

APPENDIX

Australian Records Section
3rd Echelon

~~7th Inf. Bde~~

Operations: Aug 4-6, 1916

In accordance with instructions the 27th Bⁿ moved off from LA BOISELLE for the position of assembly on the afternoon of Aug 4. The first platoon moved at about 5.30 p.m.

The arrangements were for A & B Cos to occupy the jumping off trenches in front of tramline, and to form the first & second waves of the assault with O.G. 1 as objective.

D & C Cos were to form third & fourth waves in tramline trench, with special carrying parties following as a fifth wave.

Companies moved so that they would be composed of right & left half companies respectively: ~~the~~ of these 6, 5, 2, 1 formed the first wave & 8, 7, 4, 3 the second wave. The third & fourth wave were composed of 14, 13, 10, 9 as third wave, and 16, 15, 12, 11 as 4th wave.

The fifth wave of 16 men per company.

carrying tools and material.

A + B Companies advanced + assaulted
O.G. 1. Both waves easily reaching this
objective. D. Coy followed as far as
O.G. 1. but C. Coy appears to have lost
direction; + eventually mixed with
25th + 26th Bns on the left, + 18th on the
right.

A, B + D. Coy worked hard on consolidation
of O.G. 1. throughout the night.

Capt Devonshire reports that about
4:30. a.m. on the 5th the enemy launched
a counter attack against O.G. 1, but were
repulsed by vicious M.G., Lewis gun
+ rifle fire.

The casualties to the enemy in this attack
are estimated to be 100 including 2 officers
the remainder surrendered.

Patriots were then sent out to the windmill
& O.G. 2. O.G. 2 was then occupied.
A company of 28th Bn was sent to
assist the garrison.

Lewis gun positions were selected
in advance of O.G. 2.

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During the day the position was heavily shelled, and enfilade fire was brought to bear from the direction of THIEPVAL.

During afternoon of Aug 5, instructions were received to hand over O.G. 1 & O.G. 2 to 48th Bⁿ, and to ~~occupy~~

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