



SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

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The final act of the war drama, in which this 1st Division has been privileged to play no inconsiderable part, now commences.

The old 1st Canadian Division, and all that that means, in truth the old Guard Division of the Canadian Corps. Carry your minds back to VALCARTIER and the determined eager men there; trace their movement and their record throughout and you will carry your heads high, and march more proudly because of it; 1915 and the 2nd Battle of YPRES placed Canadians at one bound, by universal opinion, in the front rank of the finest troops in France; the Battle of FESTUBERT and holding the line, trench raiding inaugurated by the 2nd C.I.B., the Winter of 1916, holding the line in the Bloody Salient and all that that meant, the hard fighting in June of that year, Canadians still more than holding their own; the Battles of the SOMME, the fierce attacks and heavy losses, but still successes; the Winter of 1916/1917, holding the line on the VIMY RIDGE, the continuous raiding, the glorious victory of VIMY RIDGE and after, ARLEUX and FRESNOY, the Battle of HILL 70 and after, the Battle of PASSCHENDAELE; the Winter of 1917/1918, the Spring and early Summer, again many splendidly dashing raids, holding the line. Our glorious record since August of this year is too well known to require itemized comment. Let it suffice to say that we have had the honour of being in the van every time there was heavy work to do, and every time we broke the enemy's lines and fulfilled the trust our Chief (the Corps Commander)