

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 31

ERVILLERS 16/9/17

Report on Operations Sept 16th 1917

Zero Time 4.4 am

Sections	42 and 43
Corps & Divn in which attached	VI Corps, 50 th Div ⁿ
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. 193 2. 98 3. 281
Purpose of Operation	To surprise and gas reinforcements sent up into these areas, to replace casualties caused by raids on the 15 th inst.
Nature of Ammunition	Gas
Projectiles No of rounds allotted	572
No fired	552
Reason for discrepancy (if any)	Pistol heads were screwed on too tight, and on the night position it was found impossible to unscrew a few in one battery by zero time in order to detonate. This battery was left.
Casualties, names of Officers No of O.R.	NIL
Direction and Strength of Wind	S.W. by W. 6 mph
Remarks	No 3 position fired 4.4.am and Nos 1 & 2 some 4 and 7 seconds afterwards respectively.
Names of Officers in charge of Operations	2/L ^T SANTER R.E. 2/L ^T BASSFORD R.E.