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WAR DIARY

OF

J SPECIAL COMPANY R E

From $\frac{1}{18}$

TO $\frac{31}{18}$

"J"	
SPECIAL COMPANY, R.E.	
No.	JR/2934
Date	1-2-18

War Diaries for 'J' Company Special Brigade Royal Engineers

01 January 1918 To 31 January 1918

FRUGES, FRANCE.	01/01/1918	Company Training: Departure of 1 O.R. to Hosp.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather cold: Wind North, 1 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	02/01/1918	Company Training: Departure of 1 O.R. to Hosp.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather cold: Wind North East, 4 to 10 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	03/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave: Departure of 1 O.R. to Hospital: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather hard frost: Wind North North East.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	04/01/1918	Company Training: Departure of 1 O.R. to Depot: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather mild: Wind North West.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	05/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave: Departure of Lt A. A. HALL on leave, and 1 O.R. to Hospital.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather bright and cold: Wind North North West to North, 3 to 6 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	06/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 2 O.R.s from leave: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather cold: Wind North, 2 to 3 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	07/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from Hospital: Departure of 2 O.R.s to Hospital: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather cold: Wind North West, 2 to 3 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	08/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather cold with snow: Wind North East, 5 mph.	

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	09/01/1918	Company Training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave: Arrival of 1 O.R. from DEPOT: Arrival of 1 O.R. on detachment from 10th R Dub. Weather cold: Wind North West, 4 mph.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	10/01/1918	Company Training: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Weather cold with snow: Wind North, 3 mph.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	11/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of Lt G. I. Paine, Royal Engineers, from leave. Weather cold and bright: Wind West South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	12/01/1918	Company training: Departure of Lt F. WOOTTON Royal Engineers, and 1 O.R. to 1st Corps gas school: 1 O.R. to Hospital. Weather mild: Wind South West, 4 mph.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	13/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave (Hospital in ENGLAND). Weather, cold with snow: Wind North to North East.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	14/01/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. to Hospital. Weather, cold with snow. Wind North to North East.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	15/01/1918	Company training: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Weather mild: Wind West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	16/01/1918	Company training: Departure 1 O.R. on leave. Weather rainy: Wind, West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	17/01/1918	Company training: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave to UK. Weather cold with snow: Wind, North, 3 mph.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	18/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave: Departure of 2 O.R.s on leave. Weather mild: Wind, South South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	19/01/1918	Company training: Departure of Lt G.I. Paine to MICELHAM HOME NIENTONE: departure of 2/Lt J. B. BASSFORD to 4th Army ANTIGAS SCHOOL with 1 O.R.: departure of 1 O.R. to hospital. Weather dull with rain: Wind West South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	20/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of Lt A. A. HALL from leave: Arrival of Lt F. WOOTTON from 1st Corps gas School with 1 O.R.: 2 O.R.s rejoined via DEPOT: 6 O.R.s joined from DEPOT: Departure of 2/Lt S F. MOSS: departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Weather showery: Wind West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	21/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave. Weather dull: Wind South South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	22/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave. Weather mild: Wind South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	23/01/1918	Company training. Weather bright: Wind West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	24/01/1918	Company training. Weather fine: Wind South West.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	25/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave. Weather cooler: Wind South West, 8 to 10 mph.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	26/01/1918	Company training: Departure 1 O.R. to hospital. Weather fine, calm.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	27/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 2/Lt I. B. BASSFORD and 1 O.R. from 4th army Anti Gas school: arrival of 1 O.R. from hospital. Weather fine & warm: Wind light southerly.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	28/01/1918	Company training: Arrival 1 O.R. from Detachment: Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital. Weather fine: Wind, light.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	29/01/1918	Company training. Weather cooler but fine: Wind, light, variable.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	30/01/1918	Company training: Departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Weather fine but frosty at night: Wind light, easterly.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	31/01/1918	Company training: Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave: Departure of Lt F. WOOTTON. On leave: departure of 1 O.R. to hosp: departure of 2 O.R.s on detachment. Weather cold and frosty: Wind, light, easterly. SIDE NOTE NOT IN DIARY: FRUGES is a small town in France - south of Calais. Population circa 2,500 at the beginning of world war 1.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.

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Date	28-2-18

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01 February 1918 To 28 February 1918

FRUGES, FRANCE.	01/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 2 O.R.s rejoined from hospital.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine mild, Wind, westerly.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	02/02/1918	Company training.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine and bright, Wind, light South South West.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	03/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 2 O.R.s from leave, Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine and bright, Wind, South West, 5 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	04/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 2/Lt S F. MOSS Royal Engineers from leave, Departures Lt A. A. HALL. And 1 O.R. on detachment to Special Brigade Head Quarters, 1 O.R. to hospital.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine and mild, Wind, West South West, 6 to 10 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	05/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave, Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine but cooler, Wind South South West, to 8 5 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	06/02/1918	Company training.	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C.
		Weather, fine, Wind, South West to West, 10 to 12 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	07/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, fine, Wind, South South West.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	08/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind, South West, 5 mph, Fair.	

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	09/02/1918	Company training.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, dull, Wind, South 15 to 20 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	10/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. rejoined from Depot, Departure of 1 O.R. on Detachment to 2nd Corps Gas School	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, rain, Wind, South South West 5 to 10 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	11/02/1918	Company training. Wind, West, moderate, dull with fair intervals.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	12/02/1918	Company training. Departure of Lt BASSFORD on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Rain, Wind, South South West, 10 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	13/02/1918	Company training.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Dull and wet Weather, South West 3 to 5 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	14/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, cool and bright, Wind, South, 4 to 5 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	15/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of Lt WOOTTON from leave, 1 O.R. from leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, fair and moderate, Wind, South South West.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	16/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. on leave..	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, variable, Wind, West 5 to 10 mph.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	17/02/1918	Company training.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, cold, Wind, South South East, 10 mph.	

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	18/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 4 O.R.s to company 4 G.B.D. Weather, wet, Wind, West to South West, 5 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	19/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Weather, squally, fair intervals, Wind, West to 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	20/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of Lt G. I. PAINE, from Michelham Home. Weather, bright and warm, Wind, South West, 5 to 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	21/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave and hospital, arrival of 1 O.R. from hospital. Weather, warm showery, Wind, West, 3 to 5 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	22/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. on leave. Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital. Departure of Lt HALL and 1 O.R. to fourth army Gas School. Weather, variable, Wind, South South West, 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	23/02/1918	Company training. Weather, fine, Wind, South South West, 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	24/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. from hospital. Weather, changeable, fine intervals, Wind, West 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	25/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. from leave. Weather, cold and wet, Wind, North East, 20 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
FRUGES, FRANCE.	26/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of Lt ALLCHIN from detachment with SC Royal Engineers 3rd Army. Departure of 1 O.R. on detachment with Special Company Royal Engineers 3rd Army. Weather, bright and warm, westerly breezes.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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FRUGES, FRANCE.	27/02/1918	Company training. Departure of 1 O.R. to hospital.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, warm, bright intervals, light, westerly breezes.	
FRUGES, FRANCE.	28/02/1918	Company training. Arrival of 1 O.R. rejoined from hospital, Departure of 2 O.R.'s to hospital.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, fair and bright, Wind, South West 4 mph.	

