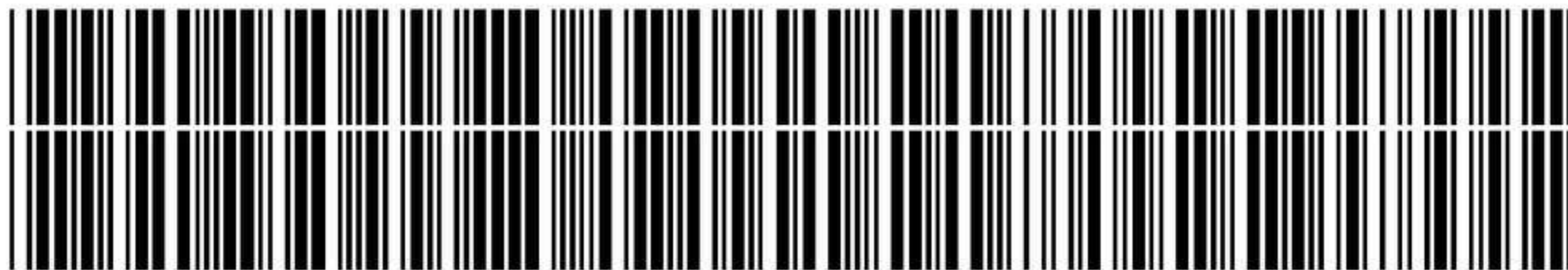


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9 Bn

9-11 Aug?  
23 Aug.  
18 Sept

11 Bn ditto

11 Bn Pozieres

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carefully as to names  
& places by 1 Diarist

**No. 3.**

12 Bn Lehan

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(17735) Wt. 2205—SK550. 100000. 1/18. Sir J. C. & S.

(97)

[ 9 Bn Lihous  
Lihous. <sup>the accurate acct from</sup>  
Capt Chapman ]

Bn came up from outside  
Corbie - leaving abt 4.30 pm on 1st  
Day to Hamel. Camped there  
night. Then at 7.30 am by  
Compass bearing to a position SE  
of Harbounnières (to support 2 Bde.)

Reached at 8.30 pm on  
night of Aug 1st they reached  
a position in 1 open abt 2 hrs  
<sup>march</sup> from 1 front line. Bn. was ordered  
to dig in a defensive position.  
They had no sleep - no shelling -  
digging till daylight. (The men had  
their meals all thro' the heavy fighting)  
At 6 am. Bn moved  
ap for attack on Lihous  
wood, marching by Compass  
bearing 1 whole way. On reaching  
T.O. Tapes (thru 3rd Bn) the men

were given a slight smoke  
rest. No fire up to them.  
It was at 8 am.

A German plane came over  
(while Bn flying at 100 feet  
up, while they were smoking,  
dropping flares & firing its  
m.g. He hit at 6 men.  
You could see 1 face of 1 man.  
The Bn was in shell holes  
& old 2/6

Aug 10 At 8 am Barrage  
opened (two pens may have  
fired - Chapman was thro it,  
without noticing). It was followed  
by a very heavy m.g. barrage  
by 1 German & arty barrage,  
the m.g. barrage being much  
worse. The left flank was

completely exposed & /  
German was firing completely  
enfilading 9 Bn from / left /  
inflicting heavy casualties.

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The Bn had  
one Coy held  
up by m.f.

fire. Counter m.f. fire was  
brought to bear on this flank.  
The German m.f. fire was direct.  
C saw one gun open on Penrose's  
Coy wh had bn left support  
but we now on / right - he  
cd see / whole crew. The  
German m.f. fire was largely  
direct, but indirect also.  
The German was only abt  
50 yds away at / start.  
The Bn went thro / wood in

parties. It was heavily wired  
with strong depots & barricades.

The men who went thro  
this wood - Lt Gower M.C. - was  
thro' the left edge of the wood.

There was a heavily wired  
position abt 30 or 40 yards  
down the edge of the wood from  
the left hand corner of it - it  
was in the undergrowth on the  
edge of the wood not far from the  
hospital (in a sort of continuation  
of the wood into a larger wood)

The Germans captured  
after a very heavy battle &  
drove our parties out of the  
wood except that there were two  
posts on the right hand side of  
the wood. ~~That Rd was Myers.~~

~~then to his left Thompson~~

The 9th Bn was so depleted by casualties that Bde was asked for another Coy to reinforce & retake 1 wood. The Bn Commander 10 Bn placed at 9 Bn disposal his best Coy under Capt McLean (D.S.O. M.C.). They worked from S. to N. thro' 1 wood & managed to take abt 60 prisoners.

In conjunction w Maj Ross who was O.C. line of 9 Bn McLean established posts on the NE side of wood making whole Bde frontage as one continuous line.

There were troops of 11 Bn



on / left flank.  
The posts wh had bn  
Established were

LT Myers

McLann, Morgan, Chapman, Knowles,  
Thompson, Wrench,  
Myers,  
Thomas,  
Pickford,  
Penman.

The loss of direction was one  
of the great difficulties  
of all units. The 2nd Bde  
were away to their rt  
& the last 3 posts of 9Bn

were in 1 area of  
2nd Bde.

The Germans attacked  
again twice in force but  
were each time driven off  
leaving a lot of dead. In  
each case an extremely  
heavy barrage was put down  
first - heavy, especially  
8 in - & most of shells  
Blue Cross, gas with HE  
till the wood was reeking  
w/ gas.

In the first second of  
the 3 attacks the Germans  
came to hand to hand  
fighting. There is a lot of  
small undergrowth & /  
place was a maze of trenches,

The Germans came up partly  
thru trees & partly in  
skirmishing order, & got  
into hand to hand fighting  
with some of our posts.  
In this attack McCann  
lost a lot of men & was  
fighting himself with  
revolver & bombs.

The 3rd attack was  
smashed up by our  
Lewis guns & T.M.s.  
They were coming from 1  
direction of houses. As they began  
to deploy the L.G.s. & T.M.s  
(3rd L.T.M. Bty) got out to them  
& this attack was stopped.

After this 1 German  
saw up. The field of fire of our  
front line was abt 500

4ds at this point. On  
the 1st towards 1 second  
Bde it was possible to  
get a peep down onto 1  
low ground to 1st, but  
otherwise we had no  
observation over 1 crest.  
Neither had 1 German.

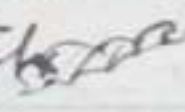
The impression was that 1  
German was putting in his  
men as fast as he could.

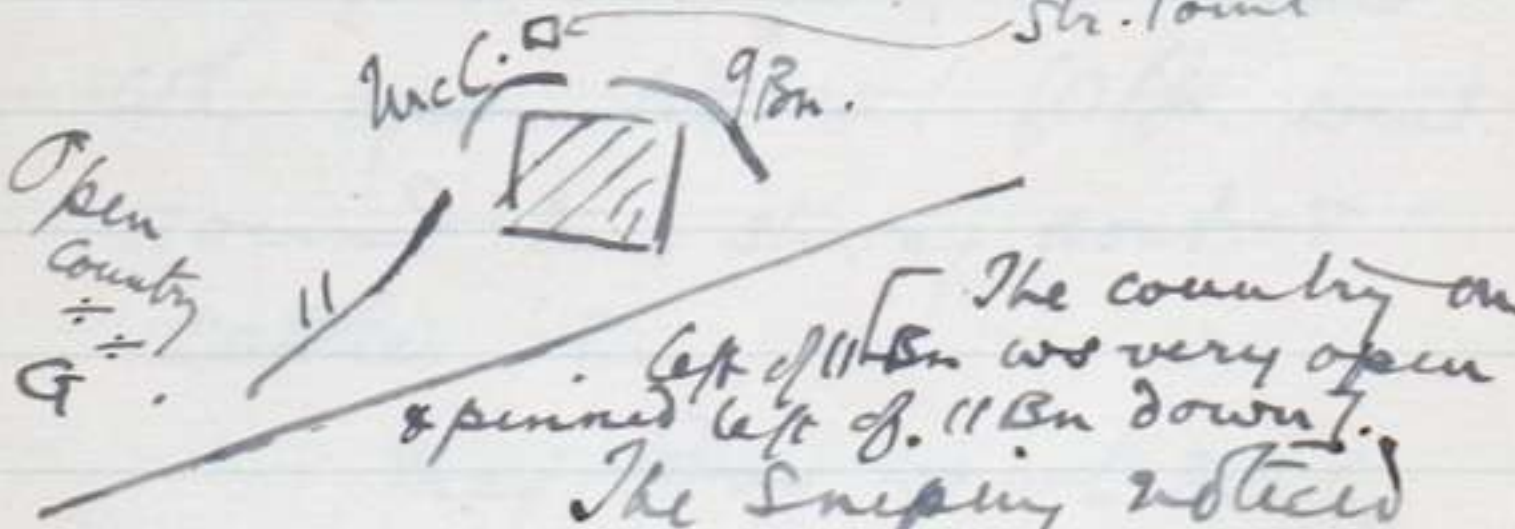
The 4th Bn had a rumour  
that 1 Germans were coming  
down 1 road from 1 Bois  
de Crepy in thousands.  
Chapman went up 1 road  
but saw no one. The  
rumour that 1 Germans were  
in behind them was  
unverified as far as the

9th was concerned.

Chapman wd not think  
it possible to have  
Germans across road on  
SW side of it.

The Germans were still  
in 1 strong point (mentioned  
above) on 1 evs. of this  
first day.

Hospital  Buildings on road. Str. Point

  
The country on  
left of 11 Bn was very open  
& pinned left of 11 Bn down.  
The Sniping noticed

from the rear wd come  
from guns at G. Two  
or three mps. were firing  
there whole time.

All the night 10/11 Aug.  
there was intermittent artillery  
fire.

