

1916

July

Appendix.16th
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to north edge of wood with wire etc - quiet night. no casualties -

19th

quiet day - men resting & improving trenches -
at 9.0. p m ordered to relieve 2nd Worcesters in N edge of wood - Relief complete by 10.0 p m At 10.30 p m message received that 19th Bde with 2nd Worcesters were to attack HIGH WOOD and SWITCH TRENCH next morning and 100th Bde were in reserve and to be ready to move at short notice after 4.0 a m.
Casualties other ranks wounded 5 -
Telegram received from G.H.Q that coy S.M. Reid had been awarded Military Cross -

20th.

Attack of HIGH WOOD by 19th Bde & Worcesters commenced at 5.25 a m - At 10.0 a m attack reported to be progressing favourably - about 6.0 p m orders were received for an immediate move - Conference of C.O.s held by Bde - Queens and 16th K.R.R's were sent up to HIGH WOOD to be under the orders of 19th Brigade. Battalion moved at 9.0 p m to N E East corner of MAMETZ WOOD where Capt Foster met Battrn & held a conference of Coy Commanders - Capt Foster and B & C Coys moved straight to HIGH WOOD led by guides of 5/Scottish Rifles coming under very heavy H F & gas shell fire on the way & Capt Foster was wounded & handed over command to 2nd Lieut Faulkner Lieut Thrupp & 2 coys were sent to report to 212 Coy R 2 at cross roads S of HAZENELLE LA GRAND wood - on the way a report was made by a stretcher bearer that High Wood had been recaptured by enemy - This was reported to 19th bde & 2 coys ordered to stand by -

HIGH WOOD

21st

At about 12 midnight information received that wood was still in our hands and that Capt Foster was wounded - A & D Coys ordered to move at once to the wood arriving about 2.0 a m - Defence of wood was handed over to Queens & 16th K.R.R's under