

Canadian Division, passing through the 3rd. Canadian Division on the right, and by reserve Brigades of the 1st. and 2nd. Canadian Divisions in the centre and on the left. Every effort was to be made to exploit success wherever it occurred. Special arrangements had been made to support the attack beyond the Green Line as long as possible with heavy artillery, and sections of field artillery were detailed to advance in close support of the attacking infantry.

"The attack had been synchronized with the Australians, who were to jump off at the same hour as the Canadian Corps. The First French Army was to submit the Bois de Moreuil to a 45-minute bombardment before developing infantry action, but the General Officer Commanding had agreed that the bombardment should only begin at "zero" hour.

"The Canadian Corps being, as it were, the spearhead of the attack, the movements of other formations were to be synchronized with ours."

It will be seen from the above that a great deal depended upon the artillery, and before detailing the work of the infantry, it will be well to give some little account of this triumph of scientific gunnery. Between six and seven hundred guns were massed on the Canadian Corps front, and the barrage laid down was the greatest of the war to date, far exceeding that at Vimy Ridge.

In the first place, the difficulties attending the accumulation of all kinds of ammunition for the operation in such a short space of time were very great. The nearest Army dump from which our gunners could draw ammunition was so far away that lorries could not make more than one trip a day. Advance refilling points had not been selected, and the dumping of ammunition at these points did not really begin until Aug. 3. There was a great shortage of lorries, a considerable number of the heavy Artillery Brigades (Imperial) arriving only two or three days before the attack. When the lorries of these brigades became available there was not sufficient petrol to keep them in operation. It may be said in parenthesis that

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