

4th., and 5th. C. M. R. Battalions, and with it will always be associated the terrific fighting of Sanctuary Wood in June, 1916.

On the morning of Aug. 8 the 1st. C. M. R., recruited from the Canadian prairie west, led off the attack, capturing their objective of Hangard village. The artillery barrage moved at the rate of 100 yards every three minutes, thus allowing the infantry to deal with any enemy encountered. Stubborn resistance was offered in places, but for the most part enemy machine-guns and trench-mortars had been done in by our artillery fire. Owing to the heavy mist the tanks assigned in support failed to reach the assembly positions in time to jump off with the infantry, but the barrage had destroyed the wire and the assault was pushed home with relatively slight loss. Indeed, the battalion suffered only 63 casualties though they captured 375 prisoners besides inflicting heavy casualties.

Hangard village being gained, the 2nd. C. M. R., a British Columbia unit, leap-frogged over and proceeded to attack Demuin which lay just south of the Luce river in a very strong position, flanked by a high range of hill to the east and south. Canadian Engineers under heavy fire built a footbridge over the river and the village was carried after hard fighting. Here the attack was taken up by the 7th. Brigade, Brig.-General H. M. Dyer, that had come up in support, and so fast was the assault pushed ahead that each of the two battalions in the line, the 42nd., Royal Highlanders of Canada from Montreal, and the 49th., from Edmonton, captured an entire enemy battery. Tanks now took part in the advance over the open rolling land eastward and all objectives were gained on time.

The 4th. Canadian Division followed the 3rd. Canadian Division down the Roye road, crossing the Luce at Domart, and attacked through the 3rd. Division, after the latter had gained its objective of the Mezieres-Cayeux Road. The advance was continued with the 11th. Brigade, Brig.-General V. W. Odlum, on the right, the 12th. Brigade, Brig.-General J. H. McBrien, on the left, and the 10th. Brigade, Brig.-Gen-