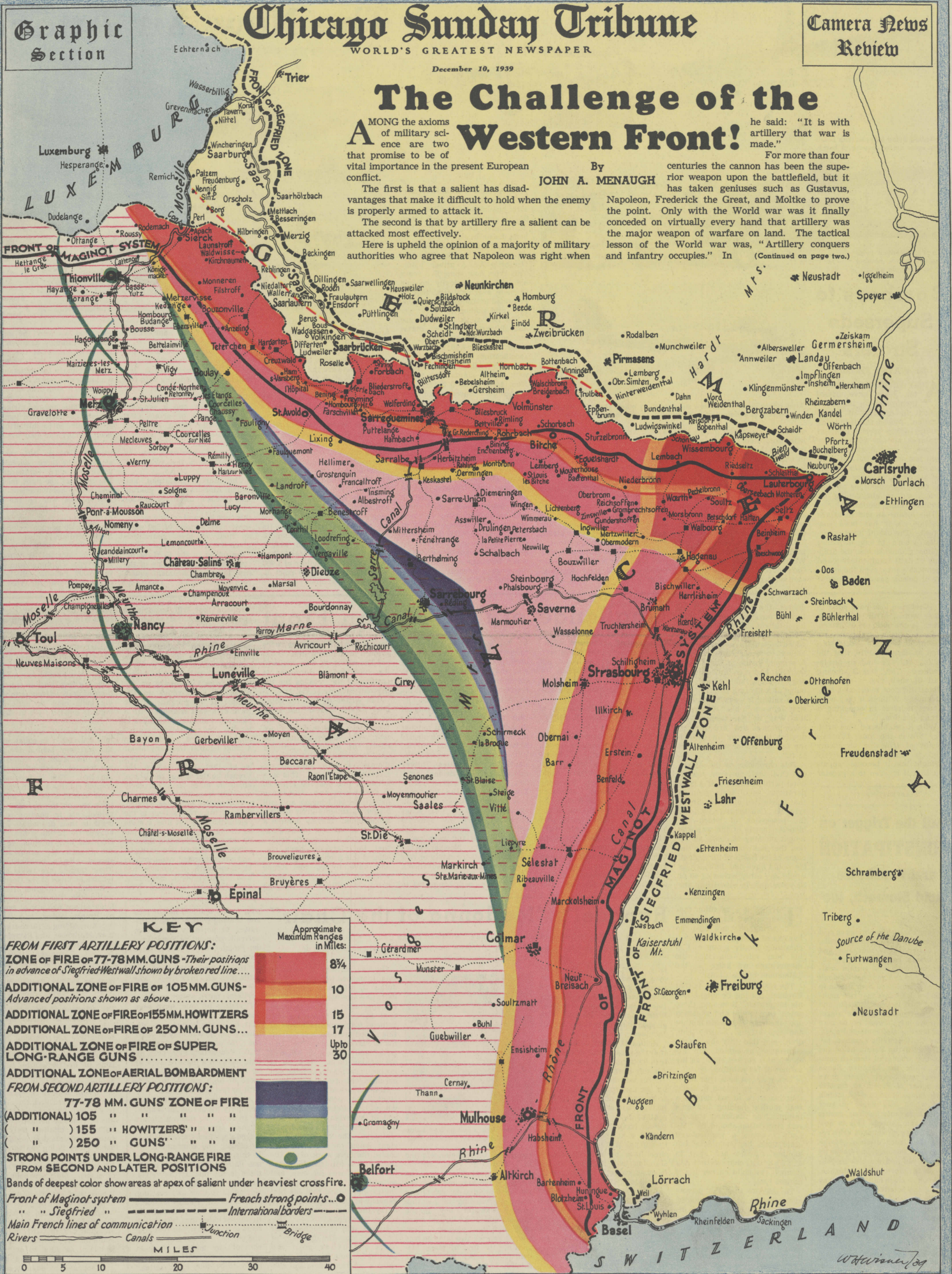
The first is that a salient has disadvantages that make it difficult to hold when the enemy is properly armed to attack it.

For more than four centuries the cannon has been the superior weapon upon the battlefield, but it has taken geniuses such as Gustavus Napoleon, Frederick the Great, and Moltke to prove the point. Only with the World war was it finally conceded on virtually every hand that artillery was the major weapon of warfare on land. The tactical lesson of the World war was, "Artillery conquers and infantry occupies." In

The second is that by artillery fire a salient can be attacked most effectively.

Here is upheld the opinion of a majority of military authorities who agree that Napoleon was right when

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