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01 March 1918 To 31 March 1918

ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	01/03/1918	Company moved from G.H.Q. Reserve (France) to 4th Corps ARMAGH CAMP, HAMELINCOURT Weather: Snowstorms Cold, Wind, North, 20 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	02/03/1918	Company employed on Camp fatigues. Weather: Cold and Showery, Wind, North West, 15 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	03/03/1918	Projector positions reconnoitred . Pushing parties arranged. Arrival of 2nd Lieutenant T. H. STANTON Royal Engineers, joined for duty from Depot Special Brigade. Weather, wild, Wind, to 4 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	04/03/1918	84 projectors installed on 69 Division front. Target neighbourhood of RIENCOURT. Departure of 2nd Lieutenant R. PENDLEBURY Royal Engineers to hospital. Departure of 1 other rank on detachment to head quarters S.C. Royal Engineers 3rd army. Weather Cool and Wind, Wind, North West, 10 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	05/03/1918	226 projectors dug in at RIENCOURT position. Departure of 4 other ranks on leave. Weather: dull and cold, North 10 to 15 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	06/03/1918	281 projectors dug in. Departure of 2 other ranks to hospital. Weather, easterly Wind, fair.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	07/03/1918	Installation of projectors completed to 600. 400 loaded. Departure of 1 other rank to Hospital. Weather: Bright, warm east wind, light.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ARMOGH CAMP, AAME LINCOURS.	08/03/1918	Loading completed. Operation postponed. Conditions unfavourable. Weather overcast. Light East Wind.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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ERVILLERS.	09/03/1918	Company moved to ERVILLERS. Arrival of 1 other rank from hospital. Weather: hazy, mild, Wind, East.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	10/03/1918	Company employed on Camp fatigues. Arrival of 1 other rank from leave. Weather: Wild Snowing, Wind, light East.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	11/03/1918	Projectors transferred from technical stores to BOYELLES. Departure of 3 other ranks on leave. Weather: Wind, light, South easterly, some rain, changing at night to East.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	12/03/1918	Company stood by for operation. Operation cancelled owing to unfavourable wind. Officers reconnoitred third companies position east of SAINT LEGER wood, allocated to the company in the event of German attack. Arrival of 1 other rank from hospital, arrival of 1 other rank from leave. Weather: Warm, Wind, North East, 10 to 15 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	13/03/1918	Objective cancelled: Musketry practice: Departures: 2 other ranks to UK RFC Cadet School. Wind, North East, 10 to 15, cold at night.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	14/03/1918	? unfavourable. Musketry training. Arrival: 1 other rank from leave. Weather: Warm and Bright, Wind, North East to East, calm.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	15/03/1918	? unfavourable. Musketry training. Weather: Warm, Wind, North East 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	16/03/1918	Lieutenant WOOTTON and firing party proceeded to position for stand by to fire projectors in any wind, in the event of enemy capturing front line in accordance with instructions from 59th Division and 6th corps. Departure of 1 other rank to hospital. Wind, East 15 to 20, Cold. Sleet.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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ERVILLERS.	17/03/1918	RIENCOURT objective carried out at 10:50 pm, 300 CG and 30 NC drums fired. Artillery support. Scheme for operation is of GUEMAPPE on 3rd Division front affirmed: Arrival of 5 other ranks rejoining from Depot. Wind, South South West to South West, 2 miles-per-hour.	Appendix No. 51	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	18/03/1918	Projectors dug in on 3d Division front GUEMAPPE position: 59th Division decided to have projectors reset and fired again. Arrival of Lieutenant W BURT 4th Scottish Rifles (with 1 other rank) from Head Quarters S.C. Royal Engineers 4th army Joined for duty. Wind, South to South East, 10 to 15 miles-per-hour.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	19/03/1918	Projectors reset 59th Division. Projectors installed 3rd Division. Wind, South East to South West, Fine.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	20/03/1918	Projectors reset 59th Division. Projectors installed 3rd Division. Heavy enemy bombardment during the night. Arrival of 1 other rank from hospital, arrival of 1 other rank from leave. Casualty of 1 other rank wounded in action. Wind, West, 15 to 20 miles-per-hour.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ERVILLERS.	21/03/1918	Orders were received from 34th Division at 3 pm for the Company to take up position and occupy the third system. Company moved into position and came under the command of the 102nd infantry brigade. Details of line occupied and progress of operations are shown in appendix. Lieutenant PAINE was left behind to evacuate the camp and remove orderly draw, transport and stores to Technical store S.C.R.E. 3rd army at COURCELLES LE-COMTE. Casualties: 1 other rank killed in action: 1 other rank wounded in action: Departure of 1 other rank on leave. Weather: Sunny and Warm, Easterly Wind.	Appendix No. 52	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
COURCELLES LE-COMTE.	22/03/1918	Company engaged in action with 102nd Infantry Brigade. See appendix. Stores evacuated to MONCHY-AU-BOIS and MONDICOURT. Casualties: 6 other ranks killed: 2nd Lieutenant S F. MOSS M.M. wounded: 2nd Lieutenant T.H. STANTON wounded at duty, and 19 other ranks wounded at duty. Missing Captain C. LAYCOCK M.C. and 22 other ranks: 4 other ranks wounded and missing; 2 other ranks missing believed killed. Weather: Sunny, light Easterly Wind.	Appendix No.52	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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COURCELLES LE-COMTE.	23/03/1918	Company withdrawn from action by 102nd Infantry Brigade and evacuated to SAULTY. Evacuation of stores from COURCELLES continued. Weather: fine Wind, North West, to North East, 8 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
COURCELLES.	24/03/1918	Company at SAULTY. Evacuation of stores from COURCELLES and collecting of stragglers from COURCELLES continued. Arrival of 1 other rank from leave. Weather sunny, Light East Wind.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
COURCELLES.	25/03/1918	Evacuation of stores from COURCELLES continued. Remaining stores blown up. Lieutenant PAINE and detachment rejoin company at SAULTY. Lieutenant F. WOOTTON. To hospital (sick). Weather overcast: Wind, North 15 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
SAULTY.	26/03/1918	Company resting at SAULTY. Orders received to move to MONDICOURT and come under command of C.S.C.R.E. 3rd army. Weather: fine, Wind, North.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MONDICOURT.	27/03/1918	Company moved to MONDICOURT. Weather fine. Wind northerly, cold.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MONDICOURT.	28/03/1918	Company employed in loading gas cylinders on trains at MONDICOURT. Weather	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MONDICOURT.	29/03/1918	Company loading cylinders on trains at MONDICOURT. Weather: Wet and cold. Wind west, 10 to 15 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MONDICOURT.	30/03/1918	Company loading cylinders on trains at MONDICOURT. Weather: Heavy rain. High west wind.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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MONDICOURT. 31/03/1918 Company loading cylinders on trains at MONDICOURT.

