

Growth of the Artillery Organization (cont'd).

I feel safe in saying that by 1917 the organization of the Canadian Corps Artillery had reached an advanced state and that our lead over similar organizations was maintained to the end of the war. The credit for this is largely due to our Corps Commander who, in developing his policy of giving his infantry the maximum of support, was invariably sympathetic in his attitude towards the Canadian gunners and gave us the necessary means and encouragement to surmount the difficulties which from time to time faced us.

Comparison with German System.

I said a moment ago that one of the great advantages we had over the Germans was in organization. This will be realized from the fact that his artillery was invariably organized and fought on a Divisional Front, as a consequence he experienced great difficulty in bringing to bear, at any given time and place, an adequate volume of fire.

So too, his artillery intelligence was collected and co-ordinated on a Divisional Front and he experienced difficulty in passing his information to adjacent formations, and while his intelligence service undoubtedly acquired a mass of valuable data there did not appear to be a suitable chain of artillery command through which its value could be fully exploited.