

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 17

ARRAS 3/6/17

SCHEME FOR PROJECTOR OPERATION ON FONTAINE

1st NIGHT 100 men in 4 parties to report at intervals of 15 minutes (1st party arriving at 10 pm) to an officer of “J” Coy at O.25.d.7.2. and carry light projectors (1 per man) to O.31.c.4.2. guided by “J” Coy guides. Each party returns and does a second journey. 12 G.S. wagons to be at cross roads at N.21.b.95.90 at 9.30 pm. 1st wagon to contain 400 yds of light green camouflage 3 or 4 feet wide and 6 duckboards. Remaining 11 wagons will be loaded with 220 projectors and guided to N.36.b.8.1. when they will be off loaded by “J” Coy and the projectors stacked at the side of the road.

2nd NIGHT 100 men in 4 parties at intervals of 15 mins to report at N.36.b.8.1. (1st party arriving at 10 pm) and carry heavy projectors (1 per 2 men) to O.31.c.4.2. Each party returns and does a second journey.

3rd NIGHT 100 men consisting of 4 parties at intervals of 15 minutes, (1st party to arrive at 10 pm) at N.36.b.8.1. to carry projectors to O.31.c.4.2. Each party returns and does a second journey.

4th NIGHT Any remaining projectors cleaned up and carried by “J” Coy

DRUM NIGHT 2 G.S. Wagons to report at cross roads at N.21.b.95.90. at 8.30 pm when they will be loaded with charge blocks and proceed guided by “J” Coy guides to Western end of SUSSEX AV where the charge blocks will be dumped. A carrying party of 50 O.R. with a suitable number of N.C.Os will report at Western End of Sussex Avenue at 10 pm. They will carry the charge blocks (each man carrying 2 sandbags and 8 blocks) to O.31.c.4.2. where they will be handed over to an Officer of “J” Coy. 12 G.S. wagons (with a suitable number of spares) will report at N.21.b.95.90. at 8.45 pm. Two of these will be loaded with drums at once and proceed to N.36.b.8.1. guided by “J” Coy guides. There they will be unloaded by “J” Coy & dumped until the carrying parties arrive. The remainder will proceed in the same manner at 20 minute intervals.

Five carrying parties of 40 men exclusive of N.C.Os will report at N.36.b.8.1. The first party will arrive at 10.15 pm. and the remainder at intervals of 15 minutes. The parties will each pick up 40 drums ie one per man and proceed guided by “J” Coy guides to O.31.c.4.2. They will then return to the dump at N.36.b.8.1 and do a second journey carrying a further 40 drums and reporting on each occasion to an Officer of “J” Coy from whom the Officers in charge of each carrying party will get a receipt for the drums.

All troops in the operation will wear respirators at the ALERT position.