

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 42.

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

To:- C.S.C. R.E. Third Army

Report on shorts 11-10-17

On 13th inst 16th Div asked for an Officer to report at 47th INF BDE H.Q. to make arrangements for removal of some drums which had fallen short on the night 11th-12th. The number estimated at about 20.

L^T PAINE reported to 47th Inf Bde H.Q. at about noon on the 13th, and arranged to send a competent N.C.O. to deal with the matter, to the front line Battⁿ. The Bde informed him that the shorts had fallen somewhere in the neighbourhood of U.14.c.7.1. to U.14.c.3.6.

A Corporal was immediately dispatched to the 1st Munsters, and he proceeded to the right Coy H.Q. in the line. He then proceeded to the left Coy H.Q. where he was informed that 5 shorts had been collected, and sent down to a grenade dump near the support line.

The Corporal walked along the whole front covered by the discharge and could find no further drums. The 5 drums which had been collected were found to be:-

2 correctly burst drums (empty)

3 duds containing gas

The two burst drums were accordingly thrown away, and the duds brought back on the trench tramway.

The O.C. Coy on whose front the drums were collected from, but being on his front they must have been somewhere about the two map references given above.

17.10.17

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