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15th. Left trenches at dusk & came into local reserve at RUE DE BLACHE. 20 officers, 920 other ranks. 2 wounded, 3 to Hospital. Complimentary letters from C.O.C. 7th Division and B.C.C. 22nd I. Brigade received. Marked Appendix I.

16th. In local reserve cleaning up & resting. 20 officers, 920 other ranks. 1 to Hospital. The following remarks of Divisional General regarding attack on 15th inst. were received - I regret the loss of the men who went to warn L/Cpl. Middleton's party but the enterprise was well carried out by 2nd Lt. Ramsey - The capture of the prisoner has been most useful. (12th order No. 30 (1) d/ 15.12.1914).

17th. Local Reserve. (Rue de Blache Close order drill). 20 officers, 919 other ranks. Officers, Reinforcements. 2/Lt. HEINRICK, Queens. 2/Lt. BURKITT, Co. 45 other ranks. 1 Killed. 1 wounded. 4 to Hospital.

RUE DE BLACHE.

18th. At 2 a.m. the C.O.'s of C. Stafford,ROYAL WARWICKS & 2/Queens met at Brigade HQs. The Warwicks were ordered to attack enemy's line in front of our right N E of LA BOUILLIERE The front to be attacked was 500yds. The 2nd Queens were to support the attack. The attack was to commence at dusk 4.30 p.m. The Warwicks had to close up into 3 lines of men on the 500yds front. 2 Coy's of The Queens had to hold the Warwick trenches vacated by them on the E of WELL FARM & 2 Coy's had to take their places in the trenches on the W of WELL FARM when after these 3 lines had advanced. Owing to the short time given to prepare for an attack against a strongly entrenched position & at night the details of the scheme were not circulated to each individual man as they might should have been. Owing to the difficulties of getting men through communication trenches & other Coy's were sent off from Local Reserve at once they were not actually in THEIR places until 4.45 p.m. The base Artillery opened a terrific fire on the enemy's trenches from 4.15 to 4.45 p.m. to cover the advance of the Warwicks. This artillery fire apparently did no
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18th. damage to the enemy but wounded a few
(Contd) of our own men & let the enemy know that
we were going to attack them.

Appendix.

At 5 pm, an H.C.O. of WARWICKS came
back asking for reinforcements C Coy
& D Coy were at once pushed forward
in support, D Coy being kept back in
case of a counter attack 3 platoons
from one of the left Coy's was ordered
up to take place of C Coy. In the
meanwhile several attempts had been
made to obtain information as to what
the attacking line was doing. At 5.30 pm
a message came from "C" Coy, Queens
that WARWICKS line was half way to enemy's
trenches; reinforcements of WELSH
FUSILIERS were then sent for to carry on
the attack. A report came in at 6.12 pm
that one Coy, WARWICKS had got to enemy's
trenches but had to retire. As neither
the WELSH FUSILIERS or the 3 platoons
from B Coy, had arrived at 5.30 all Coy
Command were warned to be prepared for
a counter attack & it was not until
6.30 pm that the first reliable
information of the whereabouts of the
WARWICKS was obtained - Sgt. SPILLER
(Queens) had just returned from the 1st
line of the WARWICKS & stated their
casualties were very heavy that they had
got close to the first lot of wire &
that they were scattered in groups all
over the place & that there was no
line behind them. In the meantime It
was ascertained that the our left Coys were
also close to the enemy's position & had
suffered heavily. At this time one Coy
of WELSH FUSILIERS had arrived & I
decided that it would be madness to push
the attack further & informed Brigade.
At 7.32 pm I withdrew the remainder of
attacking party, sent out parties to
collect wounded. Owing to the arrival
in the trenches of 2 more Coys, Welsh
Fusiliers as well as wounded & also
Queens & Warwick returning, the trenches
were very congested & great difficulty
was experienced in reorganising the
firing line & evacuating wounded. This
was accomplished by about 9 pm. Search
parties were out all night Collecting
wounded. The fire was terrific & Machine
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Omens to our front & one enfilading attack to a certain extent.
The fire dropped a bit towards midnight & altogether about 8 am.
22 officers. 965 other ranks.

19th.

At daybreak Germans were seen beginning to our men to come out &
collect wounded & bury dead. Several of our officers including the M.O.
& 30 men went out. About 80 Germans & 10 German officers also came out &
there was a local armistice. A sniper on our right killed one officer of
3rd Staffords & one of our men but there was no firing from our front. The
Germans buried a lot of our dead & we collected wounded, some of whom were
taken into the German trenches & others into ours. As our dead &
wounded were mostly near the German wire the enemy took possession of
their rifles etc. Our officers conversed with the German officers & unfortunately
two of our officers 2/Lt. Rought & 2/Lt. NEALIELEY were entered into the German
trenches & taken prisoners, so also were 7 stretcher bearers. These
officers & men were not missed until after Armistice. The Armistice was
brought to a sudden close owing to one of our guns shelling the enemy's
trenches. Our losses were:-

Queens No. 1. Captain Pears. Wounded.
do "S" Lt. Lee do

do C Lieut. Allan. do

do 2/Lt. Butterworth do

do " Burdett do

do 2/Lt. Ramsay. Missing killed.
do 2/Lt. Rought Captured.
do " Walfleley do

N.C.O.s & men. 357 Killed.
5216 Missing.
30 Wounded.
7 Captured.

Total. 8 Officers & 166 89 other ranks.
9 to Hospital. 2 to Prison.
14 officers. 865 other ranks.

30th.

Enemy shelled our trenches but with
little effect. Battn was relieved by
3rd Staffords & Warwicks & marched to
barracks at Rue de BATAILLE Divisional
Reserve.
14 officers. 866 other ranks.

31st.

Rue de BATAILLE DIV. RESERVE.
Cleaning up & resting.
Major Crofts 2/Queen's Rgt took over
command of this Battn from today
inclusive from Capt. P.A. Montague-Beale 2/EAST Survey Regt.

32nd.

RUE DE BATAILLE. DIVISIONAL RESERVE.
Close order drill. The following
messages were received - "The Brigadier-
General wishes to place on record the