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From:- Officer Commanding,  
6th Battn Sherwood Foresters.

To:- Headquarters,  
139th Infantry Brigade,

I should like to add to my report of this morning a statement with regard to the smoke and the state of our trenches on the 1st inst.

1. I had anticipated that ~~that~~ state of the trenches would add materially to the time required for the rear waves for deploying into the open. Shortly before 8.30 a.m. I sent a message to the right of the line (to Capt Robinson) that the smoke must be prolonged if required and was subsequently informed that Major Checkland had given order to the officer in charge Smoke Party. However, when shortly after, I was waiting in GREEN STREET for my carrying Company to move up, I found a small party of the Lincolns with an Officer coming down the trench. They said they had orders to go back. I ordered them back to continue the smoke and they complied but I believe there was not much smoke material left. All reports agree that the smoke had practically ceased when the 4th Wave was about to start.

2. The greatest difficulty was the mud in the trenches. The C.T's were even more difficult to pass than on the preceding days as the water was subsiding and thick mud being formed. It was immensely difficult for the carrying ~~parties~~ Companies to get along with the loads and the men were much fatigued, but the men were all very keen and did their utmost, and I am confident that all would have gone well had they not been impeded by the condition of the trenches.

3.7.16.  
3.15 p.m.

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