

10 Scottish Rifles. Aug.1. 1917

Our reports show that the 10th. SC. RIF. attacked on the morning of Aug.1. 1917 at Westhoek, beyond Frezenberg and to the N.E. of Ypres. Although the opposition was fierce, the Battalion succeeded in taking their objective, and advanced beyond it. Later in the day, about 4.p.m.- the 10th. Sc. Rif. and other troops who were in advance of them, were forced back by a counter-attack. The fighting must have been bitter, causing heavy losses. The place gained the name of Hell Fire Corner.

The following accounts are from eyewitnesses:-

"At the attack near Ypres on Aug.1. 1917 we were forced to retire, and were unable to bring in our wounded."

"We occupied a farm and used it as a dressing station, but the Germans drove us out."

"We had taken our objective and advanced again to hold the line. Afterwards the Germans counter-attacked and we started to retire. I believe the trench was retaken next day."