

Interim Report by Lieut.-General Sir A. W. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., on the Operations of the
Canadian Corps during the Year 1918.

PART I.

1st Period. January 1 to March 21.

Disposition.—After the Battle of Passchendale the Canadian Corps returned to the Vimy Sector and settled down to the routine of trench warfare—the front held on January 1 extended from Acherville to Loos (both inclusive), a total length of approximately 13,000 yards.

In order to allow the Divisions to absorb more quickly the fresh drafts newly received and to make rapid headway with the training of the officers and N.C.O.'s, it was my intention to hold the Corps front during the winter with two Divisions in the line and to keep two Divisions resting and training in reserve.

The pressure of circumstances and the large amount of defensive work to be done caused me to deviate from the original intention, and the normal dispositions adopted throughout the winter were as follows:—

In the line—Two Divisions on a two-Brigade front,
and one Division on a one-Brigade front.

In reserve—Training and resting, one Division.

In this way the four Canadian Divisions had each approximately one month out of the line, and in addition they had the opportunity of doing a certain amount of training by Brigades when in the line.