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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLOEG STEERT ST IVES Sect.	1st		Day quiet. STRENGTH 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	REFERENCE MAP 1/10,000 28 SW 4 Ed. 4 B
"	2nd	1230	One gun fired 20 rounds on to U.15.a.40.65. Situation normal STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 68 O. Ranks.	ditto
"		1710	One gun fired 15 rounds on to U.15.a.40.65. Situation normal.	ditto
"	3rd		One gun fired 10 rounds on to enemy front line in retaliation to Pineapple fire. CASUALTIES - 1 wounded (s) 1304 Pte. Vincent V.V. STRENGTH 4 Offs., 67 O. Rs.	ditto
"	4th		Day quiet on sector SICK - 1 Officer, Lt. Van Assche to Hospital. STRENGTH, 4 Offs., 67 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	5th	1715	Two guns fired 15 rounds on to Enemy dugout at U.15.d.95.05. Situation normal Captain Anderson, Paris Leave. STRENGTH 3 Offs., 68 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	6th	1145	2 guns fired 25 rounds each on enemy dugouts U.15.D.95.05. Direct hits scored. Enemy shelled back areas from approx. 21.30 to 22.30. STRENGTH 3 Offs., 68 O. Ranks.	
"	7th	1200	4 guns fired 25 rounds each on enemy new work U.9.c.25.15. Dugout U.16.c.25.60 T. M. Gun, U.15.d.90.60. Much damage done and enemy gun silenced.	ditto
"		1530	1 gun fired 30 rounds on to E. screen U.8.d.90.70.	
"		2000	Enemy opened intense bombardment on extreme right of our sector. One of our guns on S.O.S. signal fired 30 rounds. CASUALTIES - 2 wounded - No.1009 Pte. Waters T.P. & No.371 Pte.Orchard G.W. PROMOTIONS - 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 2 L/Cpls. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 66 Other ranks.	
"	8th	1500	3 guns fired 25 rounds on to screen U.8.d.8.7., M. G. Emplacement U.22.a.15.25, Screen was demolished. Direct hits on Machine Gun. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 66 Other ranks.	ditto

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PLOEG STEERT ST IVES	9th	1600	3 guns fired 20 rounds on to enemy Minenwerfer position at U.15.b.35.75., Rum Jar 1/10,000 28 SW 4 Ed4B emplacement at U.15.d.9.6. As soon as Rum Jar commenced firing our gun opened fire, silencing Rum Jar, causing loud explosion near spot. Situation for day - normal STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 66 O. Ranks	REFERENCE MAP
"	10th		3 guns fired 30 rounds each on enemy's front line in vicinity U.15.90.60 - Situation normal - CASUALTIES - 2 Killed - No.1616 Sgt.Buzolich H & No.7 Pte.Anderson W. Wounded (s) No. 209 Pte. Preston, J. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 64 O. Ranks	ditto
"	11th		Section relief. Situation normal. 2 men buried 1100 Strand Cemetery. STRENGTH 3 Off., 62 O. Ranks	ditto
"	12th	1200	2 guns fired 20 rounds on to U.22.c.3.1., U.22.c.30.55. Retaliation by enemy slight. STRENGTH - 3 Offs., 62 O. Ranks. SICK - 1 O. Rank	ditto
"	13th	1000	Ammunition carried to trenches - STRENGTH 3 Offs., 62 O. Ranks	ditto
"	14th	1530	1 gun fired 30 rounds on to E.F.L. at U.15.d.8.5. to U.16.c.00.05. Enemy shelled in vicinity of OOSTHOVE Farm for two hours. No casualties Lt. Van Assche to Hospital England, sick. Capt. Anderson rejoined from Paris Leave. STRENGTH - 4 Off. 62 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	15th	1435	2 guns fired 30 rounds each on U.22.c.26.55 to U.22.c.3.6. Situation normal. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 63 Other ranks.	ditto
"	16th	1000	Men out of line bathed at Pont-de-Nieppe. Situation normal-STRENGTH, 4 Off., 63 O.Rs.	ditto
"	17th	1650	1 gun fired 12 rounds in retaliation to enemy Pineapples. -STRENGTH, 4 Off. 63 O.Rs.	ditto
"	18th	1600 2100	Section relief. Owing to an intense bombardment by enemy on right, and in response to S.O.S. signal, 1 gun fired 100 rounds. Enemy attempted raid on "D" Coy. Sector. Repelled with loss to enemy - STRENGTH - 4 Off., 63 O. Ranks.	ditto

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PLOEG STEERT ST IVES.	19th	1530	1 gun fired 30 rounds on E.T.M. Position U.16.c.2.8. Enemy retaliated with 9 large Minnies. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 63 Other ranks.	REFERENCE MAP 1/10,000 28 SW 4 Ed 4B
"	20th		Gas released during the night. Situation for day normal - STRENGTH, 4 Off., 63 O.Rs.	ditto
"	21st		Fired at request of Brigade on enemy M.G. emplacement - STRENGTH, 4 Off., 63 O. Rs.	ditto
"	22nd	1300	2 guns fired 30 rounds on enemy M.G. emplacement in conjunction with attempted raid, (37 Bn) CASUALTIES - wounded No. 474 Pte. Howell, E.J. SICK - 1 O. Rank. STRENGTH 4 Off., 61 O.Rs	
"	23rd		Tunneling Officers objected to T. M's firing. No firing till 28th. Situation normal. STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 61 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	24th	1700	4 guns relieved in line by 4 gun teams 9th A.T.M's. Section relief. Brigade front reduced in accordance with Brigade Order 40, 22/5/17. STRENGTH 4 Off., 61 O.Rs.	ditto
"	25th- 27th		Situation Normal - STRENGTH, 4 Off., 61 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	28th	0200	In conjunction with raid of 38th Bn. 8 guns fired 100 rounds each (as per Bde. Order 39 of 22/5/17) - STRENGTH - 4 Offs., 65 O. Ranks. - CRIMES - 1 minor crime.	ditto
"	29th	0145	In conjunction with raid of 39th Battalion 4 guns fired 100 rounds each (as per Brigade Order No. 41 of 24/5/17 - STRENGTH 4 Offs, 65 O. Ranks.	ditto
"	30th		Reserve sections engaged in cleaning and repairing preparing ammunition for forthcoming operation. No firing in line, Situation for day, normal. STRENGTH, 4 Off. 67 O.Rs.	ditto
"	31st	1830	No firing by T. M's. Men continued cleaning and preparing ammunition. Gas shells fired from 4" Stokes night 30/31st. Raid attempted by 40th Battalion on enemy lines, but no entry made through enemy resistance. 1 Off. 9 O. Ranks left for concentration camp, Morbecque. -STRENGTH, 4 Off., 67 O.Rs.	ditto