

**In Memory of  
Private ARTHUR WOODWARD  
8797, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment  
Who died, age 20, on 15 May 1915  
Son of George and Sarah Woodward,  
of Eaton Hastings, Faringdon, Berks.  
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**Battle of Festubert**

Preparations continued for the assault. Our artillery shelled the German breastworks heavily all day. Germans replied wounding a good many of our men. At 3.50pm the order was received that the Battn was to assault at 11.30pm in the night. Major C G Hill DSO Commanding the Battn made the following dispositions: "C" Company under Capt E M Allfrey, with 2/Lieuts C S Searle, H R H Hilliard, R Haigh were to assault and take the first German trench. They were to carry 250 bombs. "D" Company under Captain C W Frizzell with Lieut G Gregson-Ellis, Lieut C R Taffs, Lieut E Basedin were to pass through "C" Company and push on and attack the second German trench. "B" Company under Captain G Belcher, with Lieut C W Green, Lieut E. Getting, and 2/Lieut L H Allison were to push on to the second German trench and start to consolidate the ground made good by "D" Company. They were to carry 90 shovels and 70 picks. "A" Company under Lieut W G Cox with Lieut G T S Weston Lieut H G Clark 2/Lieut R D Apps were to go to the first German

trench and consolidate the ground won by "C" Company. They were to carry 90 shovels, 10 picks and 400 sandbags.

Two sections, and 2 machine guns were to accompany "B" company under 2/Lieut E L Gerwood. The ammunition carriers were to follow in rear of "A" company. They were also to carry all the periscopes. Captain S D Large Army Medical Corps established a dressing station about half a mile in rear, with all the necessary arrangements for the wounded. The brigade were to attack in accordance with the attached Brigade order: 7th Btn Kings (Liverpool) Regt were on the right. 1st Btn R Berkshire Regt were in the centre. 1st Btn KRRC on the left. On the left of the 1st KRR the 5th Brigade were to attack. The portion of the German trenches which the Battn had to assault lay between R1 and R6. See attached map shaded portion. The distance to be covered was about 450 yards. The idea was for all the assaulting companies with the exception of "A" Company which was to remain in our trenches....