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ABBOTT, A R

C. All Saint's Church, Kimcote cum Walton, Leics.

ABBOTT, Alfred

Pte. 201748. 4th Reserve Bn. Leics. Regt. Died 3/2/17. Age 25. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: cE1.406. B. & E. Leicester. R. 31, Kempson Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester. PD. Son of James Abbott.

ABBOTT, Archibald

Gunner. Australian Field Artillery-10th Brigade. KIA 20/4/18. Age 22. BC. Frechencourt Com. Cem., France. B. Leicester. PD. Son of Sylvester and Jane Abbott of 53, Donnington Street, Leicester.

ABBOTT, Job

Pte. 16337. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 25/9/15. Age 34. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. Hinckley Baptist Chapel. B. Hinckley, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 21, Spring Gardens, Hinckley, Leics. PD. Son of Job and Mary Abbott. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left were over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected in the ditch in front of the German wire waiting for developments. Officer casualties. Killed Capt F. H. ROMILLY D.S.O., Capt E. C. Deane R.A.M.C. Died of wounds 2nd Lt M. W. BROWNE. Wounded Lt Col H. GORDON D.S.O., Capt W. C. WILSON, Lt H. H. PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt G. W. TANNER, 2nd Lt H. H. HEMPHILL, 2nd Lt V. E. ELLINGHAM, 2nd Lt C. C. BAILEY, 2nd Lt G. W. GROSSMITH. Slightly wounded Major F. LEWIS, Capt D. L. WEIR. Gassed 2nd Lt W. WILSON. Missing and believed killed Lt W. T. PICKIN, 2nd Lt R. E. S. LODGE. Missing known to have been wounded 2nd Lt C. G. WOODBOURN. Missing and no trace 2nd Lt W. J. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt E. A. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt T. R. LONGCROFT. Rank and file casualties. Killed 72. Wounded 217. Gassed 42. Missing 96. Wounded slightly but did not quit Battn 3. What was left of the Battn were relieved from the front line by the 2nd/39th GARWHAL RIFLES at 6.30pm and moved into support and local reserve just in rear. Before the operations began the Battn worked for a week in strengthening the front line and preparing the defences behind. Four very strong lines were constructed capable of resisting the enemy's bombardment.

ABBOTT, Leonard E

Pte. 203398. 2nd/4th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. KIA 6/12/17. BC. Cambrai Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Hugglescote, Leics. E. Rugeley, Staffs.

ABBOTT, Reginald J A

Pte. 204268. 2nd/4th Bn. York & Lancaster Regt. KIA 3/5/17. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. E. Leicester.

ABBOTT, R

King's Royal Rifle Corps. C. St. Nicholas's Church, Leicester.

ABELL, Albert A

Pte. 4986. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 14/4/16. BC. Aubigny Com. Cem. Ext., France. C. All Saint's Chyrd. Mem., Wigston Magna, Leics. B. Wigston Magna, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Wigston Magna, Leics. The War Diary for today records. In the TALUS DES ZOUAVES sector. At 6.00pm Battn relieved by the 5th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT in the front line, relief complete about 8.30pm. Battn went into support in the TALUS DES ZOUAVES.

ABELL, Charles A

Pte. 73715. Royal Army Medical Corps.-75th Field Ambulance. Dow 2/6/17. Age 22. BC. Westhof Farm Cem., Neuve Eglise, Belgium. C. St. Barnabas's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 9, Houghton Street, Uppingham Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Emma Elizabeth, and the late Thomas Abell.

ABELL, Thomas

Pte. 27791. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 29/3/18. Age 24. BC. Le Cateau Mil. Cem., France. B. & E. Leicester. R. 12, Poplar Avenue. Leicester. PD. Son of Joseph and Hannah Abell. PD. The War Diary for today records. Battalion HQ. moved to BEHENCOURT. A composite Company was formed under Captain VANNER. 6.00pm. The Company and two other Companies from the other Battalion's of the Brigade were formed into a Battalion under command of Lt. Col. SAWYER and marched to LA NEUVILLE in close support of the 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ABELL, Walter E

Pte. 32392. 2nd Bn. York & Lancaster Regt. KIA 1/12/17. BC. Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, France. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. Loughborough, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Loughborough, Leics.

ABELS, Percy

L/Cpl. 6617. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 25/9/15. Age 31. BC. Loos Mem., France. B. St. Pancras, Middx. E. Leicester. R. Tottenham, Middx. PD. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left were over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected

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ABRAHAMS, Joseph E D

Pte. 5560. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 15/5/15. BC. Le Touret Mem., France. B. Bradford, Yorks. E. Leeds, Yorks. R. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. Battn rested during the day in LANSDOWNE POST. Moved off at 8.00pm. Battn took over front line from which the assault was to be made and by 9.30pm Coy's were in position. Telephonic communication established with left and right and communication by officers ascertained between men on left and 2nd Div on my right. Eleven bridges were placed over the stream which runs parallel to position and about 20 to 30 yards in front of it, there with the existing four bridges made a total of 15 on the Battn front. It was not possible to place more bridges in position as the stream had been widened at many points by big shell holes, and the trunks and branches of fallen trees also blocked any other places where bridges might have been put. This getting of the bridges into position was an operation of great difficulty on account of the constant flares and bursts of fire from the enemy's parapet. It was skilfully and quietly done with only two or three casualties. At 10.45pm two platoons were crossed over to the far side of the stream. Four more platoons were formed up ready, in the trenches to go forward and support the leading platoons. The remaining two Coy's were formed up lying down behind the parapets in close column of platoons ready to advance. Thus the whole Battn was got into its final position in order of attack and as close up as possible. This final formation was complete by 11.20pm and thanks to the able leading of Coy Commanders the movement was carried out in perfect order, and with no noise. At 11.30pm the leading platoons went forward to the assault closely supported by the second line. The lines in rear went forward to take up the positions vacated by the leading line. At the same time, or if anything some seconds before 11.30pm the enemy opened a very heavy fire with rifles and machine guns. A few minutes afterwards trench mortars and shrapnel searched the stream and the ground on both sides of it. The enemy threw from their parapet some kind of fire grenade which burst into fire on impact with the ground, and these with continuous flames of all colours, literally turned night into day. The leading men pushed on but only a few were able to reach near the enemy's parapet. Each succeeding line came under a very heavy fire, the bridges got so blocked and the obstacles caused by fallen trees and shell holes so impeded movement that effective support could not be given. Thus the impetus of the assault was broken before it really got a proper start. The enemy's parapet was fully manned and the accuracy and intensity may be understood from the fact that 8 officers, Platoon Commanders were killed or wounded. About 12 midnight reports were received from the front that our attack could not reach the German line, orders were then given to withdraw to our own trenches.

ABRAMS, Alfred

Pte. 8985. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 16/3/15. BC. Lillers Com. Cem., France. C. St. Mark's Church, Leicester. B. All Saint's, Stafford. E. Leicester. R. Birmingham, Warwks. PD. The War Diary for today records. The Battn were in billets. Inspection by the Divisional Commander.

ABRAMS, Henry

C. St. Mark's Church, Leicester.

ABSOLON, Edwin Urquhart

Sgt. 13863. 8th Bn. Norfolk Regt. KIA 1/7/16. Age 20. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. 1/1/1896 at Kentish Twn, London. E. 15/9/14 at St. Paul's Chyrd., Middx. R. South Luffenham, Rutland. PD. Son of Edwin Absolon. Prior to his enlistment he was a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Pontifex & Company, Shoe Lane, London E.C., and was training to be a draughtsman. He enlisted with the 10th Battalion Norfolk Regiment, subsequently transferred to the 8th Battalion. Embarking for France on the 20th July 1915, he fought in the first Battle of the Somme and was killed by a machine gun bullet which struck him in the head at Pommiers Redoubt, Carnoy near Bray-sur-Somme, he was buried at Carnoy, France.

ACASTER, John W

Pte. 8930. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 11/2/15. BC. Le Touret Mil. Cem., Richebourg-L'Avoue, France. B. Chelsea, Middx. E. Leicester. R. Maida Hill, London. PD. Battn relieved by 1st MANCHESTER REGT. B and D Coys (billeted in houses in the RUE DES BERCEAUX) were relieved at 2.00pm. A and C Coys (in the front line and advanced posts) were relieved at 9.30pm. From the 5th to the 11th February both inclusive, continued work and improvements. Marched to billets at LA COUTURE.

ACHURCH, Walter

Cpl. 7281. Royal Flying Corps. KIA 31/12/17 Age 38. BC. Alexandria (Hadra) War Mem. Cem., Egypt. C. St. Michael's Chyrd. Mem., Stoney Stanton, Leics. B. Hinckley, Leics. R. Stoney Stanton, Leics. PD. Son of Thomas and Emma Achurch of Stoney Stanton, Leics. Husband of Mary Achurch. The Memorial spells his surname as Ashchurch.

ACKROYD, James

L/Cpl. 15997. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 7/11/18. BC. Ghissignies British Cem., France. C. Market Harborough Mem., Leics. B. Great Bowden, Leics. E. Market Harborough, Leics. PD. The War Diary for today records. 05.45. Battalion resume attack on RED LINE (running through centre of square 9.15 and 21). Passing through 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. and taking front line Battalion with 1st WILTSHIRE REGT. on left. Enemy withdrew. Battalion move up to RED LINE and dig in. Much artillery fire and machine gun fire in new positions. 08.30. 64th Brigade pass through to attack BLUE LINE. 09.00 Battalion HQ. opened near CHURCH, BACHANT. BACHANT shelled heavily during the day. 20.15. Battalion withdrew to AULNOYE in billets. Casualties other ranks 10 killed in action, 34 wounded in action. Lt. V. C. HALES wounded in action.

ADAMS, Archibald

L/Cpl. 40567. 1st Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 28/11/16. Age 21. BC. Bethune Town Cem., France. C. St. Wilfrid's Chyrd. Mem., Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics. E. Leicester. R. White Street, Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Adams. The War Diary for today records that there was the usual Trench mortaring in the Brick Stacks. At 7.45pm Brigade Operational Order number 117 received as the relief of the Battalion partly by the 2nd Sherwood Foresters and partly by the 9th Suffok Regiment. Casualties other ranks 1 killed.

ADAMS, Arthur

Pte. 48420. 13th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. Died 12/8/18. BC. Grand-Secourt British Cem., France. B. Leicester. E. Nottingham.

ADAMS, Cecil

Cpl. 2693. Life Guards. KIA 31/10/14. Age 27. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. B. Weedon, Northants. E. Warwick. R. 1, Princess Road, Leicester. PD. Son of the late Robert and Phoebe Adams.

ADAMS, Charles E

Gunner. 204746. Royal Field Artillery-‘C’ Battery, 51st Brigade. Dow 25/4/18. Age 29. BC. Lijssenthoek Mil. Cem., Poperinghe, Belgium. C. Anstey Mem., Leics. E. Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland. R. 61, Cropston Road, Anstey, Leicester. PD. Son of Edward and Mary Ann Adams. His two brothers George and John also fell.

ADAMS, Charles Harold

Pte. 2145. Leics. Yeomanry-‘C’ Squadron. Kia 13/5/15. Age 29. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. C. Quorn Mem., Leics. B. Thornton, Leics. E. Leicester. R. “Romney”, Quorn, Leics. PD. Son of Charles and Georgina Adams. The War Diary for the 13th May 1915 records. BELLEWARDE FARM. Position of Regiment at midnight 12th/13th May was 700 yards west of road joining ZONNEBEKE ROAD and YPRES – MENIN ROAD, extreme right resting on railway running north east from YPRES, and extending to the farm about 300 yards north, north west of railway. “B” Squadron occupied north, “C” Squadron south part of the front line trenches. The trenches were bad, 5 feet deep and 2½ feet wide at the bottom. Parapets at the front and back slanted very much, and were made of loose soil. There were few sand bags, and no dug outs or other protection from shell fire. “A” Squadron occupied the Support trenches 300 yards in the rear of the advanced trenches and on the left flank of “B” Squadron. Machine gun section in “C” Squadron trench close to the railway. HQ in dug outs on road joining ZONNEBEKE ROAD and MENIN ROAD, 150 yards north of the railway. During the night the trenches were somewhat improved. Heavy shell fire from 3.30am to 6.00am, but few casualties. The enemy then began to pour over their parapets with the evident intention of attacking, but being met by heavy fire from our men, they retired again to their trenches. A second and more violent bombardment began, and was kept up until 7.30am. Our losses during this bombardment were much heavier, and the machine guns were knocked out and a trench blown in. At 7.30am the enemy attacked and occupied the advanced trenches vacated by the Regiment on our left, from there they gained part of “B” Squadron trenches. They then advanced to within 200 yards of the Support trenches and dug themselves in, having steel shields as a protection. Those of the enemy who had occupied the “B” Squadron trench advanced along the trench, and Major B. R. LIEBERT, Lt. W. S. FIELDING-JOHNSON and Squadron Sergeant Major J. P. SWAIN with what was left of “B” Squadron, retired down the trench and joined “C” Squadron. Here Major W. F. MARTIN ordered barricades of sand bags to be placed across the trench. Some of the trench party fired over this barricade at the enemy advancing from the flank, others at the enemy advancing from the front. Major MARTIN, Major LIEBERT, Lt. C. PEAKE and 2nd Lt. T. E. BROOKS were all killed. The casualties were so heavy that Lt. FIELDING-JOHNSON, the only surviving officer decided to retire down the trench, to cross the railway and join the 3rd DRAGOON GUARDS on the other side of it. He had great difficulty in crossing the railway, which was swept by the enemy’s machine guns. Finally the crossing was effected by building a sand bag parapet across the railway, and Lt. FIELDING-JOHNSON joined the 3rd DRAGOON GUARDS with Squadron Sergeant Major SWAIN and 14 men, the only survivors of the two Squadrons of LEICESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY who had occupied the advanced trenches. At about 6.00am Lt. Col. the Hon. P. C. EVANS-FREKE decided to establish a small advanced post at a building about 150 yards in advance of the Support trenches. He personally placed 2nd Lt. T. H. SIMPKIN with 15 men in charge of this post. While returning to the Support trenches he was shot dead. The supports held their position until 12.00 noon, when the Brigade Major, Captain D. P. TOLLEMACHE arrived. The enemy by this time were very near at hand carrying shields which appeared to be quite bullet proof, and were digging themselves in. Major W. F. RICARDO displayed great gallantry in holding on to the Support trenches, although wounded four separate time. When the counter attack was made by the ROYAL HORSE GUARDS, the 10th HUSSARS and the ESSEX YEOMANRY, the remains of “A” Squadron, led by Captain TOLLEMACHE and Lt. T. W. BEST, joined in the charge. The counter attack drove the enemy out of the new trenches which they had made near our Support trenches, but did not retake our advanced trenches, consequently the dead and wounded from these were never recovered. The Regiment was relieved during the night of the 13th/14th May by the ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS, and reached their huts at BRIELEN at about 4.00am on the 14th May. The casualties of the action on the 13th May were as follows:- Killed, Lt. Col. The Hon. P. C. EVANS-FREKE, Major W. F. MARTIN, Major B. R. LIEBERT, Lt. C. PEAKE and 2nd Lt. T. E. BROOKS. Other ranks killed, 47. Wounded Major W. F. RICARDO, Captain C. M. MARTIN, Captain E. R. HANBURY, Captain G. R. CODRINGTON and Lt. T. W. BEST. Other ranks wounded, 90. There were 39 other ranks missing.

ADAMS, Edward

L/Cpl. 14560. 6th Bn. Northamptonshire Regt. Kia 14/7/16. BC. Quarry Cem., Montauban, France. B. Bringhurst, Leics. E. Kettering, Northants.

ADAMS, Edward

Pte. 69669. 2nd Bn. Machine Gun Corps-Tanks. Kia 22/3/18. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. B. & E. Leicester.

ADAMS, F

C. Coalville Mem., Leics.

ADAMS, George

Sgt. 18640. 7th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. (Formerly Hussars). Kia 25/4/17. Age 24. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. Anstey Mem., Leics. B. Anstey, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 61, Cropston Road, Anstey, Leics. PD. Son of Edward and Mary Ann Adams. His two brothers Charles and John also fell.

ADAMS, George

Pte. 326233. 11th Bn. Royal Scots. (Formerly Notts. & Derby Regt.). Kia 22/3/18. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. B. Leicester. E. & R. Chesterfield, Derbys.

ADAMS, George

C. St. Mark’s Church, Leicester.

ADAMS, George P

Pte. APS/6258. 21st Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Kia 5/2/16. Age 22. BC. Cambrin Cem., France. B. Knighton, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 20, Tichbourne Street, Leicester. PD. Son of John and Hannah Adams.

