

1st Aust. Infantry

1st Australian

1st Anzac

16th April 1917.

12th Battalion
A.I.F.

Captain James
Ernest NEWLAND.

(Continued).

These attacks were renewed three or four times, and it was Captain NEWLAND'S tenacity, and disregard for his own safety that encouraged the men to hold out. On seeing the enemy attacks weakening he personally led twenty men against them and took forty prisoners. The position on the left of LAGHISOUNT was at this time most critical. The stand made by this Officer was one of the most important factors in enabling reserves to be moved up in time to stem the enemy advance and to deliver a successful counter attack.

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and
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Battalion.

NEW
Major-General,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.