

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 11

ARRAS 12/5/17

PROPOSED SCHEME for the use of LIVENS PROJECTORS against BOIS DU VERT

Ref Spec Map MONCHY LE PREUX 1:10.000

- (1) PRINCIPLE It is proposed to use 250 projectors against the Bois du Vert with a further 25 as a blind on the strong point O.3.c.4.7.
- (2) POSITION OF PROJECTORS Projectors will be dug in behind our front line at O.8.a.45.7.
- (3) TARGETS The main target will be the NW position of the Bois du Vert with a central point O.9.a.7.8. The subsidiary target will be the junction of the trench works with the sunken road at O.3.c.4.7.
- (4) CARRYING OF PROJECTORS At present 180 projectors are dug in at N.12.c.7.5. These will be raised and dumped ready for carrying on the night 13th 14th May. 360 men will be required to carry these from this point to O.8.a.5.7. These men can report at N.12.c.7.5. in parties of 40 and commence carrying at 9.30 pm 13th May, the parties arriving at intervals of 15 minutes. They will be guided to new position by J Coy guides, where the projectors will be dug into position by J Coy. A further 100 projectors can be taken up the ARRAS-CAMBRAI ROAD by J Coy lorry and dumped for the 2nd nights carrying at N.12.a.7.2. On the night 14th-15th carrying parties 200 men will be required to carry these projectors to the position. They can report at the dump in parties of 40 at 15 minute intervals commencing at 9.30 pm and will be guided by J Coy guides to the positions. These projectors will then be dug into position by J Coy. This will make a total of 280 projectors in position by the morning of the 15th.
- (5) DRUMS A supply of drums is available in cellars at G.29.c.9.9. On the night of the 17th 3 lorries will be required to report to J Coy guides wearing red white & green brassard, at the BAUDIMONT GATE ARRAS at 6.0 pm. These lorries will proceed to the cellars where they will be loaded with 280 drums and will then proceed to the point when they will be off loaded. 7 carrying parties of 40 men will then be required to report at this point where each party will be loaded with 40 drums and proceed to the position guided by J Coy guides. The drums will be put in the projectors by J Coy and the electrical connections made in the course of an hour, after which the drums will be ready for firing.