ADAMS, H E

Able Bodied Seaman. Royal Navy-HMS Amphion. BC. No Trace. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. R. Loughborough, Leics.

ADAMS, Harold

L/Cpl. 16926. 5th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. Kia 20/11/17. BC. Cambrai Mem., Louverval, Nord, France. B. Leicester. E. Portsmouth Hants. R. Leicester.

ADAMS, John

L/Cpl. 200129. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. Kia 29/4/18. Age 23. BC. Lapugnoy Mil. Cem., France. B. & E. Anstey, Leics. R. 61, Cropston Road, Anstey, Leics. PD. Son of Edward and Mary Ann Adams. His two brothers Charles and George also fell. The War Diary for today records. Battn disposed over large area, men in breast works and shelters, Battn HQ in a house in ESSARS. No movement allowed by day. ESSARS CHURCH heavily shelled this morning.

ADAMS, John Alfred George

Pte. 66112. Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Dow 14/11/18. Age 23. BC. St. John the Baptist Chyrd., North Luffenham, Rutland, England. B. North Luffenham, Rutland. E. 24/6/18. R. North Luffenham, Rutland. PD. Eldest son of George Henry and Kate Elizabeth Adams. He was

trained as a Lewis gunner, embarking for France on the 15th October 1918, and was wounded in action by a bullet on 4th November, he subsequently died at an hospital in Liverpool.

ADAMS, Percy

Pte. 25747. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 24/9/16. Age 25. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. Coalville Mem., Leics. B. Church Gresley, Derbys. E. Coalville, Leics. R. Albert Village, Leics. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs J. Adams of 119, Occupation Road, Church Gresley, Derbys. The War Diary for the events of 17th to the 25th September records. MONTAUBAN. The Battalion remained in bivouacs and was employed in finding working parties in connection with preparing for the attack on GUEDECOURT. The casualties were all caused by shell fire, the work consisting of digging trenches and repairing roads and much of this was necessarily carried out under shell fire. The weather during this period was uncertain and the state of the ground led to a postponement of objectives.

ADAMS, Richard W

Pte. 5197. 1st/6th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. KIA 2/12/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. Blaby, Leics. E. Knowle, Birmingham, Warwks. R. Spratton, Northants.

ADAMS, Thomas

Able Bodied Seaman. 229437. Royal Navy-HMS Princess Irene. Killed 27/5/15. Age 28. BC. Portsmouth Naval Mem., Hants., England. R. Leicester. PD. Husband of M. J. Crofts (formerly Adams) of 48, Victoria Road East, Humberstone, Leicester. He was killed by an internal explosion off Sheernes, Kent.

ADAMS, Thomas F

Pte. 661. North Somerset Yeomanry. KIA 17/11/14. Age 26. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. C. St. Mary's Chyrd. Mem., Bitteswell, Leics. B. Rugby, Warwks. E. Bath, Somerset. R. Bitteswell, Leics. PD. Son of Edward and Elizabeth Jane Adams.

ADAMS, Tom

Company Sergeant Major. 200863. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 27/9/18. Age 34. BC. Bellicourt British Cem., France. C. St. Mark's Church, Leicester. B. South Croxton, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 77, Carley Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Tom and Mary Adams of South Croxton, Leics. Husband of Amy Adams. The War Diary for today records. Battn attacked PIKE WOOD at 7.15pm and succeeded in taking the objective and capturing 2 officers and 150 other ranks. Battn relieved by the STAFFORDSHIRE REGT (2 Battns).

ADAMS, Walter

Pte. 18190. 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. KIA 27/3/16. Age 27. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. C. St. John the Baptist Church, Enderby, Leics. B. Enderby, Leics. E. Leicester. R. King Street, Enderby, Leics. PD. Son of Sarah Jane Adams.

ADAMS, Walter

Pte. 817. 1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. Dow 6/11/14. BC. Beauvry Com. Cem. Ext., France. C. St. Peter's Church, Leicester. B. St. Peter's, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 20, Derwent Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Samuel Adams.

ADAMS, William

Driver. T/327001. Royal Army Service Corps.-1122nd Horse Transport Coy. KIA 17/3/19. BC. Bolshoi Ozerki Cem., Russia. C. Archangel Mem., Russia. B. Queniborough, Leics. E. & R. Leicester.

ADCOCK, Alfred

Pte. 25091. Machine Gun Corps. (Formerly 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt.). KIA 1/7/17. Age 21. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. All Saint's Chyrd., Oakham, Rutland. B. 24/3/1896 at Leicester. E. 30/4/13 at Oakham, Rutland. R. 50, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. PD. Son of Harry and Anna Adcock. Prior to his enlistment he was a gardener. He joined the Territorial Force on the 30th April, 1913 and was mobilised on the outbreak of war, embarking for France on the 28th February 1915. He fought in the Battle for the Hohenzollern Redoubt on the 18th October 1915, and in the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, together with other engagements, and was killed by a shell at Lens, where he was buried. His Sergeant writing of Alfred's fate, says:- "He died a soldier's death. He volunteered for the post where it happened, which was one of extreme danger... Always ready for work, never mind what the job was. He was a man it will be very hard to replace." His brother Richard also fell.

ADCOCK, Alfred C E

Pte. 42772. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Dow 2/9/18. Age 19. BC. Ligny-St-Flochel British Cem., Averdoingt, France. B. & E. Leicester. R. 62, Mornington Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr E. Adcock.

ADCOCK, Alfred F

Pte. 30625. Machine Gun Corps.-167th Coy. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 11/9/16. Age 28. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Saviour's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 243, Humberstone Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Alfred and Sarah Ann Adcock.

ADCOCK, Alfred

Pte. 204357. 12th Bn. East Surrey Regt. (Formerly Bedfordshire Regt.). KIA 21/9/17. BC. Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. B. Syston, Leics. E. Bedford. R. Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

ADCOCK, Charles

Able Bodied Seaman. R/4576. Anson Bn.-Naval Division. KIA 24/3/18. Age 21. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. Deny's Church, Ibstock, Leics. R. 69, Curzon Street, Ibstock, Leics. PD. Son of John and Bertha Adcock.

ADCOCK, Colin

Pte. 201691. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 6/3/17. Age 20. BC. Bienvillers Mil. Cem., France. C. Holy Trinity Church, Leicester. B. Woolston, Northants. E. Leicester. R. 106, Welford Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Kate, and the late R. A. Adcock. The War Diary for the 2nd to the 6th March 1917 records. At SOUASTRE. Battn in training. Attack practice and route marching.

ADCOCK, Donald

Pte. 52202. 16th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. (Formerly Nottingham Yeomanry). KIA 27/9/18. Age 21. BC. Vis-en-Artois Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Thurmaston, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 5, Flax Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Adcock. His brother George W. also fell.

ADCOCK, E R

Sapper. 30819. Royal Engineers-'A' Signal Depot (Bedford). Died 3/12/17. Age 35. BC. All Saints Chyrd., Winterslow, Wilts. B. Syston, Leics. E. Bristol, Glos. PD. Husband of E. M. Russell (formerly Adcock) of The Post Office, Winterslow, Salisbury, Wilts.

ADCOCK, Ernest W

Pte. 2176. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. (Formerly Royal Navy). KIA 13/10/15. Age 24. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. St. George's Chyrd. Mem., Leicester. B. St. George's, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 49, St. George's Street, Leicester. PD. Son of the late Thomas Adcock. He served for 5 years in the Royal Navy as a Stoker. The War Diary for today records. At noon our artillery started to bombard. At 1.00pm our smoke and gas started. At 1.50pm smoke and gas stopped. At 2.00pm artillery lifted and Battn assaulted the HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT. Lt Col R. E. MARTIN was wounded early but remained in the fire trench directing operations for nearly 24 hours and until -?- to the dressing station by Brig Gen KEMP. All officers of the Battn either killed or wounded. The War Diary entry for the following day the 14th October records. In the evening the Battn was relieved by part of the 139th Bde and went back to the LANCASHIRE TRENCH. Roll call revealed that 188 NCO's and

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ADCOCK, Frank H B

Pte. 394. 11th Bn. Australian Infantry-AIF. KIA 25/4/15. Age 24. BC. Baby 700 Cem., Anzac, Gallipoli, Turkey. B. Melton Mowbray, Leics. R. 34, Richardson Street, Perth, Western Australia. PD. Son of John and Charlotte M. Adcock. His brother Frederick B. also fell.

ADCOCK, Fred

Pte. 64488. 9th Bn. Norfolk Regt. (Formerly Duke of Wellingtons Regt.). KIA 25/10/18. BC. Romeries Com. Cem. Ext., France. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. C. Emmanuel Church, Loughborough, Leics. B. & E. Loughborough, Leics.

ADCOCK, Frederick B

Pte. 1044. 11th Bn. Australian Infantry-AIF. KIA 25/4/15. Age 21. BC. The Lone Pine Mem., Gallipoli, Turkey. B. Melton Mowbray, Leics. R. 34, Richardson Street, Perth, Western Australia. PD. Son of John and Charlotte M. Adcock. His brother Frank H. B. also fell.

ADCOCK, George

Pte. G/12967. 4th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Dow 4/4/16. Age 46. BC. Etaples Mil. Cem., France. C. St. Peter's Church, Higham on the Hill, Leics. B. Blackfordby, Leics. E. Nuneaton, Warwks. R. Lindley, Nuneaton, Warwks. PD. Son of Frances, and the late Thomas Bosworth Adcock of Blackfordby, Leics. Husband of Jane Adcock.

ADCOCK, George W

Pte. 44366. 4th Bn. Machine Gun Corps. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Dow 18/4/18. Age 22. BC. Loos Mem., France. B. Thurmaston, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 5, Flax Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Adcock. His brother Donald also fell.

ADCOCK, Harold

C. St. Stephen's Church, Leicester.

ADCOCK, Harry

Pte. 39304. 9th Bn. Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 26/4/18. Age 19. BC. Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. C. St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding, Leics. C. St. Botolph's Church, Sibson, Leics. B. Stoke Golding, Leics. E. Coalville, Leics. R. Brick Hill Cottage, Fen Lane, Upton, Nuneaton, Warwks. PD. Son of Thomas and Mary Adcock. His brother Walter and Percy also fell.

ADCOCK, Horace F F

Gunner. 61834. Royal Garrison Artillery-131st Heavy Battery. Dow 1/8/17. BC. Brandhoek New Mil. Cem., Vlamertinghe, Belgium. B. Manchester, Lancs. E. Leicester. R. 46, Lyme Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr A. F. Adcock.

ADCOCK, James L

Pte. 15204. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 27/8/16. BC. Faubourg-d'Amiens Cem., Arras, France. B. Markfield, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. Stanton under Bardon, Leics. PD. The War Diary entry for the events of the 23rd to the 28th September 1916 records. TRENCHES. Everything very quiet except on the 26th when our support were shelled by about 10 105mm shells. 3 men were killed. The Battalion was relieved by the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. at 6.00pm. "B" and "D" Companies proceeded to ARRAS to billets. "C" Company to the CANDLE FACTORY and "A" Company to the REDOUBT LINE.

ADCOCK, John

Sgt. 15205. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 14/7/16. Age 20. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. Markfield, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. Main Street, Stanton under Bardon, Leics. PD. Son of Mrs Hannah Statham. The War Diary for the events of today record. MAMETZ WOOD. ATTACK ON BAZENTIN LE PETIT WOOD and village by the 110th Brigade. The Battalion was drawn up for the assault in four lines. The first three lines were in front of MAMETZ WOOD and were to move forward in succession at ZERO, the first line to take, clear and hold the German first line, the remainder to push on to capture and consolidate the FOREST TRENCH (enemy support line). The fourth line were drawn up behind the north edge of MAMETZ WOOD to move forward half an hour after ZERO, and push forward through FOREST TRENCH ready to assault the German third line. By 2.55am. all dispositions were made, each platoon being on its correct adjustment. A number of casualties were suffered during this operation, one platoon of "C" Company losing almost half its number. The men behaved admirably under trying conditions. At ZERO 3.25am. when the barrage lifted our first line trench was hardly close enough to it to rush the first line before the enemy could man it, as a result the advance was rather ragged. The right (A) Company in conjunction with the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. had little difficulty in entering the trench. The left (D) Company were momentarily held up by machine gun fire but managed to keep up close to the parapet and rush the line. The two centre ("B" and "C") Companies were held up for about 20 minutes by machine guns. The pressure was relieved by parties from the right working down a flank. The centre Companies were then able to rush the trench. The second and third lines coming on, swept the remainder of the first line then, and made for the second line (FOREST TRENCH). By this time of the officers of "B" Company only 2nd Lt. EVANS was left, in "C" Company only 2nd Lt. REED, while in "D" Company all the officers were out of action. The enemy in the first line trench at first made some resistance but many were caught in their dug outs, and the rest seeing that they could not stop our rush retreated into the WOOD and made no resistance in the FOREST TRENCH. By 4.00am. our whole line was in occupation of FOREST TRENCH and the work of consolidation was begun. Captain A. A. CLARKE taking command. 2nd Lt. EVANS then sent back Company Sergeant Major GEARY to ensure that the German first line was cleared of the enemy. This N.C.O. with his party found a number of the enemy who had been passed over in the rush. In the meantime the left Company (D) after pushing on too eagerly under our barrage and being forced to retire, turned towards the flank and established connection with the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. At 4.25am. Captain A. A. CLARKE, leaving 2nd Lt. EVANS in charge of the first trench, went forward in charge of the party to capture the third objective. No resistance was met with on the right, but on the left considerable trouble was caused by a machine gun and by snipers and close by the observation post in the tree both Captain CLARKE and Lt. WAKEFORD were hit. This left the assaulting line without an officer, but Sgt. WALKER ("A" Company) and L/Sgt. SHERLOCK ("C" Company) rallied their men and made good this line. There was no German trench in this position in some cases the men again pressed forward and came under fire from our own barrage. Meanwhile the left ("D" Company) being checked by the machine gun on the crest of the wood and being unable to make headway were rallied by L/Cpl. BUSH, and an attempt was made to get round the position on the right, with the result that this party lost direction in the wood and finally found itself among the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. L/Cpl. BUSH then placed himself under the orders of an officer of that Battalion. Almost before the barrage lifted, the party under Sgt. WALKER rushed the German trench on the north side of the wood. The enemy made no resistance here and being caught between the barrage of shell fire and our advancing line gave themselves up. By 6.45am. we were established in the line on north edge of the wood. Subsequently officers of the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT., bringing up supports took over command of this sector. About 7.15am. Captain GWYOTHER was commanding the Battalion, ordered 2nd Lt. EVANS to push forward from FOREST TRENCH in support of the front line, on reaching the position selected for the strong point on the RAILWAY, this party came under machine gun fire from the north west corner of the wood, 2nd Lt. EVANS took up the line covering the strong point and prepared for reconnaissance. The position therefore at 8.00am was:- Northern edge of the wood held by us. Possession of the north west corner doubtful. Line of RAILWAY and strong point secured by us. Throughout the morning the enemy kept up an

intermittent bombardment with 150mm Howitzers and a few 77mm's, which grew in intensity about midday and during the afternoon. About 1.00pm it was believed that the Germans were still holding the entire edge of the wood at the north western corner and an assaulting party of the 7th and 9th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. was organised to clear them out. The bushes and trees were very thick round this point which necessarily made progress slow, the enemy evacuating and manning a trench about 30 yards from the wood, before our men could get through we suffered several casualties from a machine gun in the above mentioned trench. An attempt was made about 9 o'clock to reorganise the Battalion, as they were considerably mixed up, most of the officers becoming casualties. Lt. Col. DRYSDALE was wounded whilst the Battalion was marching to its position in front of MAMETZ WOOD, Captain and Adjutant A. A. ALDWORTH taking command. Captain's WRIGHT, GIFFORD, Lt's. BURNETT, HOLLIS, ABBOTT and 2nd Lt's. NEWTON, GUTTERIDGE and BAIN being all killed before our troops reached the first line. 2nd Lt. PICKERING-CLARKE, SIMPSON and REID also Lt. WAKEFORD were killed in the wood. The wounded officers were Captain A. A. CLARKE, Lt. HOUGHTON and 2nd Lt's. THOMPSON, WEBB and ORRIT-NICHOL. Our total casualties were 18 officers and 535 men killed and wounded. Our men along with the 9th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT manned the trenches at the edge of the wood and remained there until next morning. The night was quick.

ADCOCK, John A

Pte. 52854. 7th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. KIA 18/9/18. Age 28. BC. Gouzeaucourt New British Cem., France. C. St. Alban's Church, Leicester. B., E. & R. Leicester. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs A. Adcock of Leicester. Husband of Kate Halse (formerly Adcock) of 26, Halkin Street, Leicester.

