

Sheet N9 2.

- 8 (contd) 1 man per Coy. and 1 per Bn. H.Q. Details will be left with these blankets as a guard and will be conveyed to the Railway Station by lorry. (Men who are unable to march should be taken for this duty).
9. Only a limited amount of Mess Equipment sufficient for 29th and 30th inst. can be carried on special Transport to be provided. This will be dumped at the Dumps mentioned in Para 8 at a time to be notified later.
- (b) Officers' valises and the remaining Mess Stores will be collected by the Regt. Transport at 8.0 pm. tonight.
10. Lewis Gun Timbers will be loaded under Company Arrangements today.
11. Rations for the 29th inst. will be cooked tonight. Rations for the 30th will be cooked tomorrow and carried on the man. All Decksies will be dumped at the Qr. Mr. Store by 6.0 am. on 30th and the Q.M. Store will arrange for a man to be left in charge 1 Cook per Coy. and 1 for Bn. H.Q. will proceed with the Transport tomorrow. 29th inst.
12. Lpl. Ferguson will detail two Orderlies with bicycles. ~~These~~ bicycles, which should be ridden, will proceed with the Regt. Transport tomorrow. 29th inst.
13. The Regt. Transport and Mounted Personnel will move under orders of the Brigade Transport Officers on the 29th or 30th inst. in accordance with Table "A" attached (only issued to Transport Officers). The Regt. Transport Officers will arrange his own time of parade etc.
14. The usual billeting party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and 1 for Bn. H.Q. under Sec. Lt. SEARS, H. will hold themselves in readiness to proceed in advance by lorry tomorrow. The hour of departure will be notified later.
15. With reference to Para 5 (c):-
An entraining state, carefully compiled will be handed to the Adjuvant on parade furnished by each of the following:-
Q. Co. Coys.
Qr. Master for Qr. Master Stores personnel (not C.Os & Qts)
R.S.M. for Bn. H.Q.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 4.0 pm.
23. 5. 1914.

J. Johnston Sec. Lt. RA/Adj.
(20th North's Fusiliers
(1st Lynesside Scottish))

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	NO 3. NO 1 Coy.
4	2 "
5	3 "
6	Sec. Lt. SEARS.
8	Med. Officers.
9	Transport Officers.
10	Q.M.

TABLE 'B'. 18 accompanying O.O.44.

Move of Part of Dismounted Personnel 102nd Brigade Group 30th May 1917.

Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting Point	ROUTE.	TRAIN	Commander	Composition of Troop.	Extracting Sta.	Time of Departure	Detrainng Str.	Dest-ination.	Route from Detrainng Station.
Cenchy LE MEILLARD	6.30 AM.	BOISBERGUES FIENVILLERS.	2 nd	Lt. Col. W.A. Yarwood	Dismounted Personnel 20 th N.F. 23 rd N.F. Bde. Hq. & Detail. 102 Lt. M.B. 102nd Field Ambulance.	CANDAS NORD.	10.0 AM.	ARRAS.	Camp at St. NICHOLAS. (near St NICHOLAS, exact location will be notified later.)	ROAD POINT St NICHOLAS.

Note: On arrival at camp at St. NICHOLAS troops will at once move off the roads so as to leave them clear of troops and other traffic.

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20th (S) Bn. Northumberland Fus. (1st Tyneside Scottish).

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Nicolas	May 31 st June 1 st 1917		On the morning of June 1 st 1917 the 20 th (S) Bn. North 2 Fus. (1 st Tyneside Scottish.) moved camp from G11.C. to G17.a. Headquarters G.17a.S.O. and stayed there resting until the night of June 4 th 1917 when it moved into the trenches I7.d.u.1. to I7.d.i.7. Headquarters CADIZ TRENCH H.12.d.b.O.	Ref. Trench Map. S1B.N.W. Edition. 6.A. Ref. Map. PLOUVAIN Street No. 000. 20 th (S) Bn. N.E. (1 st T.S.) O.O. 48. J.H.M.
	June 5 th 1917	8.p.m.	Arrangements were made for an attack to be carried out against the Western Slope of GREENLAND HILL by 102 nd Brigade and part of the 9 th Divisions. The 102 nd Brigade attacked with 20 th (S) Bn. North 2 Fus. (1 st Tyneside Scottish) on the right, 21 st (S) Bn. North 2 Fus. (2 nd Tyneside Scottish) centre, 22 nd (S) Bn. North 2 Fus. (3 rd Tyneside Sc.) left, with 23 rd (S) Bn. North 2 Fus. (4 th Tyneside Scottish) in reserve. Zero was at 8.p.m. The Bn. attacked with No 1 Coy on the right, No 2 in the centre, & No 3 Coy on the left. Part of No 1 Coy reached the first objective & also the second objective (COD TRENCH) and part of No 3 Coy reached the first objective (CURLY TRENCH) but the No 2 Coy failed to reach even the first objective owing to the strong resistance by the enemy. The men of No 2 and 3 Coy who had been	

