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At 10 a.m. an advanced Bn. H.Q. consisting of C.O., or Adj't. percentage of Signallers and a percentage of Orderlies was formed at Burke Farm. At 4 p.m. Bn. H.Q. proper moved up to Halfway House and joined Bn. H.Q. with the King's Own.

Except for occasional snipping the enemy was fairly quiet all day. At 11 p.m. however his artillery got on to Burke Farm and the original Front Line and dosed it for an hour with H.E. and Blue Cross shell (Gas) without however doing any damage. The casualties for the 7th were 2nd Lt. P.Deschamps and 6 O.R's wounded.

The line at dawn on the 8th was much the same as the previous night. During the mornings orders were received to try and establish a line of posts on the Turbeaute River which was the 2nd Yellow Line. Accordingly patrols were pushed out and followed up. On the right of the line the 19th Division should have been up and established posts in Vert Bois Farm. As however they had not yet moved the right of the line swung back a bit and patrols reported Vert Bois Farm held by enemy Machine Guns and the "peaceful" penetration move on that flank was held up. On the left however the movement was continued for about 200 yds when another Farm was run into. Now the orders received up to date was that no fighting was to be carried out, but only Farms etc. vacated by the Hun were to be occupied. Accordingly no attempt was made to encircle or capture this farm. Brigade however on being told suggested that we try and take it, which suggestion was passed on to Macdonald who in his turn passed it on to 2nd Lt. C.C.Bracewell, a boy of 19 years, one of his platoon commanders. This Officer - however - could only pass it on to one person - i.e. the Hun, which he proceeded to do. He made his dispositions - pushed a section off to the right - another to the left which he personally led, and left his 3rd section to worry the occupants from in front whilst the other two

worked their way round. In a very short space of time the Hun saw what was happening and "buzzed". Bracewell occupied the Farm and came back to Bn. H.Q. to report - wounded. The little effort was extremely well carried out and the Farm became known as Bracewell Farm. The line now ran - 5 p.m. 8th. practically parallel with the river about 200 yards short of it from Bracewell Farm - to just N. of Le. Vert Bois Farm, from where it ran back to get touch with the 19th Division.

At the same time as Bracewell was wounded, Cocker also of "C" Co. was hit and sent back. This left Macdonald with no officers. "C" Co had now been on the go since the night 4/5th. The enemy artillery had been putting down spasmodic barrages throughout the operations - wherefore the whole Company was about played out. "A" Co. in Reserve meanwhile had moved back to the original Front Line and except for nightly shelling had not had a hard time. Accordingly "A" Co was sent orders to relieve "C" Co. in what was to become the outpost line "B" Co. would remain in Support. 2nd Lt. Longlands, A/CSM Brown of "A" Co. and 2 N.C.O's were sent up to take over the Front from "C" Co. prior to the relief. The party not knowing the country walked right through the outposts line and apparently on to an enemy post. 2nd Lt. Longlands gave the order to clear out but only the two N.C.O's got back and neither Longlands or Brown were seen or heard of since. Patrols were sent out to look for them but no trace of them was found.

OPERATION ORDER - LAN. FUS.

Map. Ref. Trench Map. Monchy Sector.

1. OPERATIONS. The Battalion will carry out a raid on the enemy's trenches on the night 15/16th November.
2. OBJECT OF RAID.
 1. To take prisoners.
 2. To obtain identifications.
 3. To harass the enemy.
3. STRENGTH. The raiding party will consist of one officer and 20 Other Ranks from "A" Coy. (2nd Lt.R.Walden).
4. OBJECTIVE. Long Trench between O.2.b.4.5. - O.2.b.5.0.
5. POINT OF ENTRANCE. O.2.b.4.3.
6. PLAN. The Raiding Party will form up for the raid at the Lewis Gun post in Twin Copse O.2.b.05.20. Supported by Artillery, T.M., and M.G. fire the party will cross "No man's land" in file. The general direction from starting point to point of entrance to enemy's lines is due EAST. The Officer leading the raid will carry the beginning of a 200 yards length of tape, each man of the raiding party holding this tape. This will ensure no straying or loss of direction. On reaching the enemy's lines the party will branch alternatively man North and South, moving up the trench 50 yards in each direction. The head of Poodle Trench will be held by a bombing party, to be told off by the officer in charge of the raiders. The officer will remain at the point of entrance and give the raiders eight minutes in which to take prisoners and kill any enemy resisting and bomb dugouts if any. In the event of no prisoners being taken identifications must be brought back off any dead. Shoulder straps or letters which are usually found in the pocket in the tail of the coat. At the end of eight minutes, Officer will give the signal to retire and raiding party will make their way back as they went finally rendezvousing at Battalion H.Q. Artillery, M.G. and T.M. will co-operate with this movement.

7. EQUIPMENT. Raiding party will carry rifle and fixed bayonet, full magazine and one round in the breach, 2 bombs per man. All marks of identification will be removed before starting i.e. badges, letters, pay book, red and green identification discs. Special discs will be issued. The officer will carry a compass and a whistle. Men will wear white arm bands. Steel helmets and gas respirators will be worn.

8. PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS, Artillery. Wire cutting will be carried out by daylight in conjunction with other normal shoots. The area of "No man's land" will be patrolled every night and reconnoitred by the officer and N.C.O. and picked men of the Raiding party. Special attention is to be paid to the state of enemy wire; his manner of holding the line i.e. if forward posts. The raiding party will practise the assembly crossing "No man's land" and the attack by day and by night with and without leaders. Track from Canister to Twin Copse will be taped night 15/16th.

9. MACHINE GUN BARRAGE. 4 guns of the 12th Machine Gun Co. situated in East Reserve Trench will give covering fire with Western edge of the Bois du Sart as target. The M.G. Officer will arrange rates of fire in conjunction with the movements of the raiders. 2 guns of the Divisional M.G.Co. situated in Spade Reserve R.1. and R.2. will fire on their S.O.S. lines on the Bois du Vert. 1 gun of Divisional M.G.Co. will fire on Gigar Copse during the operations. Lewis Guns in the front line will co-operate.

10. STOKES MORTARS. Will fire according to Time Programme and as shewn on the map. Newton 6" Mortars will fire during the operation on Foal Trench and the Mound. Arranged by the Artillery.

11. ARTILLERY BARRAGE. One minute after zero, Artillery will put down a light barrage on Hen Foal and to the North

will change to part of trench raided. Raiding party will be clear. Barrages on two other fronts will be put down at the same time as a blind.

12. TO INDENT FOR:- White Armbands 42.
Mills Bombs 42.
Identity discs, Special, will be /
indented for by "A" Co.
500 yds of Tape.

N.B. 200 yds of tape to be sent direct to "A" Co. in the Brown Line. Remainder and other articles to be sent to Bn. H.Q.

(Signed) V.F.S. Hawkins, Capt.
Comdg. 2nd Lan. Fus.

AMENDMENT.

PLAN. Insert at end :-

COVERING PARTY. The Lewis Gun post at O.2.b.01.01. will be advanced 50 yds. into "No man's Land" to act as covering party on the flank of the attack. 4 Stretcher bearers will accompany the Raiding party, remaining at the point of entrance to help any wounded back. These will be detailed by the Medical Officer. Any prisoners captured ^{will} at once be sent back via the tape under escort to Battalion H.Q. The party will report to Bn. H.Q. by Zero minus 2½ hours and will be assembled by Zero minus ½ hour on night of 15/16th.

TIME PROGRAMME.

Zero hour minus 1 min. Stokes Mortar barrage as shown lasting 1 min.

Zero hour. Raiding Party advance M.G. Open rapid fire.

Zero plus 1 min. ... Artillery barrage and medium T.M.

Zero plus 5 mins. .. M.G. slow rate of fire.

Zero plus 10 mins. .. Raiding party retire.

Zero plus 15 mins. .. M.G. open rapid and artillery barrage on Raided trench. Stokes Mortars fire for one minute, as shown on Map.

Zero plus 20 mins. .. Cease fire.

SECRET.

32nd Brigade No. H/2133.

27th Battery.
 434th Battery.
 135th Battery.
86th Battery.

RAID BY LANCES. FUS. ON NIGHT 15/16th NOVEMBER.

- (1) Strength of Party:- One Platoon.
- (2) Forming up Point:- O.2.b.20.25.
- (3) Enter in single file at O.2.b.45.23.
 Party divides and moves out to O.2.b.50.00 and O.2.b.35.35.
 Party returns by same route.
- (4) Artillery support (proposed).
 - (a) 18 Pdrs. At Zero plus 1.

Barrage.	Guns.	Battery.	Objective.
A	5	134	Front Line O.2.d.60.75. 2 O.2.d.53.95.
B	5	135	Front Line and Sap O.2.b. 30.45. - O.2.b.30.60.
C	4	27	Hen and Trench O.2.d.6 0. 80.- 85.95.
D	5	29th Bde	Coal Trench O.2.d.83.95 . O.2.b.75.20
E	5	15th D.A.	Trenches in area O.2.b.71 20.-O.2.b.30.35-32.40-60. 35.
F	5	15th D.A.	O.2.b.65.40-30.65.

At Zero plus 3 mins.

G	A Barrage will lift to Front Trench from O.2.d.60.80 to Infantry Land.
H	B Barrage will lift to Front Trench from O.2.b.30.50 (including Sap to O.2.b.15.80.
K	C Barrage will lift off Hen Trench in O.2.d.

At Zero plus 20 mins all Batteries of 32nd Brigade will
 fire 3 rounds per gun on S.O.S. Lines.

Rate of Fire.

Zero to Zero plus 3 mins. ... 3 rounds per gun per min.
 Zero plus 3 to Zero plus 16 mins 2 " " " " "

Ammunition.

A?B?C?G.H.K. Shrapnel throughout.

Remainder 75% H.E. Fuze 101E 25% Shrapnel.

(b) 4.5" Hqs. Zero plus 1 min. to Zero plus 16 mins.

Barrage.	Guns.	Battery	Objective
L	2	86	Trench elements O.2.b.45.70- 70.75.
	3	86	Poodle Trench in O.3.a.
	4	15th D.A.	Trench Mortar positions and