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# Australians Take Majority of 17,000 Prisoners

## Casualties Among Canadians Are Not Unduly Heavy, London Office Declares

London, Aug. 9.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Canadian headquarters in London had for some days realized the corps in the field was imminently likely to be heavily engaged. So far, English newspaper correspondents make no special reference to the part of the Canadians, but reliable information goes to show the casualties already tabulated are not unduly heavy considering the completely effective style in which the forces attained their primary objectives.

More than 17,000 prisoners had been captured up to this afternoon, the larger number of which were taken by the Canadians.

### MRS. AUGUSTA GIBSON OF WOODSTOCK DEAD

Special to The Standard.

Woodstock, Aug. 9.—A telegram was received tonight announcing the death today of Mrs. H. Augusta Gibson at Brooklyn, New York. She is survived by two sons, James A. and George W. Gibson, of Woodstock, and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of Boston. With her husband, the late John C. Gibson, who died a few months ago in Woodstock, she conducted the Gibson House, for many years the principal hotel in Woodstock.

## GERMANS RETIRE IN GREAT HASTE

### Enormous Amount of Guns, War Stores and Even Regimental Maps and Papers Abandoned by Enemy in His Mad Flight—Cavalry and Tanks Do Excellent Work in Clearing Country of Boches.

With the British Army in France, the latest reports appear to show that the Germans are retiring in great haste.

The scenes on the battle ground over which the Allies already have

passed give evidence of this haste in abandoned guns, stores, and even regimental and artillery maps and papers. Aerial observers report large streams of transports and men hurrying eastward in full retreat.

Beaucourt fell to the Allied forces this morning and Le Quesnel also was taken after hot all-night fighting.

quarters windows killed some of the staff and then chased others who escaped from the house. At Rosieres another car set an empty train on fire.

**Cavalry in Action**

The cavalry is working far back toward the Somme and is still rounding up villages, while tanks and armored cars are running over the country clearing a way for the troops or killing horses drawing enemy supplies. The drivers of motor trucks and lorries are chasing parties of Germans here and there scattering them or running them to earth.

**Cars Successful**

A group of cars met, far inside the enemy lines, a German supply column and halted it. Four mounted German officers came up to see what the trouble was and were shot from the cars, which then proceeded to make quick work of the column.

At Framerville the cars engaged a train loaded with the enemy and finally set it afire. Tanks entered this town soon afterwards, helped the armored cars clean it up and then posted flags on the roof of the building which had been German corps headquarters. One car met a high German officer riding in an automobile along the road. The officer was killed and his machine captured.

It is reported that two regimental commanders have been captured in one sector.

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NEW YORK

(By The Associated Press)

Australian and Canadian troops are bearing the brunt of the British Picardy drive.

German lines on the Picardy front south of the Somme have been badly broken by the savage thrust of the British and French armies.

A wedge has been driven into enemy territory to a depth of eleven miles along the Amiens-Chaulnes-Le Vere railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes and forms the chief artery of supplies for the German troops fighting in the Montdidier sector of the front.

**17,000 Prisoners.**

London announces that seventeen thousand prisoners and guns "too numerous to mention" have been taken in the first twenty-four hours of the drive.

The results of this attack, loosed against the Germans on the Amiens front Thursday morning, appears to have eclipsed those obtained by the Germans on the first day of any of their terrific offensives of the past spring and summer. So far as reports show the progress of the fighting south of the Somme, the Allies are going forward almost without serious opposition. On the north bank of the stream, the Germans have held their lines strongly, but have lost Morlan-court, their stronghold there, after hard fighting. The French further to the south, have had their advance regarded at numerous points, but the towns are evidence that the momentum of the Allied drive has not nearly spent itself.

### New Method of Attack.

From despatches from the battle-front it now appears that the Allies attacked the Germans with little artillery preparation, the method pursued resembling on a grand scale that adopted by General Byng before Cambrai last November. Armored tanks in great numbers tore through the German first line positions, infantry masses followed and then cavalry and armored motor cars swept into the back areas, surprising German detachments and throwing the whole defensive organization of the enemy into chaos.

Hardly had the German reverse along the Somme been reported than despatches began to tell of a German retreat in the Flanders sector on the extreme western tip of the Lys salient, which is now occupied by the British.

### Hun Position in Danger.

In its larger aspects, the success of the Allies south of the Somme constitutes a very serious threat to the German line, especially to the southward. The advance has not so far weakened the German positions northward toward Arras, but the enemy finds himself in an embarrassing position around Montdidier and from that town southward, at least as far as the Oise River. A further advance of the Allies in Picardy would outflank the whole German line as far as the Oise, and probably cause an immediate retreat to positions which can be linked up with the Aisne line.

### Prisoners Coming in.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 9.—(By The Associated Press)—Prisoners rounded up by the British cavalry divisions are coming back rapidly.

Early this morning the combined Franco-British forces began following up the victory of yesterday from the positions reached last night. Reports received from along the front shortly before eleven a. m. said that satisfactory progress was being made. Undoubtedly resistance developed at several points, but this seems to have been generally overcome, except at the left where during the night sharp fighting developed and Allied troops were unable to maintain their footing on the Chipilly spur, principally because of the nature of the ground. The French at the south end of the Somme began their push forward at the same time as did the British this morning, and it is officially announced that they have captured Le Quentin (Le Quesnel).

The enemy in the Montdidier sector is now certainly in an even more precarious position than yesterday. The wide-flung operations of the British cavalry menace all the men and materials the enemy has there.

### Air Forces Active.

The Allied air forces continued the vigorous operations they initiated yesterday, and besides blowing up many of the Somme bridges seriously hampering the German effort to remove material, the airmen attacked troop billets and transports.

The prisoners taken by the British forces in yesterday's fighting totaled 260 officers and 11,721 of other ranks.

It is reported that a German divisional general has been captured in the drive.

British cavalry and some infantry were signaled in the neighborhood of Chaulnes this morning. When they heard from directly they, together with armored cars, were operating back of Framerville, and have now progressed many kilometers beyond, continuing the cleaning up of the country and capturing villages.

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