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Summary of Events and Information			Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
GREENLAND HILL.	June 5 th 1917.		The men of Nos 1 and 3 Companies who had been successful at once got into touch with our own troops on the right and left flanks respectively, consolidated their position, and protected their exposed flanks by forming blocks in the line. An attempt during the night to bomb the enemy out of remainder of the position failed.
	June 6 th 1917		On the morning of June 6 th 1917 the enemy were reported by the Royal Flying Corps to be holding the position with about twenty men, so it was decided to attack at once, over the open, the men of Nos 1 and 3 Bays to assist by bombing along the trench. At about 2.30 pm. one of our light trench mortars opened a short burst of fire, and the attack was made as soon as the Stokes' Gun finished firing. The enemy appeared to be taken by surprise, as the whole position was captured with only slight resistance, although two officers and several ^{two} other ranks were taken prisoner ^{the machine gun} , two light machine guns and one light trench mortar captured. The position was consolidated and patrols pushed forward.
	do.	2.30 pm	do. ^{Ref. Maps.} PLOWAIN. Sheet 110,00 J.H.M.

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Place Date Hour

GREENLAND
HILL
At 1 a.m. the enemy forced our outposts (Story Point formed by No 1 Coy) to retire and launched a strong counter-attack against the new Battalion front. I 7. d.g. 1. to I 7. c. u. 3. in CURLY trench, but only succeeded in getting to within about twenty yards of our trench; the attack being broken up by our rifle and machine gun fire, and the enemy was finally dispersed by our artillery putting a barrage in front of our trench 3.30 a.m. Our casualties during the counter-attack were very small, but judging from the enemy dead in front of our trenches he had at least four hundred (400) casualties.

On the night of June 7th/8th 1917 the 20th (S) Bn. North^d Fusers. (1st Tyneside Scottish.) was relieved in the trenches by the 11th Suffolk's Regt. and moved back to the camp at ST. NICOLAS.

ST. NICOLAS
June 7th/8th 1917

G 17. a. On the night of June 11th/12th 1917 the 20th (S) Bn. North^d Fusers (1st Tyneside Scottish) relieved the 24th (S) Bn. North^d Fusers. (1st Tyneside Scottish) in the night section of the left sub-sector of the 34th Divisional Front. I. D. Battalion H. 9. H. 6. c. 1. 7. and were relieved by the 22nd (S) Bn. North^d Fusers. (3rd Tyneside Scottish.) on the night of June 14th/15th 1917.

June 14th/15th 1917

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Comm'dg. 20th (S) Bn. North^d Fusiers
(1st Tyneside Scottish)

B. K. Ferguson

REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT

by

102nd (TYNESIDE SCOTTISH) BRIGADE on 5th JUNE and subsequent days.

1. The forming up of the brigade took place without incident.
2. At 7.55 p.m. the enemy commenced shelling our front line on the Centre and Left Battalion fronts: this however died down just before 8 p.m.
3. At 8 p.m. our artillery barrage opened out and 20 seconds later the leading waves advanced to the assault.

At 8.3 p.m. the enemy commenced shelling in the direction of CHILI trench and by 8.8 p.m. a heavy hostile barrage was put down on our left and in the neighbourhood of CIVIL trench. There was not much hostile artillery fire on our front till 8.38 p.m. when heavy shells fell continually on the line of the ROEUX - GAVRELLE road.

The advancing troops soon came under machine gun fire particularly on the left where the fire from WIT trench was very heavy. The platoon detailed to capture the junction of CHARLIE and CUTHBERT and trench to the north-east of it lost all except the Officer in command and 2 men at this stage.

On the right our barrage which had opened at Zero West of CURLY trench is said to have lifted 30^x East of that trench at 0.2 minutes. The enemy at once opened machine gun fire from this portion of his line and the advance of the centre portion of the right battalion was held up.

4. Stubborn fighting occurred for the capture of CHARLIE trench and large numbers of the enemy were killed in the trench. Pockets of the enemy held out in CHARLIE trench but were soon disposed of by our rifle grenadiers and touch gained between the CENTRE and LEFT Battalions.

A portion of the right battalion established themselves in CURLY trench astride CAMBRIAN trench, where they were in touch with 27th Infantry Brigade on the right. Another portion held CHARLIE trench about I.7.d.5.6. where they were in touch with the right of 21st N.F.

