

Appendix 1 to War Diary for July 22nd/23rd 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 29

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time:
12 Midnight.
22/23 July

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 30.

VI Corps

3rd Canadian Division

Purpose of Operation:-

To inflict casualties on the enemy occupying trench system, in and around NEUVILLE VITASSE.

Targets, giving Map References

(1) The Maze	N.25.a.6.8.
(2) The Sugar Factory	N.19.d.3.4.
(3) Eastern edge of village	N.19.b.6.6.

No. of Projectors
Employed.

(1) 240
(2) 220
(3) 192

Map reference
Of
Emplacements

(1) M.24.d.3.3.
(2) M.24.d.3.3. - 60
M.24.a.4.3. - 160
(3) M.24.a.4.3.

No. and Nature of
Projectiles Allotted.

(1) 240 C.G.
(2) 220 C.G.
(3) 192 C.G.

No. and Nature of
Projectiles Fired

(1) 240 C.G.
(2) 170 C.G.
(3) 150 C.G.

Reason for Discrepancy
(if any)

The position at M.24.a.4.3. was heavily shelled and trench mortared on the evening of, and the days previous to the operation, and 93 guns were knocked out.

Programme

300 Drums at M.24.d.3.3. to be fired at Zero.
352 Drums at M.24.a.4.3. to be fired at Zero plus 30.
Artillery to fire on harassing lines from Zero to Zero plus five, and from plus 30 to 35.

Direction and Strength
Of Wind.

S.W. 4. M.P.H.

Casualties:

* 1 Died of Wounds

Names of Officers

3 Wounded.

Number. of O.R.

4 Wounded (at duty)

Name of Officer i/c Operation

2/LT H. H. GERRANS. R.E. position, M24.d.3.3.

2/LT F. HODKINSON R.E.

M24.a.4.3.

Sections Engaged.

41, 42, 44.

Remarks:-

No abnormal lights were observed. Artillery and trench mortar retaliation, heavy and very accurate on the positions. The position at M.24.a.4.3. was shelled the whole night and was only approached under very greatest difficulties.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to
VI Corps
3rd Can. Division
C.S.C., R.E. THIRD ARMY|.

* Includes 2 Wounded, and 2 Wounded (at duty) on night of operation.
Remaining casualties occurred during installation.

23-7-18.

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O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.