

1915.Appendix.May.POPERINGE - POTIJZE - VERLORENHOEK

8th.

Battalion left at 11 a m and proceeded to Headquarters 83rd Brigade East of YPRES and received orders to move astride the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE road and retake the 83rd Brigade trenches at FREZENBERG moving on left of YORK and LANCASTER Regiment with one company south and three Companies North of the road. The battalion moved forward through G.H.Q line East of POTIJZE and deployed after passing through gap in entanglement in front of line. At 4 p m battalion advanced. On reaching road running South East from WIELTJE machine gun fire from farm on our left front caused many casualties. The enemy's shelling was also very severe.

A company south of road advanced and reinforced EAST YORKSHIRES in trench west of VERLORENHOEK but could not advance further. The companies on the North of the road advanced and were held up by enemy entrenched on line running N and S through VERLORENHOEK.

At 7.15 p m information was received that WARWICKS and DUBLINS were deploying for attack and should advance about 7.30 p m. About 8.30 p m WARWICKS advanced but did not go beyond line held by battalion

VERLORENHOEK

9th.

A further advance by whole line was arranged for 12.45 a m. All arrangements were made for this and 5/KINGS OWN advanced to VERLORENHOEK but retired on heavy rifle and machine gun fire being opened. As no movement appeared to be taking place on our left no advance was made and it was eventually reported that the advance had been cancelled and that battalions would hold the line they were then holding. On proceeding to Brigade office this was confirmed.

The battalion remained in the same line during the ninth May although heavily bombarded during the afternoon. Casualties during 8th. to noon 9th. Killed 2nd Lieut Hon R.H.P. HOWARD, 2nd Lieut. F. WATSON and 12 other ranks - wounded Capt R.E. NORTH Capt. M.J.A. JOURDIER Lieut C.J. LONERGAN and 2nd Lieut F.C. WALLIKER and 89 other ranks - missing 71 During the night A company moved to North of road.