The following night 11 Aug. the  
10 & 12 Bns went over.  
When these had got to their  
objectives the 9 Bn advanced  
& dug in at 300 ~~400~~ yds  
behind them. The tanks  
which operated with 10 Bn went  
round this strong post &  
settled it.

Maj. Ross was wounded early  
on the night of 11th. by shell fire.

Capt Penrose was wounded by machine  
fire on Aug 10 during the early  
stages of the attack.  
Capt Monteath (same)

Lt Butler M.C. DCM  
(from S.A.) Int. Offr. just  
completing reconnaissance  
on first day ~~of~~ just after 1  
end of 1 attack wd. thro' 1 arm.

Lt Chester wd after  
hop over.

Lt Gower wd after going  
thro' wood in 1st  
attack. He was recommended  
for the V.C. He went ahead w  
his pln (att 1 centre pln).  
He went into 1 wood direct  
from 1 front, working from  
shell hole to shell hole. They  
found 1 Germans strongly  
entrenched inside 1 wood. He  
worked round them & captured  
& took the crews, leading himself.

Another German soldier then  
opened fire further in the  
wood. Sower (now returned  
to Aust.) went on by himself  
charged the post with a  
Lewis gun and in his hand.  
He charged 1 crew & they  
surrendered & he got 1 crew  
& 1 gun. He then went  
forward to ~~make~~ find  
out 1 best position to take  
up & was wounded. His  
platoon took up a post in the  
wood. He went back to  
see 1 doctor & wanted to  
return again but he had  
a bad smash in the arm &  
1 Dr wouldn't allow it.

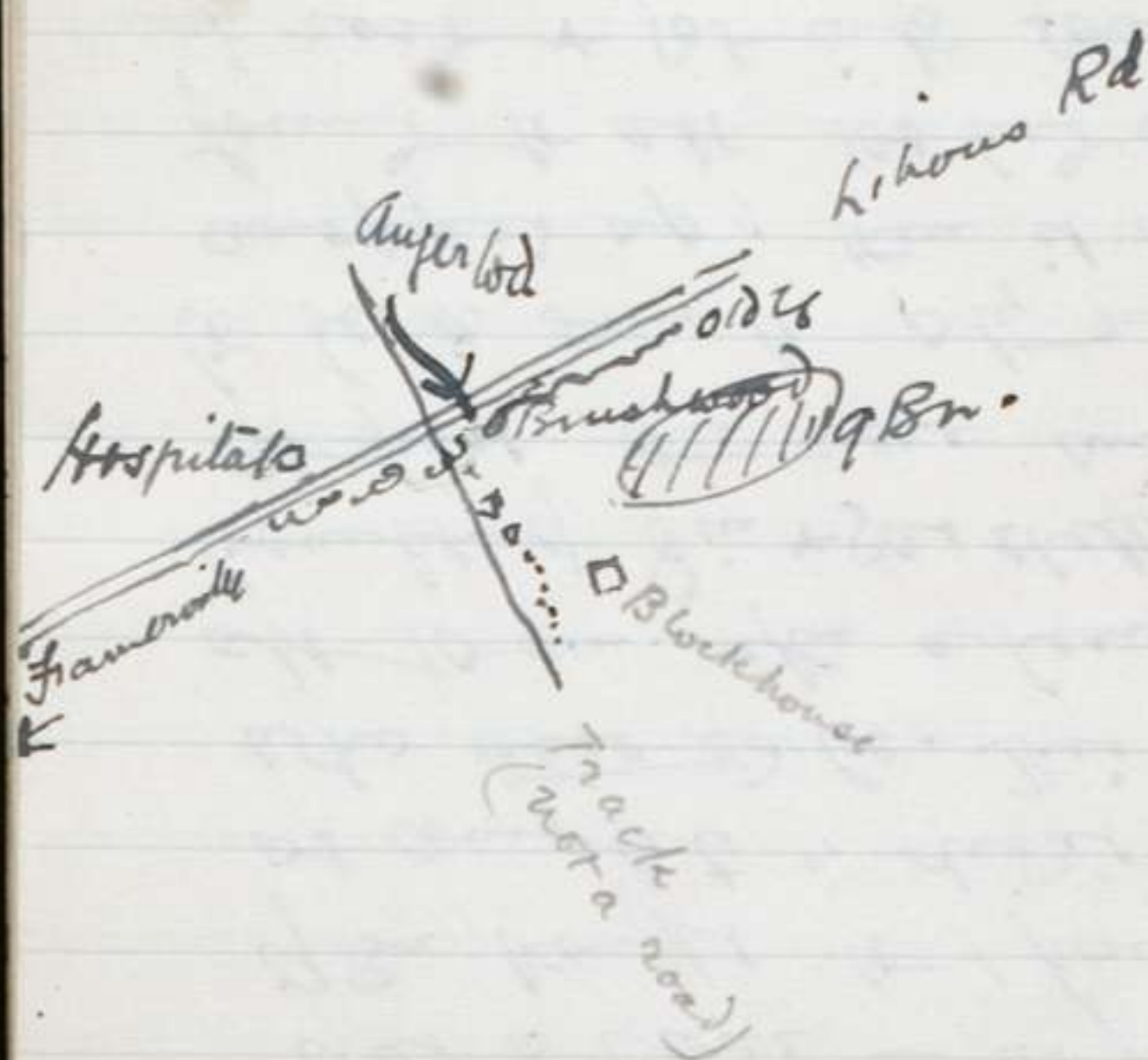


On Aug 10

The gap on the left of 9 Bn was due to 11 Bn or part of it losing direction & coming in behind 9 Bn. This ~~was~~ resulted in a gap occurring on the left of 9th Bn which was filled by a platoon of 9 Bn & afterwards by a Coy of 11 Bn which was taken over here from behind 9 Bn on the rt. The 11 Bn had a very rough landing from the sea on their unprotected left flank which was very open. They suffered heavily.

On Aug 11 there was a gap between 10 Bn & 12 Bn. a party of abt 300 Bavarians

came in thro' Auger  
Wood this day & worked  
thro till they met 9 Bn  
wh was digging in in  
support. The Bavarians  
tried to close - at first  
9 Bn thought it / front line  
was complete & didn't know  
who these wd be. This was  
abt 10 am. after a heavy  
bombard of 8 in & gas shells -  
at first they were imagined  
to be a small party not  
mopped up; then it was  
found that abt 100 had crossed  
/ road & got into some old  
2 of quite close to 9 Bn.  
The Germans started sniping  
& firing w m. sp. A small



pty of abt 30 ferms  
 w 3 m. ps. & an officer  
 rushed out from 1 Brushwood  
 where 1 old Co were &  
 tried to get into some Co  
 occupied by a small pty  
 of 9 Bn. This <sup>German</sup> pty was all  
 killed - the officer alone  
 we left wounded. It  
 then became a hand to hand  
 melée. The 9th who were  
 under ~~capt.~~ <sup>capt.</sup> Armstrong, O.L. line,  
~~crossed road~~ Rushed ~~thru~~  
 the Co in wh 1 German  
 & got into them. Sgt Walker  
 & 2 other men closed with a  
 party of abt 23 ferms.  
 They bayoneted 5. The other  
 8 surrendered (they were in

these trenches). There were  
a good many farms back  
in Auger Wood (the 'wh  
they had come up).

Lt Penman M.C. was  
there & Lt Cork & did they &  
their plus were with this  
ply wh made the rush &  
did very good work.

Two Plus were then  
detailed; & these at 11 am.  
cleared the wood ahead &  
filled 1 gap & 1 wood was  
reported cleared. ~~These~~ These  
plus were under Lt Myers.  
2 other plus ~~was~~ (Lt Chataway)  
were sent over to 1 left to  
protect 1 left flank.

~~Chataway~~  
Hanger wd.  
Hyers

This filled / gap wh wh was  
later on rectified by / line  
battalions.

This was / end of  
fighting. The ferms were  
reported massing again  
but were broken up by  
arty fire.

H Morgan } k. Morgan k by <sup>Shell</sup> <sub>our</sub>  
H Smith } k. after of 1st day.  
Smith k. by inf.

Soon after / start in attacking a  
strong point on / rt of / wood over  
by / 2nd Bde.

Lt Thompson Aug 11 just before  
1st attack, by shelling.

Lt Corke on Aug 11 during  
1st attack was shot in  
face by a sniper.

Lt Knowles was passed & was  
on 1st second morning in  
straf before the 1st attack. It  
was during this strafing Maj.  
Ross was wd.

2/Lt H. Walker was also wd.  
on 1st first day early in 1st attack  
by m.p. fire.

In 1st afternoon of the 2nd  
Day (Aug 11) 9th Bn Havs was shelled  
with anti-tank guns from 1st  
left flank - clearly firing direct -  
you could see 1 flash. The British

arty major took a cross section  
onto this gun & put his 4.5  
low Bty onto it. It didn't  
fire after, Bn H.O. was then in  
1 sunken Rd by 1 Quarry W.  
of Crepy wood.

9 Bn worked on compass bearing  
for abt 14 miles.

Mallins got quite out of touch w his Bn  
in this fight & claimed to be in Auger wood on 23<sup>rd</sup>

[The follg. account is also  
accurate & covers 1 <sup>episode</sup> of 2 of his  
to against attacking near Cappy.]

## Noissy Beacon attack

Aug 23.

After 48 hours Bn was  
put back in Vaire for 6 days.  
They were then ordered up to  
be prepared to attack a pt of  
line to be notified later.

Moved up by march route  
over facil, familiar ground, etc

and spent one night & 1 balance  
of next day at Hamilton Wd.  
Spent rest of day & next day  
resting.