Weather: Cloudy bright intervals. Some rain. West wind.

Lt G.I. PAINE
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REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY "J" SPECIAL COMPANY RE
FROM 21st – 23rd March 1918
Ref Sheet HENDECOURT 1/30,000

1. About 4-0 pm on 21st March, "J" Special Company RE occupied the trenches of the Third System from B.5.a 5.D to T.20.c 5.5 with 3 Sections; the remaining 2 Sections of "J" Special Coy. Occupied part of the firing line Third System in T.29.c.
2. About 8-0 pm a party of men under a Sergt was sent out from the firing line, Third System to reinforce a patrol of the 22nd Northumberland Fusiliers in the sunken road in T.22.d. This patrol was withdrawn, with the patrol of the 22nd. N.F.s to the firing line in the Third System, at 10-0 p.m.
3. About 2-30 p.m. the Brigade Major, 102 Inf Bde took the three sections in the Third System at B.5.a.5.p. to T.29.c.5.5. to join the other 2 Sections of the Company, then guided the Coy. to part of the CROISILLES North Switch Line. The Coy. commenced digging in, but instructions were received shortly after that the Coy. would hold another part of the line. Finally the Coy. took up position with three Sections holding 300 yards of the CROISILLES North Switch Line; the left flank of these Sections being at the junction of the CROISILLES North Switch and the CROISILLES – BOYELLES RD. The other two Sections of the Coy. took up position on the ridge of the CROISILLES – BOYELLES RD. in support of the three Sections in the CROISILLES North Switch Line. About 5-30 a.m. 22nd March a German soldier who had lost his way was brought in by the Coy. Runner who had been with a message to the 25th N.F.s
4. At 5-0 a.m. the Coy. took up position on the Sunken Road T.23.a.1.7 to T.17.a.8.0. in support to the 25th N.F.s in the CROISILLES Switch Line in accordance with instructions from 102 Inf. Bde.
5. At 8-0 a.m. a party of the N.F.s evacuated the CROISILLES Switch Line in front of the Sunken Rd occupied by the Coy. And retired to this road. This party informed us that the enemy was advancing and that they had to retire to conform with the retirement of troops on their right. Almost immediately after the enemy appeared on our right flank. Lewis gun and rifle fire were opened on the enemy, but under cover of mist he got a machine gun in position to the right of our position from where the troops on our right had retired. This machine gun enfilated the road held by the Coy. and a position was therefore taken by the Coy. And the 25th N.F.s. across the open from the cross-road in T.17.c. (left flank) towards the CROISILLES – BOYELLES RD. The right of the Coy. could not reach this road as a party of the enemy had broken through between the Coy. and the troops on the right. After close fighting this party withdrew,

and the right flank of the Coy. reached the road, and gained touch with our troops on the right. This was 9-30 to 10-0 a.m. small parties of the enemy made repeated attempts to come forward under cover of mist, to establish posts and machine gun positions in shell-holes but they were repulsed and many casualties inflicted on the enemy. A party of the enemy succeeded in cutting off the party of our troops at the cross-roads in T.17.c. where Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C. R.E. was situated. About 12-0 noon troops on our right retired to Hill Switch and in conformity with this movement "J" Special Coy. retired with the N.F.s. to Hill Switch and the CROISILLES – BOYELLES RD.

6. The Coy. was re-organised as far as possible in Hill Switch Lt W. BURT took command and divided the Company into two Sections, one under Lt F. WOOTTON, the other under 2/Lt T.H. STANTON. Capt LAYCOCK was missing, and 2/Lt S.F. MOSS was by this time wounded. 2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD had got separated from the Company collecting stragglers, and he attached himself and party to a Battn. Of Royal Scots under Capt Palmer.
7. The position in Hill Switch was occupied until 2-0 p.m. when troops on our left retired and in conformity with the movement "J" Special Coy. retired with the 25th N.F.s to the firing line Third System. The Coy was digging in on this line until ordered by the 102nd Inf. Bde. to take up position behind the railway in T.30.d. the Guards taking over the firing line, Third System.
8. The Coy. was relieved on the morning of the 23rd March and proceeded to MOYEN-VILLE.
9. Casualties

Officers	Capt C. LAYCOCK M.C. R.E. Missing 2/Lt B.F. MOSS M.M. R.E. Wounded (Bullet wound in stomach) 2/Lt T.H. STANTON R.E. Wounded (Bullet wound in ear, remaining at duty)
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Other Ranks	7 Killed 4 Wounded and Missing 19 Wounded 24 Missing
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(agd) W.BURT. LT.

25-3-18.

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

Appendix 1 to War Diary for March 17th 1918 No.51
TRANSCRIPTION

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Serial No.
of Report, 19,

Zero Time. 10-50. p.m.
REPORT ON OPERATION MARCH 17TH '18.

Sections	41 and 44
Corps and Divn. To which attached.	VIth. Corps. 59 th Divn.
No. of Projectors Employed.	600
Map Ref. of Emplacements.	C.5.a.8.7.
Purpose of Operation.	To inflict casualties on the enemy who is holding in strength the trench system S of RIENCFOURT, and to Lower his morale in view of a possible attack.
Nature of Ammunition	300 Drums (C.G.) 300 Drums (N.C.)
Projectiles, No of Rounds allotted.	600
No. Fired.	600
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)	Nil
Casualties, Names of Officers, No. of O.R.	Nil
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	S.S.W. 1-2. M.P.H.
Remarks.	All projectiles fired on first attempt, 300 at Zero, and 300 at Zero + 1 minute An officer of this company walked round the cleared zone in Case of shorts, No shorts could be found and there was no Trace of gas.
Name of Officers In charge of Operations.	LT. F. WOOTTON. R.E. 2/LT. T.H. STANTON. R.E. (agd) G.I. PAINE. LT. R.E.
O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.	
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01 April 1918 To 30 April 1918

