

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 41.

From:- O.C. Special Company R.E.

To:- G.S. 16th Div

1.	<u>General Scheme</u>	It is proposed to instal 800 projectors to fire gas drums on to targets in the vicinity of FONTAINE lez CROISILLES
2.	<u>PROJECTORS</u>	The projectors for this operation will be withdrawn from an old position at U.19.b. and having been cleaned, will be carried forward by light railway and trench tramway, the minimum of men being thus used in the process. The detail of work required for this purpose would be as follows A.B.C. and D nights, 1 working party of 50 men to report to representative of J Special Coy R.E. at PORTER DUMP (U.19.a.) at 8.0 pm nightly, to carry projectors from position at U.19.b. to end of trench tramway at U.19.a. The projectors will then be conveyed by trench tramway to ECOUST, and thence by light railway to a siding near J Coy's camp, where they will be cleaned and inspected. C.D.E and F nights, 1 working party of 50 men to report to representative of J Special Coy R.E. at terminus of light railway at ALE DUMP at T.18.d. at 8.0 pm nightly to push projectors up trench tramway to terminus at U.17.c. These parties will be required to work for not less than 4 hours, and should therefore be fresh men. An officer of J Special Coy will supervise this work. The projectors will then be dug in at U.7.c.4.3. by J Special Coy R.E. and camouflaged.
3.	<u>DRUMS</u>	Gas drums are available for this operation and can be carried up in two nights, G and H, or such other nights as convenient. These will be taken up by light railway and trench tramway to the position. Detail of work required:- 1 pushing party of 50 men to report to representative of J Special Coy R.E. at ALE DUMP, at 8.0 pm nightly, to push trucks up to U.7.c. An officer of J Special Coy will supervise this work.
4.	<u>ZERO</u>	Zero can be any hour after 4.0 am on I day during the hours of darkness.
5.	<u>WIND</u>	The wind limits for this operation are S.S.W. to W.N.W.
6.	<u>TARGETS</u>	It is suggested that 5 groups of drums each be placed on, and about the following points:- U.8.a.20.55.

		2. U.2.c.20.20. 3. U.2.c.00.55. 4. U.2.c.50.25. 5. U.2.c.75.25.
7.	<u>CLEARING of LINE</u>	In the event of the above targets being approved, it would be necessary to clear the line for the portion marked <u>green</u> on the attached map, from Zero minus 5 to Zero plus 40 minutes. Troops remaining in the portions shaded <u>red</u> , should wear box respirators, from the time of hearing the discharge of the projectors, until Zero plus 40 minutes.

For your approval please

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