

1916

August

Appendix.

21st

The Battalion attacked in conjunction with 17th I. Bde. on the left. "Zero" time was 4.30 p.m. The right of our Bn. attacking force was held up, as the enemy was found to be very close and severe bomb fighting ensued. The left progressed however and made touch with the 1st R. FUSILIERS (17th Bde) in the neighbourhood of the GREEN ST. - HILL ST. road junction. The Bn. on our left (1st R. FUSILIERS) reached the HIGH HOLBORN line without much difficulty.

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(O.O 79)  
Attack.

Later on however the whole line was withdrawn to its original position.

The 8th QUEEN'S suffered Officers' casualties & 89 other Rank Casualties. The Officer casualties were as follows :-

Captain C.H. WOOLLATT - O.C.  
A. Coy. - Killed.  
Temp Capt. (2 Lt) D.W. LANE-NICHOLS  
O C B Coy - Killed.  
2/Lt J.E. TOLLEMACHE - Killed.  
2/Lt R.H. HOOLE - Killed.  
2/Lt A.W. POWELL - Killed  
Major H.J.C. PEIRS - wounded  
(at duty)  
Temp. Capt (Lt) F.D. HIGHAM -  
wounded.

The Bn. was relieved in the trenches by the 1st N/STAFFORDS. The relief was complete at 6 a.m. On relief the Bn. moved to the CRATERS Area.

22nd

The 8th QUEEN'S moved to the CITADEL area. (P 21 b 9 1 Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> N E) a draft of 74 O.R. joined the Bn. for duty

23rd)

The Bn. remained at the CITADEL.

24th)

A Draft of 40 Other ranks joined the Bn. for duty.

25th.

The Bn. moved at 9.45 a.m. to a destination in E.7.25 e. (Sheet 62<sup>D</sup> N E) into bivouacs.

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(O.O.81)

26th

A draft of 36 O.R. joined the Bn. for duty.

27th.

The Bn. went into billets in RIBEMONT sur L'ANCRE. A draft of one officer and 64 O.R. joined the Bn.

RIBEMONT

28th)

The Bn. remained in rest

29th)

billets.

XII

A.D.50.

O.C. 1-

8th Royal West Kents.  
 8th Queen's.  
 9th East Surreys.  
 17th Infantry Brigade.

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The 8th Royal West Kents will send out strong patrols to-night - from the QUARRY position, towards T.19.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 - T.19.c.6.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . - T.19.c.6.0. - T.19.c.1.1.

If the enemy is not met with, these patrols will establish themselves at these points.

These patrols will be relieved during the night by the 8th Queen's.

Patrol reports to be sent in by special runner if of any importance.

The 17th Infantry brigade will be patrolling likewise on the left of the 8th Royal West Kents.

Patrols of the 17th Infantry Brigade and the 35th Division last night found no trace of the enemy in several positions he was thought to be holding; it may be therefore that the enemy have withdrawn towards the East end of GUILLEMONT.

O.S. NELTHORPE.  
 Captain,

Please acknowledge.

Brigade Major,  
 72nd Infantry Brigade.

O.C. 1-

--8th Queens--

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"Zero" hour has been fixed at 4.30 p.m. 21st August.

O.S. NELTHORPE.

20th August, 1916.

Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 72nd Infantry Brigade.

SECRETCOPY NO. 3

72ND INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO.79 (Contd).

21st August, 1916.

1. The attack on the STRONG POINT S.30.b.7.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . by the 35th Division having failed, the attack mentioned in 72nd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No.79, para. 3 (b) will take place, the first objective only being attacked and a strong defensive flank made along MOUNT STREET from T.19.c.0.2 to T.19.c.3.2
2. "Zero" time will be at 4.30 p.m. to-night.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. FOX Major  
 for Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 72nd Infantry Brigade.

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  7. 129th Field Coy R.E.
  8. 12th Sherwood Foresters.
  9. 72nd M.G. Coy.
  10. 72nd T.M. Battery.
  11. 24th Division.
  12. C.R.A. 24th Division.
  13. 17th Infantry Brigade.
  14. 73rd Infantry Brigade.
  15. 106th Infantry Brigade.
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**SECRET.**COPY NO 3

## 72ND INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No.79.

20/8/16.