Moved off at 10 pm. Night  
of Aug 22 in support of 1st Bde -  
& made as Rendezvous St  
Germain's Wood. 9 Bu  
reached this 1/2 hr before 1st  
Bde started from their J.O.T.  
The 9 Bu had no casualties  
but 1 German put a staff  
down on St G's Wood & the  
other Bus lost a good deal.

9 Bu was to pass thro 1st  
Bde after 3rd Objec taken & go  
on to an unlimited Objec. In  
consequence liaison was maintained  
betw 9 Bu & 12 & 3 Bns.



All sorts of reports reached  
Bu as to progress made  
& news was definitely recd  
th Bu wd go to assist 1st  
Bde & pass it for its  
unlimited obje. Zero was  
2pm.

Bu left St Ls wd at  
12 midday & on reaching  
Luc wd encountered a v.  
heavy fern. barrage of 8 in  
& gas shells - a v. heavy  
barrage indeed.

Lt C. H. Ryan showed  
gt initiative by carefully  
observing a break in  
barrage & got his pln  
thro without a casualty.

Meeting this barrage  
coys were disorganised  
to some extent but fortunately  
they got thro in time for  
1 attack at zero.

Capt N.G. Armstrong &  
Lt C.H. Ryan were 1 first  
& so to 1 attack closely  
followed by 1 left line  
Sappet Coy in/c of Capt  
T.W. Farmer.

They got over Hoissy  
Beacon in one bound &  
dug in on 1 line allotted  
to G Bn. ~~From there~~ our  
barrage was very good &  
they were able to keep up  
to it. (R.H.A.)

From there on it became

an individual operation.  
S.H.Q. had directed that no  
one was to worry about his  
flanks.

The Bn consolidated the other  
side of Froissy <sup>for 1 night</sup> & waited  
pending another advance.  
Instrs were recd from Bde  
that whole line wd advance  
& capture Olympia wood &  
~~at~~ Earl's wood. This was  
on Aug 24. This was to be  
at 4 p.m. In the meantime  
1 German had strengthened  
their positions & got their  
arty settled. The Coy  
Commanders misunderstood  
the difficulties of attack  
& two of them reported to Bde that  
it was an impossible feat.

owing to 1st flank of  
3rd Division being well  
in rear. (They were not  
men of 1st experience).

The attack was then postponed  
till Aug 25. & these two O.C.s  
~~COs~~ were relieved of  
Command.

At 3pm Aug 25. the  
whole line advanced.  
Olympia was captured.  
One Coy on 1st left under  
Lt B.G. King took Camp &  
dug in on 1st outskirts to  
East. This operation resulted  
in 1 capture of 5-77 &  
many maps.

This day the official  
Photographer Capt Stewart was

away out in front of  
infantry trying to get  
snap shots of Germans  
retreating. (The Quarry where  
Wilkins patrol was with is  
NE of Cappy - he would be with  
B Coy. under King).

Capt. Farmer ~~wd.~~ <sup>at hop off</sup> but waited till  
Lt Hamilton wd at hop off Aug 23  
Lt Bonford wd at hop off Aug 23  
Lt Avery wd. at hop off Aug 23.  
(All wd in 1 heavy shell  
at 1st start at Luc Wood).

[The folly acct. from <sup>Aug 23 - Sept 18.</sup> Capt Chapman  
is probably not very ~~detailed~~  
Velleret: or accurate in  
details]

9 Bn went back  
from Cappy to Cerisy &  
rested abt 2 wks.  
They then went by bus to  
Int St Q. & rested there a  
week. They were then  
warned for an attack  
at v. short notice &  
shifted to Tincourt.

Rested at Tincourt &  
practised - the attack being  
postponed once or twice.

On Sept 14 orders were  
issued from Bde that they wd  
pass thro & capture 3rd  
Obive & proceed to 1 line of

Exploitation. Bn was  
practised in this manoeuvre.  
All ranks were lectured  
by C.O. 5001 Mullen by  
aid of a big map. On  
Evg of Sept 17 abt 11 p.m.  
Bn marched to a position  
near Herveyly wood & rested  
till 6 a.m. on Sept 18. A  
hot meal was served to  
all ranks. At 6 am  
Bn went to attack w  
Lt Myers Coy on left as follows:-

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<u>                    </u> Lt Myers	<u>                    </u> Lt Salisbury
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Capt. Armstrong

It had been raining thro 1  
night. They breakfasted  
in train at 4 am.

When Bn advanced  
it was frightfully foggy &  
direction was most difficult  
to maintain. 9 Bn had  
to move thro 11 Bn near  
Fervacque Fur. They met  
no opposition till after passing  
there. They then went on  
w 10 Bn on rt.

In this advance en. g.s.  
from 1st were troublesome  
as they got to 1st to  
Villeret. Wd men had come  
thro, very cheered as to  
progress of attack. They  
informed Bn H.Q. to 1st German



were running. By this  
time it was clear. The  
advance was only slightly  
temporarily held up. There  
was no delay. The 9 Bn  
capt'd Villeret - our barrage  
was very good. ~~There~~ There  
were a lot of ferns in  
Villeret but the ferns did  
not hold us up in Villeret  
- they were ~~both~~ thro' 1  
village. One tank attached  
to 9 Bn did fine work in  
this village - it had a direct  
hit wh. shook 1 man inside  
but they carried on. The  
tank we helped a lot by a  
dummy tank wh. 2 Pioneers  
draped there w a rope & left.

The Germans shelled this  
tank for 2 hours - it  
was a very good decoy.

Abt 37 prisoners were  
got out of Villaret & many  
killed -

The 3rd objct was  
reached in ~~the~~ a bound  
& they went straight  
on to the exploitation.  
The Germans were  
demoralised, but in  
2 instances in Quarry  
Wood pties of an effort  
abt 15 ox. each attempted  
to stand. Both these pties  
were dealt w by Sersgt  
Bentley (M.M. & Bar - DCM  
for this). Bently did much as

Sower had done -  
bayoneted himself! first  
3 he met & shot the two  
officers. The others imd.  
surrendered. Bently (like  
Sower) went straight at  
them.

The 4th Bu advanced  
in lines of skirmishers to  
the line of exploitation  
in the Hindenburg wire.  
They got thro it w wire cutters  
or going over it. The arty  
rendered a lot of assistance  
towards cutting the wire.

This brought them to a  
posn from wh they looked down  
on Bellecourt & Nauroy.

Abt 11 am. a patrol on

it ~~was~~ <sup>it</sup> went thro 1 line  
company at once) capt'd  
what is know n as the  
Knoll on 9 Bns right &  
engagd abt 200 of the Germans  
who ran. They got a Bty  
there with Hqs of 9 & 10 Bties  
& all their documents,  
code books & instruments.  
The personnel had mostly  
gone.

While this patrol took  
up a positn at 1 Knoll  
(the Spoil Bank from 1 Quarry)  
1 ferms sent up 2 teams of  
horses to get 1 gun out of  
Quarry. ~~Each time~~ They did this  
twice but each time 1 horse  
& drivers were shot down by our

L.G. & lay there without  
reaching 1 gun. An off first  
rode up to within 100  
yds of 1 gun but was fired  
on & cleared.

The 9 Bn reached at once  
1 final limit of its exploitation.  
The <sup>troops on</sup> flanks ~~went~~ got up to  
positions later.

Alcock wd. going to S. Dobbie

Chalway wd going to Exploitation

Bailey wd - patrolling in  
Quarry wd.

Haddock k. outside Villaret  
after it was taken.

~~Wagner~~

11 Bn Aug 23. [This acct is  
accurate?  
from Macdonley]

11 Bn reached concentration  
point ~~at~~ <sup>just</sup> 2 mins before 1  
barrage opened. They had to  
get into a sunken Rd. There  
German g/barrage descended  
& for 5 hrs German barrage  
kept up. The ~~11~~ Bn was to  
have moved thro to Bde at  
8 am. But news arriving @  
30 min had not attacked @ day  
~~kept~~ caused zero hour to be  
altered to 2 pm.

Lt Judson & Lt Ross were hit  
in 1 sunken Rd & both evacuated.  
There was a lot of gas & abt 30  
casualties including several  
killed.

The cookers (along w 1  
tanks) came up w 1 dummies  
to this Sanku Road &  
the dummies were handed out  
& ~~dummies went~~ <sup>Cookers</sup> drove back.

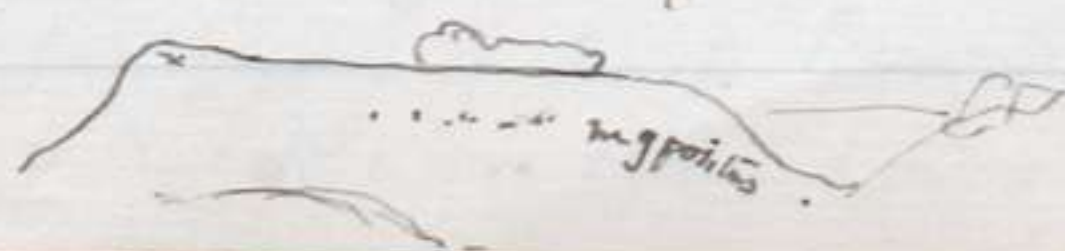
7 Germ. aeroplanes  
came over abt 8am at  
breakfast time & dropped  
several bombs but hit no one.  
Prisoners were all time  
arriving thro 1 barrage  
without escort - tearing back  
for their lives. Mounted Police  
came up & took them over.

At 2 pm. 11 Bom formed  
up on a line W of  
Chugindles abt 2500 yds  
ahead of Sanku Rd -  
(line from our line then was  
abt 1 Cross Rd going into

Cherquolles & from there  
round 1 slope to 1 river  
including Lac Wood. (McLamb's 10<sup>th</sup>  
Coy was in Lac Wood facing 3<sup>rd</sup> Div).

