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LUFBERY CUT LEAVE TO FLY TO HIS DEATH

Famous American Ace Returned from Furlough Ahead of Time Because He Thought His Country Needed His Services—Jumped at Height of 2400 Feet When His Machine Took Fire



MAJOR RAOUL LUFBERY,
Ace of the American Flying Corps,
killed by Hun in aerial battle.

Terror of German Airmen at Last Laid Low in Fierce Battle with Hun Flier

Had Won World-Wide Fame by His Brilliant Exploits— Home in Connecticut

Lufbery Buried With Full Military Honors

PARIS, May 20.—Major Raoul Lufbery, the first American ace to be killed as the result of an aerial fight, was buried today with full military honors by French and American detachments.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 19.—The death of Major Raoul Lufbery, the most famous of American aviators, was due in a great measure to his burning zeal to down German airmen and thus aid his country in winning the war.

Instead of being in the air today he should have been enjoying a vacation at Brest with his sister and god-mother. He had been on leave to get a well earned rest, but he returned before his leave had expired.

BELIEVED HE WAS NEEDED

Major Lufbery said he returned before his term had expired because he thought his help was needed. He had made three flights since his return, in his Nieuport pursuit machine, before his fatal flight. He had been engaged