

2nd Brigade.

1st Division.

2nd BATTALION

KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

NOVEMBER 1914

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Spottiswoode & Lieut St Aubyn & Goad -
 Wounded: Lt Col Serocold, Capt Seymour,
 Lieut Upton, AMT Bourcier & 2nd
 Fisher - N.C.O.s & men about 400
 killed, wounded & missing -

Nov 1st In the trenches all day -
 Several attacks driven back,
 but 4 men killed & 14 wounded
 in the trenches besides a few
 casualties in the supports -
 2nd Liddell was wounded when
 taking a message to the Artillery.
 The Battⁿ was relieved at nightfall
 by the R. Berkshire Regt. Captains
 Hawley, Bingham - Turner R.B.,
 Dick-Cunningham R.B. and Carter
~~Staff & S.~~ joined with a draft
 of 105 men -

Nov 2nd Left at 5 am to go into
 Corps Reserve in the woods S. of Hooze.
 Started digging ourselves in, but at
 about 12 noon received an urgent
 message to go to the assistance of
 the 1st Battⁿ, who had lost heavily.
 The Battⁿ crossed the open under
 shell-fire in columns of platoons
 in single file. No-one was hit then

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Except Currie who was sent forward to find out the situation and wounded by Shrapnel - "A" & "B" Companies under Captain Howard-Bury and the draft under Captain Hawley advanced on the left, crossed to the N. of the road, and occupied the trenches held by one company of the 1st Bn. Hawley was killed by a sniper about 4 o'clock. "C" & "D" Companies pushed through the HERENTHAGE Chateau grounds, and occupied the trenches just E. of them - The line was very thin, so Maj. Warre went back under a very heavy fire for reinforcements. About 4.30 pm General Fitzclarence ordered an advance of the whole line to seize the trenches which had been lost in the morning. Altho' Captain Dick-Cunningham with a few men got through the line, the attack failed owing to paucity of officers and lack of cohesion. "C" & "D" Companies were left out occupying the trenches just E of the Chateau, and the whole line was readjusted.

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Casualties: Killed Captain Stanley,
 Captain Bingham-Turner, 2nd Lt.
 Crossman; wounded Lt. Currie.
 Other ranks k., w. & m. about
 150 N.C.O.s & men -
 Captains Van Lutsen & Bulkeley
 joined the Battⁿ at night -

Nov: 3rd to 5th Remained in
 Chateau grounds with two
 companies in the firing-line.
 Very heavy shelling every day
 and several casualties in
 the day-outs - Warre left on
 the 4th to take command of
 the 1st Battⁿ. Howard-Bury
 was appointed a/Adj^t -
 Our machine guns were sub-
 jected to a fearfully heavy
 shell-fire but were well dug
 in & suffered no casualties -
 They did excellent work in
 holding the road -
 Relieved by the 10th Hussars
 at night, and went back to a
 wood near HOOGE, where we
 dug in all night -