

1918APPENDIXOctober8th
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taken up running from about N.5. b.4.4. to N.11.b.2.9. thence South West across GULLEMIN - BOUT DU PRE ROAD at about N.11. c.4.8. touch being obtained with 8th Lincoln at about N.11.c.4.8. The Farm at N.11.a.3.0. which held up our advance at first was entered and occupied at about 01.00 hours October 9th. At 23.30 hours orders were received that the advance was to be continued at 05.20 hours, barrage starting on Line N.12.c. 75.80 - H.33.d.1.0. objective HAUCOURT High ground 07.d. This necessitated sending out at once and withdrawing companies to a position of Assembly along line of Sunken Road from N.5.d.0.3. to Road Junction N.5.a.2.7. Issued verbal orders for an attack on a Three-Company front, each Company to be in depth - "D" Coy on left, "A" Coy in centre and "B" Coy on Right, "C" Coy to follow in Close Support. This formation was chosen as 4th Middlesex were in close Support. Companies reached their positions of Assembly at about 06.00 hours

9th

ZERO hours for the attack was fixed at 05.20 hrs. Companies moved forward under cover of Artillery barrage, New Zealanders co-operating on the left, a Company of the 4th Middlesex coming up on our right. A delay of half an hour was occasioned about 150 yards before reaching the Eastern outskirts of HAUCOURT owing to two Batteries firing short. No opposition was met with from the enemy. A line was established running North and South through L.31, 112th Brigade passing through 63rd Infantry Brigade to exploit the success to CAUDRY. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS was established at HAUCOURT in the course of the afternoon about 17.00 hrs. Companies were joined by Cookers and a hot meal was taken at 04.30 hours.

10th

Moved at 06.30 hours and assembled in I.32.a. and at about 08.15 hours moved forward through L.33.a. & b. and I.34.a. & b. Road in I.35.a. crossing Railway to J.25.c. & d. waiting there for about One hour.