

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 26

ERVILLERS 8/9/17

16th Divⁿ Operation Order No A.S. 1248/18

8th Sept 1917

1. On the morning of Sept 9th or on the first suitable morning after that date, gas will be projected from the neighbourhood of that portion of STRANGWAYS RESERVE which lies on U.19.b. on to the following localities in TUNNEL TRENCH, which are marked W, X, Y and Z on the accompanying sketch.

U.14.a.6.3.

U.14.d.0.7.

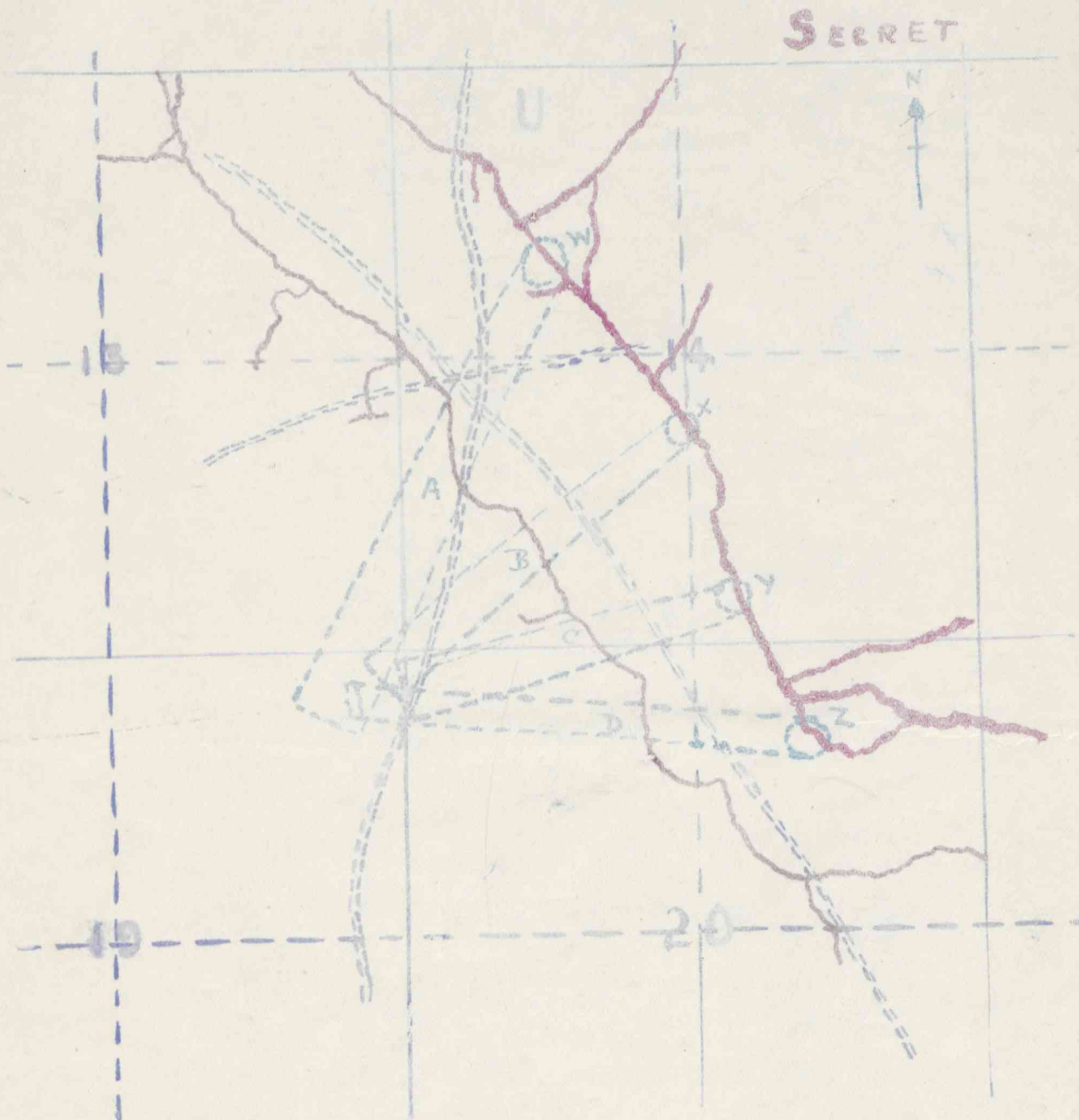
U.14.d.2.2.

U.14.d.5.6.
2. The whole of the projectors will be fired simultaneously at Zero hour. Any projectors that have not been fired by Zero plus 15 minutes will not be fired at all.
3. All arrangements for the actual projection of the gas are being made by O.C. J Special Company R.E.
4. C.R.A. 16th Divⁿ will arrange to barrage F. AG, TRENCH from zero plus 3 minutes to zero plus 13 minutes, and to deal with any movement that may be subsequently be observed during the day in the area bombarded.
5. G.O.C's 47th and 48th Inf Bdes, will arrange to clear their front line at the points marked A. B. C. and D in the accompanying sketch. Trenches to be cleared by zero Hour and are not to be reoccupied until after zero plus 15 minutes, excepting in case of an enemy attack.
6. Zero Hour will be 8.0 am.
7. The operation can only take place if the weather conditions are favourable. On the first evening that there appears to be any prospects of carrying it out on the following morning, the code word CASTLE will be sent out to all concerned as soon as possible after 7.0 pm. Should it subsequently become necessary to postpone the operation the code word AIR will be used. No code word will be sent out in the evening if the conditions are unfavourable.
8. Except for the above code words, no reference to the above operation is on any account to be made over any telephone or by wires.
9. O.C. J Special Company R.E. and 16th Div Arty will synchronise watches at 16th Div H.Q. each evening that the code word CASTLE is sent out, as soon as possible after receipt of the message.

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To accompany 16th Div
no a.s. 1248/18.

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