

Ammunition Expenditure (Cont'd).

47647

|                          | Dys. | Ed. guns. | Heavy. | Total. | Th. rds. | Tons.  | Tons/d. |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Drocourt-Queant          | 27   | 528       | 234    | 762    | 786      |        |         |
| Bourlon.                 | 12   | 522       | 262    | 784    | 1,067    |        |         |
| Cambrai                  | 23   | 334       | 262    | 596    | 519      |        |         |
| Valenciennes<br>to Mons. | 12   | 312       | 174    | 486    | 215      |        |         |
| Amiens to<br>Mons.       | 100  | -         | -      | -      | 3,296    | 73,100 | 731     |

As an illustration of the effect of ammunition expenditure in reducing casualties and increasing results and, without, in any way, wishing to draw unkind comparisons with our neighbors on the South, I quote the figures of the Argonne - Meuse offensive in contrast to the last hundred days fighting of the Canadian Corps -

|                                | American | Canadian | Remarks.                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| Maximum number of guns.        | 3928     | 784      | 2417 American - remainder French Artillery. |
| Divisions.                     | 22       | 4        |   |
| Troops - Divisional and Corps. | 650,000  | 105,000  |   |
| Guns per 1,000 troops.         | 6.1      | 7.5      |   |
| Duration of operations         | 47 dys.  | 100 dys. | Canadian includes marching.                 |

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