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2nd Lieut WAUGH accompanied
En H.Q. as Intelligence
Officer.
2nd Lieut TREASURE was in
charge of Stokes gun.
One Brigade M.G. Section
was attached to Battn.
2nd Lieut COLLINS, R.S.M.
PAUL i/c of Brigade
Carriers.
2nd Lieut MARLER i/c of
Bde Dump in VALLADE trench.
2nd Lieut ROSEVEARE i/c
Divn. Dump.

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Z day. Fine and warm.
After a very intense
bombardment, at 7.20.A.M.
a large mine was exploded
under the HAWTHORN REDOUBT.
Practically no casualties
were suffered while in
Assembly trenches.
At 7.30 am. the attack
was launched. The 11th
Bde advanced in magnificent
style in following order,
from right to left:
1st East Lancashire Regt,
1st Rifle Brigade, 6th
Warwicks.
In second line 1st Hampshire
Regt, 1st Somerset L.Infy,
8th Warwicks. Battns
advanced on a front of
One Coy.
Leading Battns advanced in
lines, 2nd line of Battns
in lines of Sections.
The Battn advanced in four
lines.
1st line 2 Platoons A Coy on
right. 2 of B on left.
2nd line 2 Platoons A Coy on
right. 2 of B on left.
3rd line 2 Platoons C Coy on
right. 2 of H on left.
4th line 2 Platoons C Coy on
right. 2 of H on left.
The 10th & 12th Bdes were
behind 11th Bde. The advance
was carried out excellently to
start with, and a severe
barrage was not encountered.
Shortly after heavy rifle fire
was opened & Machine guns
from both flanks.
The 1st East Lancashire & 1st
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to get beyond the enemy's wire. The battn had to ease off to the left, owing to the ridge which it should have crossed, being swept by Machine guns and quite impossible, and found itself in the German trenches in the neighbourhood of the quadrilateral. The Warwicks gained their objective, but were unable to hold on there. The 4th Division was greatly handicapped owing to the fact that the 31st Division on the left was unable to make progress, and that the 29th Division on the right was unable to capture BEAUMONT HAMEL. It is impossible to get a detailed account of the fighting that ensued, but the situation after the first hour or two was that men of various battns in the Division were holding part of the quadrilateral and were engaged in a fierce grenade fight. Our men were for some time severely handicapped by shortage of grenades, but these were afterwards sent up. Capt HARRINGTON & Lieut GLENATHAM were only officers of the Battn there. Both left wounded about 1.30 P.M. C.S.M. CHAPPELL was then in command of men of the Battn in the quadrilateral. Previous to this R.S.M. PAUL came across with the Bde Carriers under a heavy fire. Sergt IMBER & Pte HODGES did excellent work in signalling from German trenches for grenades, Barrage etc. After dark, men of the 11th Bde were relieved by Royal Irish Fusiliers & withdrew to our own lines. Major MAJENDIE arrived about 4.30 with Reinforcement Officers and took command of the Battn; which had been collected together in Assembly trenches by R.S.M. PAUL. Orders were received about 10 P.M. for 11th Bde to return to MAILLY MAILLET as Div Reserve.

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10th & 12th Bdes to hold line. The Battn lost very heavily. With the exception of 2nd Lieut MARLER, Bde Dump officer, no officers with the exception of Capt ACKLAND, R.A.M.C, who formed up in Assembly trenches, returned unscathed at the end of the day.

Lt.Col. THICKNESSE & Capt FORD (Adjutant) were both killed before our trenches were passed.

Battn Casualties were 26 Officers and 438 O.R.
Detail of Officers Casualties as returned from available information.

Killed.

Lt.Col. J.A.Thicknesse
Capt. G.C.Ford.

Missing believed Killed.

Capt. R.J.R.Leacroft.
Capt G.H. Neville.
Lieut T.C.McBryan.
2nd Lieut G.P.C.Fair.
" " J.A.Hellard.
" " J.A.Johnston.
" " A.V.C.Leste.
" " R.E.Dunn.
" " W.H.Treasure.

Wounded & Missing.

2nd Lieut H.M.Tilley.
" " F.A.Pearse.

Missing.

Lieut V.A.Braithwaite.
2nd Lieut G.C.Winstanley.
" " K.E.Whitgreaves.
" " T.M.Doddington.

Wounded.

Capt W.W.Llewellyn.
Capt.A.J.Harington.
Lieut G.V.C.Greatham.
" C.J.C.Daubeny.
2nd Lieut.R.C.Strachey.
" " H.L.Colville.
" " A.H.Collins.
" " A.R.Waugh.
Lieut R.W. Shannon.

Brigadier General Prowse died of wounds.

Information received that operations to the South were proceeding favourably.

2nd.

Another fine warm day. The battn was reorganised and deficiencies replaced etc. The 10% Reinforcements rejoined. Some shells into Hailly during the day.