

**In Memory of
Lance Corporal HENRY NEWPORT
9266, 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 29, on 27 July 1916
Son of Mark and Mary Newport,
of Hinton Waldrist, Faringdon, Berks.
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War Diary

Delville Wood: 2nd Division 99th Brigade; 1st RB were in support of the 1st KRRC & 23rd R Fusiliers who attacked at 7.10 a.m. following a severe barrage both of the other battalions reached their objective 50 yards in to Delville Wood and the 1st RB mopped up behind but failed to push further to the east of the attack.

2am. Battalion moved to Delville Wood and took up position on southern edge of wood, and lay down in "jumping off" formation immediately in front of South Street. 4.15am. Companies were disposed as follows: Left A Company (Captain Weston) in support to and under orders of 23rd RF. Left Centre B Company (Captain West). Right Centre C Company (Captain Gregson-Ellis), Right D Company (Lieut Reid). Right Company was detailed for protection of right flank. 5.10am. Our bombardment of Longueval Village commenced.

6.10am. Our bombardment of Delville Wood commenced. 7.10am. Leading waves of 1st KRRC and 23rd RF moved forward from their assembly trenches. 7.12am. Battalion less A Company advanced in two waves. Btn Hdqs in centre

of leading wave. After advancing 270 yards the leading battalions halted. The Battalion halted and dug in at this point. Our bombardment had lengthened by this time to the northern portion of the wood. 8.10am. Advance continued. The Battalion finally halted and dug in on the Princess Street line (map attached). During the advance from South Street enemy's rifle fire was considerable but extremely inaccurate. Enemy machine gun, apparently fired from vicinity of Longueval Village enfiladed the advance and consolidating parties. Another machine gun was traversing opposite the centre of the advance. These two guns ceased firing, having apparently been silenced just before the Battalion reached South Street. 9am. By this time the Battalion was dug in. Enemy opened extremely accurate HE fire, enfilading the position from right to left. Consolidation of the line was continued throughout the remainder of the day, and a very fair line was made. Weather throughout the day was very warm, and no water supply was available other than that carried in the bottles. The line was continually shelled from 9am to 8pm. 10.40am. Officer from 1st KRRC support trench came back and stated that the enemy were bombing along right flank of his battalion and that the position there was being retained with difficulty.