

and 4th., Central Ontario, with the 1st., Western Ontario, in support. Its attack was carried out without artillery support, except for the bombardment of distant points by heavy guns. Six tanks were allotted to it, but 18 actually went in, as 12 of the 22 that attacked with the 3rd Brigade were still in action. The objective, the high ground east of Cayeux and the crossings of the Luce at this village and at Ignaucourt, was secured between 11 and 11.30 a.m.

In the meantime the 2nd. Brigade had been marching forward, and attacked with the 7th. Battalion, British Columbia, and 10th. Battalion, of Alberta, on the right and left of the Luce river, with the 8th. Battalion, recruited from the Province of Manitoba, in support, and the 5th. Battalion, recruited from the Province of Saskatchewan, in reserve. Fourteen tanks advanced with the infantry, of which six reached the final objective. Except on the extreme left, little resistance was encountered by this Brigade, the enemy being demoralized.

The 2nd. Canadian Division, on the left of the Canadian line and in liason with the Australians, launched its attack from a narrow front, but widened out from Marcelcave to the north of the Amiens-Chaulnes railway toward Lamotte-en-Santerre, in order to obtain freedom of manœuvre for its attack on the towns of Wiencourt and Guillaucourt on this railway. It had here to follow high open ground over a plateau cut by deep valleys and resistance was very determined. The 2nd. Canadian Division was on a single Brigade front, the 4th. Brigade in the line, the 5th. Brigade behind, ready to pass through, and the 6th. Brigade in reserve. The 4th. Brigade, Brig.-General R. Rennie, was to capture Marcelcave and establish a line 500 yards east. With it were two companies of the 14th. Battalion Tank Corps, one Army Brigade of Artillery, and two batteries of machine-guns. There were also Canadian Engineers for investigating and repairing dug-outs.

The troops moved forward in a mist, and instead of following the tanks, they found it necessary to lead the way. On