

thousand yards short of the Green Line, was the little village of Aubercourt.

FROM THE GREEN TO THE RED LINE.

The country between the Green and the Red Lines was marked by high ground, almost a hill, on the 3rd Division front; on the 1st Division front was the valley of the Luce, quite heavily wooded, with sharp ravines running off it, particularly to the north, and with the small village of Ignacourt, on the river, 1,000 yards beyond the Green Line; and on the 2nd Division front high ground alternating between two valleys, sloping off to the south, with the villages of Wiencourt and Gillaucourt on the extreme left flank, on the railway line. The advance here averaged 3,000 yards.

The Blue Line followed the old Amiens Defence Line, a single trench line, disused and shallow for the most part. On the 1st Division front, between the Red and Blue Lines, the frontage narrowed to approximately 1,200 yards, and meant an advance of 5,000 yards. For the first 3,000 yards was the stream, with fairly steep and wooded slopes on each side; then the large town of Caix, and 1,000 yards east of Caix the old Amiens Defence Line.

The 1st Division attacked on a one-brigade front, the tasks allotted being the capture of the Green Line by the 3rd Brigade, the Red Line by the 1st Brigade, and the Blue Line by the 2nd Brigade. The 1st Division attack was to take the form of three separate, distinct blows. Each brigade had its own task, and was not to support an attacking brigade until its own work was completed.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ATTACK.

Before following the progress of the battle it will be of interest to trace briefly the preparations for it and the preliminary moves of the division.

On August 1st the 1st Canadian Division was still in line in front of Arras, in the Telegraph Hill sector. At that time it was generally understood that the Canadian Corps was to be transferred to the Second Army. To such an extent was this "camou-