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When you read in the communique from the Western Front that there have been lively artillery exchanges --- this may be the effect. This was once a peaceful village on the French frontier. It has long been empty of civilians and is of no particular strategic importance. But one day the Nazi gunners held a private blitzkrieg and knocked the stuffing out of a lot of bricks and mortar.

Here's the other side of the picture; French artillery ~~xxxxxxxx~~ going up to advanced positions with a R.S.V.P. These are among the giants of the French guns --- 194 mm. And when these big boys go into action everything in the way just flattens out.