

‘J’ Special Company R.E.

Report No 1

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Section	Corps & Division to which attach’d	Map ref of Emplacements	Number of projectors Employed	Purpose of Operations	Nature of Ammunitions	No of projectors allotted	No of projectors fired	Reason for Discrepancy (if any)	Casualties Names of Officers No of men.	Direction & Strength of Wind	Remarks	Names of Officers in Operation
42 44	VI Corps 29 th Div	Sheet 51b O.8.a.5.7.	25 111 130	Strong point at O.3.c.4.7. N.W. corner of BOIS DU VERT O.9.A.7.9. It was intended that these drums should be fired at an assault zero at 9 pm 19:5:17, but as the wind was unfavourable then, it was afterwards arranged that they should be fired on an independent action at the first favourable opportunity.	GAS	275	236	Only 266 drums were placed in position owing to carrying parties leaving projectors lying about. Of the 266 in position 236 were fired. The remainder had the circuits broken & could not be reconnected to make an electric circuit.	NIL	About 5 degrees W of N.W. 3-4 MPH	226 drums fired on the first shot. LT Allchin & a pioneer attempted to reconnect & discharge the remainder. Ten more were fired in this way. A certain amount of sniping & rifle fire came over. LT Allchin thought it wisest to return as the position is in the open & it was then daylight this was undoubtedly the only thing to do in the circumstances.	L ^T TAIT R.E. 2/L ^T ALLCHIN R.E.