

Memory of
Private ALFRED ROBINS
7725, 1st Bn, Wiltshire Regiment
Born in Faringdon, who died on 27 October 1914
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LE TOURET MEMORIAL



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War Diary

Tuesday 27th October 1914 France, [Neuve Chapelle] (Tuesday) Hung on at HQs farm expecting the attack against N end of village to commence, but had no sign of it, and by daylight, I found that we were almost surrounded by the enemy's snipers who had crept up and got into the houses, trees, ditches etc. it was with difficulty one got any communications to and fro. At about 8a.m. I asked the Bde HQ what was going to be done: bearer of this message being shot, Lieut Goodheart volunteered to take a message back to the telephone office which he did, no attack having been made.

At 11a.m. the S Lancs Regt which consisted of only two weak Coys came up to my assistance.

At 10a.m. OC RIR in trenches passed my post and said enemy had driven his Regt out, and that they were retiring as best they could. This I immediately reported to Bde HQ and, about the same time received a message from Brigade HQ saying 4 Battns including (S Lancs) would attack the village at 11a.m. This attack did not commence till about noon, and, then made little or no headway, about where we were.

As before no cohesion or co-ordination about it. One Coy S Lancs on my right reported they had got as far as the church on the S end of the village.

Meanwhile, I got a few reports back from our trenches and up to noon they appeared to be quite all right. I am informed that a message was sent to me about 2p.m. reporting that enemy appeared to be massing on our left: The message never got to me, the bearer being shot.

About 3.30p.m. we noticed British troops retiring on our right in SW direction, evidently men driven from the trenches, and just at the same time saw a party of 50/100 Germans pushing through S end of village in pursuit of those men retiring.

One Coy S Lancs, and what men of the Wilts Regt who were at HQ immediately engaged this party of the enemy, who immediately gave up their pursuit of the men from the trenches and retiring into the village where they got considerably reinforced, proceeded to come for the HQ farm (where there were still.....