

this flank). At about 4.30pm the Commanding officer directed that a retirement should be carried out to the line of the CHEMIN DES DAME. D Coy, fell back first, in well extended formation, followed by A & B Coys with C Company bringing up the rear. Captain LONGBOURNE commanded the latter Company and brought in several of our wounded officers and men. The Battn, lay about 50yds in front of our own Artillery and under heavy shell fire from the enemy until darkness came on.

The following were the casualties amongst the officers and men of the Battn:-

Lieutenant	R.L.Q. Henriques)	Killed
Major	H.C. Pilleau D.S.O.)	
Bt Major	E.B. Mathew-Lannowe)	
Captain	M.G. Heath)	
Captain	A.E. McNamara)	
Lieutenant	B. Kenny)	Wounded
Lieutenant	Denton)	
Lieutenant	Pringle)	
Lieutenant	Hayes)	
Lieutenant	Bushell)	

13 N.C.O's and men killed
88 wounded.
39 N.C.O's and men missing

PAISSY RIDGE

15th September 1914

2 Companies entrenched all night on the line of the CHEMIN DES DAME road and 2 Companies remained in support in a hollow about 600 yds in rear. Shelled soon after dawn. Enemy attacked at 1.00pm but were repulsed. C & D Companies relieved by A & B at 6.15pm. Casualties 1 K and 1 wounded.

16th September 1914

A & B relieved at 8.30am by C & D Companies. Intermittent firing from snipers all-day and shelled from 4.30-6.30pm. Trenches improved by hollowing out under parapet for protection against shell fire. Casualties 2 K & 4 wounded.

17th September 1914

A & B Coys relieved C & D at dawn. Shelling very bad today. At 1130am the French on our right retired and left our Artillery exposed. The two Coys in support came up and filled up the gap, sustaining severe casualties in doing so. This line was held until 7.15pm when the French reoccupied it assisted by our own Companies who occupied another 50 yds of frontage.

Casualties:-

Lt-Colonel D. WARREN killed

Captain C.E. WILSON killed

Lieutenant R.S. PRINGLE died of wounds in hospital.

Lieutenant IREMONGER wounded

Captain C.F. Watson D.S.O. rejoined the Battn this evening and assumed command. N.C.O's and men 6 killed and 48 wounded.

The Commanding Officer and Captain Wilson were buried in PAISSY Church Yard.

- 18th September 1914 C & D relieved A & B Coys before dawn. Trenches further improved. Shelled 6am till 3.15pm without a respite. Casualties not heavy except for one platoon where the trenches had not been deepened through lack of time.
Casualties:-
2 Lieut E.D. Drew wounded .N.C.O's and men 6 killed 48 wounded and 16 missing.
- 19th September 1914 Enemy attacked at 1am in a blinding rain storm but were repulsed. Relieved by COLDSTREAM GUARDS at 3am and Battn marched to VENDRESSE where we went into bivouac. We now rejoined our own Bde, and were acting as support to the WELCH REGT. Casualties- Nil.
- 20th September 1914 VENDRESSE.

Reinforced the 18th Bde with 2 Companies at 2pm. But remained in Support as the SHERWOOD FORESTERS had recaptured the trenches vacated by the WEST YORKSHIRE REGT., A & B Coys relieved C & D at 10.15pm.
Lieut NOSE TROUPE and Lieut FOUND joined with 197 N.C.O's and men (3rd Reinforcement). Casualties- Nil.
- 21st September 1914 A&B Coys relieved C & D at 6.30am and latter remained all day in reserve to the 18th Bde.
Major E.C.PILLEAU D.S.O. died of wounds in hospital at NEUILLY.
- 22nd September 1914 A & B Coys relieved C & D at 6.30 am. Alarm at 1pm & whole Battn reinforced 18th Bde and remained in reserve. The 3rd Bde replaced 18th Bde in their trenches at 6pm. Our own Arty, shelled short and caused 5 casualties. Total casualties today 1 K and 9 wounded
- 23rd September 1914 Quiet day except for snipers. Lieut BURTON joined Battn. Casualties 5 wounded.
- 24th September 1914 NR. VENDRESSE
Quiet day except for snipers. Casualties 1 K and 2 wounded.
- 25th September 1914 C Coy shelled by our own Arty, being short. Casualties 2 killed and 5 wounded.
- 26th September 1914 The enemy commenced an attack at 4am before it was light, and marched in fours across our front at 200 yds range. The right of D Coy and left of C Coy opened fire with also one machine gun and inflicted heavy losses. Our Arty again short today and were responsible for nearly all casualties which were:-
Lieut H.J.P. Thompson wounded 3 N.C.O's and men killed and 20 wounded.
On this day there were over 50 dead counted in front of our trenches