

**British Forces
Battle of Ypres
22 April 1915**

BRITISH SECOND ARMY

Army Commander: General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien
Brigadier-General, General Staff: Brigadier-General G.T.Forestier-Walker
Headquarters: Hazebrouck, France

V. Corps: Lieutenant-General Sir Herbert C O Plumer
Brigadier-General, General Staff: Brigadier-General H S Jeurwine
Headquarters: Poperinghe

The front line on the Ypres Salient held by the V Corps was nearly 18 kilometres in length. It extended from a point on the Ypres-Poelcappelle road, about a kilometre south of Poelcappelle village, to the western end of Broodseinde, Polygon Wood, Herenthage Woods, through the Shrewsbury Forest, and ended on the left of the British II Corps, just north of Hill 60.

On the morning of 22 April there were three British divisions in the front line on the north-east and east of the Ypres Salient. From west to east and north to south around the Ypres Salient they were:

1ST CANADIAN DIVISION: Lieutenant-General E A H Alderson
Headquarters: Château des Trois Tours near Brielen

FRONT LINE POSITION:

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade (Brigadier-General R E W Turner, V.C.,
HQ at Mouse Trap Farm):
13th Battalion (Royal Highlanders of Canada) LtCol F O W Loomis
15th Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada) Lt.Col J A Currie.
2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier-General A W Currie
HQ at Pond Farm south-east of St. Julien):
5th Battalion (Western Cavalry) Lt.Col. G S Tuxford
8th Battalion (Winnipeg Rifles) Lt.Col. L J Lipsett

SECOND AND THIRD POSITIONS

Brigade Reserves:

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade (Wieltje)
7th Battalion (1st British Columbia Regiment)
Lt.Col. W F R Hart-McHarg.
3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade (St. Jean)
14th Battalion (Royal Montreal Regiment) Lt.Col. F S Meighen.

Divisional Reserves:

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade (canal basin north east of Ypres)
10th Battalion (10th Canadians) under Lt.Col. R L Boyle.
3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade (west bank of the Yser canal by a
temporary bridge near Brielen)
16th Battalion (Canadian Scottish) under Lt.Col. R G E Leckie.

28TH DIVISION: Major-General E S Bulfin
Headquarters: Vlamertinghe chateau (as 20 April)

FRONT LINE POSITION (front line was held by eight battalions)

83rd Brigade (Brigadier-General R C Boyle, near railway line south-east of Frezenberg):
2nd Battalion The King's Own Regiment
3rd Battalion The Monmouthshire Regiment
1st Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
84th Brigade (Brigadier-General L J Bols, HQ east of Frezenberg village):
1st Battalion The Welsh Regiment
12th Battalion The London Regiment (Rangers)
1st Battalion The Suffolk Regiment
85th Brigade (Brigadier-General A J Chapman, HQ at Verlorenhoek):
3rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers
2nd Battalion East Surrey Regiment

SECOND AND THIRD POSITIONS

Brigade Reserves:

83rd Brigade was south-west of St. Jean:
5th Battalion the King's Own
84th Brigade were near Verlorenhoek:
2nd Battalion the Cheshire Regiment
1st Battalion the Monmouthshire Regiment.
85th Brigade were west of St. Jean:
2nd Battalion East Kent Regiment (the Buffs)
the 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment.
8th Middlesex Regiment (2 cos) were in support of the brigade on the Zonnebeke-Keerselaere road.

Divisional Reserves:

83rd Brigade were west of Ypres, south of Brielen:
2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment
the 1st Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment
85th Brigade was at Vlamertinghe:
8th Battalion the Middlesex Regiment (2 cos)

27TH DIVISION: Major-General T D'O Snow

Headquarters: Potijze Château

FRONT LINE POSITION

80th Brigade (Brigadier-General W E B Smith, HQ at Verlorenhoek):
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
3rd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps
4th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps
81st Brigade (Brigadier-General H L Croker, HQ north of the Menin Road at Hooge):
1st Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
9th Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
1st Battalion Royal Scots
82nd Brigade (Brigadier-General J R Longley, HQ south of the Menin Road at Hooge):
2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers
1st Battalion the Cambridgeshire Regiment
1st Battalion the Leinster Regiment.

SECOND AND THIRD POSITIONS

Brigade Reserves:

80th Brigade was north of Bellewaerde Lake:
 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry
81st Brigade was in the western end of Sanctuary Wood:
 2nd Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment
82nd Brigade was in the woods south of Zillebeke:
 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment

Divisional Reserves:

80th Brigade was north-west of Ypres on the Ypres-Brielen road:
 4th Battalion the Rifle Brigade
81st Brigade was south of Vlamertinghe:
 9th Battalion Royal Scots
82nd Brigade was north-west of Ypres on the Ypres-Brielen road:
 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

Army Reserve

As Second Army Reserves two brigades were located in the Vlamertinghe area:

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade (Brigadier-General M S Mercer)
13th Brigade (of II. Corps)

Canadian Field Artillery: Brigadier-General H E Burstall, CB
(until 7.7.1915) (Sited in the second and third positions
to support the Canadian Infantry Division.)

2nd Brigade, C.F.A. (Lt.Col. C H MacLaren):
 5th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 6th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 7th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 8th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
3rd Brigade, C.F.A. (Lt.Col. J H Mitchell):
 9th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 10th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 11th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 12th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
1st Brigade, C.F.A. (Lt.Col. E W B Morrison, DSO):
 (In reserve at Vlamertinghe)
 1st Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 2nd Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 3rd Battery (4 18 pounder guns)
 4th Battery (4 18 pounder guns)

SUPPORTING THE 1ST CANADIAN DIVISION in positions east and south-east of St. Julien:

458 Battery R.F.A. (4.5" howitzers)
459 Battery R.F.A. (4.5" howitzers)
28th Division Field Artillery

SUPPORTING 28TH DIVISION

18 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
22 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
62 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
69 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
100 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)

103 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
149 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
366 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
367 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
27th Division Field Artillery

SUPPORTING 27TH DIVISION

11 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
39 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
67 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
95 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
96 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
98 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
99 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
131 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
132 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
133 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
148 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)
364 Battery R.F.A. (4 18 pounder guns)

SUPPORTING BOTH THE 27TH AND 28TH DIVISIONS:

37 Battery R.F.A. (4.5 inch Howitzers)
65 Battery R.F.A. (4.5 inch Howitzers)
61 Battery R.F.A. (4.5 inch Howitzers)

SUPPORTING THE V. CORPS:

2nd London Heavy Battery (4.7" howitzers) of XIII Brigade Royal
Garrison Artillery in Kitchener's Wood
1st North Midland Heavy Battery (4.7" howitzers) of XIII Brigade
Royal Garrison Artillery north of Wieltje
122nd Heavy Battery (4.7" howitzers) of XI. Brigade Royal Garrison
Artillery near Frezenberg
123rd Heavy Battery (4.7" howitzers) south-east of Potijze

Royal Flying Corps

1st Wing, Royal Flying Corps
Squadron 2
Squadron 3
Squadron 16
2nd Wing, Royal Flying Corps,
Squadron 1
Squadron 5
Squadron 6

Squadron No. 6. (Artillery observation)
Squadron No. 7 (Reconnaissance) (General Headquarters)
Squadron No. 8 (Reconnaissance) (General Headquarters)