

Historical Officers Report

Events of the Great War as reported in the Camden News
Cables from the European War. September 1917

6th September

Thirty thousand American soldiers drafted for service in France, participated in a parade in New York, which occupied four hours in passing a given point. There were two and a half- million spectators, who give vent to the wildest Cheers though many were in tears.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says the navy is dealing with submarines in an increasingly, successful way. There is reported to be a growing conviction in Germany that the submarine warfare has failed to secure peace from the Entente.

The Director General of Military Operations states that the process of wearing down the Germans by continuous bombardments and infantry actions is proceeding with great success.

An official British announcement reports that enemy aeroplanes crossed the East Kent coast on Sunday night and flew towards the sea, a few bombs were dropped, but the casualties are believed to be small.

20th September 2LT Frederick Birks VC at Ypers



21st September

No. 2 Squadron Australian Flying Corps reaches France



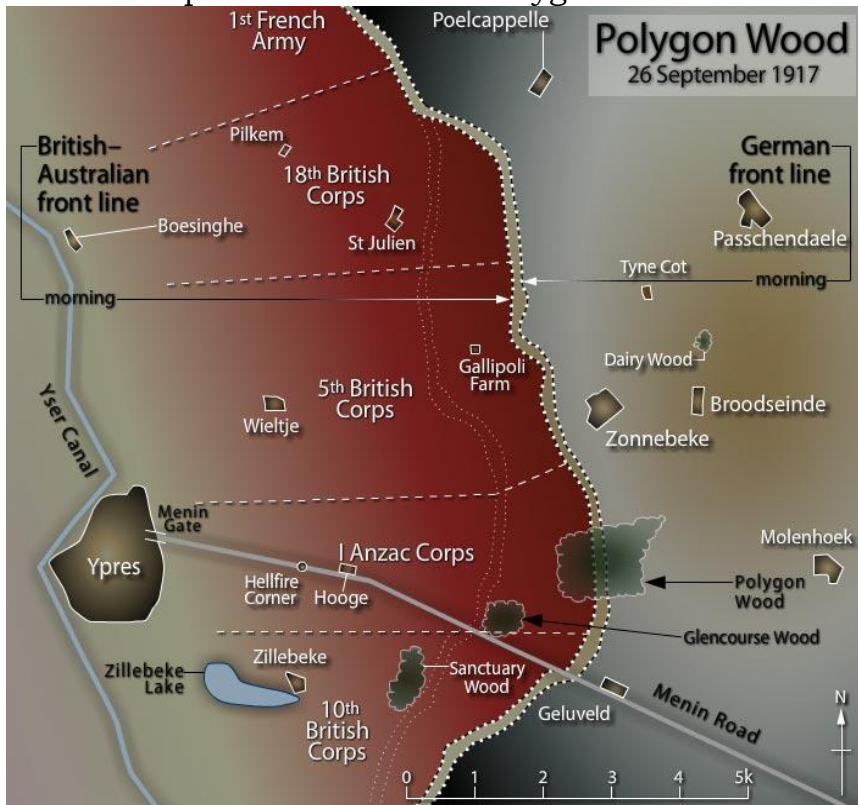
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22nd September Pte Reginald Roy Inwood VC at Ypres



25th 26th September Attack on Polygon Wood



26th September SGT John James Dwyer VC at Zonnebeke



28th September Pte Patrick Joseph Bugden VC at Ypres



From the Home Front

Lions escape from Circus

Campbelltown received a rare thrill on Saturday. Wirth's Circus which was on tour was stuck up at Campbelltown owing to train transit difficulties through the strike and two lions escaped from their cage causing great excitement.

The animals got loose – How it is not known – about 6am in the morning. At first they prowled around a paddock and gave a fright to a number of circus horses and then they wandered further afield. Both were captured within six or seven hours by the trainer. One was taken in Mr. Kershler's garden; he got a great surprise when about breakfast time he saw his stranger visitor resting under a palm tree. The other was captured in the Presbyterian Cemetery. Mean while most people made themselves scarce.



Private Frank Percival Doust
Wounded in Action 18th May 1917, France
Wounded in Action 6th September 1917, France, Died Of Wounds

Private Leslie Cyril Hogan
Killed in Action 17 September, Polygon Woods, Belgium

Private Bert Gale
Wounded in Action 28th July 1916
Killed in Action, 23rd September 1917, Passchendaele, France

Private Bruce Stratton
Wounded in Action 12th May 1917
Wounded on 2 Occasions 25th September 1917
Died of Wounds 28th September 1917, Proyart, France

Lance Corporal William George Rodwell
Killed in Action 28th September 1917, Belgium

Driver Richard McKnight
Died of Wounds 30th September 1917 Ypres, Belgium

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