

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 24

ERVILLERS 1/9/17

Report on Operations Aug 31st 1917

Sections	41 and 42
Corps & Divn in which attached	VI Corps 50 th Divn
Map ref of emplacements	1. O.20.a.4.8. 2. O.14.c.2.4. 3. O.25.c.8.5.
No of Projectors employed	1 – 200 2 – 100 598 3 - 298
Purpose of Operation	To surprise and gas the enemy holding the line and working in the vicinity of the targets and with artillery cooperation to disorganise his transport etc.
Nature of Ammunition	Gas
Projectiles No of rounds allotted	598
No fired	596
Reason for discrepancy (if any)	Two rounds would not fire, probably owing to wet charges. Charges have been in the Projectors 10 days, with an unusual amount of rain during this time.
Casualties, names of Officers No of O.R.	NIL
Direction and Strength of Wind	W by S 5 mph
Remarks	As the wind limits for No 3 target were narrower than for Nos 1 and 2, I issued instructions for Nos 1 and 2 to be fired as soon as the flash of No 3 guns was observed. No 2 target fired about 5 seconds after No 3 and No 1 within half a second of No 2.
Names of Officers in charge of Operations	2/LT SANTER R.E. i/c Sect 41. (LT HALL being on leave) 2/LT BASSFORD R.E. Sect 42.

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