

166th of Newfoundland Upholds Dads' Records

Field Regiment Did Great Job of Fighting During African Campaign

London, June 29.—(CP)—Soldiers of the 166th (Newfoundland) Field Regiment acquitted themselves in the North African campaign in the tradition of their fathers, who earned in the First Great War the proud tribute of "better than the best."

"The whole Empire has just cause to be proud of the achievements of those heroic sons of our oldest colony," said an official press release which told the story of the 166th's African fighting.

The 166th arrived in Algiers early last February, and re-embarked almost immediately for Bone. A few weeks later they moved into the field and had their first brush with the enemy on the night of February 25-26 in the Djebel Bargou area.

Attached to the 1st Army, the 166th from then on was used continually in preliminary bombardments to soften enemy defences. When the attack began the troops

were pulled out and sent elsewhere to join in yet another bombardment. Their greatest opportunity came with the taking of Long Stop Hill in the Medjez El Bab area, where they joined other artillery units in laying down the terrific barrage which preceded the capture of the hill by British infantry.

Fighting with the skill of veteran campaigners, the Newfoundlanders, with their 25-pounders firing hub-to-hub, sent over 80,000 shells.

After this triumph, the gunners, whose average age is 25, were moved eastward to support attacks by the Brigade of Guards, and finally supported the 8th Army's 1st Armoured Division in general mop-up operations between Tunis and Frombalia and Cape Bone peninsula. They were proud men when they took part in the entry of Tunis itself.

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