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Officer's Reports of Capture

2Lt Cyril Arthur Northwood Boston

Introduction

Lt Cyril Boston was captured at Gavrelle in September 1918 while serving with the 2nd Royal Berks. He was repatriated 21/11/1918 and wrote his report while at Portobello Barracks in Dublin dated 6th February 1919.

The Statement

I was in an attack made on the enemy's trenches on September 21/18 Zero hour 11 pm.

I was wounded after the first objective had been gained (in the left arm near the shoulder)

I got into a shell hole and endeavoured to bind up the wound with a handkerchief, but I could not do it, as the wound was too high up the arm, so I decided to make for the nearest dressing station. An enemy shell then fell and exploded very close to me & dazed me considerably. I got into a trench and proceeded for some distance when I came across a German post in a strong flanking position. I immediately shot three of the occupants down with my revolver, but there was too many of them, for I was single handed. Afterwards I found that there were 15 Germans. I was then taken to a shell hole and guarded; from there I tried to escape but was shot down with a bullet in my right side. I was afterwards again shot, the bullet going in and out of my left thigh. I was forced to go quietly after that owing to extreme weakness from loss of blood.

Cyril A N Boston 2/Lieut

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