

Lieut (a/capt) MC LAUGHLIN. Hugh John

This officer was in command of a company when the battalion took part in the operations to the north of COURCÉLETTE at the Somme. On the night of Oct 6/7 he received orders to dig a new jumping off trench about 100 yds in front of what was then his front line.

~~When~~ at this time the enemy was shelling our front ^{very} violently. Capt McLaughlin got ^{part of} his company out into No Mans Land and ^{allocated} arranged the work to be done and disposed his men with such good judgment that there were very few casualties. During the digging of this trench he was an example of coolness to his men and was continually exposed to the greatest danger as he directed his men in their work. Before morning the company had a ~~good trench~~ ^{jumping off} dug. completed the trench & the attacking battalion was able to use it. Capt. McLaughlin has at all times shown great resource in times of