

Historical Officers Report

Events of the Great War as reported in the Camden News
Cables from the European War. September 1918

1st September



PTE William Matthew Currey, SGT Albert David Lowerson, Pte Robert MacTier.



LT. Edgar Thomas Towner, T/CPL Alexander Henry Buckley, CPL Arthur Charles Hall VCs at Peronne.



2nd September T/CPL Lawrence Carthage Weathers VC at Peronne.

5th September

NO copy of the Camden News available

12th September

There was a general German retreat last week north of the Rivers Oise, Ailette and Vesle in consequence of General Mangin's success. English and Welsh troops forced a passage over the Tortille River and the Canal du Nord, on a wide front. Despite strong resistance they advanced and carried the villages of Manancourt and Etricourt.

Further north, English and New Zealanders took Ruyaulcourt, and reached the northern outskirts of Havrincourt Wood.

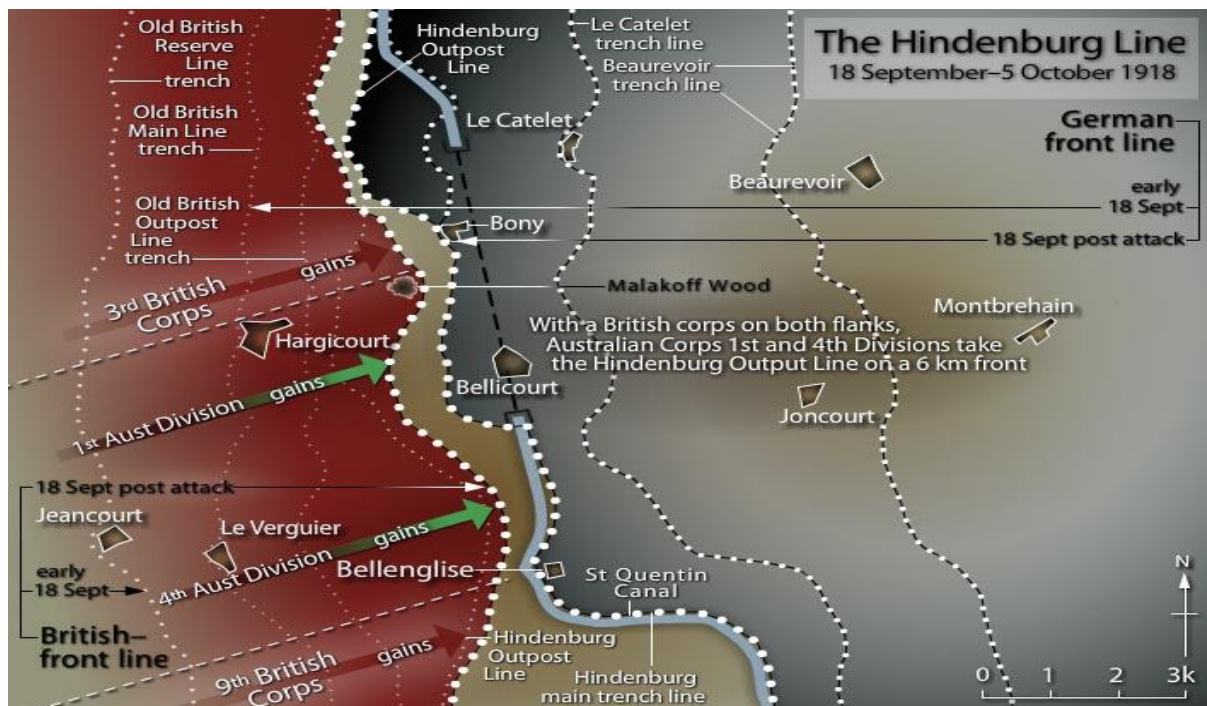
Australian troops crossed the Somme on a wide front south of Peronne. The Americans also pushed the enemy farther back, and enormous booty has been captured. The war material taken is of a nature indicating that the Germans intended to winter on the Somme.

General March says that at no point are the Allies more than twelve miles from the Hindenburg line.