ADCOCK, Joseph H

Pte. 40609. 1st Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 16/2/17. Age 20. BC. Vermelles British Cem., France. E. & R. Leicester. PD. Son of William and Catherine Adcock of Leicester. The War Diary for today records that the Battalion were in the Front Line and that advanced parties from 10th Yorkshire Regiment (21st Division) came to reconnoitre the line. Casualties other ranks, A Company 2 wounded, B Company 1 wounded and 1 killed.

ADCOCK, Percy

Pte. 204212. 2nd/4th Bn. York & Lancaster Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 3/5/17. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding, Leics. C. St. Botolph's Church, Sibson, Leics. E. Hinckley, Leics. R. Brick Hill Cottage, Fen Lane, Upton, Nuneaton, Warwks. PD. Son of Thomas and Mary Adcock. His brothers Harry and Walter also fell.

ADCOCK, Richard

Pte. 8737. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 15/1/15. Age 24. BC. Boulogne Eastern Cem., France. C. All Saint's Chyrd., Oakham, Rutland. B. 20/12/1890 at Leicester. E. August 1909 at Leicester. R. 50, Braunston Road, Oakham, Rutland. PD. Son of Harry and Anna Adcock. Prior to enlistment he was in the shoe trade. He embarked for India in March 1911, and was sent to France at the outbreak of war, where he took part in the Retreat from Mons. He died from gun shot wounds at No.13 General Hospital, Boulogne. His brother Alfred also fell.

ADCOCK, Samuel H

Pte. 20972. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 6/4/16. Age 40. BC. Amara War Cem., Iraq. C. Coalville Mem., Leics. C. Christ Church, Coalville, Leics. E. & R. Coalville, Leics. PD. Son of Thomas James and Sarah Adcock of West Bromwich, Staffs. The War Diary for today records. The 19th and 28th Bde's supported by 21st Bde were ordered to carry out a night march with the intention of attacking at dawn. The march was commenced shortly after midnight, in massed formation, 28th Bde on right, 19th Bde on left. Formation of 28th Bde. Front line 51st SIKHS (FRONTIER FORCE) and Provisional Battn OXFORD AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY, second line 2nd LEICESTERSHIRE REGT, third line 53rd SIKHS and 56th RIFLES (FRONTIER FORCE). Owing to considerable delay during the march the attacking Bde's were 1000 yards short of enemy's position when it was daylight. Suddenly the enemy opened a withering fire. The first lines of the Bde pushed forward to within 800 yards of enemy's position until compelled to halt through very heavy casualties (our own artillery on right bank of TIGRIS being responsible for a considerable number) when they entrenched. Some 400 yards behind these another line was established and consolidated by some 200 men of the LEICESTERSHIRE REGT and HIGHLAND Battn's (1st SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS and BLACK WATCH of 19th Bde), the remaining units of both Bde's extending in rear. Heavy fire was kept up by enemy throughout the day. At dusk the wounded and a few others of the Battn and other units crawled back, and organised stretcher parties were sent out. The following casualties occurred, very early in the Battn. Officers killed 2nd Lt H. BILLINGS, wounded Major R. N. KNATCHBULL D.S.O., Major A. F. R. COLQUHOUN, Capt C. A. BAMFORD, Capt H. N. H. GRIMBLE, Lt H. STOCKLEY, 2nd Lt T. MONAGHAN, 2nd Lt. J. HARBOTTLE, 2nd Lt. H. S. ELLIS. 2nd Lt B. BRAKES was wounded in the afternoon. Other ranks during the 6th April, killed 45, wounded 254, wounded but did not quit Battn 3, missing 19. Major D. L. WEIR D.S.O. reassumed command of the Battn on the afternoon of the 6th April.

ADCOCK, Sydney H

Able Bodied Seaman. R/6134. Drake Bn.-Naval Division. KIA 16/7/18. Age 18. BC. Auchonvillers Cem., France. R. 64, Asfordby Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Mrs Adcock (now Lambert).

ADCOCK, Thomas

L/Cpl. 4621. 3rd Bn. Leics. Regt.-'C' Coy. Died 7/11/15. Age 39. BC. Hull Western Cem., Springbank, Yorks. B. Market Bosworth, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 40, Chapel Street, Barwell, Leics. PD. Son of Hannah Adcock.

ADCOCK, Thomas N

Pte. 41587. 8th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 31/7/17. Age 23. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. C. Syston Mem., Leics. B. Syston, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 16, North Street, Syston, Leics. PD. Son of Eliza Ann, and the late Thomas Nathan Adcock.

ADCOCK, Walter

Transport Sergeant Major. 2585. 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry. Died 21/6/16. Age 46. BC. Syston Cem., Leics., England. C. St. Stephen's Church, Leicester. B. Syston, Leicester. E. Newcastle on Tyne, Northumberland. R. North Evington, Leicester. PD. Son of Richard and Jane Adcock. Died of sickness.

ADCOCK, Walter S

Pte. 20989. 12th Bn. Duke of Wellingtons Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Dow 23/10/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding, Leics. B. Stoke Golding, Leics. E. & R. Hinckley, Leics. PD. Son of Thomas and Mary Adcock of Brick Hill Cottage, Fen Lane, Upton, Nuneaton, Warwks. His brothers Harry and Percy also fell.

ADCOCK, Whatoff

Pte. 24396. 2nd Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. KIA 15/11/16. BC. Serre Road Cem., No.1, Beaumont-Hamel, Hebuterne and Pusieux, France. C. Syston Mem., Leics. B. & E. Syston, Leics.

ADCOCK, William

Pte. 103776. 1st Bn. Machine Gun Corps. (Formerly Kings Royal Rifle Corps.). KIA 20/4/18. BC. Loos Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. & E. Leicester.

ADDERSON, Thomas E

Pte. 6737. 1st Bn. Suffolk Regt. KIA 4/5/15. Age 29. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. B. Wisbech, Cambs. E. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. R. 2A, St. James Street, Humberstone Gate, Leicester. PD. Son of Mrs Maria Dawson. Husband of Harriett Ann Adderson.

ADDISON, Andrew Frank

Cpl. 25417. 1st Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 27/1/17. Age 26. BC. Vermelles British Cem., France. C. St. Margaret's Church, Leicester. C. St. Saviour's Church, Leicester. C. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, Grave Reference: cD.226. B. & E. Leicester. R. 10, Lancaster Road, Leicester. PD. Son of George Harry and Louisa Addison. War Diary for today records that the Battalion relieved the 2nd Sherwood Foresters in the front line, the relief being completed by 11.30pm. The dispositions were right A Company, Centre B Company, left C Company, Support D Company. -?- activity at gaps in enemy wire opposite N & S Craters which gaps our Lewis guns swept at night. Enemy extremely quiet. At 8.15pm Operational Order number 133 received with further details of the raid. Casualties, 2 other ranks of C Company wounded.

ADDISON, Herbert

Pte. 1686. 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt.-'A' Coy. KIA 13/5/17. Age 21. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Catthorpe, Leics. E. Rugby, Warwks. R. Leicester. PD. Son of William and Lois Addison of Kings Newnham, Rugby, Warwks.

ADDISON, P

1st. Bn. Suffolk Regt. C. St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

ADDISON, James William

Pte. 10182. 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. KIA 20/11/16. Age 25. BC. Vermelles British Cem., France. B. 12/12/1892 at Watton, Norfolk. E. 25/8/14 at Stamford, Lincs. R. Walk Farm, Little Casterton, Rutland. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Benjamin James Addison. Prior to enlistment he had been employed as a horseman and had been a bandsman with the local Salvation Army Corps., in connection which he was described as a "hard worker and a faithful warrior." He embarked for France in early 1915, and was killed on the Somme. He had just previously won praise from the Major General commanding the Division of the B.E.F. by reason of his fine work, but was killed before the honour could be bestowed upon him, and the gold letter-card recounting his deeds was forwarded to his parents. In sending this, and informing Private Addison's father and mother of his death, his Platoon Officer wrote:- "He volunteered for this duty (patrol). This is only a small illustration of the willingness with which he did his duty. I knew him as platoon runner, and I could always rely on him to do his duty as a good soldier and a fearless one."

ADEANE, Henry Robert Augustus

Captain. 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards. KIA 2/11/14. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem, Belgium. B. 31/7/1882 at 28, Eaton Place, London. R. Langham, Rutland. PD. Son of Admiral Edward Stanley Adeane CMG., and Lady Edith Isabella Dalzell, second daughter of Harry Burrard, 14th Earl of Carnwath. Husband of Victoria Eugenie. He was educated at Winchester and Sandhurst, being gazetted to the Coldstream Guards on the 18th January 1902, promoted Captain in 1910 and retiring on the 17th May 1913. He hunted from Langham House with the Cottesmore hounds from 1910 to 1913. On mobilisation at the declaration of war, he re enlisted on the 5th August 1914, in the 4th Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, and was killed near Ypres, Belgium whilst serving with the 1st Battalion of that Regiment. He married on the 25th September 1909, Victoria Eugenie, eldest daughter of Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge, now Lord Stamfordham, and had a son Michael Edward, born September 30th 1910.

ADKIN, George

Pte. 240406. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt.-'A' Coy. KIA 8/6/17. Age 26. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. Paul's Chyrd. Mem., Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. C. Woodhouse Eaves Mem., Leics. B. Nanpanton, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. Longdale Cottage, The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. PD. Son of John and Sarah Adkin. His brother Stanley also fell. The War Diary for today records. Heavy artillery bombardment of enemy positions commencing at 5.00am and continuing until Zero hour (8.30pm) + 3 minutes. Coys begin to assemble in trenches in the CITE DU RIAUMENT at 5.00pm under orders of Lt Col TRIMBLE 5th Battn LEICESTERSHIRE REGT (2 Coys B and C) and Lt Col YOOL, 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT (D Coy). The assembly was complete at 7.45pm and at 8.00pm the enemy barraged the position of assembly though fortunately little harm resulted. At 8.30pm the assault commenced under cover of heavy artillery. At Zero + 3 the field artillery put down a shrapnel barrage which crept forward on to HILL 65. On the right progress was good, troops reaching their objectives in ALMANAC TRENCH and B and C Coys under Captain G. ABELL (B) and Lt HYSLOP (C) commenced "mopping up". They found a large number of enemy in FOSSE 3 where there were in buildings with many dugouts. These were dealt with, with bombs and mobile charges. Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and 2 officers - 12 other ranks taken prisoner. C Coy were greatly impeded by uncut wire which prevented them silencing a machine gun which was troublesome. The whole operation was a great success in that destruction was caused to enemy dugouts and casualties inflicted. On the left D Coy under Captain A. J. WAKERLEY "mopping up" for the 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT met with more serious opposition in AHEAD TRENCH and suffered many casualties. Captain WAKERLEY being killed and 2nd Lt R. F. Wagstaff slightly wounded. The trenches were entered and many dugouts bombed and many casualties inflicted upon the enemy. The withdrawal commenced at 1.00am on the 9th June and all Coys were back in cellars by 3.00am. A Coy has specially training for wiring but was not called upon. 2nd Lt's E. C. DOUDREY, J. DOUGLAS, D. T. SLOPER, J. A. PARKINSON were wounded and there were 70 other ranks killed or wounded.

ADKIN, John

Pte. 480. 20th Bn. Australian Infantry-AIF. Dow 16/4/16. Age 27. BC. Erquinghem-Lys Chyrd. Ext., France. B. Shepshed, Leics. R. Australia. PD. Son of George and Sarah Adkin of Blind Lane, Breaston, Derbys.

ADKIN, John D

Pte. 1031018. 13th Bn. Canadian Infantry-Quebec Regt. Dow 25/10/18. Age 25. BC. St. Catherine's Chyrd., Burbage, Leics. England. C. Burbage Mem., Leics. R. "Cheslyn", Sketchley Road, Burbage, Leics. PD. Son of John Edmund and Martha Jane Adkin.

ADKIN, John E

C. Hathern Mem., Leics.

ADKIN, Stanley

Pte. G/1195. 7th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. KIA 2/8/16. Age 24. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Paul's Chyrd. Mem., Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. C. Woodhouse Eaves Mem., Leics. B. Leicester. E. Nottingham. R. Longdale Cottage, The Brand, Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. PD. Son of John and Sarah Adkin. His brother George also fell.

ADKINS, F

C. St. Michael's Church, Markfield, Leics.

ADLARD, G S

Royal Air Force. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. R. Loughborough, Leics.

ADNITT, Alfred A

Pte. 3319. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 13/10/15. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. St. James the Great Chyrd. Mem., Birstall, Leics. B. & E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. At noon our artillery started to bombard. At 1.00pm our smoke and gas started. At 1.50pm smoke and gas stopped. At 2.00pm artillery lifted and Battn assaulted the HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT. Lt Col R. E. MARTIN was wounded early but remained in the fire trench directing operations for nearly 24 hours and until -?- to the dressing station by Brig Gen KEMP. All officers of the Battn either killed or wounded. The War Diary entry for the following day the 14th October records. In the evening the Battn was relieved by part of the 139th Bde and went back to the LANCASHIRE TRENCH. Roll call revealed that 188 NCO's and men returned. The Official History of

the War – Military Operations (France and Belgium 1915 Volume II) provided the following statistics for the 1st/4th Battn Leicestershire Regiment, officers killed 20, other ranks killed 453. Total losses for the day were 138th Bde 64 officers and 1,476 other ranks. 137th Bde 68 officers and 1,478 other ranks.

ADNITT, John George

L/Cpl. 13134. 8th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 14/7/16. Age 22. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. Belgrave, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 65, Marfitt Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Mary, and the late Thomas Adnitt. The War Diary for today records. 3.00am. Dispositions as follows, Battalion HQ. same place as above, “D” Company in 2 lines of 2 platoons with its right on the railway 200 yards in front of north edge of wood. “C” Company moved up to the north edge, “B” Company supporting 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT lying in the north east corner of the wood, “A” Company supported the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT lying out in the open on the eastern side of the wood. Battalion raiders and “D” Company bombers were lying out in front of “D” Company 1st wave. During our intense bombardment from 3.00am., enemy subjected the north edge of the wood and the wood itself to very heavy bombardment and machine gun fire. 3.25am. “D” Company advanced preceded by the raiders and bombers to their objective which was about 100 yards of VILLA TRENCH to the left of the railway LEFT TRENCH and ASTON TRENCH. During intense bombardment they crept up as close as possible. In the actual attack this Company suffered considerably from hostile machine gun fire, not a single officer reaching VILLA TRENCH. The Company was led by its N.C.O.’s. Very little opposition was encountered once VILLA TRENCH was reached, dug outs were immediately bombed and the Lewis guns which followed up closely took up a position in VILLA TRENCH and caused a considerable number of casualties amongst the retreating enemy. Although the majority of the raiders had been knocked out, the remainder did excellent work in bombing towards the left flank and blocking VILLA and ASTON TRENCHES. “D” Company consolidated these trenches as quickly as possible. At 4.25am. “C” Company and 1st waves of “A” and “B” Companies advanced over the 450 yards of no mans land and arrived at BAZENTIN LE PETIT WOOD, “C” Company going up the west side of the wood as far as FOREST TRENCH support, eventually advancing with 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT as far as the north edge of the wood on the way bombing two enemy dug outs in the wood. This Company’s final position was from ASTON TRENCH to within about 100 yards of north west corner of wood. “B” Company and “A” Company on arrival at the wood pushed forward in support of 7th and 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT the whole three advancing to the north edge of the wood and BAZENTIN LE PETIT village. The enemy put up a strong resistance in FOREST TRENCH but withdrew to the outskirts of the village and the extreme north east corner of the wood, the time was about 8.00am. During the advance over no mans land a number of casualties received due to enemy machine gun situated in the middle of the wood on platforms up large trees. About 5.00am. Commanding Officer and Adjutant came over to south west corner of wood where Battalion HQ. was established. 5.25am. Last wave of “A” and “B” Companies came over and passed right through the wood to the north edge. 5.00am. Enemy counter attacked up ASTON and VILLA TRENCHES with bombs and rifle grenades, “C” Company under 2nd Lt. ALEXANDER formed bombing parties and drove them back, the latter and the Colonel losing their lives about this time. The left flank was continually rifle grenaded till about 2.30pm. 10.00am. Enemy counter attacked the north edge of the wood but were repulsed by rifle and Lewis gun fire after 3 hours of fighting. About this time 50 men were sent up from FOREST TRENCH where they were consolidating to support “C” Company’s right. Every effort was now made to consolidate positions gained. From 3.00 to 4.15pm. enemy bombarded BAZENTIN LE PETIT WOOD and no mans land very heavily, using tear shells, when the 1st EAST YORKSHIRE REGT came up with reinforcements. Night of 14th/15th. North edge of wood was much troubled by a party of enemy entrenched outside, who caused several casualties with rifle grenades and sniping. This party was eventually driven out by stokes gun on night of 16th/17th instant.

