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2nd Brigade.

1st Division.

1st BATTALION

THE LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRE REGIMENT

14th - 30th SEPTEMBER 1914.

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WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	14.9.14.		Battalion left MOULIN 5 a.m. to support Sussex & Rifles - rearguard to hold ridges on either side of VENDRESSEE Road to cover advance of 1st Brigade. The Battalion came under fire on the road to VENDRESSEE and was placed in S. of the village. At 8 a.m. 2 Platoon C Coy (Knowles & Colson) advanced in support of Sussex and eventually came up to the Guards. These platoons afterwards joined their Coys in reserve at TROYON. At about 8.30.a.m. the Battalion was ordered to reinforce 1stBrigade attacking enemy holding the ridge at the Factory at TROYON were B & D Companies holding the ridge at the Factory at TROYON. B & D Coys advanced into the firing line on both sides of the road taking up a fire position about 300x N. of the word TROYON. They came under heavy shell fire and rifle fire. A Company came up in support and were very heavily fired upon. Towards dusk our firing line all along the line were pressed back on the line running W & E of the word TROYON. The casualties were very heavy indeed. This line was entrenched during the night the 1st Guards (Bde?) on our left and the Northamptons & Queens on our right. There was a little sniping during the night, but no direct attack was made.	
	15.9.14.		The enemy began heavy shell fire along the front of our line of trenches & in the Town about 5.30. a.m. and kept this up until about 11 a.m. The enemy appeared to be holding a line running W. & E. just S. of the Factory. The enemy made an attack about 2 p.m. and tried to work round our right but the French came up and took up a position on the right of the Queen's Regt, thus enfilading the enemy's flank. The enemy retired back and their shell fire ceased. Our Artillery fire was excellent. We improved our trenches during the evening and re-organised the battalion placing B & C Companies in firing line and A & D in support. There was some sniping about 10 p.m. which aroused a little excitement but there was no direct attack. The enemy8s artillery during the day seemed to be well observed and annoyed. The following officers up to date are killed, wounded & missing:- Major LLoyd; Capt Vyse; Capt Body; Capt Helme: Capt Watson; Lieuts Goldie: Loomes; Collins; Cunningham; Mason; Batty Smith; Robinson:	
	16.9.14.		Our trenches were improved during the early morning. The enemy began shelling about 9 a.m. the Village and flanks of our trenches. There was a certain amount of sniping during the day. The battalion started a grave for the dead found on the battlefield.	

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