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12th Brigade.

4th Division.

2nd BATTALION

THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.

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Army Form C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Fulda	June 1-8 th	-	Battalion in Billels at Festel and Hauchey. Divisional, Brigade, and Battalion training in Attack. Battalion moved to BERNAVILLE Hqrs A+B coys moved to BEAUVAL C+D coys to Montrelet & BERNEUIL respectively. Hqrs A+B+D coys marched to BOIS-DE-WARMINTON A+B+D coys moved to BERTRANCOURT. Three officers and 100 OR moved to MAILLY. Hqrs and details of A+B+D moved to BERTRANCOURT. Hqrs A+B+D moved to BEAUSSART. Working Parties found day and night for Artillery and Signals. C coy joined from Detachment. Working Parties as above (15 th) 10 O.R. wounded. Detachment found from heavily Working Parties as above. Battalion moved to Camp West of BERTRANCOURT. Preliminary Bombardment of Enemy trenches commenced.	
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	June			
	26 th		Brigade Exercise in Attack from 6 AM till 9.30 AM. Company Training.	
	27 th	11 AM	G.O.C. 11 th Div. Major General Lambton addressed Battalion on Company Assault	
		6.30 PM	G.O.C. 12 th Inf. Bde. Brigadier General Crookier inspected Battalion in fighting order.	
	28 th		Operation orders (attached) issued. Battalion prepared for Assembly which should have taken place on night of 28 th /29 th , but was postponed for 48 hours.	
	29 th		Two O.R. wounded while on working party about 3 AM.	
	30 th		Company Training. Battalion Prepares for Assault Battalion moved off to Assembly Area 11.30 PM. See Operation Orders attached.	

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Company Quartermaster

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6. The attack will consist of the following phases:-
1st Phase - 5 days bombardment of the enemy's
Trenches.

2nd Phase - Intensive bombardment of the enemy's
Trenches with artillery and mortars.

3rd Phase - 11th Infy Bde assault and capture 1st
and 2nd Objectives and consolidate.

4th Phase - Artillery bombard final objective.

5th Phase - 10th and 11th Infy Bdes attack and seize
the final objective, and consolidate it. The 10th
Bde will be on the right, and the 11th Bde on the left.

The dividing line between the 10th and 11th Bdes is the
line K. 34. C. 0.5 - K. 35. C. 5.5 - K. 36. C. 0.5. Trench
and communication trench running eastward
to pt L. 31. C. 4.5 - L. 32. d. 2. 6 (all incl. to 10th Bde.)

The Bde of the 10th Infy Bde, on the right, the
Lancashire Fus^{es}, will be the 1st R. Irish Fusiliers.

The dividing line between the 11th Bde, and the 3rd
Divⁿ is the line K. 35. a. 8. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - K. 36. a. 6. 3. (incl to 11th
Bde) - S. corner of PENDANT Copse. L. 26 C. 3.5

During the advance, the left Battalion will overlap
the 3rd Divⁿ and be in No. 10 trench at pts 79 and 93.

7. The Bde will assemble for the attack in prepared
assembly places as follows:-

Bde H.Q. - ROMAIN Rd, pt K. 34 a. 2. 1.

Signal Section

1stst Division H.Q. } - STIRLING Trench, S. of PERRE Rd.

1st KINGSDOWN

by 11th Bde H.Q. } - LYCEUM.

2nd ESSEX.

by 11th Bde H.Q. } - ELLES SQUARE.

Duke of WELLINGTONS - SUCRENIE.

LANCASHIRE Fus^{es} - G. I. A.

H.R. Bde H.Q. } - FORT HOUSTEAD.

12th T.M. Batts } - WOLF TRENCH (in action.)

Bde Carriers and

Bde Reserve Lines } - VALLADE Trench.

8. The Attack, the 10th Bde will be carried out as follows:—

(a) Objective. Enemy's trenches from L.32.d.2.6 - L.26.C.7.6.