11 Bn had 3 Coys to  
move this far in support of  
12 Bn. on rd. 10 Bn was  
supporting 9 Bn on 1 left  
Before reaching the existing line  
the whole 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde Bns were  
involved in 1 front line.

The whole 01 rd was  
hung up by heavy m.f.  
fire from Cherquolles & from  
1 ridge in front (Froissy Beacon).  
There was shelling fire from  
the Platian - at very close range.





There was supposed to be  
a barrage at 2 p.m. but it  
did not really start till 4 p.m.  
11 Bn moved up into Luc  
Wood.

Capt ~~to~~ Tulloch & <sup>17</sup> Gandy who  
were near Chauignolles sent a  
report ~~to~~ <sup>which</sup> reached 12 Bn HQs  
at they were held up by inf.  
fire from Froissy & Chauignolles  
& required support of tanks.  
The tanks were not available  
- they had got knocked out  
& were burning near Luc  
Wood. A barrage was  
specially arranged to be  
put down on Froissy Beacon  
& 1 ridge S of it & 1 yard. <sup>53</sup>  
Our B pdrs & bin lows flat

down this barrage abt 4 pm.

[In / morning, while 3 Bde  
was in / Dunker Rd & 1st Bde  
was finishing its fight, the  
a brigade of 18 pdrs, R.H.A.  
galloped up into action  
on the reverse side of a  
ramp about 50 yds in front  
of / rly on / top of / hill above  
Luc wood. They ran their guns  
up there & waited to support  
the 2 pm. attack. They were under  
direct observation & w.f.  
fire there. They came in very  
finely & were ready to support  
/ troops as they moved over  
Troissy Beacon. These guns  
waited until 4 pm to open up.  
When they opened them / German got

onto them immediately with  
arty - until he was cleared  
of Croissy Beacon by 11Bn.]

The arty came down  
at 4 p.m. The 11Bn had  
to support 1 12Bn thro  
Chaignolles until they reached  
~~the~~ far slope below  
<sup>?Gareanne</sup> Germaine wood & then turn  
NW & work along slope of  
hill towards river so as  
to clear way for 9Bn  
wh was ~~following~~ <sup>advancing</sup> on the left sector.

In the valley was a rly yard  
full of small bldgs & stacks  
of timber <sup>& material</sup> & many m.g. nests.  
One ofr took 30 ferns & 2 m.fs.  
out of one of huts in valley.  
Besides there were a number of

m.g. nests on 1 hillside opposite where there were a quarry, several folds, huts, stacks of timbers etc giving lots of cover. The same two Coys Tulloch on left, & Norris on 1 at left; Tulloch ~~was~~ <sup>with</sup> Norris covering Capt Tulloch by keeping on his right along 1 crest.

9Bn came up ~~and~~ in close formation & did not open into arty formation till they got to Square Wood.

The 2 Coys of 11Bn then stopped on Noisy Beacon — 9Bn passing thro towards Cappy & Square Wood. The 9Bn got past Square Wood but came under direct arty fire & at night they came back to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~

the line where 11 Bn was  
holding at Froissy Beacon.  
In the morning Maj. Phillips  
going up, as 11 Bn was ~~for~~  
in same position as 9th, withdrew  
the 11th to take up the further  
task which it was then set.

These two Coys very much  
depleted were now withdrawn  
to ~~the~~ a support position  
close under the brow of  
hill a little S.W. of Froissy  
Beacon. (Aug 24).

Orders now came out for the  
10 Bn strength. 10 were to pass  
through the 9

This day a mine laid by 1  
ferret went up. He had a  
dump of 77s shell in 1 valley

9th Bn had its aid post abt ~~100~~ yds from the dump of shells in a German log hut. During 1 day 1 German shell dump blew up with a mine & 6 men in the 9th Bn aid post & 2 horses were killed. (The coal & dump <sup>150 yds away</sup> had been set on fire by our battery. The valley was a warm place all day).

[From here on Maj. Phillips acct. - acting C.O. at time].

On Aug 24 Maj Phillips was ordered to get in touch w Col. Nelson & cooperate w him in advancing - 10 Bn & 11 Bn advancing thro 9 Bn & 12 Bn. Zero was fixed at 8 p.m. It was then found

That 11 Bn could be in  
position by 8 p.m. & zero  
was altered to mid night.

At 10.30 p.m. an  
order came from Bde cancelling  
the attack & instructing to  
relieve 12 Bn in 1 front line.  
This was done without incident  
except that 10 prisoners were  
brought in - 1 night was so  
dark & raining that they had  
lost their way. A hot meal  
was taken up & served to 1  
troop in 1 front line at 12.30  
p.m. There was no rain, &  
so 2 cases of whiskey were sent  
up by C.O. From 2 a.m. <sup>on 24th</sup> till  
12.30 next night they had been  
moving & scrapping & were  
very tired.

The line of 12 Bn ran  
on our side of Olympia wood  
but not far away from it.

At 2.30 am. C Coy  
11 Bn. (Lt Graham) while reconnoitering  
in front of line came on a m.g.  
post in a trench. He had 3 men  
w him. He finished ~~them~~ <sup>the Germans</sup> w  
bombs & bombed up 700 yds  
of trench running due E. & W.  
All our bombs had run out  
& they used German stick bombs  
for doing this. A bomb stop was  
put in & a post made & 1  
trench held. (Graham got a bar  
to his M.C. for this individual  
effort). At 10.30 am. an advance  
of whole line was made over  
1 top & went forward 3000 yds <sup>to</sup>  
finishing at 12.30 noon. This



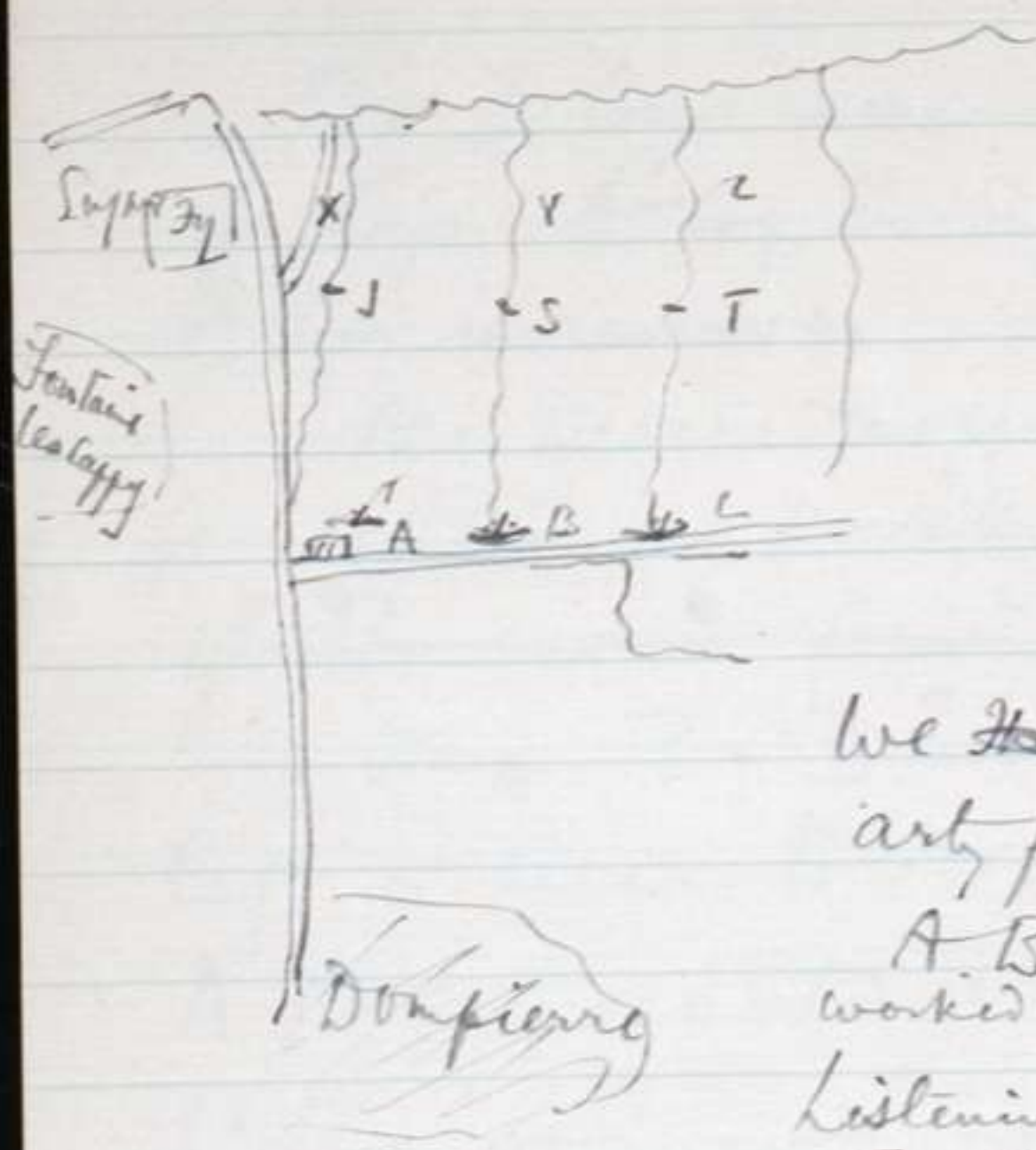
advance was in conjunction  
with 10 Bn. who had been  
postponed. The dispositions  
were B Coy on 1st

                        ↑                   B No. 1  
                        ———                   (23 men)  
A                    C  
Lt Charles        Lt Graham

D Coy was in support.