MONDICOURT.	01/04/1918	Company loading cylinders on trains. Wind: West South West, 4 miles-per-hour. Fair	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MONDICOURT.	02/04/1918	Company loading cylinders on trains. Wind, West 5 miles-per-hour dull, misty	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MAILLY-MAILLET.	03/04/1918	Company moved to MAILLY-MAILLET. Scheme for harassing with gas the ANCRE valley near HAMEL. Tramway and positions reconnoitred. Wind, west, 2 to 4 miles-per-hour. Wet.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MAILLY-MAILLET.	04/04/1918	Operation not yet approved by Corps, Projectors unloaded at dump. Casualties: 1 other rank wounded in action. Weather, Wet, west north west, 5 to 10 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MAILLY-MAILLET.	05/04/1918	Operation for 'J' Company. Cancelled. Company assisting 'N' Company. Weather Wet, Wind North West, 5 to 10.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
MAILLY-MAILLET.	06/04/1918	All operations in 3rd army are cancelled. Company employed in clearing dump. Wind, North North East, Cold and misty.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
BETHUNE.	07/04/1918	Company moved to BETHUNE, under command of C.S.C.R.E. - Fourth army. Weather fine, Wind, North West, 10 miles-per-hour. Cool	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
BETHUNE.	08/04/1918	Party for construction of trench tramway ordered and cancelled. Wind, North West, 5 miles-per-hour. Fine	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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BETHUNE.	09/04/1918	21st H H GERRANS & 27 other rank in detachment with 'Z' Special Company. Weather, Fair and Cold, Wind North North West, 5 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
BETHUNE.	10/04/1918	Working parties for 'H' Special Company for installing cylinders. Casualties: 2 other ranks wounded in action. Weather, dull, wind North West, 5 miles-per-hour.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
BETHUNE.	11/04/1918	Working parties for 'H' Special Company cancelled. Captain K. C. HORTON Royal Engineers took over command of the company. Wind, North West, 5 miles-per-hour. Dull.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	12/04/1918	Company moves to RUITZ. Working party for 'H' Special Company. Weather, Fine and Warm, Wind, Westerly light.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	13/04/1918	Working party as before. Wind, North West, 3 miles-per-hour. Dull	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	14/04/1918	Working party for 'N' Special Company. Notification received, Lieutenant WOOTON evacuated to England on 29-3-18. Wind, North East, 10 to 15, dull.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	15/04/1918	Working parties as before. Wind, nothing, Weather variable.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	16/04/1918	Working parties as before. Wind, nothing, Weather variable.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	17/04/1918	21st GERRANS and section required from 'Z' Special Company. Wind, North East, 5 to 6 miles-per-hour. Fair.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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RUITZ.	18/04/1918	Working parties for cylinder compounds. Wind, North West to North East, increase cold.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	19/04/1918	Working parties for cylinder compounds. Wind, North West to North East, increase cold.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	20/04/1918	Preparations for a projector operation in conjunction with 'Q' Special Company, Royal Engineers against AUCHY-LES-LA-BASSEE began. Daily infantry training scheme cancelled: 'Q' Company to install 400, and 'J' Company 200, 4 foot projectors. Wind, North West, 5 to 6 miles-per-hour. Fair to Cloudy.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	21/04/1918	Preparations for a projector operation continued. Wind, South to South South East.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	22/04/1918	100 4' projectors and drums taken up to positions and dug in. Evening patrol left at position. Wind, South South East, 2 to 4, clear and warm.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	23/04/1918	Projectors and material taken up for 'Q' Company. Lieutenant BURE, 4th Scottish Rifles on detachment with Head Quarters, Special Company Royal Engineers, Fourth Army. Wind, East to North East, 1 to 3 miles-per-hour. Variable.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	24/04/1918	100 projectors and drums etcetera, taken up and dug in. Wind, North, 2 miles-per-hour, dull, showery.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	25/04/1918	Projectors and material taken up for 'Q' Special Company. Wind, North West, 1 mile-per-hour, dull, thunderstorms.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	26/04/1918	Projectors and material taken up for 'Q' Special Company. Wind, North West, 3 miles-per-hour, dull.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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RUITZ.	27/04/1918	Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued. Wind, North West, 5 miles-per-hour, fair at first, rain later.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	28/04/1918	Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued. Wind, North North West to North East, light and variable, Dull weather, some showers.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	29/04/1918	Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued. Wind, North North West to North East, light and variable, Dull weather, some showers.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
RUITZ.	30/04/1918	Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued. Wind, North to East, Dull.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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RUITZ, FRANCE, 01/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge on AUCHY-LES-LA-BASSEE. Infantry training continued: 2. Casualty: 1 other rank accidentally injured. 3. Meteorological: Wind, light mainly south.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 02/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge. O.C. company and lieutenant T. H. STANTON made reconnaissance on 55th Division front with view to installation of projector to fire on THE RAILWAY TRIANGLE South of LA-BASSEE canal Infantry training continued. 2. Meteorological: Wind Easterly, 3 to 5 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 03/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge, Infantry training continued. 2. Meteorological: East of South, 6 miles-per-hour, Fine and warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 04/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge on AUCHY LES LA BASSEE. Infantry training continued. 2. Meteorological: Wind, East by South, 5 miles-per-hour, fine and warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 05/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge. 2. Meteorological: Wind, 5 to 7 miles-per-hour, varying South to West, Dull, warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 06/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge. O.C. Company and Lieutenant G. I. PAINE Royal Engineers reconnoitred two positions on 165th Infantry Brigade front where projectors had previously been installed by another company: 2. Casualty: Wounded in action Lieutenant G. I. PAINE Royal Engineers 6/5/1918. Awards: 154546, 2nd corporal RIVITT A. G. and, 334813, R. TURNER N A. awarded Military Medal for Gallantry In action on 22/3/1918. Authority 34th Division Routine Order No.185 - Honours and Awards. 4. Meteorological: Wind, 2 miles-per-hour, West North West, dull, warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD

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RUITZ, FRANCE, 07/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued. 2. Arrivals: Draft of 4 other ranks arrived from Special Brigade Depot. 3. Meteorological: Wind, North, 2 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 08/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Company standing by for projector discharge. Infantry training continued 2. Meteorological: Wind, slightly west of North, 2 miles-per-hour, variable.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 09/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: 199 projectors successfully discharged against AUCHY LES LA BASSEE. Infantry training continued. 2. Meteorological: Wind, West North West, 4 miles-per-hour, Warm.	See Appendix 1. 2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 10/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: Infantry training continued: 2. Arrivals: Draft of 4 other ranks from Special Brigade Depot. Lieutenant E.M. RICHARDS arrived from 'C' Special Company Royal Engineers to be attached for duty. 3. Meteorological: Wind, North West, 5 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 11/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations 86 projectors dug out from position opposite AUCHY LES LA BASSEE 39 projectors reset 2. Meteorological: Wind, West, 6 miles-per-hour. Some rain.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
RUITZ, FRANCE, 12/05/1918 Sheet 36B, K.19.c	1. Operations: O.C. Company with a party of Officers and other ranks reconnoitred the defensive position to be occupied by the Company in event of hostile attack. Company inspected by the Officer Commanding Special Companies Royal Engineers FOURTH ARMY. 3. Posting and Arrival: Lieutenant J.D. BERRIDGE MC: Royal Engineers, having been appointed Second in Command of the Company, arrived from 'B' Special Company, Royal Engineers. 2. Meteorological: Wind, West, 6 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD

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BEAUMETZ LOGES Sheet 51C Q23.d.	13/05/1918	1. Operations: The Company moved from RUITZ to BEAUMETZ LES LOGES: 2. Arrivals Lieutenant JS BRANSON 5th Norfolk Regiment arrived from Special Brigade Depot, taken on line strength of the Company & appointed to command Section 45. Draft of 4 other ranks arrived from Special Brigade Depot. 4. Departure of Lieutenant E M RICHARDS Royal Engineers to 'C' Special Company Royal Engineers. 3. Meteorological: Wind, West by North, 5 miles-per-hour, rain, dull, cold.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	14/05/1918	1. Operations: The company moved from BEAUMETZ les LOGES to SIMENCOURT. 2. Meteorological: Wind, South West, 3 miles-per-hour, fine and warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	15/05/1918	1. Operations: The company stood by. Work on camp fatigues. 2. Meteorological: Wind, North West, 6 miles-per-hour, fine.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	16/05/1918	1. Operations: O.C. Company made arrangements with 6th Corps for use of GOUY EN ARTOIS as railhead for technical stores. 2. Meteorological: Wind, North East, 3 miles-per-hour, warm and hazy.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	17/05/1918	1. Operations: Company moved to GOUY EN ARTOIS. 2. Meteorological: Wind, North, 5 miles-per-hour, fine and bright.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	18/05/1918	1. Operations: O.C. and 2nd Lieutenant JB BASSFORD Royal Engineers reconnoitred 32nd Divisional front with view to operations against HAMELIN COURT: 2. Awards: 2nd Lieutenant T H STANTON Royal Engineers awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action 27/3/1917: 1 1 3 0 6 5 CSM Naylor Royal Engineers awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in action 27/3/1917, Authority 34th Division No C.H./451 16/5/1918. 3. Meteorological: Wind, North West, 6 miles-per-hour, warm.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD

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SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	19/05/1918	1. Operations: 2nd Lieutenant T.H. STANTON M.C. and 2nd Lieutenant GERRANS, with party of other ranks, reconnoitred proposed projector position opposite NEUVILLE VITASSE and communications to west. 2. Meteorological: Wind, between South and West, 3 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	20/05/1918	1. Operations Company standing by 2. Meteorological Wind S.E. to S.W. variable	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	21/05/1918	1. Operations Technical stores dump commenced at railhead at GOUY EN ARTOISE 2. Meteorological Wind nearly calm light southerly ?.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
SIMENCOURT FRANCE Sheet 51C Q 11a	22/05/1918	1. Operations: Work continued on dump: 2nd Lieutenant J.B. BASSFORD, and Lieutenant J.S. BRANSON, reconnoitred projector position for firing at HAMELINCOURT. 2. Meteorological: Wind, 7 pm West. 20 miles-per-hour, Midnight, West South West, 8 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	23/05/1918	1. Operations: Material for operation against NEUVILLE VITASSE arrived at railhead and unloaded: O.C. arranged with 32nd Division all details of transport and installation of projectors for operation on HAMELINCOURT. 2. Meteorological: 7 pm West, 20 miles-per-hour, midnight West South West, 8 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	24/05/1918	1. Operations: Work continued at dump, on railhead. Forward dump at BOISLEUX AU MONT reconnoitred: 2. Casualty: Killed in action, Lieutenant J.D. BERRIDGE M.C. Royal Engineers. 3. Meteorological: 7 pm Wind West, 5 miles-per-hour, midnight, Light Changeable winds.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	25/05/1918	1. Operations: Work on railhead dump. Changes for HAMELINCOURT operation received. 2. Meteorological: 7 pm West, 8 miles-per-hour, Midnight West South West, 5 miles-per-hour, misty.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD

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GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	26/05/1918	1. Operations: Work on technical stores at railhead dump: 2. Postings and Arrivals: Lieutenant W. BURT struck off strength of the Company having been appointed Adjutant to Head Quarters S.C.R.E. FOURTH ARMY with effect from 26/5/1918: 2nd Lieutenant F. HODKINSON arrived from Special Brigade Depot for duty. 3. Meteorological: 7 pm Wind North North East, 8 miles-per-hour, Midnight North 7 miles-per-hour, visibility indifferent.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	27/05/1918	1. Operations: Projectors and base plates taken to forward dump at BOISLEUX AU MONT, Sheet 51b SW.S10.1.3. Work on gas drums at railhead dump. Charges prepared for operation on HAMELINCOURT. 2. Meteorological: 7 pm, North North East, 12 miles-per-hour, warm and clear, Midnight, North, 8 miles-per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	28/05/1918	1. Operations: 300 Projectors and 600 base plates taken by lorries to forward dump at BOISLEUX AU MONT, Sheet 51b SW.S10.1.3. 2. Meteorological: Wind, 7 pm, North, 11 miles-per-hour, Midnight, 12, North North West, 6 miles-per-hour, fair.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	29/05/1918	1. Operations: Work commenced on the installation of projectors against HAMELINCOURT. Projectors and base plates carried to forward dump at BOISLEUX AU MONT. 2. Meteorological: Wind, North East, 10 to 15 miles-per-hour, warm: 3. Casualties: 2 other ranks wounded in action.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	30/05/1918	1. Operations: Work continued on the installation of projectors against HAMELINCOURT. 2. Meteorological: Wind North North East, 10 to 15 miles-per-hour, Bright and clear.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD
GOUY EN ARTOIS FRANCE Sheet 51C P18d	31/05/1918	1. Operations: Work continued on the installation of projectors against HAMELINCOURT: 2nd Lieutenant J L YATES, Royal Engineers, having arrived from 'M' Special Company Royal Engineers, taken on the strength of the Company with effect from 23-5-18 and posted to command section 43. 3. Meteorological: Wind, North North West, 7 miles--per-hour.	2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD

Appendix 1 to War Diary for May 9th 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Serial No.
of Report, 21,

Zero Time. 10-30. p.m.