The enemy's resistance is stiffening' as the British approach the Hindenburg line.

The Australian Press Association says the advance is now likely to be slower than during the last few weeks. The Australians occupy a line roughly parallel to the Hindenburg line, and a few miles distant from it.

17th September Australians attack the Hindenburg Line





18th September PTE James Park Woods VC
At Le Verguier, France.



18th September SGT Maurice Vincent Buckley
(Aka G Sexton) VC at Le Verguier, France

19th September 1918 Australian light Horse capture Nablus



19th September

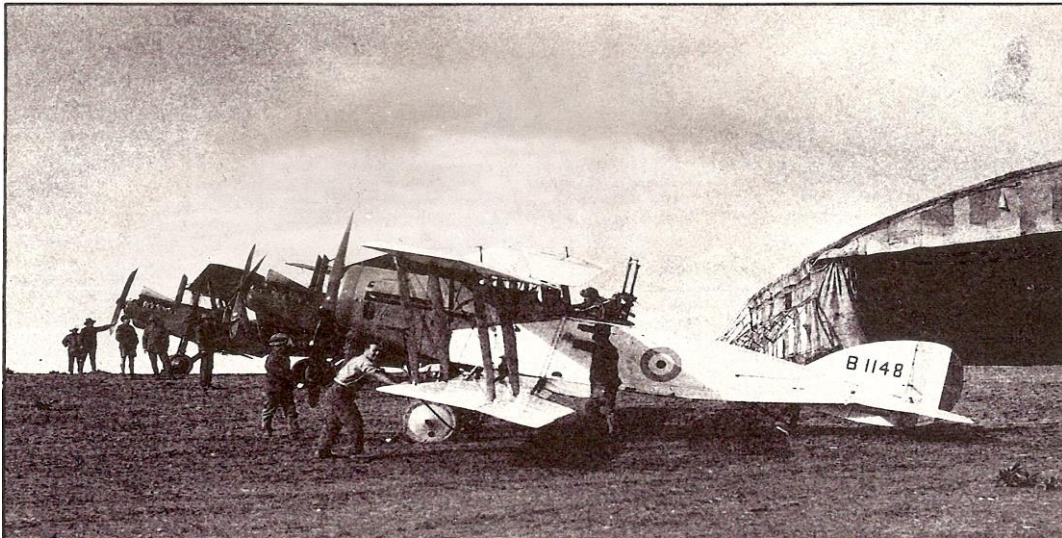
The Americans launched a heavy attack and straightened out the St. Mihiel salient, capturing 15,000 prisoners. The operation is regarded as a big success.

The British has captured Auchy les La Bassee and took 1500 prisoners in the fighting at Havrincourt; the French took many more prisoners on their own front.

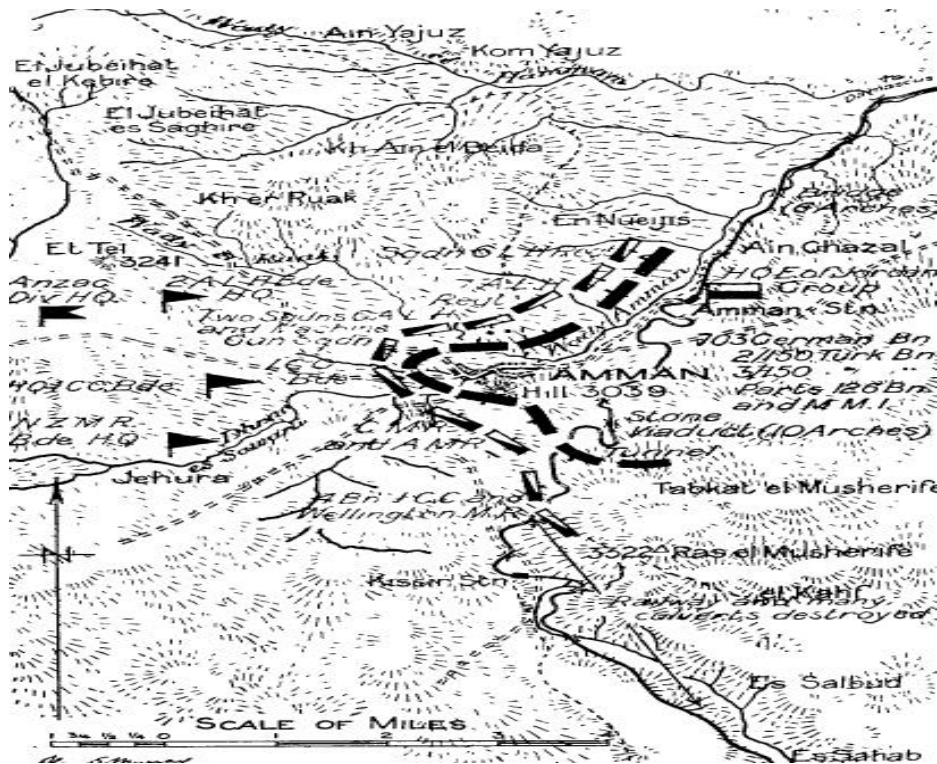
Between the Oise and the Aisne the French continued to progress. They captured Vailly and Mont dos Singes, taking nearly 300 prisoners.

