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BROOKLINE MAN ESCAPES

Mahlon Davis Driving the American Ambulance in France, the Vehicle Is Hit by a German Shell.

PARIS, May 20—The first American ambulance automobile to be hit by a German projectile was that driven by Mahlon Davis of Brookline, Mass. It was conveying wounded near Le Pretre Woods. Neither the chauffeur nor any of the four wounded in the car was hurt, although the shell smashed the end of the car roof and ripped it away.

The machine is one of six new motor ambulances in charge of American drivers which belong to the American Ambulance Corps at Neuilly. These cars are serving under fire near Pont-a-Mousson, less than half a mile from the German trenches.

Henry Sydnor Harrison, the Columbia University graduate, author of "Angela's Business" and other novels, who learned French and motoring in two months, is driving an ambulance near Dunkirk, bringing in the wounded direct from the front. This is the first time American motors have been used so close to the German lines.

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