

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 27

ERVILLERS 9/9/17

Report on Operations Sept 9th 1917

Zero Time 8.0 am

Sections	41, 44, 45 (with additional exploder men)
Corps & Divn in which attached	VI Corps, 16 th Div ⁿ
No of Projectors employed	1,000
Map ref of emplacements	U.19.b
Purpose of Operation	To surprise and gas the enemy holding the HINDENBURG SUPPORT LINE from U.20.b.5.6 to U.14.a.6.3.
Nature of Ammunition	Gas (lethal)
Projectiles No of rounds allotted	1,000
No fired	997
Reason for discrepancy (if any)	The rear ranks of two batteries failed to fire on the first shot. Seven projectors were discharged at 8.7 am and seven more at 8.15, leaving three guns unfired.
Casualties, names of Officers No of O.R.	NIL
Direction and Strength of Wind	S.W. by S. 4 mph
Remarks	No firing took place after 8.15 and enemy retaliation up to 8.30 was nil. No signals were seen and no gas gongs heard.
Names of Officers in charge of Operations	L ^T A.A. HALL 2/L ^T G.C. ALLCHIN R.E. 2/L ^T R. PENDLEBURY R.E.

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