

“J” Special Company RE
Report No 6

ERVILLES 27/7/17

Zero Time: 2.56 am

Section	43 44
Corps & Div ⁿ	VI Corps 7 th Div ⁿ
Map ref of emplacements	U.26.b.9.5.
No of Projectors employed	467
Purpose of Operation	To place 4 groups gas drums on positions of HINDENBURG Front & Support lines at U.21.a.3.1. – U21.a.6.15 U.21.a.7.1. – U21.c.95.80 U.21.a.1.7. – U21.a.7.6 U.21.a.80.65. – U21.b.5.2
Nature of Ammunition	Gas Drums
No of Projectiles allotted	467
No of Projectiles fired	452
Reason for discrepancy (if any)	3 batteries had been hit by shell fire during day. These were reset. 17 were found which had been hit & could not be fixed. Of the other remaining 460, 428 fired on the first shot. Two rows of 12 each were afterwards connected up & fired leaving 8 which would not fire.
Casualties Names of Officers No of O.R.	4 O.R. Gassed
Direction and Strength of Wind	S.W. by S 4-5 mph
Remarks	On going round their batteries after the first shot 8 drums were found in one battery which had not fired. While examining these, 3 burst in the projectors. It is presumed that the shock of discharge of the remainder of the battery must have released the inertia pellets on the Stokes heads of these three drums. Two Cpls were gassed & two O.R. (suspected cases) were all sent to dressing station.
Names of Officers in charge of Operations	2/L ^T R.B. SANTER R.E. 2/L ^T G.C. ALLCHIN R.E.