

Canadian Corps were to be put in the line in the Kemmel area, and two Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations were to be moved to the Second Army area. Canadian Wireless and Power Buzzer Sections were to be despatched to the Kemmel Sector, and messages were to be sent worded so as to permit the enemy to decipher the identity of the senders.

"Meanwhile the Canadian Divisions were busy preparing their scheme of attack on Orange Hill, and numerous Tanks were ostentatiously assembled in the vicinity of St. Pol. . . . On July 29 the XVII Corps was ordered by First Army to relieve the Canadian Corps in the line during the nights of July 31-Aug. 2, reliefs to be completed by daylight on Aug. 2. . . . This Army order stated plainly that the Canadian Corps would be prepared to move to Second Army, which, as indicated above, was then holding the northern section of the British front.

"The 27th. Canadian Infantry Battalion and the 4th. Canadian Mounted Rifle Battalion respectively, from the 2nd. and 3rd. Canadian Divisions, were moved by strategical train to Second Army area where they were placed in the line. They did not rejoin their Divisions until Aug. 6. On this day, July 29, the Canadian Divisional Commanders were personally informed of the operations which were to take place on the Fourth Army Front, and they were instructed not to discuss the operations with any of their subordinate Commanders. On July 30 Canadian Corps Headquarters moved to Molliens-Vidame, and the transfer of the Canadian Corps from First Army area to Fourth Army area began.

"When this move was well under way and in order to continue to deceive our troops as to their eventual employment, a letter issued by First Army was repeated to all Canadian Divisions and communicated by them to their formations and Units, stating that the Canadian Corps was being transferred to the Fourth Army area, where it would be held in G. H. Q. Reserve and be prepared in case of attack to:—

- "1. Move south at short notice to assist the French on the Rheims-Soissons front.