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A POST-ARMISTICE RETROSPECT

- - - - The General commanding the Third German Army, General v. Einem, was absent but I was received by the Chief of Staff who asked me if I spoke German, and upon my reply that I did, asked the other officers of his staff, and the staff officer who had accompanied me, to leave the room, and when we two were alone together both standing made, in a very earnest manner a speech to me in substance as follows:

"I fought in campaigns against the Russian Army, the Serbian Army, the Roumanian Army, the British Army, the French Army and the American Army. All told in this war I have participated in more than 80 battles. I have found your American Army the most honorable (ehrlich) of all our enemies. You have also been the bravest of our enemies and in fact the only ones who have attacked us seriously in this year's battles. I therefore honor you, and, now that the war is over, I stand ready, for my part, to accept you as a friend."

From the report of an American General Staff Officer who was sent just after the Armistice into Germany.