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Lufberry Accomplished Feat
During One of Five Brushes
on Tuesday.

PARIS, Sept. 6—Lt. Raoul Lufberry, premier "ace" of the Lafayette escadrille, brought down his 12th German plane Tuesday—and could have made his score 13 that same day if he hadn't run out of ammunition.

Word from the camp of the American flyers today brought the details of the American boy's seven fights in two days. On Monday he downed an enemy in a stiff brush—one of five different fights. Tuesday morning he encountered a German flyer and succeeded after a long fight in shooting the gunner dead. Then he ran out of ammunition. Sergt. Edwin C. Parsons of Springfield, Mass., came along and finished the German pilot, downing the machine.

Tuesday afternoon Lufberry encountered another adversary and riddled it with his fire. It crashed to earth. Lufberry's own plane was three times pierced by his opponents' fire.

Inclemency of the weather last week forced a period of idleness for the American flyers, but clearing weather early this week brought renewed activity. Lufberry and Sergt. Walter Lovell of Concord, Mass., were in the thick of it. Lovell fought four battles in the air, on Monday alone. On this same day Lufberry had five brushes in the skies. The two were together most of the day.

The first mixup was against two enemy planes and both were driven home after Lufberry's machine had been perforated by incendiary bullets. He landed with the flaming missile still sticking in his gear.

Lufberry next encountered a single enemy flyer and in the whirling fight that followed he brought the German down.

The third encounter was when Lovell and Lufberry attacked a German plane and forced the enemy to scurry back, while four rescuers were winging to his aid. The two Americans fought their remaining battles of the day against German machines endeavoring to protect enemy observation planes.

German aviators have been thick along the line where the Lafayette Escadrille is now located and the enemy has apparently concentrated in its efforts to spy out French positions. The German planes come in droves, with reinforcements close behind.