REPORT ON OPERATION May 9TH '18.

Sections	41 and 43	
Corps and Divn. To which attached.	I. Corps. I. Divn	
No. of Projectors Employed.	200	
Map Ref. of Emplacements.	A.27.a.8.8.	
Purpose of Operation.	To inflict casualties on the enemy in AUCHY- LES-LA-BASSEE in conjunction with similar operation by "Q" Special Coy RE.	
Nature of Ammunition	C.G.	
Projectiles, No of Rounds allotted.	200	
No. Fired.	199	
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)	1 Gun defective, and would not take charge tin	
Casualties, Names of Officers, No. of O.R.	Nil	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W.N.W.	4. M.P.H.
Remarks.	Enemy searchlight observed about 2 minutes after Zero It was trained on the projector positions. About 3 mins After Zero large numbers of red and green lights were sent up. Artillery retaliation commenced 15 minutes after Zero and the projector positions were shelled.	
Name of Officers In charge of Operations.	2/LT. T.H. STANTON. R.E.	
	Capt R.E. O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.	

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01 June 1918 To 30 June 1918

GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	01/06/1918	Projectors dug in at HAMELINCOURT position: Casualties: 2 O.R. W in A: 2 O.R. Wounded (Gas).	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather Warm, Wind, North East, 10 to 15 mph	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	02/06/1918	Projectors dug in at HAMELINCOURT: Casualties: 1 O.R. K in A: 6 O.R.s W in A.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather, Warm, Wind, North East, 10 to 15 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	03/06/1918	Position completed and projectors loaded: Casualties: 1 O.R. K in A: 1 O.R. W in A: 2 O.R. Wounded (at duty): 3 O.R. Wounded (Gas).	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather as before.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	04/06/1918	Company Standing by for Discharge. Casualties: 3 O.R. W in A. Conditions Unfavourable.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind, North East to East, 10 to 15 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	05/06/1918	Company Standing by for Discharge. Conditions Unfavourable. Casualties Nil.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind, North East to East, 10 to 15 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	06/06/1918	Company Standing by for Discharge. Projectors taken forward for NEUVILLE VITASSE position.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather Fine, Wind North East, Changing through East to South West.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	07/06/1918	Company Standing by for Discharge. Projectors taken forward for NEUVILLE VITASSE position.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather Fine, Wind North East, Changing through East to South West.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	08/06/1918	Company Standing by at HAMELINCOURT. Casualties: 2 O.R. Wounded (at duty). Projectors dug in at NEUVILLE VITASSE.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind North West to North 20 mph.	

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	09/06/1918	Company Standing by at HAMELINCOURT. Projectors dug in at NEUVILLE VITASSE Award 9th 2/Cpl RIVITT A.G. bar to M.M		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind N.W. to N. 20		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	10/06/1918	Company Standing by. Digging in at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued. Casualty: 1 O.R. W in A.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Weather: Wind North West to West, 12 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	11/06/1918	493 drums discharged (CG) at HAMELINCOURT (see appendix). 200 projectors loaded at NEUVILLE VITASSE. Casualty 1 O.R. W in A.	Appendix	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind West, 4 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	12/06/1918	Projectors loaded at NEUVILLE VITASSE.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind North West to West, 10 to 12 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	13/06/1918	200 drums CG discharged NEUVILLE VITASSE: 50 drums phosphorous installed in guns.	Appendix	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind West North West, 3 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	14/06/1918	(a) 60 CG drums discharged HAMELINCOURT (b) 50 phosphorous drums discharged NEUVILLE VITASSE to assist and aid. Casualties: Lt J.D. BERRIDGE M.C. RE K in A: 2 O.R. K in A: 24 O.R. W in A.	Appendix LINK	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind West South West, 6 to 8 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	15/06/1918	Reconnaissance at HAMELINCOURT.	LINK - Map	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind West to North West, 15 to 20 mph.		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	16/06/1918	Company training. Camouflage practice.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind W to N 5-10 mph		
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	17/06/1918	Company training. Camouflage practice.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind W to N 5-10 mph		

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	18/06/1918	Company training. Camouflage practice. Wind W to N 5-10 mph		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	19/06/1918	Digging in at HAMELINCOURT. Award of Sgt BUCKHAM BH M.M. (19th) Wind South West to West, 15 to 20 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	20/06/1918	Digging in at HAMELINCOURT. Wind South West to West, 15 to 20 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	21/06/1918	Loading projectors at NEUVILLE VITASSE Wind W to NW		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	22/06/1918	Loading projectors at NEUVILLE VITASSE. Wind West to North West.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	23/06/1918	200 drums CG discharged at NEUVILLE VITASSE. Wind North West, 5 mph.	Appendix	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	24/06/1918	150 oil drums carried up and installed NEUVILLE position. Projectors dug in at HAMELINCOURT. Casualty: 1 O.R. W in A, 1 O.R. W in A (at duty). Wind West to North West, 10 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	25/06/1918	150 oil drums discharged NEUVILLE VITASSE to assist & aid. Digging out continued. Wind West North West, 3 mph.	LINK	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	26/06/1918	Projectors demobilised to GUARDS Divn. Wind North to West, 10 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	27/06/1918	1 Officer & Section moved to dugouts in reserve line. THE DATE FOR THIS RECORD WAS CROSSED OUT. Digging at new position at BOISLEUX ST MARC, target BOYELLES. THE DATE FOR THIS RECORD WAS CROSSED OUT. Wind North to West, 10 mph. THE DATE FOR THIS RECORD WAS CROSSED OUT. Digging in at BOYELLES position. Projectors transported from HAMELINCOURT position. Wind North, 5 to10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS	28/06/1918	Digging in at BOYELLES position. Projectors transported from HAMELINCOURT position. Arrival: Lt G I PAINE RE from Hospital. Wind North, 5 to 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	29/06/1918	Digging in at BOYELLES position. Projectors transported from HAMELINCOURT position. Wind North, 5 to 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	30/06/1918	Digging in at BOYELLES. Wind North East, 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 22

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.

2.00. a.m.