1. The attack on GUILLEMONT will be renewed to-morrow the 21/8/16.  
The 24th Division will attack on the left, and the 35th Division on the right.  
The boundary between the two Divisions will be the road from TRONTS WOOD-GUILLEMONT (inclusive from 35th Division).
2. The objective for the attack of the 24th Division on August 21st will be as follows :-  
South West corner of the Orchard at T.25.a.1.6 - trench junction at T.25.a.3.8 -- T.19.c.3.2 -- road junction T.19.c.5.6 -- T.19.a.5.1 -- T.19.a.1.6.  
Any tactical points in front of these objectives which can be seized must be at once occupied and consolidated.  
The objective of the 35th Division will be the two lines of hostile trenches from the STRONG POINT at S.30.b.7.1 to the South West corner of the Orchard at T.25.a.1.8.
3. The attack by the 24th Division will be delivered as follows :-  
Right Brigade (72nd Infantry Brigade).  
The attack by the brigade depends on whether or not the enemy STRONG POINT at S.30.b.7.1 which is being attacked to-day by the 35th Division, has fallen.  
(a) If STRONG POINT fallen.  
Objective (attack to be made from the East).  
The enemy defended within the area North of DOWN STREET (inclusive) T.25.a.3.8 road junction T.19.c.4.6 -- road junction S.24.d.8.5 and to connect with the 35th Division on the right and the 17th Infantry Brigade on the left.  
(b) If STRONG POINT has not fallen.  
1st Objective. (attack to be made from the West)  
The area North of MOUNT STREET from T.19.c.3.2. -- road junction T.19.c.4.6 -- road junction S.24.d.8.5. and to form a defensive flank on the right along MOUNT STREET and to connect with the 17th Infantry Brigade on the left.

**2nd Objective.** (attack to be made from the North).  
The area between MOUNT STREET and DOWN STREET both inclusive and as far East as the line T.25.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 -- T.19.c.3.2.

In the case of (b) operation above taking place, the attack on the 2nd Objective will commence 30 minutes after "Zero" time.

**Left brigade (17th Infantry Brigade).**

**Objective.** The area bounded by a line from Road junction S.24.d.8.5 -- road junction T.19.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6 -- T.19.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . $\frac{1}{2}$  -- T.19.a.0.7 and to connect with the 72nd Infantry Brigade on the right.

4. Strong posts will be established at :-
 

T.25.a.0.8.	}	By 72nd Infantry Brigade.
T.25.a.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8.	}	
T.19.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6.	}	
T.19.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . $\frac{1}{2}$		By 17th Infantry Brigade.
5. One section of the 129th Field Coy R.E. will be in a position of readiness in SHERWOOD TRENCH about S.24.e.7.1, and will be prepared to send small parties to the various strong points proposed in No.4, to help in the consolidation.  
They will be in position by 2.0 p.m. 21/8/16.
6. The boundary between the 17th and 72nd Infantry brigades will be  
From road junction S.24.d.8.5 -- T.19.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6.
7. The attack will be preceded by a preliminary Artillery bombardment commencing on the morning of August 21st.  
The rate of fire of this bombardment will not be increased before "Zero" hour.  
At "Zero" hour the heavy artillery will lift off the objective to be attacked; all available 18-prs. will open as intense a fire as possible, 66% of the guns forming a barrage 100 yards in front of the Infantry (which distance the Infantry will reduce 50 yards or less by advancing) and gradually moving into front of them to the line of the final barrage to cover the consolidation of the 1st objective; the remaining 34% of the guns will fire on the objectives to be attacked, lifting their fire at the same time as the main barrage lifts beyond the objectives.  
The Artillery programme will be prepared by the C.R.A. 24th Division and issued to all concerned.
8. All troops engaged will wear "fighting kit", 220 rounds S.A.A. 2 Grenades, 1 empty sandbag, full water bottles, a percentage of tools, Very lights, S.O.S.rockets, 1 day's ration etc. iron ration - a man.
9. All prisoners will be sent under a small escort to Headquarters, 72nd Infantry Brigade, BRIQUETTERIE.
10. Advanced dressing stations will be established at :-  
The BRIQUETTERIE (A.4.b).  
N.W. corner of BERNAY WOOD (S.28.b.9.9.)  
Walking cases proceed to BRONFAY FARM (F.29.b).
11. The 8th Queen's will carry out the attack on the 72nd Infantry Brigade front.  
The 9th East Surreys will be in close support in KNOT, EDWARD, SHERWOOD and FAGAN trenches,  
The 8th Royal West Kents will be in reserve at the BRIQUETTERIE and DUBLIN TRENCH.  
The 1st North Staffords will be in reserve at the CRATERS, A.8.a