ADNITT, Richard F

Pte. 23368. 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards. KIA 16/9/15. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. All Saint’s Chyrd. Mem., Husbands Bosworth, Leics. B. Pendleton, Lancs. E. Lutterworth, Leics.

AGAR, Edwin

Pte. 8527. 2nd Bn. Royal Scots. KIA 14/7/15. BC. Bedford House Cem., Enclosure No.4, Zillebeke, Belgium. B. Leicester. E. Manchester, Lancs. R. Leicester.

AGER, Arthur

L/Sgt. 47480. 6th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 8/10/18. Age 20. BC. Prospect Hill Cem., Gouy, France. C. All Saint’s Chyrd. Mem., Wigston Magna, Leics. B. Kensington, Middx. E. Ashton under Lyne, Lancs. R. 48, Leicester Road, Wigston Magna, Leics. PD. Husband of Lucy Florence Ager. The War Diary for today records. MONTCOUVEZ. 05.15. Battalion attacked BEAUVOIS LINE. Captured all objectives including 430 prisoners and 4 field guns. All Companies in front line. Battalion HQ. in BEAUVOIS front line.

AGER, Walter

Pte. 62009. 15th/17th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. KIA 13/4/18. Age 18. BC. Ploegsteert Mem., Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. B. & E. Leicester. R. 29, Alice Street, Woodgate, Leicester. PD. Son of George and Eliza Ager. His brother William also fell.

AGER, William

Pte. 11667. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 30/9/16. Age 23. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. St. Leonard’s, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 29, Alice Street, Woodgate, Leicester. PD. Son of George and Eliza Ager. His brother Walter also fell. The War Diary for today records. GUEDECOURT. On the night of 29th/30th September the Battalion took over from the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. the line established north and north east of GUEDECOURT. On the morning of the 29th during the preliminary reconnaissance the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. W. DRYSDALE D.S.O was killed by a sniper. Major R. B. UNWIN again took command but was wounded while taking over from the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. at night.

AINGE, Albert

Pte. 27684. 1st Bn. Devonshire Regt. KIA 8/3/17. Age 20. BC. Gorre British and Indian Cem., Beauvry, France. B. Leicester. E. Burton on Trent, Staffs. R. Belvedere Road, Woodville, Derbys. PD. Son of George Alban Ainge and Sarah Hannah Elizabeth Ainge.

AINGE, Edgar

Rifleman. A/200358. 16th Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 12/10/18. Age 24. BC. Montay-Neuvilly Road Cem., Montay, France. C. Belgrave Cem., Leicester on family gravestone. E. Leicester. R. “Grace Dieu”, Stafford Street, Melton Road, Leicester. PD. He was the only son of Frank Marson Ainge and Elizabeth Anne Ainge. He was killed in action at daybreak at Neuvilly, north of Le Cateau, France.

AINGE, Frederick

Pte. 37234. 7th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt.-‘B’ Coy. Dow 6/10/18. Age 18. BC. Bucquoy Road Cem., Ficheux, France. C. Melton Mowbray Mem., Leics. C. St. Mary’s Church, Melton Mowbray, Leics. B., E. & R. Melton Mowbray, Leics. PD. Son of Mrs A. Ainge.

AINSWORTH, John Frederick

Pte. 20286. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 20/4/16. BC. Basra Mem., Iraq. C. Holy Trinity Church, Barrow upon Soar, Leics. B. Barrow upon Soar, Leics. E. Ilkeston, Derbys. R. Codnor, Derbys. PD. He was the son of John, a Labourer and his wife Mary Ainsworth. John was baptised on the 2nd January 1881 in Barrow upon Soar, Leics. He had two siblings, Walter Dickinson and Mary Jane. The War Diary for today records. On outpost duty as before.

AINSWORTH, William

Sgt. 3198. 2nd Bn. Coldstream Guards. KIA 13/9/14. BC. Vailly British Cem., France. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. Barrow upon Soar, Leics. E. 8/1/00 at Leicester. R. Windsor, Berks. PD. William is recorded in Volume I of De Ruigny's Roll of Honour, the details being that he was born in Leicester and enlisted into the Brigade of Guards on the 8th January 1900, was promoted to Lance Corporal on the 14th March 1910, further promotion to Corporal came on the 11th July 1912, Lance Sergeant on the 18th July 1914 and finally to Full Sergeant on the 9th August 1914. He saw service in South Africa from the 16th January to the 6th October 1902, being awarded the Queen's Medal with two clasps, he embarked with the British Expeditionary Force on the 12th August 1914 and was killed in action on the 13th September 1914.

AITKEN, G B

C. St. Margaret's Corah Works Mem., Leicester.

AKED, George

Lieutenant. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 5/3/15. BC. Calvaire (Essex) Mil. Cem., Ploegsteert, Belgium. C. Shephed Mem., Leics. B. 19/4/1895 at Nottingham. R. Shephed, Leics. PD. He was the only son of George Aked of Mapperley Park, Nottingham, and his wife Sarah the daughter of Samuel Wilkins. George was born on the 19th April 1895 and was educated at Nottingham High School where he served in the O.T.C. for two and a half years and was one of the High School Contingent reviewed by the King at Windsor in 1911. He received an appointment in the Nottingham and Notts. Bank at Shephed near Loughborough in 1911, and on the 26th October 1912 when a Company of the 5th Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment was formed at Shephed, he was given a commission, being promoted to Lieutenant on the 30th August 1914. He was the only resident officer at Shephed and had sole charge of the training of the Company. At the outbreak of war the Battalion was in camp and after various duties in England, including night guard near Enfield, they embarked for France in February 1915, and were immediately sent to the front, George was killed in action at Le Bizet. Lieutenant Colonel Jones in command wrote:- "We have lost in him an officer of much promise. He had developed very rapidly since he joined us. He was extraordinarily conscientious in his work, and everything his duty called him to do he did faithfully, thoroughly and well." He is buried near Armentieres. The War Diary for the 5th March 1915 records. ARMENTIERES. At 2.00am barn occupied by 2 platoons A Coy shelled by enemy. Two incendiary shells fell on extension of building damaging the brickwork only. At 9.00am the barn again shelled. No damage except to building. 1 officer and 12 men from B and D Coy's to HQ's 12th Brigade for instruction in grenade throwing. Remainder of B Coy to third line trenches for digging instruction. At 1.00pm D Coy paraded and marched via LE BIZET to third line trenches where they received instructions in hand digging and revetting. D Coy left half, heavily shelled by the enemy. At 5.15pm A and C Coy's paraded and marched to first line trenches. A Coy attached to the KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS. C Coy to the ESSEX REGT for instruction in trench routine. B Coy relieved D Coy in third line trenches. On the 6th March 1915 at 10.30am a report was received from the ESSEX REGT orderly room of two casualties, 1 officer and 1 man killed in C Coy.

AKERMAN, Fred A

Pte. 12350. 2nd Bn. Irish Guards. KIA 14/4/18. Age 35. BC. Ploegsteert Mem., Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. B. Loughborough, Leics. E. Coventry, Warwks. R. Bedworth, Warwks. PD. Husband of Elsie Mabel Wilson (formerly Akerman) of Beech House, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth, Nuneaton, Warwks.

ALCHIN, Frederick E

Pte. 7963. 1st Bn. York & Lancaster Regt. KIA 19/2/15. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. B. Warwick. E. Leicester.

ALCOCK, William

Pte. 75384. 12th Bn. Manchester Regt. (Formerly Royal Army Service Corps.). KIA 12/10/18. BC. Neuilly Com. Cem. Ext., France. C. Market Harborough Mem., Leics. B. Redbourne, Derbys. E. Market Harborough, Leics.

ALDERMAN, Tom J

Pte. 78918. 5th Bn. Tank Corps. (Formerly Royal Army Service Corps.). KIA 3/10/18. Age 25. BC. Bellicourt British Cem., France. C. Melton Mowbray Mem., Leics. C. St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, Leics. B. & E. Melton Mowbray, Leics. R. 6, Queen Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics. PD. Son of Fanny, and the late Tom Alderman.

ALDERSON, Reginald L

Major. Royal Air Force. (Formerly Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve). Died 30/6/18. Age 38. BC. St. Mary's Chyrd., Lutterworth, Leics., England. C. Lutterworth Mem., Leics. R. Lutterworth, Leics. PD. Son of the Reverend Canon F. C. Alderson of Peterborough Cathedral and Lutterworth, Leics., and of Katherine G. Alderson.

ALDGATE, Harold C

Pte. L/10783. 1st Bn. East Kent Regt. KIA 15/9/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Stephen's Church, Leicester. B. St. Saviour's, Leicester. E. & R. Leicester.

ALDRIDGE, Alfred George

Trumpeter. 1860. Leicestershire. Yeomanry. KIA 7/2/15. Age 20. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. & E. Loughborough, Leics. R. 24, Broad Street, Loughborough, Leics. PD. Son of George and Emma Louisa Aldridge. The War Diary entry for the 7th February 1915 records. ZILLEBEKE. No.1860 Trooper G. A. ALDRIDGE, "C" Squadron killed by rifle bullet and No.1309 Sergeant C. E. VALON, "B" Squadron and No.1836 Lance Corporal G. R. DIXON, "B" Squadron wounded, the former seriously. More sniping by the enemy, especially on the right of our line, than on previous days.

ALDRIDGE, Joseph L

Pte. 142313. 19th Bn. Machine Gun Corps. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 31/5/18. Age 29. BC. Soissons Mem., Aisne, France. C. Burbage Mem., Leics. C. St. Helen's Chyrd. Mem., Sharnford, Leics. C. Burbage Congregational Church, Leics. B. Sharnford, Leics. E. Hinckley, Leics. R. 6/4, Horsepool, Burbage, Leics. PD. Son of Joshua and Ellen Aldridge. Husband of Ada Aldridge.

ALDRIDGE, William A

Pte. 35683. 15th Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. KIA 25/11/16. Age 21. BC. Faubourg-d'Amiens Cem., Arras, France. C. St. Peter's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 42, Waring Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Arthur and Lizzie Wormleighton Aldridge.

ALDWINCKLE, Edward

L/Sgt. 4359. 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards. KIA 6/7/16. Age 34. BC. Essex Farm Cem., Boesinghe, Belgium. B. St. George's, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 112, Northampton Street, Leicester. PD. Nephew of E. Aldwinckle.

ALDWINCKLE, Harold

Pte. 23951. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt.-'B' Coy. KIA 21/3/18. Age 29. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. B. & E. Leicester. PD. Son of George and Caroline Aldwinckle. The War Diary for today records. Diary of Operations between 21st March 1918 inclusive

At 4.30am the enemy put down a heavy barrage gas shell bombardment of phosgene and mustard gas on the whole Battalion area and on the gas position in rear. This gradually developed into heavy concentrations of high explosive and shrapnel on the whole of our defences. The bombardment lasted until about 9.30am. Most of the wire in front of our position front line was destroyed but the wire in front of FIR SUPPORT and the RED LINE was left nearly intact under cover of a very thick mist combined with smoke and dust from bursting shells the enemy was able to cross 'no mans land' without being observed. About 9.30am the enemy entered PLANE TRENCH and 2nd Lt. JAREY who was officer

commanding of the observation party left in that trench had only just time to give the S.O.S. signal before the enemy reached him. 10.00am. The enemy had apparently broken through the front lines of the Battalion on our left and at this hour small parties attacked the northern post MCPHEE and PEIZIERE and got into the RAILWAY CUTTING behind the RED LINE. The detached position of MCPHEE POST was captured about 6 men taken prisoners. At about this hour "C" Company and the Tank were ordered to counter attack and clear PEIZIERE up to the RAILWAY CUTTING. The Tanks proceeded round the northern end of the village and "C" Company by the two roads running north east and east from MCLEAN POST. The village was easily cleared. The enemy retiring from the village and cutting on the approach of the Tanks. One of the men taken prisoner in MCPHEE POST rejoined the Battalion. 11.00am. On receipt of information that the village was clear "C" Company and the Tanks were withdrawn to their original positions. During the whole of the day the enemy made many futile attacks from the north east on the FIR SUPPORT and the RED LINE attempting to bomb down the latter from new SQUASH TRENCH which he had entered early in the attack. The defence of FIR SUPPORT was conducted by 2nd Lt. WRIGHT with about 20 men against numerous bombing attacks in one of which flammenwerfer were used but these were stopped on our wire by rifle fire and the cylinders catching alight the enemy were burnt with their own weapons. Good work was done by the whole of this platoon and particularly by Pte. HICKIN who on 2 or 3 occasions walked along the parapet firing a Lewis gun from his hip at the enemy concentrating in the trenches on the flanks. Pte. HICKIN was eventually killed in making one of these attacks. This platoon held out until dark when with only 6 men left it was ordered to fall back on the RED LINE. In the afternoon the enemy could be seen massing just south of VAUCELLETTE FARM and in LINNET and THRUSH VALLEYS and the large bodies were advancing up ANDREW STREET and LEITH WALK. 5.00pm. The two Tanks were ordered up to the bridge and scattered the enemy massing in ANDREW STREET. 6.00pm. The enemy continued to make progress southwards from VAUCELLETTE FARM and small parties were getting into PEIZIERE. The counter attack Company and the two Tanks were ordered to clear the village. The Tanks and two platoons moving round the northern outskirts and 2 platoons by road running north east from MCLEAN POST. The village was cleared by 8.00pm. and 5 prisoners sent back. As the left flank of the RED LINE seemed insecure 2 platoons from the counter attack Company were ordered to make a defensive flank facing north from the RAILWAY CUTTING to MCPHEE POST this flank was prolonged by a party of 1 officer and 14 other ranks from Battalion HQ. which occupied a trench at the junction of the sunken road just north of Battalion HQ. the remainder of the counter attack Company concentrated at MCLEAN POST. Battalion HQ. was established in YELLOW LINE. The enemy did not attack during the night. Touch was kept the whole of the day with the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. on our right, but there was a serious gap on the left until about 12 midnight when connection was obtained with the 15th DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY on our left in the YELLOW LINE.

ALDWINCKLE, Herbert

Pte. R/28401. Army Service Corps.-No.2 Remount Depot. Died 29/7/16. Age 26. BC. Greenwich Cem., London, England. C. Medbourne Mem., Leics. B. Medbourne, Leics. E. Northants. R. 84, Raglan Road, Plumstead, London. PD. Husband of Jessie Aldwinckle.

ALDWINCKLE, William J

Pte. 1/7274. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 27/9/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. Medbourne Mem., Leics. B. Medbourne, Leics. E. Leics. R. Medbourne, Leics. PD. The War Diary for the events of the 27th to the 29th September 1916 records. GUEDECOURT. Battalion remained in same position. Nothing of importance occurred during this period. 48 casualties were sustained through shell fire.

ALESBROOK, George W

Pte. 20752. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 22/2/17. BC. Amara War Cem., Iraq. C. St. Michael's Chyrd. Mem., Stoney Stanton, Leics. B. Broughton Astley, Leics. E. Hinckley, Leics. R. Stoney Stanton, Leics. PD. The War Diary for today records. 19th Bde with 2 Battn's attacked enemy's right at 10.00am. Succeeded in taking first two lines and repulsed three counter attacks, the third of which was very heavy. During the attack the Turks bombarded our 1st and 2nd lines. At 3.15pm the 51st and 53rd SIKHS attacked the enemy left under a heavy bombardment. The 53rd SIKHS were on the right and C Coy of the LEICESTERSHIRE REGT were in support to them. The 53rd entered the enemy 1st line, but on the Turks counter attacking, many of them retired. About 4.00pm C Coy supported passed through 53rd SIKHS, rallying many. They soon passed into the Turkish 2nd line. B Coy supported C Coy very shortly after, D Coy going into PRINCES FIRE TRENCH and A Coy into PRINCES REST TRENCH. Splendid reports came from C and B Coy's and the Turks 2nd line was soon consolidated. During the attack there was heavy rifle fire from the enemy, but luckily it was pretty high, and we had very few casualties. 2nd Lt VINCENT was wounded, 7 men killed and 31 men wounded during the day. The Turk shelling during this attack was not heavy. At night things were quiet except for sniping and the consolidation of the enemy trenches was completed.

ALEXANDER, Claude F

Cpl. 200782. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 17/7/18. Age 25. BC. Fouquieres Chyrd. Ext., France. C. St. Peter's Church, Leicester. C. St. John the Baptist Church, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 9, Hartopp Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester. PD. Son of A. G. and S. Alexander. The War Diary for today records. Operation Orders issued for relief of 5th Battn LEICESTERSHIRE REGT by Battn in GORRE RIGHT subsector.

