

This concluded the actual fighting on the first day of the battle. But during all this day the engineers had been busy bridging the Canal. This task was entrusted to the 3rd Battalion Canadian Engineers. Five traffic crossings had to be constructed and four foot-bridges. The first traffic crossing was completed at 8.40 o'clock that morning. All bridges, with one exception, were completed by 6 o'clock in the evening. The early stages of the work were carried out under machine-gun fire, many casualties being suffered.

CONTINUATION OF THE BATTLE.

Fighting on succeeding days, while proving of the most costly character, can be described here only very briefly.

On September 28th the 3rd and 4th Divisions opened their attack on the right at 6 o'clock in the morning. The attack on the 1st Division front was set for 9 o'clock, and was to be carried out by the 10th Battalion. When 9 o'clock came, although troops on neither the right nor the left had caught up, and in face of very heavy artillery and machine-gun concentration on their front, the 10th Battalion went bravely forward and calmly commenced to cut lanes through the heavy enemy wire by hand. In spite of the thinning ranks, this unequal contest went on for two hours—hours illumined by many instances of the greatest courage and gallantry.

When it was found late in the morning that the 4th Division was held up some distance west of the Douai-Cambrai Road, the attack of the 10th Battalion was given up. That night the 8th Battalion relieved the 10th.

The next morning, the 29th, the attack was again carried forward on the whole Corps front. On the right the 3rd Division reached the outskirts of Cambrai, the 4th Division making slight progress to the north-east of Sailly. On the left, on the fronts of the 1st and 11th Divisions, the attack was generally held up. The attack of the 1st Division was carried out by the 8th Battalion. The right company made some progress in the face of heavy enemy