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any orders, and the men were told that they had to attack over the open and retake STROKE, signal to start being a Very light. The attack came under considerable machine gun fire and progress was slow. The enemy ran as soon as the attack developed and STROKE was empty. The men remained as garrison of STROKE until relieved by Rifle Bde. Casualties 1 Officer wounded and 27 O.R. Lieut. King-King was wounded and Captain Parsons killed later while trying to bring in wounded. 2 platoons of Light Coy. were brought up to take the place of A. Coy. These remained here astride the FAMPONX - PONT DU JOUR Road. In the afternoon PUDDING was again heavily shelled. 2/Lieut. F.W. Perrett was wounded. Our total casualties were now 3 officers and about 80 Other Ranks.

30th

Heavy shelling of PUDDING and PORT Trenches at 7 a.m. Captain A.H. Collins wounded PUDDING Trench was heavily shelled again during afternoon and several direct hits. A Coy. relieved C. Coy. and took over defensive flank along the river. Relief carried out without event. Remainder of night quiet.

31st

Hostile Artillery very active on PUDDING and DINGWALL Trenches from 6.45 a.m. to 7.15 a.m. Also from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. During the latter period, fire was in enfilade from behind MONCHY. Remainder of day fairly quiet.

G. BLAINE,
Capt.

for Lt. Colonel,
Commanding 1st Bn. Somerset Light Infantry.

Field,

2-4-18.