

have achieved their object, which was to destroy the enemy's reserve supply of ammunition at the Willows by shell fire if possible. Owing to the fact that operations could only take place within certain defined limits, and the transport being delayed, the C.O. of the attacking force had to start his operations without having previously explained to all his units what his intentions were. The C.O. of the attacking force took the only course open to him; which was to attack the defenders' right flank, endeavoring to either turn it, or force it back.

The C.O. of the defending force occupied the best possible line of defence. His men and machine guns were placed in excellent positions, and all his positions were practically impregnable against the forces at the disposal of the C.O. of the attack.

Under the circumstances it is extremely difficult to criticize the handling of either of the forces engaged.

All parties worked well, but it was evident that the more field days the Battalion has the better it will be for all ranks.

The lack of taking advantage of cover, and the bunching of men after topping a ridge was very noticeable.

Lack of communication between units was the worst feature in the operations.

BRITONS WHO CAN'T ENLIST

(Manchester Sunday Chronicle.)

The Rev. William Henry Hudson, a pioneer of temperance in the Navy, who has been associated with the work of Miss Weston, has arrived in Hull from New York on a Wilson liner after a remarkable journey from San Francisco.

He declares that it is a scandal that so many Englishmen willing to fight for their country are allowed to remain stranded in America. Since his return to England Mr. Hudson said he had written to Lord Derby, telling him how things are in New York, where alone we could raise a regiment of English, Irish, and Scotchmen from those standing around the Consulate day after day starving. There were men machinists, boat builders, automobile workers, and labourers ready to do anything to get home to enlist in the army, and unable to do so.

Mr. Hudson had a very interesting story to tell of his own experiences. On September 15, 1914, he sent a telegram from San Francisco to the commanding officer at Victoria, British Columbia, offering his services for the oversea army, referring him to Capt. Corbet, of H.M.S. Algerine, stationed at Esquimalt. He received a reply ten days afterwards saying: "Name well known, but no vacancies at present."

He waited until the beginning of April, when he determined to do what others had tried to do but failed. That was to walk from San Francisco to New York. He had no money; only his Bible and hymn book, some changes of clothing in a military haversack, and a number of tracts for distribution.

Leaving San Francisco on April 13 this year, Mr. Hudson crossed the mountains of California, where he encountered storms of rain and hail; across the Red Desert of Nevada, being, he believed, the first man to walk across the deserts of

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