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American Troops Train For Capture of "Pill Boxes"

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 16.—(Associated Press.)—Intensive training in the science of attacking "Pill Boxes" has begun at one of the largest training grounds. Numerous concrete structures identical with those used by the Germans have been erected, and the troops are being taught how the British take them.

The system of attack involves automatic rifle fire from a number of points into the slots, a sufficient number of rifles being used from various points to assure a continuous stream of bullets entering every slot from each direction from which the pillbox is attacked. Under this fire bombers crawl to the pillbox and the firing ceases. The bombers then quickly hurl grenades inside the minute forts. This system, if faithfully carried out, seldom fails to bring about the capitulation of the largest of the pillboxes.