

**In Memory of
Private JOSEPH JAMES PAULING
11293, A Coy. 5th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment
Who died, age 20, on 13 October 1915
Son of Joseph James and Elizabeth Pauling,
of Southampton St., Faringdon, Berks.
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War Diary

10a.m. Great Coats and Caps were stacked in Dugouts. The men put on their Smoke Helmets.

12.30p.m. Head Quarters moved up to the Firing Line, and on arrival there about 2.20p.m. with one Company on the line K.C. as per Brigade Orders No.8. I met O.C. 7th Norfolks who told me that the majority of his 3 Coys he had sent forward to the attack had become casualties but that some had reached their objective, the trench in front of the Quarries and were urgently in need of reinforcements. I at once despatched "A" Coy 5th Royal Berks under Major Bayley to reinforce. This Company met with very severe Machine Gun fire from the trenches that the O.C. Norfolks was under the impression that his men held, hardly any getting half away. It was perfectly obvious that the O.C. Norfolks was mistaken and that the trench was still strongly held by the Germans. As the Brigadier gave me a free hand in the matter I did not deem it advisable to continue the attack. The reinforcements reached approximately a

line drawn through point (G12 a) point 51 parallel with road running from point 46 to 82. We now hold as ordered from G12 a 54 to G11 b 93. Bombing attack made by 5th Royal Berks. The attack was made by five parties of eight men drawn from each Coy of the Battn. I Sergt and 1 Corp under Lt R. Pollard. 'B' Coy Party led followed by the parties from D, A and C Coys. Lt Pollard had arranged to station himself in the centre of the detachment but finding that the way thro' to the German Trench had not, as arranged been cleared by the Trench Mortar fire he took charge of the leading party. Our barricade was built of sandbags, to a height of about 7 ft, the bayonet men of the B Coy party went over first followed by Lt Pollard carrying bombs. A machine gun opened fire from the right and Lt Pollard was hit in the face whilst on the barricade where two other men were also wounded. On the further side of the barricade was some Trench wire with strands of barbed wire Through it. The only cover from fire was some earth about 18 inches high.