Record Nr. UNINA9910136669603321 Capturing Hill 70: Canada's forgotten battle of the First World War / / **Titolo** edited by Douglas E. Delaney and Serge Durflinger Pubbl/distr/stampa Vancouver, [British Columbia];; Toronto, [Ontario]:,: UBC Press,, 2016 ©2016 **ISBN** 0-7748-3361-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (332 pages) Collana Studies in Canadian Military History Disciplina 940.41271 World War, 1914-1918 - Regimental histories - Canada Soggetti World War, 1914-1918 - Campaigns - France Canada Canadian Army Canadian Corps History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di bibliografia Front Matter -- Contents -- Maps -- Foreword -- Acknowledgments --Nota di contenuto Introduction -- Higher Command -- The Corps Nervous System in Action -- The Best Laid Plans -- The Fire Plan -- Sinews of War --Force Preservation -- The Other Side of the Hill -- To Win at Any Cost -- A Battle Forgotten? -- Conclusion -- Appendix -- Selected Bibliography -- Contributors -- Index -- Studies in Canadian Military History In August 1917, the Canadian Corps captured Hill 70, a vital piece of Sommario/riassunto ground just north of the French industrial town of Lens. The Canadians suffered some 5.400 casualties and defeated three days of determined German counter attacks. This spectacularly successful but shockingly costly battle was as innovative as Vimy, yet only a handful of Canadians have heard of it or of subsequent attempts to capture Lens, which resulted in nearly 3,300 more casualties. In Capturing Hill 70, leading military historians mark the centenary of this triumph by dissecting different facets of the battle, from planning and the conduct of

operations to long-term repercussions and commemoration. This richly illustrated and thought-provoking book reinstates Hill 70 to its rightful place among the pantheon of battles that helped forge the reputation of the famed Canadian Corps during the First World War, and it sheds

new light on the key role played by Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie, who fought his first major action as commander of the Canadian Corps.