CANADA'S FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLES

MOUNT SORREL
100 YEARS LATER

In June of 1916, the Canadian Corps faced heavy losses in the fighting for Mont Sorrel - a key strategic position overlooking the city of Ypres, Belgium. The German attack on 2 June wiped out entire battalions, and repeated efforts to retake the position failed.

However, with better coordination between artillery and infantry and improved battle preparations, the Canadians were able to counterattack on June 13 and successfully regained the lost ground. The cost: over 3,000 soldiers killed or missing, and over 5,000 wounded.

100 years later, the Vimy Foundation is actively working to ensure that the Battle of Mount Sorrel, now largely forgotten, and other major battles of the First World War involving Canadians are recalled and our losses commemorated.

We will remember them.

BATTLE OF MOUNT SORREL. ATTACKING UNDER SMOKE.
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