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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.