

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
169916. (continued)			<p style="text-align: center;">141</p> <p>further instructions.</p> <p>On arrival at Sunken Road our guides had become casualties and we could see across the open, troops engaged and apparently retiring on Fabeck Graben Trench, from which they had commenced the attack. There was an Officer of the 42nd Canadian Battalion in Sunken Road, as well as a great number of injured men, but we could get no definite information as to the progress of their attack. As the ground between Fabeck Graben and Sunken Road was heavily swept by machine gun and shellfire, instructions were given for the platoons to go over in extended order and an Officer was left to superintend the movement. Major O'Donahoe proceeded with the first platoon in order to endeavour to get any information as quickly as possible in regard to the situation. The other companies proceeded in the same formation as possible as possible. We had severe casualties on the way over and on arrival in Fabeck Graben, were still unable to get any definite information until Captain Norsworthy of the 42nd was found in a trench, wounded. Major O'Donahoe made his way along the trench and discussed with him his orders and asked what prospect there was of our being able to take up our position. It appeared that there would be no prospect of our being able to make the attack as planned and in the meantime, Major O'Donahoe, having got in touch with Major Ralston, decided to stand by and support the 42nd Bn. and R.C.R's in Fabeck Graben Trench as it appeared quite likely that the enemy was intended to attack. Instructions were given to unit commanders to organize their units and report number of casualties and it was found that "A" Company, "D" Coy. and "B" Company were in Fabeck Graben from approximately R. 28. d. 9.9 to R. 28. c. 9.5, with a portion of "C" Company and a portion of the 52nd Canadian Battalion in Sunken Road fifty yards in rear. Further instructions were given on account of the very heavy shellfire directed against the trench to move "A" Company out in to shellholes, which was done. Further report was sent to the Officer Commanding and Major Ralston and O'Donahoe proceeded to locate what would have been our jumping off line line, which, up to that time was we had been unable to find, owing to the condition of the ground as a result of shellfire and the fact that none of the occupants of the trench had any idea where it was. They succeeded in locating it and sent out a patrol for further information so that we would be able to take up the line. Major Ralston also sent patrols west to Bombing</p>	5