12. All Battalions will be prepared to support the attack in any way, or to provide digging and carrying parties.
13. The 72nd Machine Gun Company will be disposed as follows :-  
 2 Machine Guns under 2 Lieut LAMB at QUARRY to be at disposal of Officer Commanding 8th Queen's to follow up this attack.  
 3 Machine Guns under 2 Lieut, WHEATLEY to report to Officer Commanding 8th Queen's at QUARRY at 12 a.m. noon.  
 2 Machine Guns in KNOT TRENCH to move to QUARRY as soon as attack has been launched, with the primary object of meeting any counter attack on the right flank.  
 2 Machine Guns about S.24.c.6.4 to provide covering fire over GUILLEMONT-GINCHY and GUILLEMONT - COMBLES ROAD.  
 2 Machine Guns in GUILLEMONT ALLEY about S.30.a.7.6. in observation, and covering right flank of attack.
14. The 72nd Trench Mortar Battery will have 4 guns in action at the QUARRIES, to cut any wire there may be about T.19.c.1.1 -- T.25.a.1.2.3.  
 These guns will be in action on 21/8/16 whenever opportunity occurs.  
 They will be prepared to act as demanded by Officer Commanding, 8th Queen's.
15. Extra visual signalling will be established from QUARRY to Brigade Headquarters, junction of EDWARD TRENCH - BRIGHTON ALLEY.  
 The 8th Queen's will lay a telephone line between the above points.  
 The 72nd Infantry Brigade Signalling Section will be in communication by panel with the contact aeroplane at BRIQUETERIE, A.4.b.8.2.  
 A system of runners has been arranged with relay stations at S.24.c.2.1 -- S.23.c.6.9 -- S.28.d.5.2.
16. The attacking troops will burn red flares, flash mirrors and show their discs to the contact aeroplane.  
 (1) On reaching each objective.  
 (2) At 7.0.p.m.  
 (3) When called on by the contact aeroplane.  
 The contact aeroplane has a black bar on each lower plane and a streamer at the end of the two lower planes.  
 When calling for signals from the attacking Infantry it will fire Very lights or sound a STROMBO HORN.
17. The O. Section, 5th Battalion Special Brigade R.E. will establish a smoke barrage at rectangle T.19.c.0.1 -- T.25.d.0.8 -- T.25.d.2.8 -- T.19.c.3.2, if the wind is between West, North West and West. South West, from 00.00 to 00.30.  
 The Officer Commanding Section will report to Officer Commanding 8th Queen's S.30.b.1.8 by 12 noon 21/8/16.

18. The 8th Queen's will carry out the attack on 21/8/16 as arranged to-day.  
They will assemble in :- QUARRY TRENCHES and ground in rear. PIONEER TRENCH, S.30.b.3.7 -- S.30.b.7.9 -- S.24.d.8.4. KNOT TRENCH.
19. Dumps have been established at QUARRYS - SHERWOOD TRENCH S.30.a.9.5 to S.30.a.9.8 and WHITE HORSE TRENCH S.30.a.5.2.
20. "Zero" hour will be communicated later.

O.S. NELTHORPE.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Brigade Major,  
72nd Infantry Brigade.

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14. 73rd Inf: Bde.  
15. 105th Inf: Bde.

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COPY NO. 2

72ND INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO.81.

25th August, 1916.

1. The 72nd Infantry Brigade will march at 9.35 9.45 a.m. VIA PILIFORM TREE track in K.6.c. and d. - MORLANCOURT - VILLE - SUR-ANCHRE Square D.24. to destination in E.13. or E.14 where they will bivouac.
2. The Brigade will move off as follows :-  
9.45 a.m. - 8th Queen's.  
9.50 a.m. - 9th East Surreys.  
9.55 a.m. - 6th Royal West Kents.  
10.0 a.m. - 1st North Staffords.  
10.5 a.m. - 12th Sherwood Foresters.  
Head of Units to pass starting point at F.15.d.3. at this hour.  
First Line Transport will move in rear of column, under the Brigade Transport Officer.
3. The A.D.M.S. will arrange for Ambulance Carts to accompany the Brigade. (4) Billeting parties will meet the Staff Captain at E.14.c.3.0. at 10.0 a.m. to-day.

O.S. NELTHORPE.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
72nd Infantry Brigade.