

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT ATTACHED TO THE
WAR DIARY OF 7th QUEENS REGT - 13 JULY 1918

At zero, 7⁵ pm, the Artillery fire lifted & the Batta. got out of LONGUEVAL ALLEY & moved forward to the attack. The strength of the ~~party~~ Batta. & party of 7th BUFFS actually engaged in the attack is estimated at about 320.

The action of the party under LT. B.C. HAGGARD detailed to occupy N. extremity of TRONES WOOD has been given in detail in a separate report.

The remainder of the Battalion was immediately met with a heavy machine gun & rifle fire. Red lights were fired by enemy from W. side of TRONES WOOD & a heavy barrage from 150 x 105 mm howitzers & 77 mm guns was opened on Batta. & on LONGUEVAL ALLEY.

The first line suffered immediate & heavy casualties. The second line reinforced at once but also suffered heavily & in spite of very gallant leading by CAPT. I. P. W. BENNETT & 2/LT. P. R. WOOLLATT was unable to get to within 100 yards of TRONES WOOD.

With the exception of the party under LT. B.C. HAGGARD the attack was now definitely held up. The few who had not become casualties were compelled to take cover in shell holes, etc, being unable to advance or return.

At 7.35 pm about 30 more men of 7th BUFFS reached LONGUEVAL. They were not put into the attack as the party was ^{strong enough} not to have any chance of improving the situation.

At 8.50 pm a message was received that a portion of TRONES WOOD would be re-bombarded from 8.45 to 9.15 pm & gave instructions that the attack was not to be pressed if it seemed unlikely to succeed. Our Field Artillery opened a