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British Front in France, July 14.—10 p.m., via London, July 15.—At the end of a long day's unbroken struggle, the indications are that the British are holding their gains of the morning, when, along a front of about four miles, they attacked the German second line and captured several important positions.

The infantry, which went into action a little before dawn, anticipated a most determined resistance and expected to pay a high toll in casualties.

Their experiences during many nights of trench raids had served as excellent preparations for their daring moonlight assault where co-ordination was necessary for success. An unexpectedly small number of wounded came into the clearing stations during the morning hours. Many were borne by German prisoners who acted as litter bearers.

These prisoners said that no attack had been expected and that the assault before daylight came as a complete surprise. The British rushed the shambles in the Trones wood where the Germans had previously regained part possession. Through the tangle and over fallen tree trunks they swept in the face of persistent sniping and machine gun fire under conditions where it was considered amazing when they could discern friend from foe.

The Germans, building barricades and digging for shelter among roots, refused to yield, confident that coming counter attacks would effect rescue. Among them were wounded who, unable to stand, still could fire their rifles.

The British advance was made on a frontal sweep up a slope into the German second line and the villages of Bazentin-Le-Petit, Bazentine-Le-Grand and longueval. At this hour tonight it appears that there is only one point in these German trenches where the machine guns have not been put out of action and demolished completel

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On Extreme West?

London Believes That May be Meaning of Intense Bombardment Against Germans Facing Belgian Front

London, July 15.—(Toronto Mail and Empire cable)—On the French portion of the Somme front no action of importance was recorded, but in the French official statement for Friday it was announced that the bombardment of German positions by the Belgian front had reached a point of the greatest intensity. The announcement receives additional significance, as for more than a week the Belgians have reported a persistent and destructive bombardment directed against the German fortifications.

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