

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 10

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SCHEME FOR CARRYING 400 DRUMS

As soon as conditions appear favourable OC ‘J’ Special Company R.E. will warn G.S. 18th Divn by 4.0 pm. 2 G.S. wagons will then proceed to crossroads at N.22.a.7.4. to arrive at 3.0 pm. These will be loaded by ‘J’ Coy with 400 charge blocks (4 in a sandbag) and proceed guided by ‘J’ Coy guides to N.29.c.5.9. where they will be dumped and spread out along the road. A carrying party of 50 men, exclusive of NCOs will parade at this point N.29.c.5.9., at 7.0 pm and carry the charge blocks up FOSTER LANE to O.25.d.4.2. (each man carrying two sandbags – 8 blocks) where they will be handed over to an officer of ‘J’ Coy.

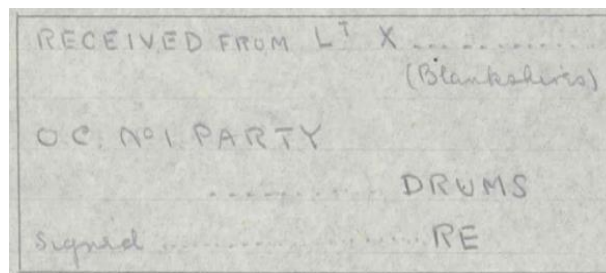
12 G.S. wagons (with a suitable number of spares) will proceed to crossroads at N.22.a.7.4. to arrive at 8.30 pm. Two of these will be loaded at once and proceed to N.30.a.6.0. guided by ‘J’ Coy guides. Then they will be unloaded by ‘J’ Coy and dumped until the carrying parties arrive. The remainder will proceed in the same manner at intervals of 20 minutes. Two carrying parties of 40 men, exclusive of NCOs will parade at this point N.30.a.6.0. The 1st party will arrive at 9.30 pm and the remainder at 15 minutes intervals. The parties will each pick up 40 drums, ie 1 per man, and will then proceed to O.25.d.4.2. being guided there by ‘J’ Coy guides. Then they will hand over the drums to ‘J’ Coy’s representative and return by way of the dump to report to the senior officer there. They will then return to billets. The officer or NCO in charge of the party will carry a cardboard tab with the number of the party on it thus.



paper in his pocket with the number sandbag folded up & placed under the drum. In addition to this, the

Every member of the party will have a piece of of his party on, and will be provided with a his shoulder strap to ease his shoulder in carrying officer or NCO in charge of each party will carry a

receipt, previously made out with the following words on it – The receipt will be signed by the ‘J’ Coy Officer who O.25.ad.4.2. and he the drums in the purpose. Each delivery to ‘J’ Coy drums, and until completed this



receives the drums at will enter the number of space allotted for that party is responsible for Officer at the position 40 each carrying party has work it cannot be

dismissed. The senior officer at the dump will check these receipts before dismissing any party which has returned to the dump.

All troops engaged in this operation will wear their box respirators (or gas helmets) in the ‘ALERT’ position.