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The Germans suffered severe casualties from our fire and were checked, and the Seaforths then pushed forward again and the whole line was re-established. Several casualties were incurred during this counter-attack by our men from Rifle Fire.

At about 5.40 p.m. another counter-attack took place on our left but the result is not exactly known; apparently the line on the left of the Brigade was forced back.

About this time our advanced line had to fall back as it was continuously shelled by our guns. The new line was established about 50-100 yards in front of LEMNOS AND FERDAN HOUSES. When the objective was reached Rifle Grenades were used with success to bolt Germans from shell holes, rifle fire being used as they ran.

A satisfactory feature of the day was the way in which the last draft of 200 behaved. Though for the most part only 19 years of age, and never having been under fire before they showed the greatest keenness and determination and behaved excellently. For casualties see footnote.

- 5th Stormy. Quiet in the morning. Heavy shelling afternoon and night. 1 Other Rank wounded. Battalion relieved in front line by 1st Bn. Rifle Brigade. Slow relief. After relief Battalion proceeded to CANDLE TRENCH in Divisional Support.
- 6th Wet. Quiet day. No shelling near Battalion. 1 Other Rank Wounded.
- 7th Very heavy rain afternoon and night. Battalion proceeded to LEIPZIG FARM in Divisional Reserve. Battalion present in Camp, 7-30 p.m. 2 Other Ranks wounded.
- 8th Very heavy rain afternoon and night. Battalion getting ready for 2 day, being in Divisional Reserve in the attack.
- 9th Battalion "Stood to" at ZERO Hour ready to move if necessary. Did not move. Wet stormy day.
- 10th Stormy. Improvement of Camp. General cleaning up. A few parades.

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