The British advanced their line astride the Ypres-Comines Canal on a front of two miles. Progress was also made in the neighbourhood of Ploegsteert, east of Ypres.

21st September Australian Flying Corps at Wadi Fara, Palestine



25th September Light Horse Capture Amman



26th September

Another successful British attack was launched on Wednesday last week on a 10 mile front between Holnon and Gouzenucourt. In the centre the Australians pushed forward to the west of Bellicourt, having penetrated the enemy's defences to a depth of three miles.

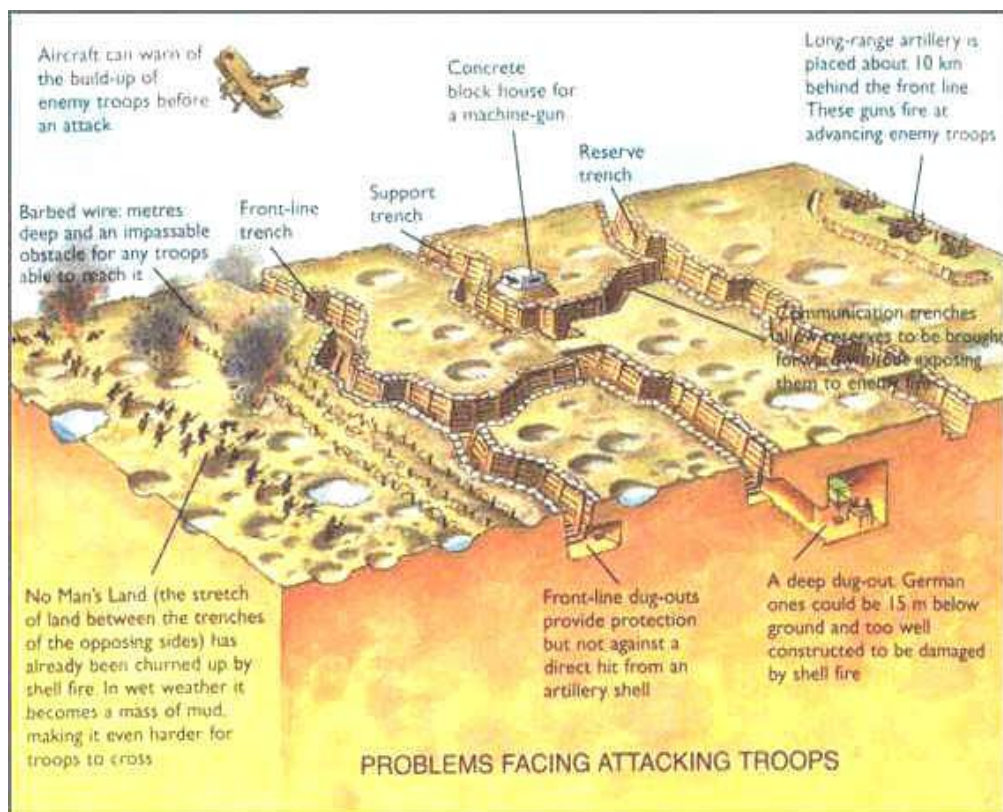
The attack in Macedonia grows bigger. Despite important reinforcements hastily brought up the Allies offensive continues successfully.