They were cut abt by m.f. fire  
& 77s. The advance <sup>(which was made by covering fire given by platoon)</sup> was held  
up by heavy m.f. fire from 1  
Sugar factory near Dompierre  
(SW. of village) & a m.g. post  
west of Dompierre. Artillery support  
was called for & after 2 rounds  
were fired on 1 Sugar Factory  
abt 30 firms or m.f.s. were  
seen to run out of factory towards  
Dompierre. (They evidently cut in  
across 1 rd into a trench there).

After a meal the advance  
 was continued till finally held  
 up by m.f. fire from A B C



We ~~they~~ put down  
 arty fire on

A B + C. We  
 worked out to XYZ.

Listening posts

<sup>J, S + T</sup>  
 were put out to <sup>orders</sup> came  
 for relief this night & the  
 trench was consolidated so that  
 it could be handed over.

The Bn only went in with Joffis in  
the Coy <sup>5</sup> on H. Coy's casualties as about (2).  
This finished this fight.

The whole fight was done on  
verbal orders from 1st Lt, as the  
orders given were altered (zero etc)

B & D Coys were mopping  
up Coys. A Coy in Support.  
C Coy in reserve.

B & D were mopping up  
for 12 Bn in 1 valley. ~~as~~  
~~12 Bn moved forward.~~

When B & D moved to 1  
left to clear towards Froissy,  
A Coy supported 12 Bn; &  
C Coy remained in reserve.

A C B Last  
D attack.  
as

[Halahan's father was a mining  
man. One brother in 16 Bn  
k. at Gallipoli; one k. at  
Fleurbaix in 51 Bn; one  
prisoner in Germany taken  
in 11 Bn at Hagricourt. &  
Wally Halahan k on Sept 18 at  
Villeret].

11 Bn (Capt O'Neill's acct).

Aug 9. Marched to  
Harbournières on afternoon of  
9 Aug. Not wanted to attack.  
So went forward & dug a defensive  
line, a new line on a new  
line on high ground E of  
Harbournières. They dug there  
from abt 1 to 4 am & were  
then told to knock off as they

w'd probly have to attack  
Hmg. (Aug 10). They had  
a hot meal & got orders  
abt 5 am to go thro 2 Bde  
who were holding 1 line  
9 & 11 attacking & 12 &  
10 supporting. They  
moved off abt 6.30 in  
arty formation - to attack  
at 8. They had to push  
thro 1 red line & take  
Blue line. Lihous as objve  
of 9 Bn. 11 Bn to go beyond  
Crepy wood & make objve  
on left. 23 Bn were to be  
on left of 11 Bn & to conform  
to their movement.

To be supported by a

barrage. But this was  
v. poor as too few guns  
were up.

It was misty till 8 am.  
Then the mist lifted & a plane  
came over flying very low  
- one man looking over the  
side. He started his engine &  
threw out white flares.

This was just abt zero -  
8 am. 11 Bn had to break  
out into waves & move the  
7 Bn.

From the left of road which  
ran diagonally across the  
front (from behind this rd)  
came a heavy m.g. fire.  
Capt Lennox, C.O. of Coy  
was killed. Lt Aitken his  
2 m/c were k. shortly after shot

CR  
10

thru 1 head (Kenay thro  
groin). Boy got too far  
it into G.P. ground.

O'Neill's Coy. in centre  
had Lt Gemmell k. + Lamerton  
(one o 1 originals - M.C. at  
Bullect) k. and aiken  
was an M.C. from Mt de  
(Merrie). Lt Clarke was  
shot thro' 1 eye & lost his  
sight. Capt Griffin 2 w/c.  
of C Coy (centre) was badly  
hit in 1 head. They pushed  
on. A. Coy on left was  
held up for a time bec. 23 was  
not up. Lt Sharpe of A Coy was  
k. Lt Porter was w.d. (in 1  
early advance of this Coy).

Lt Naylor D Coy was killed  
(Support Coy) at this stage.

Capt. Jostelose (M.C. there) was thrown into 1 fight very early. Jostelose got into a 2<sup>nd</sup> with a no. of Germans in it & took most of them prisoners w 5 m.g.s. Also struck four 4.2 howitzers abt 1000 yds W of Crepy wood near the Tour Carrel. Lt Dale of this Coy was wd at that time. D Coy was mixed with C & B Coy making up woods left of Crepy wood.

After left Coy under Halkhan was held up by mps & had to get to work w bombs & rifle grenades to try & shift these Germans.



These ferms were in old  
French 2y on 1 left. The  
old 2y made 1 field of  
fire very short in some parts  
- it was fair in other parts.

On 9th 9th Bn were  
held up in front of Crepy wood.

In 1st afternoon of Aug 10  
Capt McLann<sup>10 Bn</sup> & his Coy were  
put into Crepy wood wh  
was still held by 1 German.  
He got in there & held on.  
O.N. was in touch w him in  
1 wood.

On Aug 11 abt 11 am. They were  
c/att'd by 1 German from 1  
high ridge ~~west~~<sup>beyond</sup> Madam wood.  
Ead. This attack was beaten  
back. 11 Bn + 9 Bn pushed

on towards 1 Blue line,  
& the Coy on 1 left managed  
to come up. The Germans  
who were holding them  
up had been dealt w by  
L. Co ~~etc~~ and Lt McNeil DSO  
(Bullecourt) w Stokes mortar.  
c/attack

The German c. attack had  
only been halfhearted but 1  
German had shelled Crepy wood  
v. heavily. The German  
infy didn't seem to have  
too much in them. The 11  
got 1 Blue line in front of  
Madame Wood, & 9 Bn got  
Lihous.

abt this time there was a  
gap of abt 600 yds on 1 left.  
Lt Robert Riches organised a

ply from Hqs. Signaller,  
batmen, pioneers - 20 men  
all told & filled in 1 gap  
on l left of Halahan &  
the rt of 23 Bn. They  
tried to advance when 23 Bn  
went forward. He had 3 k &  
3 wd within a few minutes,  
incl. his Lewis gun corporal.  
He could advance. So  
Halahan asked for a Stokes  
mortar & Halahan sent  
a Stokes mortar down to  
give them a hand. Under  
that barrage they rooted out  
the m. gunners who were  
troubling them. The left  
thus got up onto 1 Blue line.  
The line was ordered to  
stand fast there.

The German still held Madame  
Wood & 1 position to 1 set of it  
& 1 old C.T. leading down  
to 1 network of French  
trenches. He wd be abt 600  
to 700 yds away there.

On night of Aug 11 we  
had patrols out down these  
C.T.s wh struck nothing.

On Aug 12 a strong patrol  
was pushed out towards Madame  
Wood & found it strongly  
held. They had 2 men k. &  
were ordered back again.  
(They had worked their way down  
the C.T. in two parties under  
cover of T.M.s.)

That night 11 Bn was  
relieved & went back into  
support till Aug 13 when

(on night of Aug 13) they  
took over from 10 Bn.  
In 1 aftn of Aug 14 ON.  
was ordered to push out  
his line in front of Madam  
Wood & occupy 10W  
of there where they died  
without opposition.

(From 1 Blue line they  
had been able to see the  
low country to 1 left & 1  
high ground beyond  
Madam Wood. The field  
of fire here was v. good.  
This was 1 same view as  
you could get from beyond  
Madam Wood.)

11 Bn was relieved by  
14 Bn on night of Aug 14th.

On Aug 10 the same attack  
wh came against McClain  
came upon the 11 Bn but  
McClain being by 1 wood (on  
wh very heavy stuff was  
falling) suffered more  
severely & had 1 main  
brant of this attack to  
meet. The Germans were in  
behind McClain in Crepy  
wood - McClain had not 1  
whole of 1 wood & they cd  
come in along 1 old trenches  
or thro 1 cover of wood.

[Col Newman, the G.O. is held to have failed  
very badly on this occasion calling 2 Coy

Lt Black was k in the  
morning of Aug 10 in  
Crepy wood, mixed up  
w 9 Bn in Crepy wood

Commander  
out of  
time to  
advise

him

he had pushed on w them.  
This left Lt Whitford as  
the only offr left in B  
Coy. He reorganised them  
& got in touch with ON.  
on his left abt  
before 9 on Aug 10.

In 1 afternoon of Aug 10.  
ON got touch with Halahan  
putting in portion of D  
Coy to get touch w him.  
(D had Jostelloe & Evans  
left.) Evans got an M.O.  
here. (There were 4 M.O.s.  
won in this fight - Jostelloe  
Evans Whitford & Riches)

11 Bn went in 500 strong, <sup>30</sup>  
lost 80 k incl. 7 officers k. & abt 100 wd

incl. 5 officers.

In 1 very first advance  
the ground was open + most  
of casualties were there.

(at Bullecourt 11 Bn  
had 117k. at Pozieres  
680 casualties but only 34k?)