ALEXANDER, Horace C

Cpl. 235637. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. (Formerly Leicestershire Yeomanry). KIA 11/9/18. BC. Vis-en-Artois Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Wigston, Leics. E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. HEUDICOURT. 3.00am. Battalion attacked YELLOW LINE successfully 50 prisoners and 6 machine guns taken. Touch on south obtained with LONDON REGT. Touch with north, WILTSHIRE REGT. established following night. Casualties 2nd Lt. HAWKES died of wounds, 2nd Lt. BEESLEY, 2nd Lt. West wounded in action, other ranks killed, wounded or missing 50.

ALEXANDER, Horace J

C. St. John the Baptist Church, Leicester.

ALFIN, William Henry Delisle

L/Sgt. G/43807. Military Medal. 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt. Dow 25/10/18. Age 29. BC. Awoingt British Cem., France. B. 10/10/1889 at Ketton, Rutland. E. 13/3/16 at Bedford. R. Felmersham, Beds. PD Son of Charles D. Alfin of North Luffenham, Rutland. He embarked for France on the 15th July 1916. He was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal, and finally to that of Sergeant on the 9th March 1918. His Military Medal was awarded for distinguished conduct in the field, reported as follows, south of Polygon Wood, on the 25th and 26th September 1917 this non commissioned officer performed very useful work by the skilful disposition of his Lewis gun team during the enemy's attacks, remaining cool throughout, and accounting for many of the enemy. His bravery, cheerfulness and calmness were very inspiring throughout the action. He took part in the Battles of the Somme, Ypres and Arras, and met his death from a shell wound near High Wood, France.

ALLAN, George H

Gunner. 108327. Royal Garrison Artillery-221st Siege Battery. KIA 20/11/17. BC. Ypres Reservoir Cem., Belgium. B. Buckminster, Leics. E. Nottingham. R. South Shields, Co. Durham.

ALLAN, S

C. St. Andrew's Church, Leicester.

ALLAN, William H

Pte. 61834. 1st/5th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. Died 27/5/18. BC. Soissons Mem., Aisne, France. C. St. Andrew's Church, Leicester. B. Leicester. E. Hinckley, Leics.

ALLARD, James

Royal Army Veterinary Corps. C. St. Margaret's Church, Leicester.

ALLAWAY, John Walter

Pte. 26029. 9th Bn. Leics. Regt. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. KIA 25/9/16. B. Leicester. E. Coventry, Warwks. PD. The War Diary entry for the 25th September 1916 records. The morning was spent in making final preparations for attack. Enemy shelling not heavy and a few casualties were sustained. At 12.35pm waves were formed up in front of trenches. At 12.37pm the advance commenced, "C" and "D" Companies in extended order, "A" and "B" Companies in artillery formation, enemy immediately commenced an extremely intense and deep barrage. At 12.45pm the first two platoons of "D" Company reached GIRD TRENCH, but sustained heavy casualties. All the Company officers becoming casualties, 2nd Lt A. E. PETER, 2nd Lt. W. S. GILBERT, CSM POTTERTON were all killed, 2nd Lt. CLARK was wounded. The remnants of the first 2 waves of "C" Company reached GIRD TRENCH, but owing to machine gun fire from the right, and the Brigade on the right, having failed to take GIRD TRENCH, the party were all killed or wounded. 2nd Lt. RENNIE was killed in GIRD TRENCH, Lt. HENWOOD was wounded. Captain WEBB wheeled the 3rd and 4th waves of "C" Company and formed a defensive flank down SUNKEN ROAD facing right. At 1.00pm Captain WEBB was wounded and CSM RHODES was killed. "C" Company suffered extremely heavy casualties from machine gun fire. "A" and "B" Companies advanced and established themselves in NEW TRENCH, BULL TRENCH and PATROL TRENCH and shell holes in the rear. Battalion HQ advanced from LEWIS TRENCH to PATROL TRENCH. At 1.37pm Captain ALLBERRY led "A" Company forward but was immediately killed by machine gun fire from the right flank. Lt. HARDY, 2nd Lt. LEWIS, CSM RICE and many of Company becoming casualties through the same cause. Lt. Col. HAIG was wounded in the arm in PATROL TRENCH. At 1.37pm Battalion HQ advanced to BULL TRENCH. At 2.00pm the remainder of Battalion HQ viz: Lt. Col. HAIG, Captain POPHAM (8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT), Lt. TOOTH and 3 orderlies advanced to NEW TRENCH. Captain POPHAM and the 3 orderlies were wounded. At 2.35pm the advance hung up on account of machine gun fire and rifle fire. Enemy still occupying GIRD TRENCH on right of SUNKEN ROAD. Lt. Col. HAIG and Lt. TOOTH advanced to NEW TRENCH and finding it empty, crossed over to GOAT TRENCH. Only dead and wounded men were found in GOAT TRENCH, accordingly Lt. Col. HAIG and Lt. TOOTH in anticipation that the front two Companies had reached GIRD TRENCH, again advanced to PILGRIMS WAY where 40 other ranks of the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT were found without any officer. Lt. Col. HAIG decided to remain and hold on with the 40 other ranks until reinforcements arrived to clear GIRD TRENCH on right. At 3.00pm connection with 55th Division in GIRD TRENCH on the left of PILGRIMS WAY was established. A bombing group of 8th and 9th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT was organised and bombed down GIRD TRENCH on the right of PILGRIMS WAY for 50 or 60 yards. Many of the enemy were killed and 12 were taken prisoner. Owing to the lack of bombs, a block was established, and a Lewis gun posted near the block. Lt. Col. HAIG sent numerous reports on the situation to Brigade HQ, only two of which reached Brigade, the orderlies being either killed or wounded. Heavy shelling all the time. At 8.00pm connection with Brigade was established through 2nd Lt. KELLY. During the night the ROYAL ENGINEERS constructed a strong point at N.32.a.1.9. The night was spent digging in and consolidating position. The enemy seemed to be working round behind PILGRIMS WAY, but did not attack. From zero (12.35pm) to 5.30pm, the enemy kept up a heavy and very deep barrage becoming intense at times.

ALLBRIGHT, Albert

Pte. 22780. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 18/11/16. Age 19. BC. Vermelles British Cem., France. C. St. Nicholas's Chyrd., Little Bowden, Leics. C. Market Harborough Mem., Leics. B. Little Bowden, Leics. E. Market Harborough, Leics. R. 4, Gladstone Street, Market Harborough, Leics. PD. Son of William and Sarah Allbright. The War Diary entry for events from the 15th to the 21st November 1916 record. HOHENZOLLERN SECTOR. Battalion relieved 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. in front line. 16th November draft of twenty other ranks joined Battalion. Two men killed, 2nd Lt. SCARFE and four other ranks wounded.

ALLCHIN, John

Pte. 7232. 1st Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. KIA 13/3/15. BC. Le Touret Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. Mark's Church, Leicester. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Derby. R. Leicester.

ALLCORN, Arthur R

Pte. 27289. 5th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt. KIA 9/4/17. Age 33. BC. Feuchy Chapel British Cem., Wancourt, France. B. Leics. E. Birmingham, Warwks. R. 153, Lord Street, Southport, Lancs. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Allcorn. Husband of Beatrice Allcorn.

ALLCOTT, John H

Pte. 16627. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 16/11/16. Age 23. BC. Vermelles British Cem., Pas de Calais, France. C. Market Bosworth Mem., Leics. B. Hurley, Warwks. E. Leicester. R. Old Rail Farm, Hurley, Atherstone, Warwks. PD. Son of John Thomas and Emma Bird Allcott. The War Diary entry for events from the 15th to the 21st November 1916 record. HOHENZOLLERN SECTOR. Battalion relieved 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. in front line. 16th November draft of twenty other ranks joined Battalion. Two men killed, 2nd Lt. SCARFE and four other ranks wounded.

ALLCROFT, A E

C. St. James' Church, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

ALLCROFT, Arthur

Rifleman. 5897. 1st Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps. Dow 28/10/14. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. B. St. Nicholas's, Leicester. E. Leicester.

ALLCROFT, George

Cadet. 183749. Royal Air Force. Died 10/11/18. Age 18. BC. St. Mary's Chyrd., Bottesford, Leics., England. B. & R. Belvoir, Leics. PD. Son of James Allcroft.

ALLCROFT, John F

Pte. 9435. 1st Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 31/5/15. BC. St. Michael and All Angel's Chyrd., Diseworth, Leics., England. C. St. Michael and All Angel's Chyrd. Mem., Diseworth, Leics. B. West Ham, Surrey. E. Leicester. R. Melbourne, Derbys.

ALLEN, Albert

Pte. 1915. 1st/5th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt.-attached 10th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. KIA 6/8/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & R. Leicester.

ALLEN, Alfred P

Sapper. 146549. Royal Engineers-87th Field Coy. KIA 8/5/17. Age 21. BC. Feuchy British Cem., France. C. St. Peter's Church, Empingham, Rutland. B. Thorpe Satchville, Leics. E. Stamford, Lincs. R. Great Casterton, Rutland. Son of Mrs W. Fowler of Great Casterton, Rutland.

ALLEN, Amos

Pte. 17566. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 8/3/16. BC. Basra Mem., Iraq. B. Barkby, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Desford, Leics. PD. The War Diary for 7th March records. Did nothing all day. At 5.30pm Bde formed up and marched south west to a point about 1 mile south of the DIJAILAH REDOUBT arriving there at about 7.30am on the 8th instant (March) Shortly after this the Bde deployed 53rd SIKHS (FRONTIER FORCE) and 56th PUNJABIS (FRONTIER FORCE) being in the front line on a fronting of 400 yards. LEICESTERSHIRE REGT and 51st SIKHS in Reserve, Battn moving forward in two lines of platoon columns. The objective allotted to the Bde was a line extending from the DIJAILAH REDOUBT westwards for 400 yards. The objective of the 9th Bde, on our right, was the DIJAILAH REDOUBT, while the 36th Bde on our left worked westwards on a special mission. The two leading Battn's of the 28th FRONTIER FORCE Bde were met by a very heavy rifle and machine gun fire but succeeded in getting well forward, the two reserve Battn's being kept a considerable distance in rear to meet any counter attack which it was believed would almost certainly be delivered against the left of the Bde. The two leading Battn's owing to heavy casualties were compelled to entrench some 400 yards short of the enemy's position. About 10.00am Major D. L. WEIR D.S.O. was wounded and Capt R. J. McINTYRE assumed command. At 10.50am the Battn faced north west to meet an expected counter attack, formation of Battn in two lines of half Battn, B and A Coy's in the front line with machine guns, C and D Coy's in the second line. The counter attack did not take place. The 36th Bde met with considerable opposition and did not make much headway. At 1.00pm the Battn received orders to join in the attack and reinforce the DEVONSHIRE REGT right, who were on the right of the 36th Bde. The Battn extended and advanced in four lines, B Coy (which directed) on the right, A Coy on the left, each Coy having 2 platoons in the front line and 2 in the second line. On advancing it was found that the DEVONSHIRE REGT were mixed up with the HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY and 1st/9th GURKHAS, and, there being no room, The Battn made a right incline and prolonged the right. The front line advanced to within 350 yards of the enemy's trench and arrangements were being made for reinforcements to come up when the order was received to halt. The attack had now stopped, at 2.40pm. At 4.30pm orders were received that another attempt was to be made to capture the enemy's position, and all troops were to co-operate and assault at 5.00pm. The attack took place and the front line reached a ridge about 200 yards to 250 yards from the enemy. Orders were received to dig in on the ground won. At dusk the Battn reformed and commenced to dig a line of defence 39c.4.8. (reference map T C 18). At 10.00pm the Battn was moved to another position at 50a.1.3.

ALLEN, Arthur

Pte. 14553. 1st Bn. Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Died 13/8/15. Age 20. BC. Helles Mem., Gallipoli, Turkey. C. Clarendon Park Congregational Church, Leicester. C. St. Michael's Church, Scott Street, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 303, Avenue Road Extension, Clarendon Park, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs A. Allen.

ALLEN, Arthur

Pte. 202032. 1st/6th Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. KIA 10/3/18. BC. Cambrin Mil. Cem., France. C. St. Deny's Church, Ibstock, Leics. B. Ibstock, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Ibstock, Leics.

ALLEN, Arthur

Pte. 1785. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt.-'B' Coy. KIA 13/10/15. Age 20. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. St. Nicholas's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 45, All Saint's Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Mrs Sarah A. Wardle. The War Diary for today records. At noon our artillery started to bombard. At 1.00pm our smoke and gas started. At 1.50pm smoke and gas stopped. At 2.00pm artillery lifted and Battn assaulted the HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT. Lt Col R. E. MARTIN was wounded early but remained in the fire trench directing operations for nearly 24 hours and until -?- to the dressing station by Brig Gen KEMP. All officers of the Battn either killed or wounded. The War Diary entry for the following day the 14th October records. In the evening the Battn was relieved by part of the 139th Bde and went back to the LANCASHIRE TRENCH. Roll call revealed that 188 NCO's and men returned. The Official History of the War – Military Operations (France and Belgium 1915 Volume II) provided the following statistics for the 1st/4th Battn Leicestershire Regiment, officers killed 20, other ranks killed 453. Total losses for the day were 138th Bde 64 officers and 1,476 other ranks. 137th Bde 68 officers and 1,478 other ranks.

ALLEN, Arthur R

Pte. 11862. 8th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. KIA 12/4/17. Age 24. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. John the Baptist Church, Buckminster, Leics. B. Buckminster, Leics. E. Grantham, Lincs. R. Buckminster, Leics. PD. Son of John Richard and Annie Allen.

ALLEN, Charles

Pte. 10415. 6th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 27/5/18. BC. Soissons Mem., France. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. St. Leonard's, Leicester. E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. CHALONS VERGEUR. 1.00am. Enemy commenced heavy bombardment with gas and high explosive on D Camp. The Battalion fell in at 12.45pm and moved to dugouts and shelters in vicinity of camp as soon as bombardment commenced. A Company under Captain SCOTT M.C. had -?- move up to the TENAILLE DE GUISE east of CORMICY on the night of the 26th and arrived in position at midnight. 3.00am Gas shelling ceased but concentrations of gas did not clear until 5.00am. 4.00am TENAILLE DE GUISE heavily bombarded until 5.00am. 7.30am. B Company (Captain SCHOLES) moved forward to Brigade HQ in BOIS-DE-LA-MONTAGNE and proceeded thence to TRENCH DE ESTERNEY with right on OUVRAGE-DU-NORD and left on HIRSCH WOOD. 9.00am. D Company and Battalion HQ moved forward to Brigade HQ. A Company heavily attacked in TENAILLE DE GUISE but attack was beaten off by rifle and machine gun fire. 11.30am. C Company (Lt. STEVENS) moved forward and rejoined remainder of Battalion in vicinity of 110th Brigade HQ in BOIS-DE-MONTAGNE. 12.00 noon. TRENAILLE DE GUISE again heavily attacked. Enemy were repulsed frontally but succeeded in attacking posts on the right and left flanks which eventually forced the remnants of A Company under Lt. VERNALL to withdraw to TRENCH de ESTERNEY in front of CAUROY-CORMICY ROAD. 2.00pm. Battalion HQ moved to the TUILLERIE. D Company moved up to position near BOYAN DE GUISE extending right and left in front of CAUROY-CORMICY ROAD. Touch was gained with B Company on right but touch could not be obtained with A Company on left. Consequently there was a gap of over 1000 yards on the left. 2.30pm. C Company ordered forward to fill gap between A and D Companies keeping 1 platoon in reserve at Battalion HQ. Touch was obtained with D Company on right and 1 platoon deducted to form a defensive flank facing CORMICY. Repeated attempts were made to establish touch with troops holding CORMICY. 4.00pm. Enemy attacked the TRENCH DU ESTERNEY from HIRSCH to CAUROY. Attack was brought to a standstill by rifle and machine gun fire from about 150 yards from ESTERNEY. 5.00pm. Under cover of dead ground the enemy succeeded in establishing a footing in HIRSCH WOOD on the right flank of D Company. He attacked repeatedly from this direction between 5.00 and 7.00pm but was repulsed each time with heavy losses. 7.00pm. Reinforced by Trench Mortars, enemy proceeded in breaking the line of the right flank of D Company. Blocks were immediately established in the trenches and the enemy held up -?-. 7.30pm. Enemy threatening the left flank of C Company from direction of CORMICY. 8.00pm. Enemy working round the left rear of C Company and firing into them from -?-. Owing to situation on right flank of D Company. B Company formed a defensive flank along the BOYAN DU CHATILLON. 10.00pm. Enemy continued to work round flanks of B and D Companies in small parties under cover of darkness. Orders received from Brigade (GC 547 attached) to withdraw to the line ST. AUBOEUF-ROUCY RIDGE covered by rear guard. Withdrawal to commence at 10.00pm. 11.00pm. Companies ordered to withdraw and assemble at old Battalion HQ in BOIS MONTAGNE, C and D Companies had considerable difficulty in extricating themselves but managed to withdraw fighting a rear guard action.

