

24th April, 1922.

Major-General  
the Honourable S.C. Mewburn, K.C.,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear General Mewburn,

My opinion has been asked as to where the main memorial of the Canadians should be placed and whether I would concur in it being placed on Vimy Ridge.

If it is placed on Vimy Ridge because that is a very prominent place and in view of the greater amount of traffic passing along the Lens-Arras Road, I have no objection to it being placed there, but I don't think that any Divisional Commander would consider that Vimy Ridge, great victory and all that it was, was by any means our outstanding engagement.

Vimy Ridge was a set piece, for which we had practiced for weeks and it was the first time the Canadians had ever really had a chance to prepare like that for a battle; but it did not call for the initiative and the resourcefulness, etc etc, that Amiens displayed, - the fighting for the Jump off to the *breaking of the* Drocourt-Queant Line and the breaking of the Canal du Nord.

However, if the Committee consider, for the reasons given above, that Vimy Ridge is the more suitable place, I concur.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*A. C. M.*