

## A PAGE OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Congratulatory Order on the Capture of Vimy Ridge

*From Brigadier-General A. C. Macdonell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
Commanding 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade*

**I**N tendering my most grateful thanks to my Staff and to the Officers and Other Ranks of the Units comprising my Brigade, for the efficiency, dashing gallantry and splendid, thrusting spirit with which our part of the success of the 9th April, 1917 (now a proud date in Canada's history), was performed, it seems to me wise and necessary to review the work of the preceding months which laid the foundation for, and led up to, the point that made a successful assault upon such formidable German defences, built on a place strong by nature, possible.

This review will be found attached to this Order as an Appendix, and in it I deal only with the work of our own beloved Brigade, only mentioning others where absolutely necessary, to make the story clear, for in the words of Kincaid's book on the Rifles, transformed to meet the occasion, this Order is about the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, for there is no other Brigade that I love so well, nor is there any other that I consider so worthy of notice. For we are the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade who, attacking on the dot through the difficult Crater line, made all our objectives and were dug in, traversed and wired on our Final Objective by 1.30 p.m., although subjected to a galling machine gun fire from the Left—HILL 145 not yet having been captured—having captured some five hundred prisoners and repulsed several counter-attacks on our Right flank and formed a defensive flank on our Left.

Where all did gallantly and well it is perhaps invidious to mention any in particular, but as all Commanders are agreed on the good work performed by the 49th Battalion (E.F.), and the cheerful gallantry with which they did their work as moppers-up, carriers, and reinforcements, I feel constrained to mention them, as they had the bad luck not to be actually an attacking Battalion.

In conclusion, never before had we the chance to work up to an attack in detail, and though absolutely confident of success, you even surpassed my expectations, high though they were, and I thank you all from a full heart, proudly and sincerely.

I cannot close without reference to our gallant comrades who have fallen, even though many of you already know my belief regarding them. They fell doing their duty bravely and well, fighting for the right and for the honour of Canada. They, therefore, fell in the Peace of God, and we should not mourn them unduly. In truth, they live to-day as never before.

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## SPECIAL ORDER

*By Lieutenant-General, Hon. Sir Julian H. G. Byng, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O.,  
Commanding Canadian Corps.*

In saying "Goodbye" to the Corps, I find it very difficult to give expression to the feelings of pride and affection which dominate all other sentiments.

During the year of my Command, the unvarying success in battle, the progress in training and discipline, and the unswerving devotion and loyalty of all ranks are features which stand pre-eminent in the history of the Corps.

That history will last for ever, and my association with you in the making of it is a joy that can never be impaired.

(Sgd.) J. BYNG, Lt.-Gen.,  
Commanding Canadian Corps.