ALLEN, Charles

Sgt. 20577. 10th Hussars-Prince of Wales Own Royal. KIA 9/8/18. Age 33. BC. Caix British Cem., France. B. Leicester. E. Nottingham. R. 232, Gladstone Street, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Allen of Leicester. Husband of L. E. Allen.

ALLEN, Charles E

Pte. S/15027. 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. KIA 3/5/17. Age 19. BC. Roeux British Cem., France. C. St. Paul's Chyrd. Mem., Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. C. Woodhouse Eaves Mem., Leics. B. Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. 44, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. PD. Son of Mr J. Allen.

ALLEN, Charles W

Pte. 14139. 9th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. KIA 8/8/15. BC. Helles Mem., Gallipoli, Turkey. B. Leicester. E. Poplar, Essex. R. Leicester.

ALLEN, David

C. St. Paul's Chyrd. Mem., Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. C. Woodhouse Eaves Mem., Leics.

ALLEN, Edgar A

Driver. 419012. Royal Army Medical Corps.-1st/2nd North Midland Field Ambulance. KIA 9/5/17. Age 37. BC. Philosophie British Cem., Mazingarbe, France. B. St. Margaret's, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 103, Cooper Street, Leicester. PD. Son of William and Emma Allen of Leicester. Husband of Maud Allen.

ALLEN, Edward (True family name is WHEWAY, H)

Stoker 1st Class. K/12311. Royal Navy-HMS Queen Mary. KIA 31/5/16. Age 24. BC. Portsmouth Naval Mem., Hampshire, England. R. 87, Oxford Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Henry T. and Amy Wheway. He was killed at the Battle of Jutland.

ALLEN, Edward

Pte. 21438. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. Died 5/4/19. Age 28. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: uO1.367 WM.38.2. C. The Martyr's Church, Leicester. R. 41, Ridley Street, Hinckley Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Mrs Jemima Allen.

ALLEN, Edward P

Gunner. 77979. Royal Garrison Artillery-202nd Heavy Battery. Died 19/12/17. Age 29. BC. Gaza War Cem., Israel. B. & E. Leicester. R. 70, Macpherson Avenue, Toronto, Canada. PD. Son of John and Lizzie Allen of Leicester. Husband of Gertrude Allen.

ALLEN, Frank

Pte. 25324. 4th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. KIA 23/4/17. Age 23. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. & E. Leicester. R. 151, Curzon Street, Leicester. PD. Son of George William and Catherine Sarah Allen.

ALLEN, Frederick

Pte. 7793. 2nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers. Dow 30/6/15. Age 34. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: uO1.276 WM.37.1. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B., E. & R. Leicester. PD. Son of William and Mary Allen.

ALLEN, Freeling H

Pte. 69072. Northumberland Fusiliers. Died 27/11/18. Age 19. BC. St. Michael's Chyrd. Mem., Hose, Leics., England. R. Hose, Leics. PD. Son of Thomas and Alice E. Allen.

ALLEN, George

Cpl. 21559. 8th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 28/3/18. BC. St Sever Com. Cem. Ext., Rouen, France. C. St. Stephen's Church, Leicester. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. C. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, Grave Reference: cN.126. B. & E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary entry for events from the 28th to the 29th March 1918 records. VADENCOURT. The nucleus of the Battalion under Major N. E. C. ANDERSON remained at VADENCOURT during the 28th/29th March. The 2 composite Companies were operating in the BRAY – CHIPILLY – MORLANCOURT – RIBEMONT AREA.

ALLEN, George Frederick

Pte. 2978. 1st/4th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 13/10/15. Age 23. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, Grave Reference: uD.410. E. Leicester. R. 3, Severn Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Alfred Frederick Allen. The War Diary for today records. At noon our artillery started to bombard. At 1.00pm our smoke and gas started. At 1.50pm smoke and gas stopped. At 2.00pm artillery lifted and Battn assaulted the HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT. Lt Col R. E. MARTIN was wounded early but remained in the fire trench directing operations for nearly 24 hours and until -?- to the dressing station by Brig Gen KEMP. All officers of the Battn either killed or wounded. The War Diary entry for the following day the 14th October records. In the evening the Battn was relieved by part of the 139th Bde and went back to the LANCASHIRE TRENCH. Roll call revealed that 188 NCO's and men returned. The Official History of the War – Military Operations (France and Belgium 1915 Volume II) provided the following statistics for the 1st/4th Battn Leicestershire Regiment, officers killed 20, other ranks killed 453. Total losses for the day were 138th Bde 64 officers and 1,476 other ranks. 137th Bde 68 officers and 1,478 other ranks.

ALLEN, H

C. St. Margaret's Corah Works Mem., Leicester.

ALLEN, H

C. St. James' Church, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

ALLEN, H William

C. St. Saviour's Church, Leicester.

ALLEN, Harry

Pte. 241825. 1st Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 21/7/18. BC. Tyne Cot Mem., Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. C. Sibley Mem., Leics. B. Sibley, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. Sibley, Leics. PD. The War Diary for today records that the Battalion were in the Front Line left subsection Dickebusch sector. Quiet day in Battalion sector. Commanding Officer at conference at Brigade HQ's where he learnt that an enemy attack was expected on the 22nd instant. Following dispositions assumed during the night of the 21st/22nd instant in view of this attack. Battalion HQ's moved to new HQ's at H.32.b. 50.60 (permanent change). B and D Company's moved to battle positions in Vyverbeek Line. 1 platoon from each of A and C Company's withdrawn from front line Vyverbeek Line. Counter preparation by artillery indulged in fully during the night and evoked fairly heavy retaliation, chiefly on Vyverbeek Valley. Except for this retaliation enemy behaved normally and as at 2.30am there were no signs of the expected attack. Company's resumed normal dispositions. Casualties A Company 8 killed, 3 wounded, 1 missing. B Company 3 wounded, 1 missing. D Company 1 killed.

ALLEN, Harry

Pte. 14454. 9th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 7/11/16. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: uO1.366 WM.37.1. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 86, Lorne Road, Clarendon Park, Leicester. PD. Son of Charles Samuel Allen.

ALLEN, Harry B

L/Cpl. 36295. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 28/3/18. Age 23. BC. Le Cateau Mil. Cem., France. C. St. Saviour's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 53, Shenton Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Harry B. and Charlotte Allen. The War Diary for today records. Lt CARNLEY'S Company were withdrawn to HEILLY in support of 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. There they remained till the evening of the 30th when they

were relieved by part of the 106th Brigade and marched to FRECHENCOURT. On the 31st they marched to ALLONVILLE and rejoined the Battalion.

ALLEN, Henry

Sapper. 272196. Royal Engineers. Died 21/11/17. BC. No Trace. B. Leicester. R. Grimsby, Lincs.

ALLEN, Henry J O

Cpl. 320171 (1437). Distinguished Conduct Medal. 6th Bn. London Regt.- City of London-Rifles. KIA 7/6/17. Age 20. BC. Ypres (Menin Gate) Mem., Belgium. B. Great Dalby, Leics. E. London. R. 10, Paradise Place, High Street, Marylebone, London. PD. Son of the late Thomas and Caroline Allen. London Gazette Citation dated 11th March 1916 reads:- For conspicuous gallantry on many occasions, when he carried out reconnaissances at night outside the front trenches under heavy fire.

ALLEN, Herbert

Pte. 16577. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 25/9/15. BC. Loos Mem., France. B. Swansea, Glam., Wales. E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left were over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected in the ditch in front of the German wire waiting for developments. Officer casualties. Killed Capt F. H. ROMILLY D.S.O., Capt E. C. Deane R.A.M.C. Died of wounds 2nd Lt M. W. BROWNE. Wounded Lt Col H. GORDON D.S.O., Capt W. C. WILSON, Lt H. H. PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt G. W. TANNER, 2nd Lt H. H. HEMPHILL, 2nd Lt V. E. ELLINGHAM, 2nd Lt C. C. BAILEY, 2nd Lt G. W. GROSSMITH. Slightly wounded Major F. LEWIS, Capt D. L. WEIR. Gassed 2nd Lt W. WILSON. Missing and believed killed Lt W. T. PICKIN, 2nd Lt R. E. S. LODGE. Missing known to have been wounded 2nd Lt C. G. WOODBOURN. Missing and no trace 2nd Lt W. J. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt E. A. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt T. R. LONGCROFT. Rank and file casualties. Killed 72. Wounded 217. Gassed 42. Missing 96. Wounded slightly but did not quit Battn 3. What was left of the Battn were relieved from the front line by the 2nd/39th GARWHAL RIFLES at 6.30pm and moved into support and local reserve just in rear. Before the operations began the Battn worked for a week in strengthening the front line and preparing the defences behind. Four very strong lines were constructed capable of resisting the enemy's bombardment.

ALLEN, Horace

Pte. 723104. 1st/24th Bn. London Regt. KIA 17/9/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B., E. & R. Leicester.

ALLEN, James T

Pte 241484. Military Medal. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 15/3/17. Age 20. BC. Fonquevillers Mil. Cem., France. C. Hinckley Mem., Leics. B. Burton on Trent, Staffs. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. New Cottages, Sketchley, Leics. PD. Son of George and Jessie Allen. The War Diary for today records. FONQUEVILLERS. Cold and dull. At 9.15am Commanding Officer and Adjutant met the Brigadier General Commanding, and other Commanding Officers on the plain and viewed the plan of trenches marked out there to practice attack. At 2.00pm Coy Commanders conference, then they and other officers viewed trenches flagged out on plain. At 4.00pm 2nd Lt PEARSON was sent by request to Brigade Staff to help with "Intelligence". At 5.30pm conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade in SOUASTRE. Bright night. Slight Frost.

ALLEN, John

Pte. G/15030. 11th Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. KIA 1/8/17. Age 26. BC. Divisional Collecting Post Cem. Ext., Boesinghe, Belgium. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. 10, New Street, Barrow upon Soar, Leics. PD. Husband of Edith Rose Allen.

ALLEN, John

Pte. 40388. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 28/6/17. Age 34. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Durham. E. Leicester. R. 7, Gore Bank, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent. PD. Son of Mrs Emma Allen. The War Diary entry for the 28th, 29th and 30th June 1917 records. At 2.30am CANADIANS attack on the right, no warning that it would take place, this delayed our relief very much as the Huns put down a barrage on our front. Relief not completed until 5.00am. Very noisy night. Major GRIFFITHS found an undamaged Granatenwerfer. General visited us during the morning. Report on Operation 28th June to 1st July 1917. On the night of the 27th June the 5th Battn LEICESTERSHIRE REGT moved up and took over the trenches (detailed for assembly prior to the attack) BOOT and BRICK from the 5th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT and MONMOUTHSHIRE REGT. Two other ranks were wounded. For the assault, Coy's were disposed of as follows:- B Coy on right, A Coy on left, D Coy moppers up, one Coy of 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT was in support, one Coy of 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT was detailed for carrying. At ZERO minus 4 on the 28th instant the men of the assaulting Corps climbed out of their trenches, (which were very deep and narrow) and lay down in front of the trenches, this movement took place without the knowledge of the enemy although he had two balloons up and 3 aeroplanes over before ZERO. At ZERO the assaulting Coy's advanced and with practically no opposition beyond enemy artillery and machine gun fire seized the Battn's objectives, and consolidation commenced. This was reported by runner to Battn HQ's at 7.40pm. Touch was gained by troops on both flanks. At 8.20pm the situation was reported quiet. At 9.00pm patrols were pushed out and met with slight opposition. The night was quiet and next day 29th June patrols were pushed out onto RIDGE and along ALMNAC TRENCH as far as the LENS ARRAS road. The latter patrol encountered the enemy who ran away, leaving a telephone, a rocket pistol and machine gun spare parts in our possession. In the afternoon nothing of importance occurred. Message received from General Officer Commanding. WELL DONE GIRL. Quiet morning. In the afternoon our new line was heavily shelled and the Battn sustained several casualties (3 officers and 60 other ranks). On the night of the 30th June the Battn was relieved by the 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT, and the Battn was disposed as follows:- 2 Coy's in support in CITE DES GARENNES. 1 Coy to LIEVEN. The Battn then came into Brigade Reserve.

ALLEN, John T

C. St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, Leicester.

ALLEN, John W

Pte. 44609. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt.-attached Supply and Transport Corps. Died 24/1/20. BC. Sibi Government Cem., Baluchistan, India. C. Delhi Mem., India.

ALLEN, Joseph

Pte. 35251. 12th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. Died 6/9/17. BC. Ibstock Cem., Leics., England. C. St. Deny's Church, Ibstock, Leics. B. Ibstock, Leics. E. Coalville, Leics.

ALLEN, Joseph H

Pte. 14206. 9th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. KIA 12/8/15. BC. Helles Mem., Gallipoli, Turkey. B. Leicester. E. Poplar, London. R. Leicester.

ALLEN, Kenneth J

Pte. 75802. 7th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. KIA 6/4/18. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Peter's Chyrd. Mem., Bardon Hill, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Bardon Hill, Leics.

ALLEN, Leslie

C. St. Paul's Church, Leicester.

ALLEN, Laurence H

Pte. 99409. 1st/7th Bn. Kings Liverpool Regt. KIA 11/7/18. BC. Houchin British Cem., France. C. St. Michael's Church, Scott Street, Leicester. B., E. & R. Leicester.

ALLEN, Percy

Pte. 41273. 15th Bn. Highland Light Infantry. KIA 2/4/17. BC. Savy British Cem., Aisne, France. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester.

ALLEN, Percy H

Sgt. 5586. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 25/9/15. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. Pateley Bridge, Yorks. E. Leicester. R. Loughborough, Leics. PD. Son of George and Annie Allen of 21, Queens Road, Loughborough, Leics. Husband of Violet Maud Allen. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left went over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected in the ditch in front of the German wire waiting for developments. Officer casualties. Killed Capt F. H. ROMILLY D.S.O., Capt E. C. Deane R.A.M.C. Died of wounds 2nd Lt M. W. BROWNE. Wounded Lt Col H. GORDON D.S.O., Capt W. C. WILSON, Lt H. H. PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt G. W. TANNER, 2nd Lt H. H. HEMPHILL, 2nd Lt V. E. ELLINGHAM, 2nd Lt C. C. BAILEY, 2nd Lt G. W. GROSSMITH. Slightly wounded Major F. LEWIS, Capt D. L. WEIR. Gassed 2nd Lt W. WILSON. Missing and believed killed Lt W. T. PICKIN, 2nd Lt R. E. S. LODGE. Missing known to have been wounded 2nd Lt C. G. WOODBOURN. Missing and no trace 2nd Lt W. J. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt E. A. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt T. R. LONGCROFT. Rank and file casualties. Killed 72. Wounded 217. Gassed 42. Missing 96. Wounded slightly but did not quit Battn 3. What was left of the Battn were relieved from the front line by the 2nd/39th GARWHAL RIFLES at 6.30pm and moved into support and local reserve just in rear. Before the operations began the Battn worked for a week in strengthening the front line and preparing the defences behind. Four very strong lines were constructed capable of resisting the enemy's bombardment.

ALLEN, Percy T

Gunner. L/32211. Royal Field Artillery-'D' Battery, 235th Brigade. KIA 24/7/17. Age 24. BC. Godewaersvelde British Cem., France. C. St. James' Church, Aylestone Park, Leicester. R. 36, Grace Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester. PD. Son of Thomas and Matilda Allen.

ALLEN, Raymond A

Pte. 76315. 22nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry. KIA 29/5/18. BC. Soissons Mem., Aisne, France. C. St. Alban's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester.

ALLEN, Reginald G

Pte. 64867. 22nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers-Tyneside Scottish. (Formerly Durham Light Infantry). Dow 11/4/18. Age 19. Ploegsteert Mem., Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. C. St. James' Church, Aylestone Park, Leicester. E. Durham. R. 146, Knighton, Lane, Leicester. PD. Son of George William and Florence Allen.

