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The ammunition expenditure was as follows : ..

Field 56,200 rds. 520 tons. Heavy 31,500 " 1,520 " Total 87,700 2,140

This is approximately 1 ton per yard of Front, or 12 tons per Infantry soldier employed. This was the most intense barrage ever employed in support of any of the operations of the Canadian Corps. All objectives were taken on time.

Enemy killed 800 Our killed ... 60
Wounded prisoners ... 75
Unwounded ... 1379

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Our killed ... 60
wounded ... 380
missing ... 61
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I have gone rather at length into the capture of Valenciennes because I regard that operation as a type of what we would have tried to do in the Campaign of 1919 whould we have had to fight.

As a further illustration by which the comparative expenditure may be judged: At Materloo in 1815 the expenditure was 9,000 rounds, having a total weight of 37 tons. Compare this with the average daily expenditure of the Canadian Corps at Passchendale, 48,500 weighing 1,370 tons.

In the South African war the expenditure was 275,000 rounds weighing 2,800 tons. Not much in excess of our Valenciennes operation, or equal to about 2 average days of the Passchendale fighting.

The Canadian Artillery.

I have been talking about the Artillery generally, and many British Batteries, Field, Heavy and Siege, and some South African have helped us from time to time. But I wish to add a special word about our own Janadian gunners.

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