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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POPERINGHE Sheet 28 G. H. A 63	JANUARY 1917			
		1	7am Enemy disposition on surface active the exits from Mining & dug-out system's were damaged.	
		2	7am Enemy disposition on surface active considerable damage being done to Mining exits. "D" Right sounds of face work. "ANZAC" No 2 & 3 Post sounds of mechanical Power Pump working.	
		3	7am "ANZAC" No 5 & 3 sounds of enemy boring & tapping heard. Nos 11. 12. 14. 15 sounds of enemy pumping heard. Footage for week:— Berlin Shaft 5'8" Infantry Subway & dugouts 60'. Australian dugouts & Larchwood Subway 78'0 "D" Right 17'.	
		4	7am "D" Right & "D" Left sounds of enemy work. "ANZAC" Sounds of enemy face work & bag dragging heard plainly from No 1 to No 5.	

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POPERINGHE Sheet 28. G. H. A. 63	JANUARY			
	5	7am	D" Right sounds of enemy pumping heard.	
	6	7am	D" Left sounds of enemy working heard which appeared to be surface work in a deep trench.	
	7	7am	D" Right slight sounds heard of enemy doing face work or boring	
	8	7am	All quiet.	
	9	7am	All quiet.	
	10	7am	All quiet. Footage for week: - "D" Right - 27'6" - Infantry Subway + dugouts 24'1" 24'1", Australian dugouts + Larchwood Subway 40'.	
	11	7am	D" Right. Struck enemy shaft + All quiet.	

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POPERINGHE Sheet 28	12	7 am	All quiet. 1 man wounded.	
G 11 63	13	7 am	Enemy disposition. Active on surface. All quiet - underground.	
	14	7 am	Infantry Tunnel flooded with water from old crater on surface All quiet.	
	15	7 am	All quiet - Infantry Tunnel. the water has all been pumped out & break repaired.	
	16	7 am	"D" Right - sounds of enemy heard like knocking or hammering. All quiet elsewhere.	
	17	7 am	"ANZAC" No 5 Sounds of enemy dragging sandbags heard. heavy enemy bombardment Footage for week: - Infantry Subway & Dugouts 15'6" Australian dugouts + Larchwood Subway 92'9" Berlin Shaft 19' "D" Right 15'	

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POPERINGHE	18	7am	"ANZAC" No 5 Sounds of enemy dragging sand bags heard.	
Sheet 28				
G 11.63	19	7am	"D" Right slight enemy sounds heard	
	20	7am	"D" Right Sounds of enemy doing face work & bag dragging "D" Left sounds of enemy doing face work & bag dragging & walking.	
	21	7am	All quiet.	
	22	7am	"D" Right Sounds of enemy doing face work. "D R" Sounds of enemy dragging sand-bags. "A" sounds of enemy dragging sand bags & thumping & putting in timber	
	23	7am	Right-Sector Nos 3 & 5 Sounds of enemy working. "A" Sounds of enemy working Pump. "D" Right Sounds of enemy working on surface & at a higher level in the German shaft also sand bag dragging heard.	

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POPERINGHE Sheet 28 G. 11. 63.	24	7 am	The enemy blew At 12.45 P.M. on the 23/1/17 there was an upheaval as of an enemy Camouflet being blown, the earth vibrations was very apparent in our mining system extinguishing the lights no damage was done to any of our work. Footage for week:— Berlin Shaft 27' 7" Sump Gallery 16' 9" Platt Gallery 11', Infantry Subway & dugouts 68' 7" Australian Dugouts 60';	
	25	7 am	All quiet.	
	26	7 am	Centre Sector "A" Sounds as of enemy pump working. Trench 35 Saphead crumpled by shell. All quiet.	
	27	7 am	Charges were laid at the bottom of 13 & ANZAC shafts. for demolition purposes if necessary. All quiet.	
	28	7 am	Berlin Sector "A" Gallery Surface sounds heard. All quiet elsewhere.	

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JANUARY				
POPERINGHE Sheet- 28	29	7am	Berlin Sector "D" Left enemy sounds heard as of face working & knocking	
G. 11. 63.	30	7am	Berlin Sector "A" Sounds of enemy knocking heard. ANZAC enemy pump heard working. 1 man wounded	
	31	7am	All quiet. Footage for week: - Berlin Shaft Platt Gallery 54'6" now called Melbourne Berlin Adit-Extension 32'. Main Berlin "C" Gallery 38' Infantry Subway & dugouts 73'8", Australian dugouts 45'.	