CHARLIE and CURLY trenches between these points was still held by the enemy.

5. Meanwhile the rear waves of the assaulting columns had advanced to the line of CUTHBERT and COD trenches and posts were established about the following points :-

I.8.c.25.35.
I.8.c.0.9.
I.7.b.8.3.
I.7.b.75.70.
I.7.b.75.90.
I.1.d.82.15.

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3. About 11 p.m. 5th instant the enemy made a bombing attack on our post at I.L.D.82.15 but due warning having been received from an advanced sentry post, was easily driven off with rifle grenades.

A certain amount of bombing also took place during the night between our right battalion and the enemy who still remained in CURLY trench.

About 2 a.m. the enemy opened fire with trench mortars and rifle grenades and made a further and more determined attack on our post at I.L.D.82.15. but was again driven off by our rifle grenadiers assisted by a Stokes Mortar which had been brought up.

About 2.15 a.m. 6th instant, a body of the enemy, strength estimated at 1 battalion, was seen silhouetted against the sky about the line of WIT trench advancing in the direction of the junction of CUTHBERT and CHARLIE trenches. Lewis gun and rifle fire was opened on them and they were driven off, but until 3.40 a.m. made repeated attempts to advance, on each occasion without success.

7. During the night 5th/6th June COSTA trench was dug through and a strong point made and wired near its junction with CHARLIE trench. Parts of CHARLIE trench were also wired.

The Brigade on our left made progress with the digging of COKE trench but did not succeed in joining it up with CHARLIE trench.

8. On the afternoon of the 6th instant the enemy was still holding out in CURLY trench. A Stokes Mortar opened fire on CURLY trench about 2 p.m. and a frontal attack was made by a portion of 20th H.F. in conjunction with a bombing attack along CHARLIE trench from the left. The enemy at once retired out of his trench but being met by Lewis gun fire from one of our posts in COD trench advanced again and surrendered. 2 Officers, 72 other ranks, 4 machine guns, 2 light machine guns and 1 pineapple thrower were captured.

The whole of CHARLIE and CURLY trenches were now in our hands and touch established throughout.

9. At 10.4 p.m. 6th instant the enemy opened a heavy artillery fire on our front system. S.O.S. lights were sent up to which our artillery and machine guns responded at once.

The enemy attacked and drove in our posts in COD trench, but was everywhere else repulsed.

At 12.30 a.m. 7th, the enemy again opened a heavy artillery fire on our front trenches. S.O.S. lights were sent up and the S.O.S. message was also received at Brigade Headquarters by lamp signal.

Our artillery and machine guns responded quickly. The enemy again attacked and on the right succeeded in advancing to within 70' of our front line (CURLY) where he was stopped by rifle and Lewis gun fire.

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At 2.30 a.m. on the 7th June, the enemy again made a most determined attack on the junction of CUTHBERT and CHARLIE trenches and succeeded in driving our men back about 90^{ft} West of that point. A counter attack was organized within 20 minutes and as our men were now short of rifle grenades they advanced over the open. The enemy was driven out at once and fled in disorder leaving a machine gun behind.

During these counter attacks the posts of the centre battalion in CUTHBERT trench were compelled to withdraw. The post on the right held out until its Lewis gun went out of action and the enemy was seen to be working round their right flank.

10. When it became light it was apparent that the enemy had suffered very heavily indeed from our fire during his counter attacks. Both right and left battalions estimated the enemy dead in front of their trenches at between 300 and 400 in each case.

During the day of 7th instant, a few Gormans who had remained in shell holes after the counter attacks surrendered.

11. At 9.45 p.m. 7th instant, the enemy again opened a heavy artillery fire on our front trenches. S.O.S. lights were sent up. No hostile attack developed, and at 10.25 p.m. the situation was again normal.

12. The Brigade was relieved on night 7th/8th June.

13. The total prisoners taken during the operations 5th to 7th June amounted to :-

6 Officers and 164 Other Ranks.

9 machine guns, 3 light machine guns and 1 pineapple thrower were taken in addition to a large quantity of rifles, other material, documents, etc.

Some of the captured machine guns both ordinary pattern and light were successfully used by our men against the enemy.

14. The casualties suffered by this Brigade during the operations 5th to 7th June amounted to :-

Killed: 10 Officers.
61 Other Ranks.

Wounded: 14 Officers.
463 Other Ranks.

Missing: 1 Officer.
188 Other Ranks.

15. The following points noted in connection with these operations may be of interest :-

(1) Collection of information:

There is still a tendency to rely too much on information being sent back from Companies in the front line when the situation is not clear.