

The Canadian Artillery (Cont'd).

The Canadians took naturally to gunnery; our Battery Commanders, Section Officers, N.C.Os. and gunners developed extraordinary skill, efficiency and dependability. If in support of our Infantry there was ever a particularly difficult or dangerous task to be performed, a Canadian Battery was called on to do it.

On only two occasions were any of our guns in German hands.

The first at Ypres in 1915 when the London 4,7 battery, an English Battery attached to us, was over run, due to the Germans breaking through on our left.

The second at Sanctuary Wood in 1916, when two of our forward guns were taken.

On each occasion the guns were recovered in the subsequent fighting.

I mention this not in praise of our Artillery but as a tribute to the work of the Infantry and as reason for the confidence our gunners had when Canadian Infantry were in front of them.

Conclusion.

Now in conclusion I wish to emphasise that the employment of the Artillery in the Field was not perfected by any of the belligerents in a day. At the beginning neither side knew much about it.