

3rd Infantry Brigade.

1st Division.

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DIARY

4th BATTN. ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS.

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# EXTRACT FROM THE WAR DIARY OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTN. ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS - 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1915

## WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HARISOIRS	May 1 <sup>st</sup>		B <sup>n</sup> at rest at HARISOIRS, men washed clothing etc.	
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>		at rest, ordinary training, football etc, sports.	
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>		— Ditto. —	
"	4 <sup>th</sup>		— Ditto. —	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>		— Ditto. —	
"	6 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>n</sup> moved to HINGES.	
HINGES.	7 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>n</sup> warned for an attack. packs were stored etc. B <sup>n</sup> started for the rendezvous at 6.30 P.M. but at 7.30 P.M. when on march was ordered to return to Billets.	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>		B <sup>n</sup> was ordered to rendezvous again & marched at 6.30 P.M. to a position in rear of RUE-de-Bois where assault on German Trenches in morning was to take place.	
RUE-de-Bois	9 <sup>th</sup>	5 A.M.	Artillery Bombardment began & at 5.30 A.M. intense bombardment, at 5.40 A.M. assault was delivered, B <sup>n</sup> acting as "mopping B <sup>n</sup> " to The Brigade	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUE-DE-BOIS	May 9 <sup>th</sup>		<p>assault failed &amp; B<sup>n</sup> lost following casualties in advancing from <sup>1st</sup> Breastworks to front line Breastworks.</p> <p>Lieut-Col J. C. France-Hayhurst. Killed.</p> <p>Capt J. Eric Evans. Died of wounds.</p> <p>Lieut B. Croom-Johnson. Killed.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut J. J. C. Hazledene. Killed.</p> <p>Lieut M. Pern R.A.M.C. (attached) Killed.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut R. Richards. wounded.</p> <p>65 other ranks Killed, wounded &amp; missing.</p> <p>3.30 PM Brigade detailed for 2<sup>nd</sup> assault 2 Coys of B<sup>n</sup> were again detailed for "mopping up" &amp; 2 coys attached to 23<sup>rd</sup> Coy R.E.</p> <p>4. P.M. Assault was again delivered &amp; once more failed owing to M. &amp; guns etc. The 2 Coys reached as far as front breastworks, using com. trench &amp; B<sup>n</sup> only suffered very slightly!</p> <p>6.30 PM Part of Brigade was withdrawn &amp; B<sup>n</sup> ordered to march to billets where they billeted at HARISSOIR for the night.</p>	<p>Supplies</p> <p>4/23</p>