A German report admits that the Australians penetrated their positions between Hargicout and Pontruch. The Australian are now right against the Hindenburg line.

The Turkish lines in Palestine have been broken, and British cavalry punned through the breach. British troops have advanced 2 miles on a front of 16 miles between the sea and the Jordon, An official report from Palestine says the passages of the Jordan were seized on Sunday morning. The Seventh and Eighth Turkish Armies have virtually ceased to exist, and their entire transport has been captured. Over 2500 prisoners and 260 guns have been taken, as well as considerable material.

The Allies successes in Macedonia are assuming the character, of a great victory. The rapid advance of French and Serbian troops compelled the enemy to retreat along the whole front of 160 kilometres.

29th September Australians attack Hindenburg Line





30th September PTE John Ryan, VC at Hindenburg Line.

From The Home Front

Trooper Roy Asimus in his latest letters home to his parents at Elderslie mentions many of his experiences with the Australian boys in Palestine. Unfortunately Roy had had an attack of Malaria, and was laid up for a few weeks, but quickly recovered, and in this he is full of praise for untiring efforts of the Sisters mid nurses doing duty in the hospitals.

Mention was made to his meeting several Camden boys, especially Sid Moore, Will Dunn, Wall Clemson, Burleigh (Bringelly) and Albert Cross, Roy gives an illustration of his Battalions experience in the Jordon Valley, and their success in capturing German and Turkish prisoners, inclusive of which were 600 Germans in one fight. Some parts of the country south of Jerusalem are spoken of as looking lovely, green crops and all kinds of orchards are beautiful.

Writing from Port Said, Egypt, Trooper A.R. Cross states he has been in hospital with mumps, but by letters received this mail he is having a few days rest leave, during which time he has been having a look round and thoroughly enjoying himself. He was very pleased to meet Roy Asimus, Captain Sid Moore, Lieut. Will Dunn and Walter Clemson they are all looking well. Albert weighed over 13 stone when he landed.

Under the auspices of the Star of the South Sons of Temperance Friendly Society, Camden, an Honour Roll in connection with that Order was unveiled in the Foresters' Hall, last Tuesday evening, in the presence of a large number of the Camden public.

The names recorded on the Honour Roll are:—

HECTOR SMALL.

A. E. BUNKER.

F. G. BOARDMAN.

A. DOUST.

A. DENGATE.

J. C. CLARKE.

J. E. WILLIAMS.

F. C. FALLON.

W. A. HOLDSWORTH.

C. C. WHEELER.

R. L. PROCTER.

R. O. COLEMAN.

L. DOUST.

V. GARDNER.

CECIL CLIFTON.

FRANK DUESBURY.

The woodwork of this Honour Roll, a beautiful piece of workmanship, was executed by Bro. Percy Butler.

AN AUSTRALIAN AIRMAN KILLED.

FLIGHT-CADET H. K. PEMCIVAL.

Rev. G. C. Percival, of Camden, received a cabled message from the office of the Royal Air Force, England, on Tuesday last, September 24th, informing him that his eldest son, Flight-Cadet Harold Kingsley Percival, had on the previous day been killed by an aeroplane accident during flight practice, at the Montrose Aerodrome, Scotland.



2nd Lieutenant John Tyler Mitchell

Wounded in Action, Mustard Gas, 25-26th May 1918

Killed in Action, 1st September 1918

Flight Cadet Harold Kingsley Percival

Killed in Training, 23rd September 1918, Montrose Aerodrome, Montrose, Scotland

Ray Herbert
Historical Officer