ALLEN, Richard G

Pte. PS/1557. 16th Bn. Middlesex Regt. KIA 1/7/16. Age 39. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. Leicester. E. St. Pancras, Middlesex. R. 25, Fosse Road Central, Leicester. PD. Son of Richard Charles and Lucille Allen of "Bradda", Letchworth Road, Leicester. Husband of Stella S. Allen. He was an artist by profession.

ALLEN, Robert H

Pte. 27023. 7th Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. Dow 12/1/17. Age 30. BC. Amara War Cem., Iraq. C. St. James' Church, Aylestone Park, Leicester. B., E. & R. Leicester. PD. Husband of Alice Pitts (formerly Allen) of 22, Harold Street, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

ALLEN, Roland

Sgt. 18319. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 22/3/18. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. B. & E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. During the night the enemy rushed forward his field and heavy guns and in the early morning he opened an intense bombardment of the RED LINE, PEIZIERE and the YELLOW LINE, under a heavy barrage he attacked the RED LINE but was driven off. 10.00am. About this hour news was received that the enemy had captured ST. EMILIE and the southern edge of EPEHY and the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. had been ordered to form a defensive flank on the EPEHY - SAULCOURT ROAD, to combine with this and to cover the right rear of PEIZIERE a second defensive flank facing south was made with every available man from Battalion HQ between YELLOW SUPPORT LINE and CHAUFOURS WOOD. 11.00am. As it was seen that the enemy were entering EPEHY in force from the south the two Tanks were ordered forward to check his advance and if possible clear EPEHY. The enemy retired on seeing their approach, and they report having inflicted heavy casualties. Unfortunately they were running short of petrol and as the engines required repairs they were unable to proceed further and attempting to withdraw to SAULCOURT both were knocked out. 12.00 noon. About this hour orders were received to withdraw the Battalion behind to BROWN LINE and concentrate at LONGAVENES. 12.15pm. Orders were issued for the withdrawal, up to this hour Captain VANNER M.C. was still holding the RED LINE and driving off every attack made on it. After the withdrawal of his Company he waited to superintend the demolition of both bridges over the cutting. This was successfully carried out. The withdrawal of the Battalion and the extrication of the posts in PEIZIERE was a matter of some difficulty as by the time of the receipt of the order by the Companies the enemy was in occupation of EPEHY and firing in from the north. The withdrawal was made under heavy machine gun fire from the south east and north east and a considerable number of casualties were incurred during it. 3.30pm. Battalion reorganised in valley just north of LONGAVESNES and received orders to march to AIZECOURT LE HAUT. 6.00pm. Battalion arrived and went into camp. Men had a hot meal.

ALLEN, S E

Pte. 1000168. 1st Bn. Canadian Machine Gun Corps. KIA 14/8/18. Age 23. BC. Villers-Bretonneux Cem., Fouilloy, France. B. Leicester. R. Silvertown Station, Manitoba, Canada. PD. Son of Frank and Amelia Allen.

ALLEN, Samuel W

L/Cpl. 9497. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 25/9/15. Age 22. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. St. Nicholas's Church, Fleckney, Leics. B. St Mark's, Leicester. E. Leicester. R. 47, Bartholomew Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Edward H. and Esther H. Allen. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left were over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected in the ditch in front of the German wire waiting for developments. Officer casualties. Killed Capt F. H. ROMILLY D.S.O., Capt E. C. Deane R.A.M.C. Died of wounds 2nd Lt M. W. BROWNE. Wounded Lt Col H. GORDON D.S.O., Capt W. C. WILSON, Lt H. H. PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt G. W. TANNER, 2nd Lt H. H. HEMPHILL, 2nd Lt V. E. ELLINGHAM, 2nd Lt C. C. BAILEY, 2nd Lt G. W. GROSSMITH. Slightly wounded Major F. LEWIS, Capt D. L. WEIR. Gassed 2nd Lt W. WILSON. Missing and believed killed Lt W. T. PICKIN, 2nd Lt R. E. S. LODGE. Missing known to have been wounded 2nd Lt C. G. WOODBOURN. Missing and no trace 2nd Lt W. J. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt E. A. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt T. R. LONGCROFT. Rank and file casualties. Killed 72. Wounded 217. Gassed 42. Missing 96. Wounded slightly but did not quit Battn 3. What was left of the Battn were relieved from the front line by the 2nd/39th GARWHAL RIFLES at 6.30pm and moved into support and local reserve just in rear. Before the operations began the Battn worked for a week in strengthening the front line and preparing the defences behind. Four very strong lines were constructed capable of resisting the enemy's bombardment.

ALLEN, Sidney

Pte. 35685. 14th Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. Died 17/2/16. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: uE.108. B. & E. Leicester.

ALLEN, Stanley Tom

Pte. 14453. 9th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 14/7/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. Oadby Mem., Leics. B. Oadby, Leics. E. Leicester. R. Oadby, Leics. PD. The War Diary entry for the 14th July 1916 records. FRICOURT. Battalion moved off at 12.15am and moved up to the southern edge of MAMETZ WOOD. Fairly heavy shelling. They reached the reserve position MAMETZ WOOD 500 yards west of the front edge at 3.20am just as intense bombardment of German trenches began, and either went into existing trenches or dug in. At 5.20am "B" Company (Captain ANDERSON) and 1 platoon of "A" Company moved over to BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD to reinforce the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. They finally reached the north of the wood of village and as far as possible dug themselves in. They were mixed up with the 6th, 7th and 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. Heavy casualties including all Company officers. At 6.00am remainder of "A" Company moved to German 1st line trench and started to consolidate it. 2 platoons of "C" Company taken to Brigade HQ for carrying. At 8.15am Lt. Col. HAIG with "D" Company and 1/2 of "C" Company moved to BAZENTIN-LE-PETIT WOOD. Lt. Col. HAIG had orders to take over defence on the north western and western edge of the wood which was being heavily shelled. At 8.45am "D" Company (Lt. NOLAN) directed on the north western corner of the wood to clear wood and dig in on the edge. 2 platoons of "C" Company in support trench with Battalion HQ. Between 9.00am and 12.00 noon "D" Company met with heavy opposition and reached forward support line but failed to clear wood. Lt. NOLAN was killed. Lt. de LISLE and Lt. SMITH were wounded. Between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm Germans threatened counter attack, very heavy shelling of all lines. "A" Company brought to Battalion HQ and 2 platoons sent to reinforce 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. At 12.00 noon Col. KUMME, 2 officers and 30 men captured by "D" Company. Between 4.00pm and 7.00pm Brigadier came and ordered all available men to attack the north western edge of the wood. Lt. Col. HAIG, Captain EMMETT and 2nd Lt. STEPHENS with about 50 men advanced roping in about 100 men of 1st EAST YORKSHIRE REGT as supports. Captain EMMETT with 40 men reached the north western edge of the wood and killed 4 German observers and attempted to charge the German trenches 50 yards from the edge of the wood. Captain EMMETT and 36 men were killed by machine gun fire. Meanwhile Lt. Col. HAIG with the 1st EAST YORKSHIRE REGT and a few of the 9th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT had reached the railway line and came under enfilade machine gun fire (Lt. STEPHENS was killed). The edge of the wood close to the village was cleared and a small drive was organised towards Captain EMMETT'S party. They came under heavy sniping fire and Lt. HINCKLEY was wounded and most of his men killed or wounded. 7.00pm All posts started consolidating where they were. Patrols sent out constantly from the strong posts. Rough positions as below (On the Battalion Diary page a rough sketch shows the positions of the Companies) Between 9.00pm and 11.00pm heavy shelling and enemy rifle fire but no actual organised attack.

ALLEN, Stuart

L/Cpl. G/13700. 6th Bn. East Kent Regt. KIA 3/5/17. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. E. Dover, Kent. R. 39, Dour Street, Dover, Kent. PD. Son of William Allen.

ALLEN, T

C. St. Michael's Church, Markfield, Leics.

ALLEN, Thomas

L/Cpl. 21855. 1st Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. Died 4/11/18. Age 20. BC. Northampton Road Cem., Market Harborough, Leics., England. C. Market Harborough Mem., Leics. C. St. Nicholas's Chyrd. Mem., Little Bowden, Leics. B. Debdale, Lancs. E. Northampton. R. 2, Caxton Terrace, Market Harborough, Leics. PD. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Allen.

ALLEN, Tom

Lieutenant. C. Thurmaston Mem., Leics.

ALLEN, W

Pte. 81353. 2nd Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. (Formerly 38351, Leics. Regt.). KIA 22/3/18. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. & R. Leicester.

ALLEN, W R

C. St. Eglwin's Chyrd. Mem., Scalford, Leics.

ALLEN, Walter

Pte. 1175. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 18/4/15. Age 21. BC. Lindenhoeck Chalet Mil. Cem., Kemmel, Belgium. C. Carillon Tower Mem., Loughborough, Leics. B. St Mary's, Lincoln. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. 4, Lady Bank, Tamworth, Staffs. PD. Son of Walter John and Mary Alice Allen of 117, Russell Street, Loughborough, Leics. Husband of Anne Allen. He was killed at Hill 60, Belgium. The War Diary for today records. LOCRE. At 9.00am enemy aeroplane flew along our lines. Opened rifle fire without success. At 8.45pm 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT relief arrived. Relief completed 11.30pm. Proceeded back independently to hutments originally occupied. Total casualties 2 killed and 11 wounded. Note: It seems definite that a new way should be found by which ration parties, reliefs etc., can proceed from PACKHORSE FARM to the firing line.

ALLEN, Walter

Pte. 81214. 2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry-'A' Coy. KIA 24/9/18. Age 19. BC. Chapelle British Cem., Holnon, France. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 32, Rydal Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Reuben and Priscilla Allen.

ALLEN, Walter R

Pte. 42773. 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 22/4/18. Age 18. BC. Loos Mem., France. B. Wellingborough, Northants. E. Leicester. R. 68, Berners Street, Leicester. PD. Only son of John and Elizabeth Allen.

ALLEN, Walter Smith

2nd Lieutenant. 2nd/5th Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. (Formerly 45402, Durham Light Infantry). KIA 21/3/18. Age 24. BC. Arras Mem., France. C. Great Glen Mem., Leics. R. Great Glen, Leics. PD. He was the son of Walter, a self employed Blacksmith and his wife Mary A. Allen. Walter had an older sister Florence and a younger brother Leonard.

ALLEN, William

Pte. 21377. 8th Bn. Leics. Regt. Died 14/7/18. Age 27. BC. Peronne Com. Cem. Ext., Ste. Radegonde, France. C. St. Augustine's Church, Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 52, Shenton Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Mrs H. B. Allen. After the operations between the between the 26th and the 29th May 1918, the 8th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment was reduced in June 1918, and disbanded in July 1918. The surplus were transferred to the 7th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment and the Nucleus to the 14th Battalion West Riding Regiment. The War Diary entry for the events from the 26th to the 29th May 1918 records. FRONT LINE. During the period the Battalion had been in the line up to the 26th May the hostile artillery activity had been very slight. Much movement had been reported behind the enemy lines and the FRENCH authorities were of the opinion that an attack was to be expected on the Divisional front. At 9.30pm on the night of the 26th May when the inter Company relief was in progress a message was received from Brigade that from two prisoners statements (captured that night) the enemy intended to attack along the whole AISNE front, including the front held by the Division. Bombardment to commence at 1.00am, the attack at 3.00am. This statement proved to be correct for punctually at 1.00am the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the Divisional area. The back areas were shelled with gas shells chiefly, the mustard type being mostly used. The forward area was not subjected to gas as much as the back areas. (ie: in rear of Battalion HQ). From the time the barrage opened all communications were cut and at approximately 5.00am a runner reported having been attacked by a German in the 3rd line west of the CANAL. At 6.00am the enemy were seen from Battalion HQ to be advancing in small parties across the CANAL. By the time a platoon from the Battalion NUCLEUS party had arrived to reinforce and 2 platoons from the 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT and a second platoon from this Battalion NUCLEUS were on their way. The four platoons composed the NUCLEUS Company under Major H. C. TYLER M.C. 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. A verbal message was sent to Brigade that no news had been received from any Company and that the Battalion was holding the 5th line 700 yards west of the CANAL. This message reached Brigade at 7.00am. At 8.30am the left support Company Commander (Lt. R. H. GRAVER) reported Battalion HQ with 12 men. The right support Company Commander (Lt. A. HALKYARD) reported also a little later with 50 men, most of whom were stragglers from other Battalions. These 50 men were used to continue the line south of Battalion HQ. A block was established in each communication trench forward of this line and small posts were established behind these blocks. This was in accordance with instructions received meanwhile from Brigade. The three NUCLEUS platoons above mentioned had arrived by this time and this line was held for some hours by the NUCLEUS Company plus the united forces under Lt. A. HALKYARD and the battalion HQ Lewis Gun platoon. Battalion HQ moved back to a position just east of the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD in a communication trench. The Battalion HQ details and the remainder of the left support Company being used as support to the front line took up a position there also. During the whole of this time the hostile artillery was barraging all communication trenches, roads and tracks forward from Brigade very heavily. "A" Company (Captain SHOLES) of the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT came up to reinforce the Battalion at about 3.00pm and held the 6th line just south of the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD. A report came through that the enemy had entered our trenches on the left of the 5th line and that they were bombing their way towards the main communication trench leading to the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD. It was also reported that the enemy were using flammenwerfer. When the NUCLEUS Company under Major H. C. TYLER M.C. was forced out of the 5th line they withdrew down the communication trench to the 6th line leaving a platoon to form a block just west of the junction of the communication trench and the 5th line of resistance. This block was held for some hours by 12 men of this Battalion. Battalion HQ moved back to a position 100 yards south west of the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD. Two more Companies of the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT came up to reinforce the one Company holding the 6th line. This made the garrison of the 6th line, 3 Companies of the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT plus a mixed force of about 30 men under Lt. GRAVER. Major TYLER'S Company which now numbered about 80 men was withdrawn into support of the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT in wood west of the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD. Battalion HQ was forced to move back owing to the enemy having pushed forward machine guns in the wood south west of the CAUROY – CORMICY ROAD. By this time the Battalion consisted of 1 platoon (HQ platoon) and Battalion HQ. As the line was now held by 3 Companies of the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT with 1 Company of 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT in support near LA TUILERIE plus Major TYLER'S NUCLEUS Company, Lt. Col. CHANCE Commanding the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT took over command of the Battalion front at 8.00pm, Battalion HQ then withdrew to Brigade HQ and moved back with Brigade HQ to VAUX VARENNES. Elements of the Battalion numbering 4 officers and about 50 men remained under Lt. Col. CHANCE who commanded the composite Battalion consisting of the three Battalions in the Brigade. During the night of the 27th/28th May Lt. Col. CHANCE'S force took up a position north of VAUX VARENNES but was withdrawn at 3.00am on the 28th May and took up a new position on the high ground south east of VAUX VARENNES. Rations for the 28th were issued at this position. The enemy attacked and drove this line back at about 8.00am just at the moment when Brigade received orders to go in reserve at PEVY. The enemy however had approached PEVY from the north west and so a general withdrawal was carried out to HILL east of PROUILLY where a line was organised and held till about 12 noon. FRENCH troops then took over the line and BRITISH troops of all Brigades withdrew to south side of the VESLE where the Division took up a line from LES VAUTES – BRANSCOURT inclusive. Troops were sorted out into Brigades, troops of the 110th Infantry Brigade under Lt. Col. SAWYER Commanding 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT held the centre sector from TILE WORKS to about 1000 yards west of this. The enemy attacking from the west pushed this line back to heights north of ROSNAY during the afternoon of the 29th May. HQ 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT was to relieve Lt. Col. SAWYER on the night of the 29th/30th May and orders were received that the FRENCH had taken over the line and that BRITISH troops would withdraw to POURCY. The withdrawal of the Brigade troops was complete by 4.00am the 30th May.

ALLEN, William

Pte. 40690. 2nd Bn. Bedfordshire Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Kia 21/9/18. Age 34. BC. Unicorn Cem., Vend' Huile, France. C. Sibley Mem., Leics. B. Sibley, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 34, Manor Terrace, Sibley, Leics. PD. Husband of Ada Kate Allen.

ALLEN, William

Pte. 59346. 11th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. Kia 30/9/18. BC. Loos Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Melton Mowbray, Leics. E. Derby. R. Melton Mowbray, Leics.

ALLEN, William

Gunner. 166308. Royal Garrison Artillery-393rd Siege Battery. Kia 5/12/17. BC. Bedford House Cem., Enclosure No.4, Zillebeke, Belgium. C. Market Harborough Mem., Leics. B. & E. Market Harborough, Leics.

ALLEN, William

Pte. 05398. Royal Army Ordnance Corps-Depot Details. Died 1/2/16. BC. Netley Mil. Cem., Hants, England. B. Leicester. E. Guernsey, Channel Islands.