Date 11-6-18

“J” SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 24

VI Corps 32nd Division

Purpose of Operation:-		To inflict casualties on the enemy garrison of HAMELIN COURT – the majority of whom, according to VI Corps Intelligence, live in dug-outs at the map reference given below	
Targets, given Map References		Sheet 57.c. (1) A.5.a central - - 300 Drums (2) A.5.b central - - 300 Drums	
No. of Projectors	(1) 300	Map reference	Sheet 51.b
Employed.	(2) 300	of	
		Emplacements	S.23,a.1.7.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	600 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	493.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		The position had been heavily shelled during the previous 24 hours. It is estimated that 50 guns were knocked out of position or damaged. A very large number of connections had been cut, and in many cases the leads had broken close to the charge tin.	
Programme		All projectors to be discharged at Zero. Artillery the targets, and all approaches within 400 yards of them, from Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 7, and from Zero plus 30 to Zero plus 35.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.		Casualties	
W 4. M.P.H.		Names of Officers	Nil
		Number. of O.R.	Nil
Name of Officers i/c Operation		2/Lt J. B. BASSFORD R.E.	
Sections Engaged	Section 42.	2/Lt J. L. YATES R.E.	
	Section 43.	Lt J. C. S. BRANSON R.E.	
	Section 45.		
Remarks:-		No enemy action of any kind is reported.	

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VI Corps
32nd Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date 11-6-18

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Serial No. 23

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
2.00. a.m.
Date 13-6-18

“J” SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 25.
Ref. Sheet. 51.b. S.W.

VI Corps 2nd Canadian Division

Purpose of Operation:-		To inflict casualties on the enemy garrison of NEUVILLE VITASSE, also on enemy transport which is reported to come up to NEUVILLE VITASSE by night.	
Targets, given Map References		Dug-outs in sunken road at:- N.20. a. 2.5.	
No. of Projectors Employed.	200	Map reference of Emplacements	M.24.d.3.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	200 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	200 C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		- - -	
Programme		All projectors to be fired at Zero. Artillery and machine guns to engage selected targets from Zero to Zero plus 6.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W.N.W. 3. M.P.H.	Casualties Names of Officers Number. of O.R.	Nil Nil
Sections Engaged	No. 41 Section No. 42 Section	2/Lt T. H. STANTON M.C. R.E. 2/Lt H. H. GERRANS R.E.	
Remarks:-		Enemy put up green and red lights commencing Zero plus ½. Trench mortar and artillery barrage put on front and support lines for half an hour, commencing Zero plus five.	

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2nd Canadian Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date 13-6-18

O.C. “J” Special Coy. R.E.

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Serial No. 24

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
2.15. a.m.
Date 14-6-18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 24. (2)
Ref. Sheet. 51.b. S.W.

VI Corps 32nd Division

Purpose of Operation:-		To inflict casualties on the enemy garrison of HAMELIN COURT, using the remainder of the guns which could not be fired on the 11 th . Inst.	
Targets, given Map References		Sheets 57.c. A.5.a. central	
No. of Projectors Employed.	107	Map reference of Emplacements	Sheet 51.b S. 23.a. 1.7.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	107 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	60 C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		The remaining 47 guns were damaged by shell fire and could not be used. The area in which the position are, has been practically continuously shelled for the past five days.	
Programme		All projectors to be discharged at Zero. Artillery and machine guns to fire on the target and approaches, from Zero plus two to seven and Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 55.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W.S.W. 8. M.P.H.	Casualties: (during whole of HAMELIN COURT operation) Names of Officers Lt J.D. BEDRRIDGE- Killed x Number. of O.R. 2 O.Rs killed 24 Wounded	
Name of Officer i/c Operation		Lt j. C. S. BRANSTON. 5 th Norfolk Regt.	
Sections Engaged		No. 45. Section.	
Remarks:-		Practically no enemy action is reported. The position was being shelled before Zero, and this was continued.	

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32nd Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date 14-6-18

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-x- All the casualties occurred during the installation.

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Serial No. 25

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
1.00. a.m.
Date 14-6-18

“J” SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 24. (2)
Ref. Sheet. 51.b. S.W.

VI Corps 32nd Division

Purpose of Operation:-		To assist raiding party of 5 th Canadian Inf. Bde. By causing enemy to put on gas masks.	
Targets, given Map References		The Sugar Factory Sheet 51.b. N.19 d.3.3.	
No. of Projectors Employed.	50	Map reference of Emplacements	M24.d.3.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	50 Phosphorus	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	50 Phosphorus
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		- - -	
Programme		All projectors to be fired at Zero (Zero time to be taken from the commencement of the artillery).	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W.S.W. 6. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers	Nil
		Number. of O.R.	Nil
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/Lt T. H. STANTON M.C. R.E.	
Sections Engaged		No. 41. Section.	
Remarks:-		Enemy put down artillery and T.M. barrage in reply to the raid – commencing about Zero plus 5. Double green and red lights were sent up at Zero plus one.	

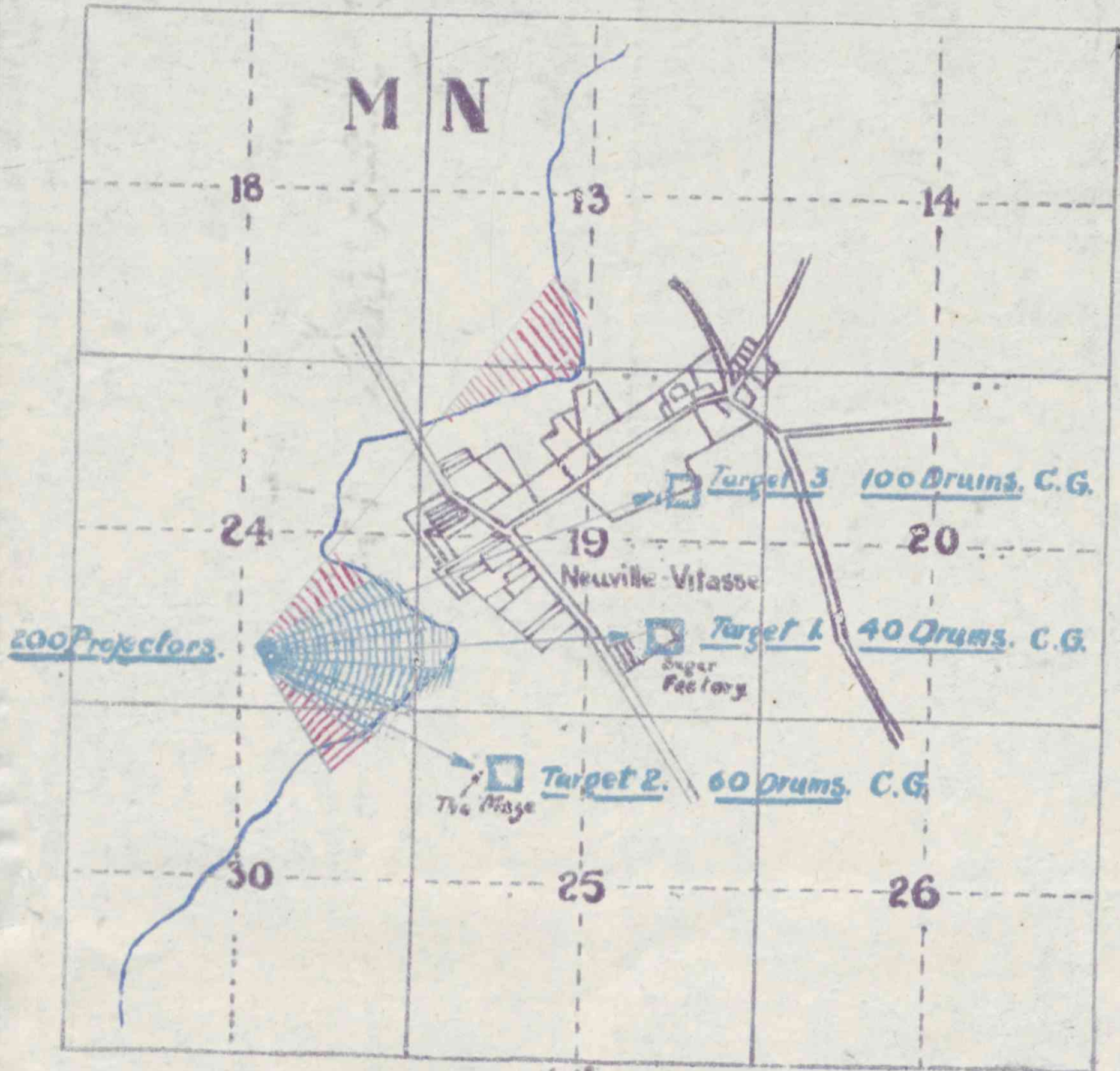
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C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date 14-6-18

