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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARCH				
POPERINGHE SH. 28 G.11AG3	4	7am.	Listening: 'A' gallery distant hammering heard Enemy disposition, on surface, quiet.	
	5	7am.	Listening: 'A' gallery distant noises heard. Anzac: occasional noises heard from b.d.f.	
	6	7am.	'D' right, very marked & noisy work much shovelling & earth falling probably crater work, "A" distant knocking. 1 man wounded.	
	7	7am.	'D' right reports loud intermittent working noises probably from enemy works in craters.   Footages for week: Anzac 12'6" Melbourne 74" "Beta" 44' 3" "L" 23'0", 'D' right 11'6" Berlin 25'6", Adit 5'0", Infantry subway 68'10" Larch subway 79'4".	

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<b>MARCH</b>				
POPERINGHE SH. 28 G11263	8	7am.	Listening: all quiet.	
	9	7am.	"b" usual knocking heard. Enemy blew mine at 8.15pm. 8 <sup>th</sup> inst. damaging his own lines only. Distinct face works heard from 12 L.P.	
	10	7am.	"b" gallery knocking noises, "a" knocking & indefinite noises 12 L.P. faceworks heard.	
	11	7am.	"a" distant noises. all other posts normal.	
	12	7am.	Leads tested: all correct. Listening, all quiet.	
	13	7am.	Listening: Reported all quiet.	

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POPERINGHE SH. 28 G11.2.63	14	7am.	"D" right, usual crater work heard. Footages for week: 3 L.I. 18' 9", Berlin 35' 3", Melbourne 44' 9", Brisbane 11' 6" & 3 steel sets. Adelaide 3 steel sets. Petera 51' 6" "D" right 14' 2" Infantry subway 44' 4", Larch subway 71' 4"	
	15	7am.	"A" distant knocking. "D" left, faint distant knocks	
	16	7am.	Leads tested, all correct. Enemy disposition, heavy bombardment of our sector & railway line	
	17	7am.	all quiet over & under ground.	
	18	7am.	all quiet over & under ground. Leads tested: all correct.	
	19	7am.	Enemy disposition on surface: active. Listening: all quiet.	

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MARCH				
POPERINGHE SH. 28 G11263	20	7am	Enemy above & below ground: quiet.	
	21	7am	"a" usual hammering noises, "A" night gas bubbling out of Shury. Enemy blew a crater at 5am. Doing no damage. Footages for week: Berlin 25' 0" Melbourne 27' 10", Brisbane 48', Adelaide 45' 5", "Beta" 15' "A" night 12' 7", Infantry subway 58' 4", Larch subway 167' 9".	
	22	7am	Enemy heard consolidating crater from 6 L.F., "a" usual knocking sounds.	
	23	7am	"A" night no mining sounds but sounds from German crater; plainly heard from 6 L.F. "12a" post working noises as of boring & facework. 20 post walking & facework.	

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<b>MARCH</b>				
POPERINGHE SH.28 G11263	24	7am.	'Beta' quiet but gaseous again. Surface noises only reported at other posts.	
	25	7am.	Enemy blew in two places at 6.30 p.m. on 24th crumpling 15 ft. of gallery. Estimated that blow was too short. Working sounds reported from 'Bright': 6 d.p. Reports facework, audible to ear. 2 men wounded.	
	26	7am	'a' distant sounds reported on all shifts. 'D' right noises probably crater work. 11 d.p. distinct sounds of facework. 6 d.p. sounds audible to ear of facework	
	27	7am.	'a' distant indistinct noises. 'D' right crater noises. Special listening period: no working noises reported. 1 man killed.	

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POPERINGHE SH. 28 G11 263	28	7am.	<p>Enemy disposition: P. Mts. &amp; howitzers active. At 11.14 pm. 27<sup>th</sup> enemy blew camouflaged damaging gallery already shaken; gas at 8 Lp. Strong mouse carried by Pto man instantly died, ventilation restored later.</p> <p>Special listening not carried out. Routine listeners report crater work heard from Nos 6 &amp; 7 Lps. of D right.</p> <p>Footages for week: Melbourne 20' 0" Brisbane 63' 10" Adelaide 59' 10" Berlin 13' 3" Larch Subway 2' Merland Subway 61' 9" Infantry Subway 111' 4" Shallows 75' 0"</p>	
	29	7am.	<p>Enemy active in vicinity of Nos 5 &amp; 6 posts, very noisy</p>	
	30	7am.	<p>Enemy on surface: active. Crater work heard at 5 &amp; 6 Lps of D right</p>	
	31	7am.	<p>Enemy working from craters. Leads: all correct.</p>	