

eral R. J. F. Hayter, in reserve in the centre. Before the infantry jumped-off at 12.10 p.m., the cavalry and some tanks had gone through, towards the old Amiens defense system. The guns had shot themselves out over the 3rd. Canadian Division's advance, and therefore the only artillery support for the troops was that of a few batteries which had followed them along, coming into action when the advance was held up.

The first real opposition came from Beaucourt village, but this was overcome, and our men pushed forward to Beaucourt wood, held by the enemy in force, his very heavy machine-gun fire holding up both our advancing Brigades. Here a very gallant infantry attack finally cleared up the situation and the line went forward once more. Considerable opposition was met and overcome by the 12th. Brigade before they finally reached the Blue Line. On the right the enemy was making a stout stand at Le Quesnel, and the fact that here the French were not abreast of us made the situation more difficult, and that evening this village remained in the hands of the enemy.

The 1st Canadian Division, the "Old Red Patch," occupied the centre of the Corps line of attack, and in describing its operations free use will be made of the very interesting narrative of the operations of the Division in the battles of 1918, prepared and published by its Staff, though considerable condensation is necessary to keep within available space limits.

The valley of the Luce, after bisecting the 3rd. Division front, ran in a generally easterly direction for 2,500 yards, made a sharp bend to the northeast for 1,000 yards, and then east again to its source, approximately 14,000 yards from the front line of the 1st. Division, or practically the final objective of the first day. For a thousand yards in breadth, in front of our line, lay Hangard Wood, strongly fortified by the enemy. To reach the first objective, the Green Line, 6,000 yards distant, the troops must attack down a slope, through Hangard Wood and the enemy front and support trenches, across a wooded valley known as Morgemont Wood, then capturing the high ground on which was situated the German main line