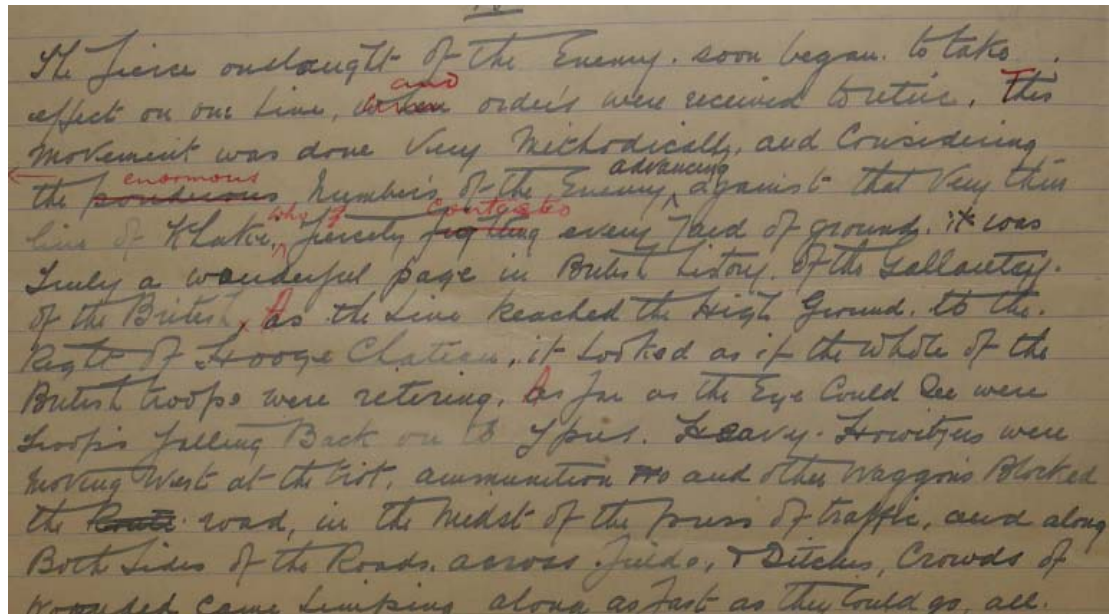


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Clue 6 - Diary entry 4 Fall back to Ypres (around 29th October 1914)

"The fierce onslaught (attack) of the enemy soon began to take effect on our line and orders were received to retire (retreat). This movement was done very methodically, and considering the enormous numbers of the enemy advancing against that very thin line of (British soldiers) who fiercely contested to every yard of ground. It was truly a wonderful page in British history of the gallantry (bravery) of the British, as the line reached the high ground. To the right of Stooze Chateau, it looked as if the whole of the British troops were retiring. As far as the eye could see were troops falling back on to Ypres. Heavy Howitzers (artillery guns) were moving west...and the wagon's blocked the road in the midst of the...traffic, and along both lines of the roads across fields, and ditches, crowds of wounded came limping along as fast as they could go."