

During this tour, the Battalion was fortunate in only having sixty-eight (68) casualties, a small proportion only being deaths, although, of course, some may later succumb to their wounds.

Observation indicated that the enemy made preparation for a long stay in the captured territory, and that their backward movement was not a retreat, but a flight, and this was evidenced by the large amount of personal property, stores, ammunition of all kinds, and guns abandoned, which they would otherwise have destroyed. The stores alone, must be of immense value to the Canadian Corps for future use in preparing entanglements and defences should they be stopped in their pursuit and have to settle down to trench warfare again.

One prisoner made the remark that the cry was raised, "The English are coming" and a large proportion of those left alive, immediately evacuated their positions and beat a hasty retreat to the rear, and this is, no doubt, what really happened.

In addition to a large amount of Engineer material and medical stores in the various dressing stations, in the territory taken over by the Battalion, we took possession of the following:-

- 1 - 4.2 (gas) gun.
- 1 - 4.1 gun.
- 4 - 5.9 guns.
- 1 - Salmon coloured aeroplane very little damaged.
- 5 - Wounded prisoners.

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