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Day 8h 35m. long]

JANUARY, 1915.

[22nd, Sun rises 7h. 54m.

SUNDAY 17 [17-348] 2nd after Epiphany

The charge of May 20th (See proper place) - May 20

MONDAY 18 [18-347]

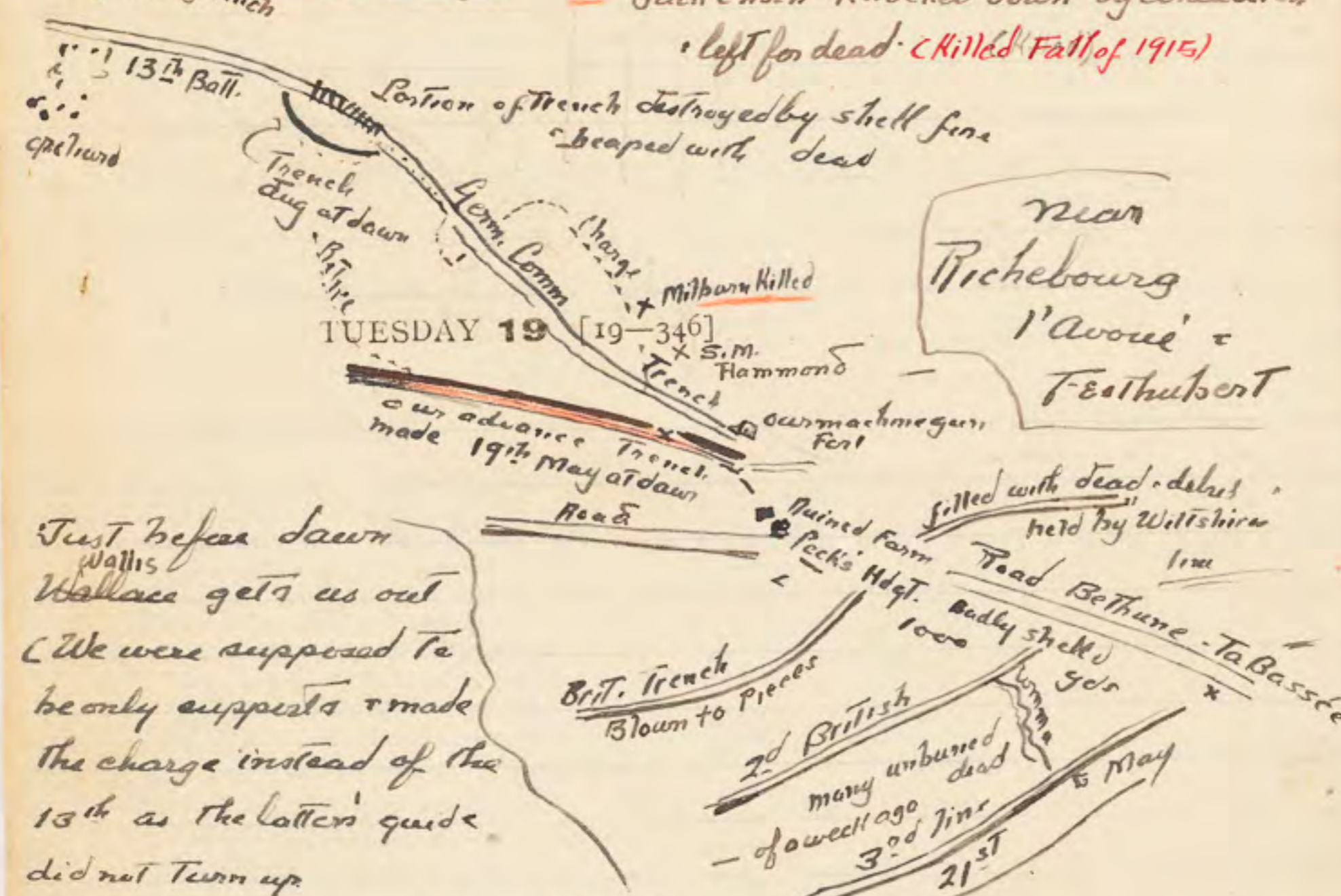
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All this time we are being 'sniped' at from orchard & under shrapnel fire, occasionally from the Brit. guns. Too.

Burned Bds
5 Germ. machine gun
Germans making trench

Jack Enock knocked down by concussion & left for dead. (Killed Fall of 1915)



Just before dawn Wallace gets us out (We were supposed to be only supports & made the charge instead of the 13th as the latter's guide did not turn up.

WEDNESDAY 20 [20-345]

Most of us never saw a German. - They did not wait for us. The platoon which took the German machine guns got back with 5 men. At 6 am 21st get back to 3rd line & stop there all day - 89 Casualties out of 126 in our company - The machine gun fire was like steel. - Our company comes out under Col. Corp. Brewer - Maj. Tech wounded 3 times. Cap. Moore twice attacking the house. - Sgt. Maj. Williams, Plat. Serg. Milburn killed Corp. Holmburg wounded. We were a awful sight - what was left of us - mud from head to foot - stained with lyddite clothes torn with shrapnel & barbed wire. Chapple & Bradbury got by shrapnel.

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