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South and also the knowledge of the proposed disposition of the incoming Unit, decided me not to attempt to consolidate the whole railway along the divisional front.

The flank therefore was thrown back at the only satisfactory point i.e. Practice trenches in E.25.a. thence to steep sunken Bank echeloned back South West and the sunken road as far South as hedge running due East and West at E.25.c.6.1.

An Officer's fighting patrol did, however, reconnoitre the Railway for a further 130 yards South of our Right post as shown on map attached and met with no opposition. He however, reported an enemy machine Gun post at point where sunken Road cuts railway E.25.b.2.1. and lights were being fired from Railway further South. The wire West of the Railway consisted of 3 fences about 5 yards apart at a distance of some 25 yards from the West bank of the Railway.

The Battalion was relieved by 16th Royal Warwickshire Regt., relief being completed at about 03.30 hours on October 13th.

Thanks of the Battalion are due to Majors THORNE & McDONALD Commanding Battery "D" 123 Brigade and 4.5. How. Battery respectively, whose co-operation with the Infantry was of the greatest possible value. We owe to the enterprise of 153 Field Coy R.E's in constructing bridges across the River BELLE our ability to cross the River on night of 10th October.

Credit is due to all ranks for their behaviour in the attack on Ridge D.30 - J.6. and for their endurance on night October 8th/9th when they were in action all night and until about 11.00 hours the following morning after marching from about 14.30 hours to their assembly position.

The conduct of all concerned on night 11th 12th during and following the Counter-attack on BELLE VUE was most creditable.

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The Battalion on being relieved by the 16th Battn. Royal Warwickshire, moved back to CAUDRY in Billets. Training was carried out here until 21st October.