ALLEN, William

Pte. 22160. 11th Bn. Leics. Regt. Kia 27/4/17. BC. Mazingarbe Com. Cem. Ext., France. B. & E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary entry for the 27th April 1917 records. MAZINGARBE. At 7.45pm "A" Company worked on HARTS CRATER and NERO TRENCH. At 7.00am "B" Company worked on HARRISONS CRATERS, CEMETERY ROAD and UNION STREET. "C" and "D" Companies worked as before. 2 men were killed and 4 men wounded.

ALLEN, William H

C. Barwell Mem., Leics.

ALLETT, Bertie Harold

Pte. 37147. 1st/6th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. Kia 29/9/18. Age 26. BC. Bellicourt British Cem., France. C. All Saint's Chyrd. Mem., Oakham, Rutland. B. 25/10/1892 at Brooke, Rutland. E. 8/6/17 at Chesterfield, Derbys. R. 14, Gas Street, Oakham, Rutland. PD. Son of John, and the late Emma Allett. Prior to enlistment he was a miner. He embarked for France in June 1917, and was wounded on the 7th March 1918. He was in hospital until the 11th June, he then rejoined his regiment on the 20th June and finally embarked for France on the 4th September 1918. He was killed by a bullet. His brother Cecil also fell.

ALLETT, Cecil

Pte. 24873. 8th Bn. Leics. Regt. Kia 25/9/16. Age 25. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. C. All Saint's Chyrd. Mem., Oakham Rutland. B. 27/7/1890 at Brooke, Rutland. E. 27/1/16 at Leicester. R. 14, Gas Street, Oakham, Rutland. PD. Son of John, and the late Emma Allett. Prior to enlistment he was in farm service. He enlisted in the 3rd Battalion Leicestershire Regt., and embarked for France on the 30th May 1916. He was killed by a bullet. His brother Bertie also fell. The War Diary entry for events from the 24th to the 30th September 1916 records. East of TRONES WOOD. About 7.00pm on the 24th the Battalion marched up to take a position prior to making an attack the next day. Before they reached the position the enemy heavily shelled our men, several casualties resulting. At 12.30pm on the 25th the first attack was launched, the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT being in a position on the right of FLERS. The objective was the first German line, a distance of about a 1000 yards from the trench from which the Battalion launched the attack. The attack was made in waves, each platoon forming a wave, and 2 waves going over at a time. The attack was launched with splendid heroism, the first objective was gained in about ¾ of an hour, the men then stopped a short time to consolidate their gain, and to allow the artillery barrage to lift. They then pressed on to their second objective which was the village of GUEDECOURT. By the time they reached the village their ranks were sadly thinner, by the tremendous artillery barrage the enemy put up, and by machine guns which wrought terrible havoc. Never the less with dauntless gallantry they pressed on reaching the village and engaging the enemy in hand to hand fighting, which took place all the night. In the morning the 7th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT relieved the 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT in the village, and the enemy were finally driven out. The 8th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT were brought back to the second line of trenches, where they were relieved by the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT on the 28th. They then went back to SWISS TRENCH where they remained until relieved on the night of October 1st.

ALLGOOD, Reginald

Pte. 25595. 2nd/6th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. Kia 21/3/18. Age 21. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. C. St. John the Baptist Chyrd. Mem., Whitwick, Leics. C. Coalville Mem., Leics. B. Whitwick, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 53, Leicester Road, Whitwick, Leics. PD. Son of Frederick John and Mary Ann Allgood.

ALLINGTON, William

Pte. 37916. 15th Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. Died 2/8/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. & E. Hose, Leics. R. Melton Mowbray, Leics.

ALLIOTT, Arthur H

Cpl. 50180. 1st Bn. Kings Liverpool Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Dow 25/8/18. Age 22. BC. St. Hilaire Com. Cem. Ext., Frevent, France. B. Grantham, Lincs. E. Loughborough, Leics. R. 28A, Massey Street, Nottingham. PD. Son of Margaret, and the late James Allriott.

ALLISS, Charles

Pte. 203184. 8th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. Kia 28/9/17. Age 32. BC. Tyne Cot Cem., Passchendaele, Belgium. C. St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leics. B. Eastville, Lincs. E. Middlesborough, Yorks. R. Redmile, Leics. PD. Son of George and Annie Alliss of Easthorpe, Leics. Husband of Emily Alliss.

ALLOTT, Albert A

Pte. 204211. 2nd/4th Bn. York & Lancaster Regt. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). Dow 28/3/17. Age 25. BC. Gezaincourt Com. Cem. Ext., France. E. & R. Leicester. PD. Son of William and Eleanor Elizabeth Allott of 30, Canon Street, Belgrave, Leicester. Husband of Elizabeth Rebecca Allott.

ALLOTT, Jonathan

Pte. 23083. 11th Bn. Leics. Regt. Kia 29/6/17. Age 21. BC. Mazingarbe Com. Cem. Ext., France. C. Syston Mem., Leics. B. Syston, Leics. E. Leicester. R. 18, Upper Church Street, Syston, Leics. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs J. Allott. The War Diary entry for the 29th June 1917 records. MAZINGARBE. "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies worked as before.

ALLRED, Tom

Driver. 152849. Royal Field Artillery-'C' Battery, 112th Brigade. Kia 21/3/18. Age 32. BC. Favreuil British Cem., France. B. Atherton, Lancs. R. 111, Great Holme Street, Leicester. PD. Son of John Allred. Husband of Edith Emma Allred.

ALLSOP, George F

Pte. 17206. 2nd Bn. Leics. Regt.-'C' Coy. Kia 25/9/15. Age 28. BC. Loos Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Wirksworth, Derbys. E. Hinckley, Leics. PD. Son of the late John and Margaret Allsop of Wirksworth, Derbys. The War Diary for today records. At 5.30am the Battn was in positions of readiness in accordance with orders in four lines opposite their objective with bombing parties, sandbag parties and carrying parties all arranged and in position. At 6.00am the first line got over the parapet quickly followed by the second, the left had to right form to get in line with the right as the trench ran back from a salient near the centre. As the first two lines went out the third and fourth filed into the vacant positions in the firing line. The gas affected a number of our men, and the smoke caused a dense fog and direction was difficult. Casualties

began at once and the third line was ordered out to fill up gaps. Owing to the thick smoke it seemed likely that gaps would occur on the flanks and at 6.07am the fourth line was sent out with special instructions to maintain touch with the units on either flank. At about 6.10am the left were over the German parapet and our flag was seen flying on their lines. The left went forward with such dash that they outstripped the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and came in for a lot of fire from rifles and maxim guns from our right. This caused a good many casualties including all the officers and most of the NCO's of A Coy which was the extreme left. Undeterred the men went on, got over the uncut wire and reached the road with parties of the 2nd/8th GURKHAS and gained their objective. In the meantime our right had not fared so well. They went forward in good line under a heavy fire till held up by the German wire. A number of our men here were collected in the ditch in front of the German wire waiting for developments. Officer casualties. Killed Capt F. H. ROMILLY D.S.O., Capt E. C. Deane R.A.M.C. Died of wounds 2nd Lt M. W. BROWNE. Wounded Lt Col H. GORDON D.S.O., Capt W. C. WILSON, Lt H. H. PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt G. W. TANNER, 2nd Lt H. H. HEMPHILL, 2nd Lt V. E. ELLINGHAM, 2nd Lt C. C. BAILEY, 2nd Lt G. W. GROSSMITH. Slightly wounded Major F. LEWIS, Capt D. L. WEIR. Gassed 2nd Lt W. WILSON. Missing and believed killed Lt W. T. PICKIN, 2nd Lt R. E. S. LODGE. Missing known to have been wounded 2nd Lt C. G. WOODBOURN. Missing and no trace 2nd Lt W. J. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt E. A. WILKINSON, 2nd Lt T. R. LONGCROFT. Rank and file casualties. Killed 72. Wounded 217. Gassed 42. Missing 96. Wounded slightly but did not quit Battn 3. What was left of the Battn were relieved from the front line by the 2nd/39th GARWHAL RIFLES at 6.30pm and moved into support and local reserve just in rear. Before the operations began the Battn worked for a week in strengthening the front line and preparing the defences behind. Four very strong lines were constructed capable of resisting the enemy's bombardment.

ALLSOP, J H

Pte. 266788. 1st/7th Bn. Notts. & Derby Regt. KIA 1/7/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. E. Nottingham. R. Leicester.

ALLSOP, William

Pte. 33046. Hussars. KIA 1/4/18. Age 19. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. C. St. Margaret's Corah Works Mem., Leicester. B. & E. Leicester. R. 74, Beatrice Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Edward Allsop.

ALLSOPP, John

Pte. 18480. 2nd Bn. Grenadier Guards. Dow 6/10/15. Age 18. BC. Etaples Mil. Cem., France. C. Castle Donington Mem., Leics. B. Castle Donington, Leics. E. Nottingham. R. Mount Cottage, Castle Donington, Leics. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs W. A. Allsopp. He was educated at Loughborough Grammar School.

ALLSOPP, Oswald

Rifleman. 307330. 1st/5th Bn. London Regt.-London Rifle Brigade. Died 4/3/19. Age 26. BC. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, England. Grave Reference: cO.1442. PD. Other sources show his date of death as the 4th April 1919.

ALLSOPP, Thomas C

Sgt. 75012. Labour Corps.-126th Coy. (Formerly Queens Royal West Surrey Regt.). Died 7/3/19. Age 38. BC. Norwich Cem., Norfolk, England. R. 6, Redwell Street, Norwich, Norfolk. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Allsopp of Leicester. Husband of Edith Rose Allsopp. He was a professional footballer and Norfolk County Cricketer.

ALLUM, Harry

Pte. 2470. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 13/10/15. Age 30. BC. Loos Mem., France. C. Ashby de la Zouch Mem., Leics. B. Bradford, Yorks. E. Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. R. 34, Smisby Road, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs Fred Allum. Harry met his death at the Battle of the Hohenzollern Redoubt. On the 12th October 1915 the Battalion marched the ten miles from the village of Hesdigneul to the Redoubt in "fighting order", with great coats rolled and strapped to their backs. They arrived at 10.00pm at Vermelles, and the following eight hours were spent packed solid in communication trenches. Each soldier carried six sandbags and every third a shovel. As you could imagine, none of them slept and the lucky ones had a drink before our artillery opened up at noon on the 13th October. The enemy artillery responded fifteen minutes later, and at 1.00pm we released chlorine gas, and disastrously for us an enemy shell shattered some containers in our frontline. At 2.00pm our troops, many wearing gas helmets went "over the top" and bayonet charged the enemy positions. Terrific machine gun fire tore into them and a shrapnel barrage added to the heavy casualties. Hours passed and furious hand to hand fighting took place and repeated bayonet charges drove the enemy back, who in turn counter attacked. After darkness fell Lance Corporal Clayson of the 1st/5th Battalion saved many lives by dragging wounded back to our trenches, and Captain Barton spent hours in No Man's land giving morphine and water to the dying. When food and drink was brought up during the night the men had their first meal for twenty four hours, but still no sleep. The morning of the fourteenth was very misty and this became smog as the Germans continued to use shrapnel and gas shells throughout the day. It was at 8.00am on the fifteenth that the relief was completed and buses took most of our troops back to Hesdigneul. The 1st/5th Battalion lost four officers, six wounded, two gassed and thirty five men killed, one hundred and thirty two wounded and twenty two gassed. The War Diary for today records. At 6.00am Battn in place in RESERVE trench. At 12.00 noon bombardment of enemy trench FOSSE 8 commenced. At 1.00pm smoke and gas turned on until 1.50pm. At 2.00pm assault. 5th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT and 4th Battn LEICESTERSHIRE REGT advanced in lines of platoon at 50 paces distance against HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT. 4th Battn LINCOLNSHIRE REGT attacked from 2nd line followed by the MONMOUTHSHIRE REGT. REDOUBT captured but lines checked and stopped by machine gun fire from MAD POINT, MADAGASCAR, and SOUTH FACE, also heavy rifle fire FOSSE and DUMP TRENCH. First two lines as almost all Coy officers became casualties. REDOUBT and half of NORTH FACE was held - LITTLE WILLIE and BIG WILLIE still in enemy hands. At 3.00pm B Coy sent up to reinforce centre and left of REDOUBT followed by A and part of D Coy's. Machine guns in position along original front line now held by C Coy and parts of other regiments. Considerable progress made along LITTLE WILLIE by grenade party under Lt C. H. F. WOLLASTON. Ground lost again owing to lack of grenades. At 5.30pm ground now held consisted of front face of REDOUBT and up to LITTLE WILLIE and point 60. Remainder of REDOUBT untenable by either side. 138th Brigade relieved gradually by 139th Brigade. 138th Brigade hold original front line trench. Many of A and B Coy's still remained in the REDOUBT during the whole of next day.

ALLUM, Walter

Pte. 9008. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. KIA 9/5/15. Age 24. BC. Ploegsteert Mem., Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. B. Northampton. E. Leicester. R. 5, William Street, Northampton. PD. Son of Mary Ann, and the late Walter Allum.

ALMEY, Alfred E

Pte. 302663. 18th Bn. Durham Light Infantry. KIA 12/4/18. BC. Pozieres Mem., Somme, France. B. Leicester. E. Derby.

ALMEY, John Henry Clarke

Pte. 6084. 1st Bn. Connaught Rangers. (Formerly DM2/230267, Army Service Corps-M.T.). Died 25/7/17. Age 32. BC. Baghdad (North Gate) War Cem., Iraq. C. The Martyr's Church, Leicester. C. Welford Road Cem., Leicester, Grave Reference: uE.80. B. & E. Leicester. R. 3, Minehead Street, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr and Mrs J. H. Almey. Husband of Mabel Blanche Almey. He died from heatstroke following wounds.

ALMEY, Leonard

L/Cpl. 10466. 6th Bn. Leics. Regt. Dow 30/10/16. BC. Etaples Mil. Cem., France. C. Hinckley Mem., Leics. B. Leicester. E. Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales. R. Hinckley, Leics. PD. Brother of Annie Dunn of 39, Christowe Street, Leicester. The War Diary for the 29th to the 31st

October 1916 records. The whole Battalion employed in working parties under the ROYAL ENGINEERS. All men had baths and clean clothing. 25% of men allowed passes to neighbouring villages. During the month casualties have been 1 officer wounded, 7 other ranks killed and 24 wounded. Strength of the Battalion being now 26 officers and 650 other ranks.

ALMOND, Willie

Pte. 40856. 2nd/6th Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. (Formerly Lincolnshire Regt.). Died 21/3/18. Age 22. BC. Arras Mem., Pas de Calais, France. B. Harby, Leics. E. Lincoln. R. Chestnut House, Harby, Leics. PD. Son of John and Mary Almond.

ALONZO, Vincent

Pte. 18262. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 30/9/16. BC. Thiepval Mem., Somme, France. B. & E. Leicester. PD. The War Diary for today records. GUEDECOURT. On the night of 29th/30th September the Battalion took over from the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. the line established north and north east of GUEDECOURT. On the morning of the 29th during the preliminary reconnaissance the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. W. DRYSDALE D.S.O was killed by a sniper. Major R. B. UNWIN again took command but was wounded while taking over from the 6th LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. at night.

ALSOP, Jack

Pte. 3355. 1st/5th Bn. Leics. Regt. -'D' Coy. Dow 8/7/16. Age 25. BC. Le Treport Mil. Cem., France. C. Burbage Mem., Leics. C. Burbage Congregational Church, Leics. B. Saddington, Leics. E. Hinckley, Leics. R. Burbage, Leics. PD. Son of Richard and Ann Alsop of Saddington, Leics. The War Diary for today records. HANNESCAMPS. Pumping out trenches all day. Fine hot day helped us. Corporal AMBROSE killed by Whizz bang.

ALVEY, George

Cpl. 100311. 24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. (Formerly Leics. Regt.). KIA 1/11/18. BC. Cross Roads Cem., Fontaine-au-Bois, France. E. Leicester. R. Mansfield, Notts.

ALVEY, Owen B

Pte. 192985. 13th Bn. Canadian Infantry-Quebec Regt. Died 23/10/16. Age 25. BC. Netley Mil. Cem., Hants, England. B. Nottingham. E. Leicester. R. 121, St Saviour's Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Samuel and Harriett Alvey.

AMATT, Joseph E

Pte. 15653. 7th Bn. Leics. Regt. KIA 11/11/15. BC. Bienvillers Mil. Cem., France. B. Fritchley, Derbys. E. Leicester. R. 221, Narborough Road, Leicester. PD. Son of Mr F. E. Amatt. The War Diary for today records. BIENVILLERS. 1 man killed while digging.