

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Breeze heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sanc'tuary wood.	29	Thurs	<p>Depots made, communication trouble, cleared, parcels raised especially in F1. 7th K.R.R. relieved 8th K.R.R. about midnight. 8th K.R.R. returns to 4th Coy, A.D. Coy to transport near hill side. B.C. Coy to dig out near White house west of Asylum.</p>	
	30	Friday	<p>Evening attack trenches occupied by 8th R.B. & 7th K.R.R. at 8-0 am - using signal fire on B3 & B4. First line trenches opposite Zouave wood lost. Bombardment by our guns and heavy guns opens at 8-45 am. 8th K.R.R. ordered to re-occupy 8th R.B. in Zouave wood. They leads off getting to Zouave wood at 8-50 am. Major Green & Capt Baker. Remnants of Battalion goes to Sanc'tuary wood. 1st 3 Platoons of 4th Coy have a Coy of 8th R.B. at edge of Zouave wood & heavily shelled, they are withdrawn to Sanc'tuary wood at 12-0 noon. Lt Hawkes R.A.M.C. killed just past bridge on way up to Sanc'tuary wood with the Battalion. Intensive bombardment by our artillery opens at 2-15 pm. Counter attack arranged for at 2-25 - 8th R.B. & 8th Coy. 7th Coy attack to be launched from Sanc'tuary wood, R.B. from Zouave wood. Enemy machine gun fire makes it impossible to leave wood, edge of wood being heavily crumpled, a few platoons succeed in getting some way out from wood, 4th B Coy in front line supported by C Coy, D Coy in position in trench near Head quarters in Sanc'tuary wood. About 3-15 pm a message was received by Col Green from Major Seymour saying that the 7th B Coy and one own advance Coy stuck up, asking whether he should again attempt to push on. Col Green seeing that the R.B. attack had also been held up, decided to hold on & ask for orders. The order was shortly received from the Brigade to hold on from the attack further. Col Green issued orders for a trench to be dug through SANCTUARY wood at the point held by our firing Coy. This was done by all available men - helped by the 7th N.C.O. & Derby & the D.C.M. who had sent 2 Coys to reinforce the corner had been very heavy. The medical arrangements were entirely inadequate. Lt Hawkes has been killed & 3 officers wounded. Lt was awarded a tape with over 500 cases - Great difficulties were experienced in first & certainly the second in the thick woods & men found in trench, men to dressing station. It being impossible to bury casualties in trench 500 x of the front and position most men had to remain out exposed for over 24 hrs. This coupled with the fact that the 7th B Coy had had no rest for 24 hrs & suffered from want of water - caused the loss of many of the Riflemen who might have been saved. At about 3 AM a terrific explosion was heard from the trench, which was followed by a flash & a large explosion & a redoubt of both sides, added to the confusion a slight approach to the trench was possible. These took up positions in the trench. The 7th B Coy & A.D. Coy had been relieved only by C Coy & were best prepared to be a heavy night attack. At Daybreak a counter development under Col Green. One M.C. under Rifleman Bentley particularly distinguished itself. Col Daybreak the 7th B Coy & A.D. Coy had been relieved by 2 Coys & 2 Coys had been relieved by 2 Coys. Green, worthy Brigade & Div General on the way, reported fully on the account.</p>	

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