(b) Disposition of Troops during the attack.

Attacking Line and Supports.

Objective

Left Battalion, KING'S OWN,

with 2 guns, Bde M. G. Co.

and Rec^t, 11th T. M. Batt^y.

L.32.B.0.6 - L.26.C.7.6

(both inclusive.)

Right Battalion, ESSEX

with 2 guns Bde M. G. Co.

L.32.d.2.6 - L.32.B.0.6

(both exclusive.)

Reserve.

Left. Bn. WELLINGTONS

Right. LANCASHIRE Fus^{es}

6 guns Bde M. G. Co.

Rec^t Rifle from 1st Co. R.I.

Rec^t 11th T. M. Batt^y.

Special Mission - 2 guns Bde M. G. Co.

For Time Table, Moves and Assaults see App. A.

9. Instructions for Attack, 10th Bde

(i) The dividing line between Batt^{ns} is K.34.a.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (marked by White Diamond) - Northern Flank

of the Quadrilateral. K.35.a.6.3. for 50 yds S. of

PENDANT Copse. L.32.B.0.6.

(ii) Should the attacking battⁿ use up all their supports, and still require help the LANCASHIRE Fus^{es} will place not more than one company at the disposal of each Battⁿ.

"A Co" will then support the ESSEX, and "B Co" the KING'S OWN. If any Comd^y Hand's Coys will send up such reinforcements as may be demanded, notifying each Battⁿ Hd^q that he has done so.

(iii) On capturing the position, the leading half Batt^{ns} of the attacking Battalions will push forward and close the enemy's support line, and get 4.30 hours, and send out strong parties with news

Guns as far as the line L. 32. d. 6. 7 - L. 26. c. 9. 6, to cover the position while it is being consolidated. These strong points will dig in on the above line which will be the line of observation.

The consolidation of the position will include the making of 5 Strong Points, as under:-

Point A, L. 26. c. 3. 3 (pt 33), to be made by KING'S OWN.
 " B, L. 26. c. 9. 0. (pt 90). " "
 " C, L. 32. b. 1. 2. (pt 12) " ESSEX.
 " D, L. 32. a. 1. 9½ " LANC. FUS.
 " E, L. 32. a. 3. 1. " "

These strong pts will be constructed as per app C, (copies which have been supplied to all companies), to hold a platoon each, 2 in guns, & 1 Stoker mortar. The strong pts will be joined up eventually, by a continuous fire trench, and a Support Trench, 150 yds in rear will be made.

Wire entanglements will be put up all along the front.

10. The Reserve Batches will advance from Assembly Area in a Teller formation, moving in echelon, the LANC. FUS. leading, and following the ESSEX at 100 yds distance, the DUKE OF WELLINGTON's following at a distance of 400 yds from the leading line of the LANC. FUS.

On the first objective being captured, the Battalion Reserve will advance and forward all R.E. material to the strong pts, A, B, and C, and working parties and material to the strong points D and E.

The DUKE OF WELLINGTON's will dig in and consolidate on the line L. 31. a. 9. 4 - L. 31. a. 9. 2.

If the leading batches have not enough men to hold the captured lines and consolidate them, the LANC. FUS. will send up further parties to help in the making of the strong pts A, B, and C, notifying P.D. H.K. if he does so.

All spare men of Reserve will be used to make over 70 Reserves in a line forming PENDANT Trench and strong Pt E, passing through pt L. 31. b. 8. 5.

10. P.D. H.K. will move to the MONICH Trench on the line dividing batches during the advance.

11. Two new communication trenches will be constructed by parties from the Reserve Batches, one running from L. 32. a. 8. 5 to L. 31. b. 8. 3 and one from PUISIEUX ^{ALLEE} at pt L. 32. b. 2. 5 to the PUISIEUX Bait at L. 31. d. 5. 6. The latter will be constructed by "H" Co, work being commenced at the east end of the trench.

12. Instructions regarding Signalling Communication