

Appendix 1 to War Diary for September 21st 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 33

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
(1) 2.30. a.m.
(2) 4-0 a.m.
Date. 21-9-18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 41.		VI Corps	Guards Division
Purpose of Operation:-		To gas the enemy occupying trench system east of the CANAL DU NORD on the BAPAUME – CAMBRAI road.	
Targets, giving Map References.			
		Sheet 57c	E. 27. d. central.
No. of Projectors Employed.	240 (60 failed to reach position)	Map reference Of Emplacements	E.25.d.5.0.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	600 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	240 C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)	Supply tank carrying guns and base plates broke down on way to position. The first discharge greatly disturbed the guns – projectors and base plates were thrown many yards from the emplacement. Heavy enemy retaliation on the position prevented work for 30 minutes and it was impossible to get the guns reset, loaded and connected up in time for the second zero.		
Programme.	300 drums C.G. to be discharged at 2-30 a.m. 300 drums C.G. to be discharged at 4-0 a.m. Artillery to co-operate to screen flash and harass the enemy.		
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	S.W. 6. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers	Nil
		Number. of O.R.	One.
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/LT R. PENDLEBURY. R.E.	
Sections Engaged	Section 45 Section 44	2/LT R. PENDLEBURY. R.E. 2/LT H.H. GERRANS R.E.	
Remarks:-	No abnormal enemy lights were observed. Heavy artillery retaliation (H.E. and Gas) on and about the position commenced zero plus 5 and continued about 30 minutes.		
A copy of this report has been forwarded to VI Corps. Guards Division. C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)			

Date 21/9/18.

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