11 Bn had its heaviest  
concentrated shelling at Fleurbaix  
- but this lasted only 2 1/2 hrs.

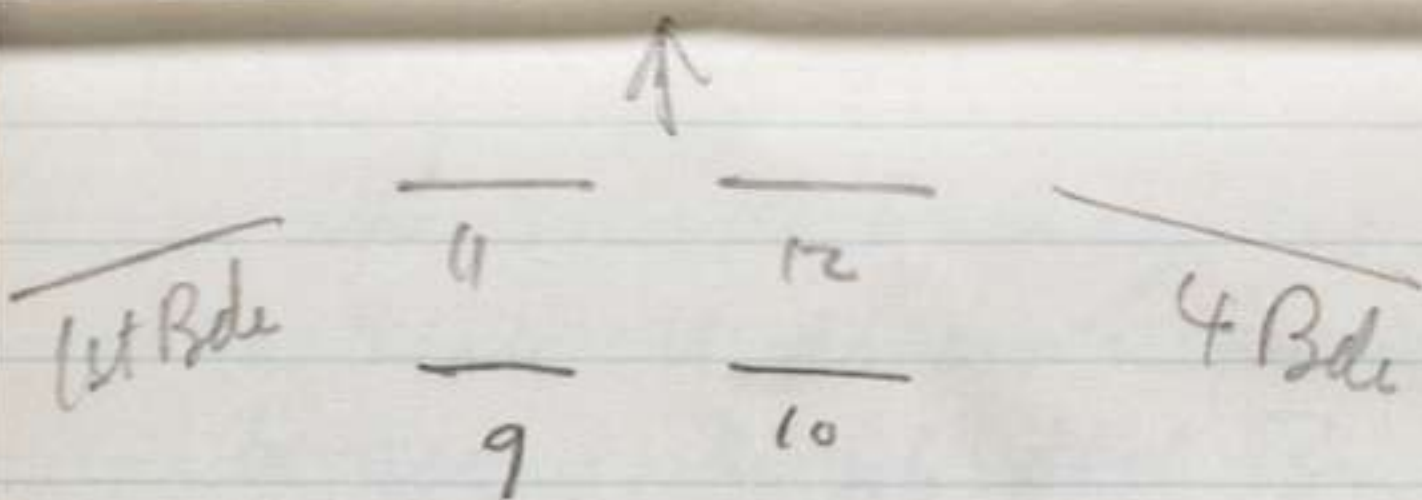
*indeed*  
The longest shelling was at  
Bullecourt where they had  
4 days - practically every  
man had been buried there  
one time or another. The  
heaviest time at Pozieres was  
on 1 Tuesday but there it  
stopped dead ~~for an hour~~  
abt 6pm + the relief got  
thro without a casualty.



Sept 18. [a very accurate  
acct from Graham  
& Colwin]

11 Bn was at Hamlet in  
the reserve line there. at  
1 am. on Sept 18 after a hot  
meal Bn moved up to  
take up its position on  
1 laps. It was fine at  
the time but very dark.  
The Bn moved across  
country as this was a  
safer route than Roisel  
— the country had been twice  
reconnoitred.

Just as Bn arrived on  
top ~~at~~ in front of Hervilly  
wood at 4.30 am — it  
began to rain.



At 5.20 Barrage opened. 4 Bn moved forward as close to 1st barrage as it could get. Support Coys also moved as close to front line Coys as they could get (as at Ypres). When the German counterbarrage came down they missed this, it being over them. Halahan was in/c of mopping up Coy.

Capt Tulloch	Graham
McIvor	
Halahan	
M.C., M.M.	

The smoke barrage was  
so thick that it was impossible  
to see. The job of 1 Bn  
was really complete when  
1 Bn was on a tape line. Before  
1 attack a lot of attention  
was paid to detail & to  
the details of the country  
- the sound of barrage  
was another guide. The  
men had been told to keep to  
1 high ground - Those w/ 1  
prismatic compasses

at 600 yds from 1  
start mps were heard  
spluttering. The flanks  
moved by 1 sound around

these guns. The first  
lot consisted of abt  
8 heavy mps & 2 light  
guns in all 50 yds of  
4. <sup>Some of the men</sup> ~~the crews~~ were killed  
& being attacked from  
rear at once surrendered.  
You cd get within 3 or 4 yds  
of a man without his seeing  
you - then you cd see 1  
helmet & 1 gun pointing  
out over 1 trench - firing  
into 1 mist. Every gun  
wh we found ws simply  
pointing to 1 front. There  
ws no organised cross  
fire by mps. This ws so  
both at Proyart & Villeret.

If there had been any defence at all we do not have got this objective with one man to 12 yards. Graham's Coy had a front of 400 yds (actually 530) with abt 73 men including HQs & platoon sergeants, L Gunners etc (going 2 men together in case of L-Gs).

Just before they got to Ferwacque Switch which came obliquely up a hill towards Herwilly wd some further mips. were met. The smoke seemed to be worse (until they got thro' Grand Priel wood this smoke seemed to get thicker.

there was a light drizzle  
wh probly kept 1 smoke  
low - one artillery officer  
w 11 Bn sd later he had  
sent back to decrease 1  
percentage of smoke - there  
shd have bn more smoke,  
he sd, but they had not  
1 shells up. without  
smoke, however, 1 casualty  
wd have bn heavy).

At Fervacque  
switch a number of casualties  
were caused by one m.g.  
in 1 barrage firing low.  
A few guns (one 4.5 how  
especially) were firing short.  
In some cases they sheltered  
till these guns lifted.

The m.p. at Ferrocque  
Switch ~~was~~ were dealt w  
in / same way as before.  
For example - the moment  
one gun was seen a shot was  
put in, one German K. &  
they were at / same time  
called to surrender. They  
did so at once. (The morale  
was a lot lower than on  
the Somme - they were  
very frightened running  
past & asking "which  
way".)

After getting over /  
top they went thro  
Grand Priel wood -  
stumps & big logs w  
undergrowth. At here  
a m.g. party (L.G.) of ours

Came on a German post  
with a w.p. The Germans  
surrendered at once &  
came running out all  
exc. one German who  
stayed behind. The  
men were going thro these  
Germans for their arms  
when 1 remaining German  
put a stick bomb into  
1 midst of them.

PG Strongman was  
k by this & 1 German got  
away including 1 man  
who threw 1 bomb. ~~The~~  
Strongman was attached  
as the 5th man of party.  
This mopping up party wd  
go in parties - as a  
matter of fact 1 whole



advance was by parties of this sort.

Abt 40 Germans were found in Sgt. Priest wood - Grahams ptg wh we going thro middle of wood came in middle of wood on abt 25 Germans without arms who had run back & were hiding behind 1 log there. G. was looking at his map & looked up 1 hill to see a line of red cap bands peering at him over 1 log. He got down & up w his revolver. Up went a row of German hands all together. They

were sent off to rear  
without an escort (the  
pty only consisted of  
5 & the objve was  
450 yds away still).

There was another pty of  
abt 15 in 1 wood who  
threw away their arms  
as soon as they saw  
1 pty.

The objve was just  
on our side of Caution  
Dugouts. They came under  
heavy inf. fire from  
Caution dugout & Graham  
got his small pty to dig  
in there at once protected  
from those dugouts by 1<sup>st</sup>  
slope - I went along

to his left & found Capt  
Tulloch, also w a little  
pty of abt 4 men - in  
neither case were the  
rest of Coy with them.  
All 1 time 1 rest of  
coys were coming up in  
little groups.

When Graham got  
back he found Lt  
Lt McKinlay MM (M.C.  
after this) & Lt Nichol  
had arrived & an attack  
was going on a pt Canton  
dugout. A L-Summer of  
9 Bn (who ~~was~~ was recommended  
for D.C.M. Cpl Taylor) was  
covering 1 dugout as his

L. Fern - standing up  
& spraying it as he  
advanced on it - you  
cant see / target unless  
you did this, not even  
sloping down. Others  
of U Bu worked round  
these dugouts & they  
got there 3 heavy mps  
2 Light mps. 2 mps  
& an anti tank gun.  
Abt 25 Germans were got  
out of dugout. Taylor  
got 1 other side of trench,  
stood on 1 parados &  
sprayed into it. This  
separated 1 German. These  
nearest 1 ~~German~~  
dugouts dived for them.

Others ran up 1 trench.  
By this time 9 & 10 Bn  
were in position ready to  
move thro. Barrage remained  
on the point for an hour.  
All the mws & mgs  
were turned out 1 German  
by a Vickers m.g. section  
(Vickers m.g. off & there  
& Stokes mortar men).

From Villaret & from 10th  
British line in front on 1  
hill m.g. were firing on  
our troops during the  
wait. The weather was  
clearing & 1 German cd  
see. The T.M. men cd  
see the m.g. & were  
turning the mws out  
them to silence them - some

were knocked out &  
some silenced.

10 Bu afterwards got  
a number of heavy guns  
on that opposite hill.  
[Caution Dugouts were on the  
E slope of the knuckle -  
on its rt front. ~~On~~ On l  
hill opposite was a  
big gun sticking out -  
an 8 inch gun. The  
Quarry was another 800 yds  
ahead of that gun]

This was l rt flank.  
On l left flank the 1st  
Objective was just in front  
of Caution dugouts.

On l left l first opposite

we met just after  
passing Carpeza Copse. There  
was a M.F. post there holding  
them up where a C.T. trench  
joined another trench.

Serjt Muldoon who  
struck it was k just as he  
got to 1 gun.

Cpt N-elby took charge  
of 1 section & worked from  
1st flank w bombs. Neither  
cd see 1 other except 1 flash  
of 1 gun. As soon as our  
h.g. fired 1 German w his 2  
guns wd fire towards it. We  
kept our L.G. firing in bursts  
so as to draw the fire of these  
2 guns while a party worked

round to 1 flank. 2  
bombs were thrown & 1  
post was reached. Nelly  
was the Cpl. in/c of the section  
& organised the attack.  
These guns were holding up  
~~the~~ part of D Coy & A Coy  
wh was mopping up behind  
was held up also & joined  
them.

Halahan let back by  
a shell just before - part of  
1 light battery wh came  
down & Lt Colwin was w  
1 pln of A Coy.

Right on 1 obj the  
left came ~~open~~ under heavy &  
my fire from Villeret &  
The reds opposite where the



old British outpost  
line was. Lt Elliott was  
badly wd (C. Coy, abt  
in 1 centre) was wd there  
in 1 thigh. He died later  
at Tin court. The fire  
here caused a number  
of casualties, grazing  
the hill top.

When caution dugouts  
were taken the left was  
able to get on to its objective  
just on 1 cross roads S  
of Villaret.

