

“J” Special Company RE
Appendix No 44

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Zero Time 6.20 am

<u>Sections</u>	42, 43, 44, 45.
<u>Corps & Divn in which attached</u>	VI Corps, 34 th Div ⁿ
<u>Map ref of emplacements</u>	1. O.25.a.2.4. (500) 2. O.14.c.1.4. (500)
<u>No of Projectors employed</u>	1,000
<u>Purpose of Operation</u>	To surprise and gas the enemy holding certain parts of trench system on the CHERISY-GUEPPE sector, and to create a diversion on the Northern flank of an Infantry attack.
<u>Nature of Ammunition</u>	Gas (C.G.)
<u>Projectiles No of rounds allotted</u>	1,000
<u>No fired</u>	958
<u>Reason for discrepancy (if any)</u>	Three batteries failed to fire at zero, the leads being broken by the explosion of other batteries. One battery was fired after zero but it was too light for the remaining two batteries to be dealt with as the position was in full view of the enemy.
<u>Casualties, names of Officers No of O.R.</u>	Nil
<u>Direction and Strength of Wind</u>	W.S.W. 7 mph
<u>Remarks</u>	Apparently a successful operation. The enemy sent up numerous green lights from the vicinity of the targets, exhibiting every sign of confusion. There were no ‘shorts’. Retaliation consisted of a barrage on front, and support system.
<u>Names of Officers in charge of Operations</u>	L ^T F. WOOTTON R.E. 2/L ^T J.B. BASSFORD R.E.

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