

The War Diary of the 14th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers notes Arthur Apsim's action and his subsequent injury on 2 August [mentions of his name are arrowed]:

August 1-1917 During the morning and the afternoon, the position in the GREEN LINE, indicated above were held by the Batt. Rain fell heavily throughout the day and there was heavy hostile shelling on our own lines and particularly on the front (STEERBECK) line which was held by the 17th Puff to our front and by the 11th S.W. B's to our right. Between 3.0-5.0pm many wounded men from the 115 Bde. began to come through our lines. About 4.0pm Major WHELDON received orders from the 113th Inf Bde. to relieve the 17th Puff in the front line.

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An order was immediately sent to 2nd Lt. G. E. J. EVANS and his side Lewis Lewis Evans who were ^{still} with the 15th Puff to report back to their unit at once and arrangements were made with the 115th Inf Bde. to recommit the front line forthwith. Whilst these things were being done and shortly after 5.0pm it became clear that a certain amount of demoralisation had set in the front line Battalion. Considerable parties of unwounded men belonging to the 17th Puff were to be seen retreating to our lines. Orders were then given for every man, with the exception of 2 runners and 2 signallers attached to head Q's, to stand to on the GREEN LINE. Hold up all stragglers and defend the line at all costs. There was enemy indication at this time that the enemy was either preparing for or had launched a serious attack and the bombardment was intense. The measures taken were reported to the G.O.C. 115 Bde. who approved and ordered us

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with any available men to reinforce the 17th Puff on the left about 6.0pm. Just at the moment 2nd Lt. G. E. J. EVANS with his side Lewis Lewis Evans reported back to the unit and he was ordered forthwith to take up his guns and reinforce the 17th Puff which he did at 6.0pm. 2nd Lt. E. ROBERTS and his men were released in STRONG Pt. U27C82.3 by 2nd Lt. AT. APSIM OVR and the Ad. Q's details and 2nd Lt. ROBERTS and his men were ordered to follow the Lewis Lewis Evans and also reinforce the 17th Puff and they moved up about 6.30pm. During this time considerable difficulty was experienced in coping with the numbers of stragglers retreating from the front line and no information could be obtained as to what really was happening. Major JESSE WILLIAMS then on took out a patrol consisting of himself, S6908 lance Sgt THOMAS E. and

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