Lt Beasley & Colvin  
made their HQs in  
Caution Dugouts. There they  
found some stretcher bearers  
(it was a big dugout w 4  
Entrances) wh had bn used as

an advanced Dressing  
Station - Beasley & take  
French & the Germans told  
him they had on in 11 days  
- didn't know when they  
were to be relieved - I  
didn't have / least idea  
we were going to do an  
attack.

After this <sup>11 Bn</sup> they had to  
take over the Bde front  
in the old British front  
line, supporting 9 & 10;  
12 Bn ~~but~~ extended to  
left to take over / whole  
line in the first objective.  
The 14 Bn had its line in the <sup>2</sup>

original British front  
line with outposts in  
front.

That night German  
planes came over &  
bombed & shelled the  
left with 5.9 & 8 in.

10 Bn remained here  
2 days & on 21 Sept  
reld 9 Bn in 1 front  
line overlooking Bellecourt  
just this side of Quarry  
wood. It was a good line  
to hold w alt 6 lines  
of old trenches and first  
rate observation.

11 Bn was here 4 days  
& was relieved by 30th  
American Division. This  
was carried out very well indeed.

One American Company  
relieved the 11 Bn.

72 in an American Pln  
relieved Grahams Company  
of 49.

This was the best fight the  
11 Bn ever had.

During the last 4 days  
patrols went out 600 - 800  
yards without getting to  
germans. By their flares  
they were abt 800 yds away.  
The germans had gone back  
to the main Hindenburg line  
& had ~~only~~ outposts out in  
front only at night - they  
cd be seen carrying their  
guns out at dusk. None  
of their patrols at all were  
met.

The relief was quiet. Jackson's  
Coy was just clear of HQs  
when the Germans put down  
a heavy barrage.

As they were going  
thro Rosiel a group of  
6 officers had several bombs  
dropped right ahead &  
behind them by a Gotha  
flying low - it was a very  
bright moonlight night  
& I plane cd see them.  
The pty was riding down a  
road. The Bn a bit to  
rt coming out across  
country cd see this big  
plane in moonlight  
passing. Maj. Darnell (C.O.)  
(DSO) & Lieut Archibald adjt  
were both killed. a piece of

bomb went thro Darnells  
heart → Archibald died  
within an hour.

They were 1 two lost  
men K. in the 11<sup>th</sup> Bn -  
They were buried with  
Lt Elliott + Capt Hallahan  
at Tinian - all original  
men in the 11 Bn.

Darnell left as Lieut. Landing  
(the last original officer - his  
father was a C of E <sup>army</sup> chaplain  
in Ireland & Darnell had  
bn in 1<sup>st</sup> Munster Fusiliers  
- & had bn 3 yrs in Australia  
as an area officer).

Hallahan was a m. g.  
Supt at Landing (11 Bn)  
Elliott was an original 11 Bn  
man (from WA).

Archibald was a piano  
sergeant & landing, a  
school teacher in W.A.

Elliott was an architect.  
(Elliott had sketched 1 Xmas  
card of 1 Bn for 1 year with  
Gt Neumann) who went home  
just before 1 Villeret  
show).

Halahan was an  
amalgamator on the  
Oroya Brown Hill mine.  
(wife of the amalgam in 1 mill)

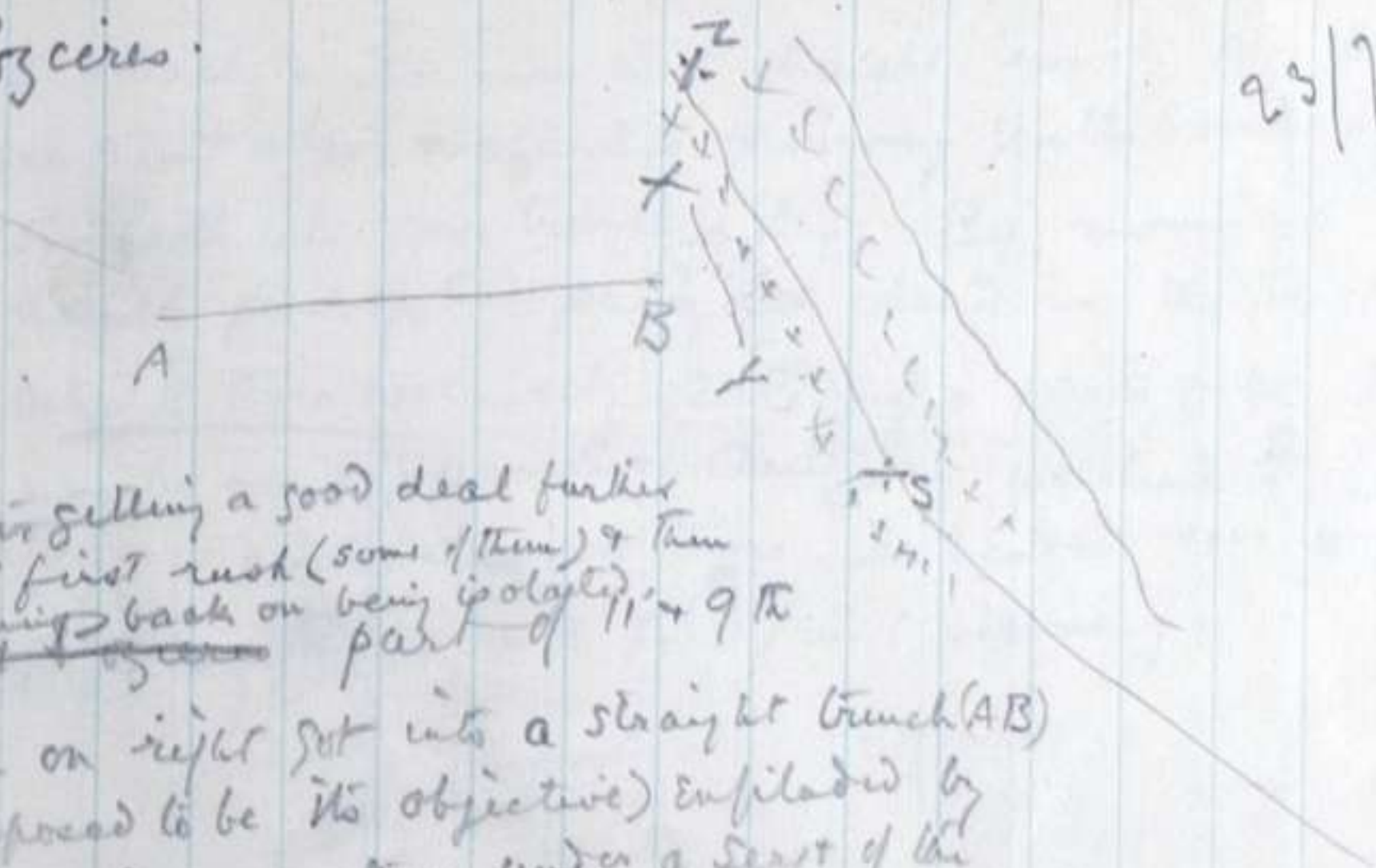
~~The~~ Halahan's grave was  
put up by 1 man & they  
put up a very fine cross, &  
on it " Loved by all."

Only these 4 officers were lost  
at Villeret - & all killed.  
11 men R & abt 60 wd.

Pozieres.

25/7/16. 92

Rest  
Trench



after getting a good deal further  
in 1st rush (some of them) & then  
coming back on being isolated, & 9th  
~~at 1st~~ part of 11th

Bn on right got into a straight trench (AB)  
(supposed to be its objective) infiltrated by  
O.G.I. The men there under a Dept of the

11 Bn, ~~the~~ dug a small trench parallel to O.G.I.  
(piling up 1 parapet as high as they could.)  
to stop 1 infiltrator. Abt 40 to 60 men were there. The Germans  
shot at them from Z & S w mgs. & bombed them from in front.  
abt 3 am. 1 german could be seen w fixed bayonets in O.G.I. prepared



to attack. The men in 1 straight trench A-B <sup>and</sup> 37  
see them also, & started throwing Mills bombs also  
wh fell into our trench, XY. By morning 1  
greater part of this party was dead - The Serp  
says that there were only 2 left of a party of 40. This  
may be an exaggeration. Anyway we had to leave  
XY. No officer was there. He had ~~come~~ <sup>been</sup> to a  
Pioneer Officer abt A(?) in 1 morning.

At

Lihous. 12 Bn  
Aug 10 started at  
5 am. from Harbonnières,  
having come up from Vaire 1  
day before, & from Poulainville  
1 day before it. (Aug 8).

(Debussed at Poulainville  
at 3 am having detrained at  
Hampest on 7th).

They got a few hours  
sleep at Harbonnières after  
12.30 am & moved at 5,  
supporting 11 Bn.

11 Bn when they hopped  
off were all 600 yds behind on  
the X roads by the house which had  
been a dressing station.

After 11 Bn jumped off 12 Bn  
advanced to 1 position 11 Bn had

jumped off from. Col. Elliott  
was <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>at</sup> 8.20 am. just as Bn  
reached this position. Indirect  
fire from a mg. got him as he  
was putting 1 man into 2.

At 10.30 am. C Coy under  
Capt Jorgenson were ordered  
to move up in close support  
of 11 Bn. The position they took  
up was just on our side of  
Crepy Wood. There was a line  
of ~~trenches~~ mgs. there every  
few yds & many dead Germans  
who showed where the Germans had  
defended 1 place the morning  
when 11 Bn hopped over. The Coy  
stayed there for 1 day - digging  
into the ~~former~~ old trenches there.

Part of Coy was sliced by  
only 5 casualties. Maj Macpherson  
took the Bn after Elliott was hit.  
No fighting that day.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> C. Coy was left where  
it was. Abt 4 am B D + A  
Coys (back where 11 Bn had  
hopped off) got orders to  
attack on left of 10 Bn -  
D B - 10  
A

in this order. A Coy was  
supporting it of 10 Bn as  
8 Bn on their right.

