

28th Quiet day and Battn. remained in bivouac.

#### IN TRENCHES E OF GHELUVELT

29TH Capt. ALDWORTH joined the Battn. with 95 N.C.O's & men (6th Reinforcement). The 22nd Bde. held a line from about 1 1/2 kilos E of GHELUVELT (E 22 b) to KRUISEECKE (S 3 a) thence west – ward towards ZANDVOORDE. News was received that this line had been penetrated & part of 3rd Bde. Was ordered to reinforce this line.

10.am. The Welch & 24th took the East of MENIN road. About 10.am. the (Ref, App. III sketch (B) Battn. arrived at GHELUVELT & proceeded to support the 2nd Bn. Queen's about 1 kil. south east of the village (K 22 a) who held the line out to KRUISEECKE. The companies were put into trenches approximately as shown on the sketch; There was a German trench in front of "C" Coy which A Coy were ordered to take about 3. pm.

3.pm. An advance was made but the company could not take the trench in Ref. App. IV spite of assistance on its right flank by some companies of Scots Guards. These Scots Guards however silenced a maxim & were withdrawn at dusk.

11 pm. At 11.pm. the 1st Bn. occupied the line as shown on the sketch with 22nd Bde still in front.

Ref. App. V & VI This Bde. Received orders to contract their line and move to our right. Lt Eastwood was killed & 2 Lt. Buchan wounded this day.

30th The morning of 30th Oct. was occupied in withdrawing the 22nd Bde. Ref. App. VII Chiefly 2/Queen's from our front and besides some shelling there was Ref. App. VIII little change. Ref App. IX Two Coys K.R.R. came up to support the Bn. during the evening & entrenched themselves round farm (1).

7.pm. At 7pm an attack on C Coy was repulsed.

#### GHELUVELT

31st Before dawn an attack was made on C, B & the K. R. R's but was 7.am. repulsed. The enemy dug in within 300x of our lines & occupied the trenches vacated by 2nd Bn. at 7am. our lines were subjected to a very heavy bombardment which our guns were unable to reply to. The enemy worked their way into the orchard at (3), & the platoon of K. R. R. supported by 1 platoon Queen's under Lt. Tanqueray were driven out. Col. Pell D.S.O. ordered a counter attack but the attempt by the K. R. R. failed, thus the enemy got the orchard with in 150 yds. Of our line. Major Watson went back for assistants but none were available & he then returned to find Col Pell wounded & he assumed command. We were holding our own when B Coy about 10 .am. were driven out of their trenches by machine gun fire from both flanks & the reserve (2 platoons K. R. R.) were sent for but could not be found. It is believed they moved towards D Coy without orders. Soon after this Capt. Creek sent a message to say that he had heard the Welch had evacuated their trenches but he was quite all right & could hold on.

11.am  
Ref. App. XII & XIV

Major Watson went to A Coy to arrange a counter attack in the event of the enemy coming in from (1), & himself moved up to the ridge to see how the left was getting on, when there he met a second messenger from D Coy. The situation then appeared to be thus – Germans about C Coy's trenches (no report could be got from this coy) B Coy trenches evacuated & men retiring from farm (1) with the Germans entering it. Orders were sent to D Coy to retire but before the order arrived the Germans were seen in the village behind D Coy. This orderly came back and said that the Germans were surrounding them. Major Watson & Lt Boyd then reformed what men they could about the houses at (4) and the few men of K. R. R. went back to rally on their Bn. As the Germans were now in the village the above rallying party moved towards the K. R. R. who were then actually moving back, owing it is said to a report that hostile machine guns were being brought up to enfilade them. There was thus nothing close by to rally on. The L.N. Lancs. Also moved back in their turn. Major Watson & Lt. Boyd then rallied the men of different regiments & put them into trenches in K 20(b). The Guards of 2nd Div. recaptured GHELUVELT during the afternoon but the line of trenches was reconstructed on the W side of the village, about 20 men only were collected & the remainder were either wounded or missing. It afterwards appeared that very soon after Maj. Watson left the farm that the Germans entered it.

11.30 am.

1 machine gun  
1 S.A.A. Carts  
2 Tool carts – all captured.