

BATTLE OF THE VIMY

9th-12th, April, 1917

RIDGE



The Battle of Vimy Ridge was a military engagement fought primarily as part of the Battle of Arras, in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, during the First World War.

Vimy Ridge was a key position near Somme River that controlled by German force.

British and French troops tried to take the ridge for over 2 years. In late 1916, Canadians were called in. They spent time carefully planning an attack.

Strategies

Involved artillery strikes on the German defenses in the month leading up to the attack. During this time they built secret tunnels to move closer to the ridge.



Weapons

Guns were the weapons used in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. In addition, the infantry troops also used canyons. The battle took place in 1917.



Casualties

3,598 dead,
7,004 wounded
unknown dead or wounded 4,000 captured



Impacts on Canada and the war

The battle of Vimy Ridge was very important for Canada and the rest of the Allies. For Canada, it was a day that symbolized Canada's capability as an independent nation. The objective of the Canadian Corps was to take control of the German high ground along an escarpment at the northernmost end of the Arras Offensive. This would ensure that the southern flank could advance without suffering German enfilade fire.