They had to get out straight  
away & reach the T.O. line  
by 5 am. D & B were  
just about on 1 Capt line  
by 5 am. A Coy was behind T  
got in 1 banner.

The left of D Coy went up the left edge of Crepey wood, D Coy going thro' I wood.

They went straight thro' I wood, without mopping up - thro' Anger wood & beyond it to I edge of Liker wood.

There was mist, & our smoke, & German gas. It was hard to see. D Coy kept touch with B Coy on their right, but not with II Bn on left.

II Bn could not be found. Patrols were sent out to find them.

Coy S. M. Keeling was <sup>one of</sup> these patrols. He went over 1000 yds straight to left (N.W.) & could find no one. Then he came back & made a second

patrol to left rear.  
He found USa abt 800  
yds in left rear. The <sup>posts of</sup> USa  
were between Anzer & Crepy  
Wood - This left a gap of  
800 yds in 1 line & 1  
German still in Anzer wd  
immediately in rear of B  
& D Coys. These Germans  
were there all time. But  
they evidently got a message  
thro to their people outside  
for a party tried to come  
up & join them.

B Coy had tried to send  
runners back; but these  
men getting back had met  
m.g. fire & edut had to get  
back by going right round to the  
S of Anzer wood.

The posts of 12 Bn were  
~~just~~ in some long trench  
trenches, (probly old front line)  
from S.W. corner of Liku  
wood away E of Auger  
wood & joining 10 Bn  
just E of Likous Village.

There were no ferns in Liku  
wood. Lyons & some others  
wandered thro' (old stumps  
of it (like Delville wd) &  
found no one in it.

Abt midday 1 German  
were seen massing &  
getting ready for attack  
on 1 platoon to the N. They  
had a fine view there for  
abt 3 miles to a village  
on a rise wh they looked  
to be German and pillers but weren't

By 1 way in wh 1 German acted after this they knew where we were. Small parties from outside kept on coming up to try & join them but very few got through the gap. A lot were k or w. Eventually most of the Germans in Angerlod got away through a bit of dead ground behind 1 hospital. B Coy rushed a small post on 1 edge of wood & caught 1 couple above mentioned & this probably set them going out of wood.

\*(2 w/c of B Coy)  
\* Lt Lyons we sent up after Lt Inklead was hit. In lead we hit very nasty in body in Anger wood thro shoulder & lung by a sniper or rifle.

~~Lt~~ Lt Sandberg was very done up. Lt Lyons we sent up to take over B Coy then. In the afternoon he got up a German escorting 4 men of 10 Bn came <sup>across</sup> the line from 1 rear. He had been sent back w these prisoners so 1 German evidently did not know where we were. He tried to run when he saw us but 3 men were sent to cut him off & he was k.

Certain. Messages had been sent back to 10 Bn asking for someone to fill 1 gap - & C Coy now came in & filled it. \*

Parties of 9 Bn under Lt Hamilton came thro & mopped up Anger wood. The position C Coy took up was in 1 old German hospital abt 300 yds N of Anger & Crepy wood - the hospital was just S of the rd & they were in it. This was a hospital of huts & marquees when C. Coy drove 1 German out of it (Germans were seen getting out of it) the Germans set fire to as much as they could of it & burnt some of it.



messengers & stores.

Word was sent back to say  
tht 1 German were massing  
on 1 flats to 1 N (while C Coy  
was actually coming thro, &  
mopping up pieces of 9 Bn  
at 1 same time came up)

A heavy artillery fire was  
turned onto the Germans. & this  
smashed them up. Kelley  
at this time took a couple of  
L Gp out & opened long range  
fire on these Germans & worked  
one gun till he was wid by  
one of our own shells. These  
Germans had bn seen marching  
up in fours from Vermandovillers  
way abt an hr before (allan).

A German capt who was capt:  
in 1 way  
sd tht 8 Coys of his regt had bn

old off to defend Lions Hill  
& it a few left in wood  
(abt 150) were all that he knew  
of as remaining. He was  
21 Bav. Regt. (4 Bav. Divn).  
Their Coys were not very  
strong. A parade state was found  
on a dead Pfc. He had only  
brought 52 men of his Coy  
in. (many of these men were  
on leave).

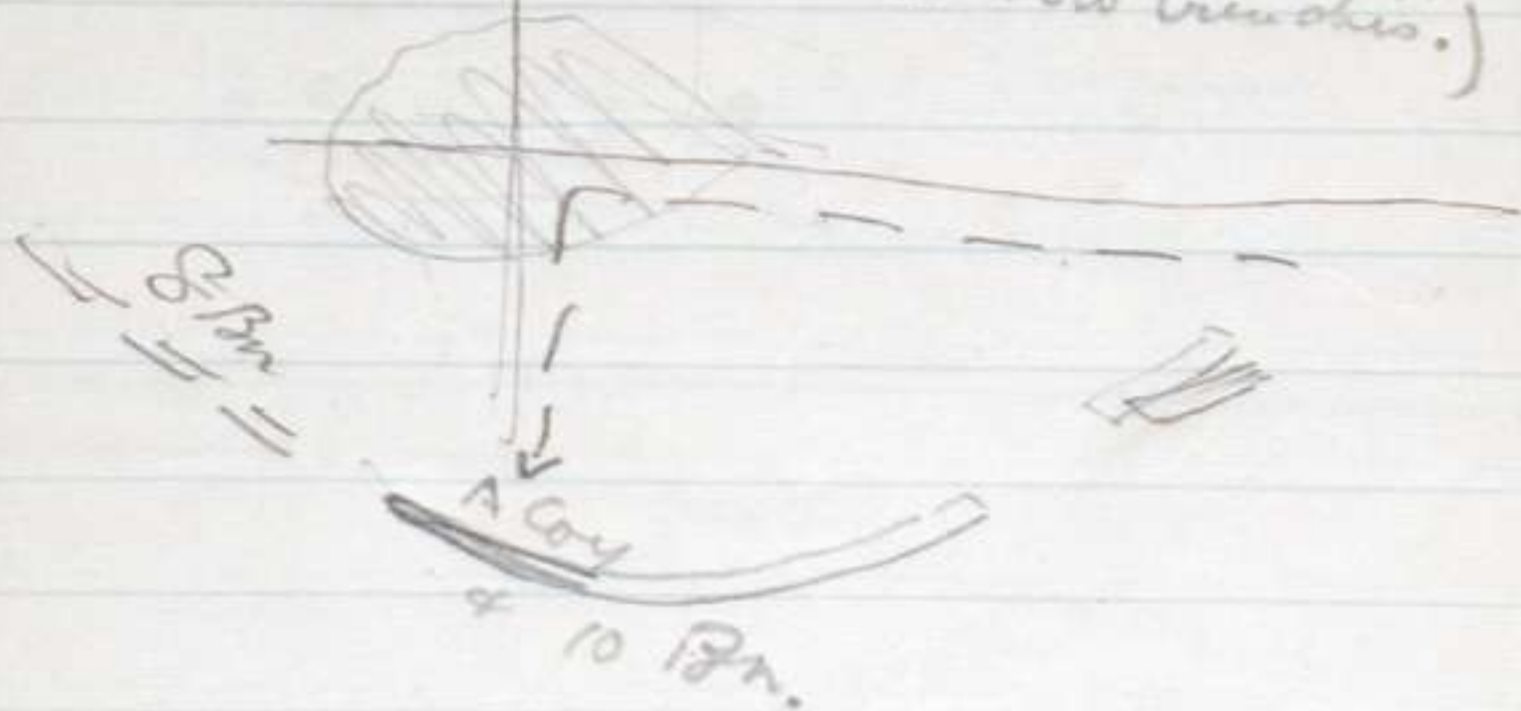
Everything was quiet after  
that & they were relieved by 1st  
Bde that night. The German  
shelling was heavy on Anzac  
& Creepy Wood - but not elsewhere  
- with HE & Gas.

A Coy on ret went straight  
thru behind 10 Bn. The advance  
was very fast. They started thro'

the wood with rt flank on  
l-left of road. The 8 Bn  
were not seen till they got  
thro onto their position. It  
was very misty. ~~the~~ A Coy  
struck no Germans in 1  
village - wh was across 1 whole  
of their front - they went thro  
1 centre of 1 village crossing  
1 road. 10 Bn stopped in 1 open  
abt 600 yds beyond 1 village  
& A Coy abt 20 yds behind  
them dug in. Abt 10 am.  
going round to get touch, touch  
was obtained w 8 Bn abt  
200 yds to 1 right - the fog in  
1 early morning had bn too thick  
to see any one but they had  
bn there. A flogier didnt see  
the tanks in 1 village - he wd

have been bound to see them if they had worked this village but they were late. The tanks didn't reach Slogier's position on 1st.

Abt 3 in 1 afternoon a number of Germans were seen coming up in file to within abt 600 yds (coming from 1 direct front - abt 50 were seen in full marching order. 60 pdrs were turned onto them & they were stopped in 1 old trench.)



Abt 3 pm. 3 of our arty planes came over & saw the men there & put down our 60 pdrs onto Hill 101 & most of line. It was very hot for 3 mins but they managed to get into comm<sup>n</sup> w/ planes via flap signals & got it turned off.

(Aug 11)  
Capt Jorgensen wd. abt  
midday when C Coy were  
getting to their objve filling 1  
gap. He carried on & got C Coy  
organised in position before going out.

Lt Macleod, wd on Aug 11 in  
the first attack (D Coy) in wood.

Capt Butler was passed, badly, going  
thro' the wood on Aug 11.

Lt Mackay wd wd abt 1  
same time as Capt Jorgensen  
but not with him.

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