

1918APPENDIXOctober10th
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A track had to be reconnoitred for transport as Roads were blown up and rendered impassable in places. 10.00 hours moved to Practice Trenches in J.19.b. 12.15 hours sent on "A" Coy to act as an advance guard.

13.00 hours moved to PT CAUDRY where Batta. was concentrated - "A" Coy to report progress making Coy Headquarters successively PT CAUDRY - CLERMONT CHATEAU and Road Junction at J.4.central. Conference of Company Commanders at PT CAUDRY at 14.00 hours. Orders received at about 14.00 hours to go through 112th Infantry Brigade, meantime "A" Coy by 14.15 hours was a long way through, 112th Brigade having connected up with New Zealanders at about D.29 central and with 17th Division at E.10.d.4.1.

As Brigade Orders directed 8th Lincolns to advance on our Right, word was sent to O.C. "A" Coy to close on his left and sent "B" Coy up to take over Right Battalion front, "D" Coy in Support "C" Coy in Reserve at J.4.Central.

At about 17.00 hours the Battalion advanced to the attack on the Ridge D.30. - J.6.

As the distance seemed not to be covered by the two Companies and as the New Zealanders were not advancing on our left "D" Coy was ordered to move forward in the centre and "A" Coy directed to work North Eastwards.

The advance went on in spite of heavy Machine Gun and Artillery fire - the enemy were holding the high ground with a few light Machine gun posts which by individual Section enterprise and initiative were either killed or forced to retire or taken prisoners.

The Machine Gun and Artillery barrage was very heavy and CAPT. C.H. MADDEN, M.C. was severely wounded in the head. On reaching crest, orders were given for the leading wave to dig in at once on the reverse slope, with several observation posts on the forward slope.

The waning light was chiefly responsible for avoiding serious casualties which would certainly