

APPENDIX1918October11th
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2nd Lt. BROOKS, then returned across River, met and conducted back across river the remaining two platoons and one Platoon 8th Lincolns and pointed out their positions, it being light enough to see 200 or 300 yards. He then returned and found the ridge held by "B" & "D" Coy, each less one Platoon and then returned to Headquarters.

During the 11th enemy Machine Gun and Snipers were very active from Railway and our men being under cover of deep Sunken Bank and Sunken Road suffered no casualties east of the SELLE.

Further bridges were erected during the night and orders were received that 4th Middlesex were to relieve the Battalion East of River and attack at 05.00 hours. Meanwhile New Zealanders were also attacking and word received from O.C. 1st Wellington Battalion that he had received orders to attack with his right on Factory D.24.d. 5.1. and would require to be relieved in the position on our left East of RIVER. Accordingly "C" Coy was sent forward to reconnoitre and take over his position.

This relief was completed at about 01.30 hours.

Companies were relieved on the East side of the River by 4th Middlesex by 04.45 hours and then withdrew as ordered west of the Ridge J.6. - D.30. except that "A" Coy and part of "C" Coy were kept in BRIASTRE in cellars.

The attack of 4th Middlesex was successful on the right, but on the left it was held up by the enemy from neighbourhood of BELLE VUE.

At about 07.30 hours the Commanding Officer saw Officer Commanding 4th Middlesex, who seemed satisfied with the situation, and offered to send up my Company in BRIASTRE in Support to his left if he wished, as messages had been received shewing situation on left to be obscure, but he did not encourage this being done.

At 07.40 hours the situation was discussed with Brigade Major who agreed situation required troops sent forward - One Company 1/1st Herts sent up with guide furnished by this Battalion to E.25.a.2.2. in Support to 4th Middlesex.