

Operation of 1st July

D Company was on the right & succeeded in penetrating the 1st German line with a party of 4 Officers a Corporal & a Private. (The bulk of the Company went too much to the left — whereas the point where we penetrated was between ORKNEY & OHIO I believe) — We destroyed about fourteen of the enemy (found three in force) with rifles revolvers & bombs & were after ten minutes attacked strongly on both sides (particularly the ~~left~~^{right}) by bombs, & being now defenceless & without bombs or support were forced to leave the trench on our side & lie in the grass amongst the barbed wire — No support nor bombs ever came & no attack was being made near me on my left nor at all on my right — Finally after 3 hours three of us got to cover — If we had had bombs we could have held those three bays for any length of time — I never saw my 4th wave — Casualties 95 out of 130. *Maylor Capt 9 Com*