

Twelve tanks supported the 1st Division attack on this day, six going forward with each brigade, and all doing valuable service. In addition, the Divisional Commander secured some whippet tanks from the Cavalry Corps, and these were of assistance to the right brigade in clearing Beaufort Wood.

In this battle the 2nd and 3rd Field Ambulances cleared the forward area, while the 1st ran a corps main dressing station.

A BATTLE OF TANKS AND INFANTRY.

It is interesting to note that this great Battle of Amiens, fought on the 8th and 9th of August, was almost entirely a battle of tanks and infantry against a machine-gun defence. The artillery played its part in supplying the barrage for the first 5,000-yards advance. Beyond that point, however, on only a few occasions did the artillery, advancing behind the infantry, come into action.

Conditions throughout these two days of fighting were ideal for both tanks and infantry, and both exploited to the full every opportunity that presented itself, each working in close co-operation with the other.

The fighting on the second day was entirely an infantry battle, supported by tanks. The most rapid advance was made on the centre of the Corps front. In fact, at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th the advance was echeloned from the centre to the right. By 6 o'clock the 3rd Division, using only one brigade, had captured Bouchoir. At this time the right flank of the Canadian Corps ran straight down the Roye road, our front line being just three and a half miles in front of the French line. Soon after 6 o'clock the French attacked, and captured Arvillers, thus bringing their line up level with that on the Canadian front.

Cavalry and motor machine-guns also had several opportunities of coming into action on the 9th, the former assisting the infantry to some extent in the centre of the Corps front.

On the morning of the 10th, 3rd Division troops took the village of Le Quesnoy, and shortly afterwards the 32nd Division, with the 4th Canadian Division, continued the attack.