O.C. “J” Special Coy. R.E.

REF SHEET 51st SW.
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Operation by
"J" SPECIAL Coy., R.E.



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TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 26

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.

1.45. a.m.

Date 23-6-18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 28. (a)

VI Corps 2nd Canadian Divn

Purpose of Operation:-		To gas enemy occupying NERUVILLE VITASSE and to get them used to nature of projector attack with view to assisting a raid in the village on night of 24/25 June by discharging oil drums.	
Targets, given Map References		1. The Sugar Factory	N.19. d.44
		2. The Maze	N.25. a. cent
		3. NEUVILLE VITASSE	N.19 b.6.3.
No. of Projectors Employed.	Target.1. 40 Target.2. 60 Target.3. 100	Map reference of Emplacements	M24.d.3.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	Target.1. 40 C.G. Target.1. 40 C.G. Target.1. 40 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	Target.1. 40 C.G. Target.1. 40 C.G. Target.1. 40 C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		---	
Programme		All projectors to be discharged at Zero. Artillery to fire on selected targets from Zero plus 2 to Zero plus 12.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	N.W. 5. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers	Nil
		Number. of O.R.	* 1 Wounded at duty
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/Lt F. HODKINSON R.E.	
Sections Engaged	Section No. 42	2/Lt F. HODKINSON R.E.	
	Section No. 44	2/Lt F. GERRANS R.E.	
Remarks:-		Enemy sent up green lights at Zero plus 5. Slight artillery and trench mortar retaliation Zero plus 25 to 35.	
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VI Corps		J.G.2680	
2 nd Canadian Division		J.G.2681	
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)		J.B.4034	
Date 23-6-18		O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.	
		* Occurred during installation	

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"J" Special Coy. R.E.

"J"	
SPECIAL COMPANY,	
R.E.	
No.	J. B. 4177.
Date	31/7/18.

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01 July 1918 To 31 July 1918

GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	01/07/1918	Reference Operation GJ 29 for 750 4ft projectors - targets BOYELLES area. Digging in continued. Light subsoil & easy digging but hard surface: 7 O.R. to hospital, influenza epidemic. Wind North East to North, 5 mph.	Operation GJ 29.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	02/07/1918	Digging in continued: 2/Lt T.H. STANTON MC RE to hospital sick. Wind North, 10 to 15.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	03/07/1918	Digging in continued. Wind North, 10 to 15.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	04/07/1918	Digging in continued: 761 4ft projectors in position . Wind North, 10 to 15.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	05/07/1918	Loading postponed owing to relief of 32nd Divn by Guards Division. Musketry practice on range. Influenza epidemic more severe. Wind South West to West, 10 to 15 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	06/07/1918	Digging out & resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE position begun. Projectors found to have driven back six feet due to soft soil, 1 O.R. died (4/7/18) Pneumonia. Wind West to North, 10 mph.	Operation GJ 30.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	07/07/1918	Digging out at NEUVILLE continued. Arrangements made for loading at BOYELLES cancelled by GUARDS DIVISION who show lack of interest in operation. Wind West to North, 10 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	08/07/1918	Position at BOYELLES heavily shelled. Division consequently cancels loading but are persuaded to allow loading to proceed. Half the projectors loaded.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind South West to South, 10 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	09/07/1918	Position at BOYELLES again shelled. It is thought that one of several prisoners taken by the enemy in raid by 32nd Divn may have given information as to location of position which was well camouflaged and did not show on Aeroplane photograph: Loading completed: Position at NEUVILLE VITASSE badly damaged by hostile shell fire: New position reconnoitred & chosen at M.24.a.4.3 (Sheet 51B S W).	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind South West to South, 10 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	10/07/1918	Position at BOYELLES again shelled: It is thought that one of several prisoners taken by the enemy in raid by 32nd Divn may have given information as to location of position which was well camouflaged and did not show on Aeroplane photograph: Loading completed: Position at NEUVILLE VITASSE badly damaged by hostile shell fire: New position reconnoitred & chosen at M.24.a.4.3 (Sheet 51B S W).	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind South West to South, 10 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	11/07/1918	680 drums CG successfully discharged against BOYELLES. Position had been heavily shelled on the previous day & 29 projectors rendered 'duds'. Casualties: 2 O.R. wounded, One injured (accidental)	Appendix - Op GJ 29. Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Zero, 01:15 am, Wind South South West, 6 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	12/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4ft projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	13/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	14/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance. Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	15/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance. Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	16/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance. Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	17/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance. Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	18/07/1918	Digging out and resetting at NEUVILLE VITASSE continued: Land at new position hard chalk: Digging difficult: 4' projectors used at new clear position and taken up by horse transport: No infantry assistance. Wind South West to South East, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	19/07/1918	Loading & digging in completed: 652 projectors 4ft & 2ft 9ins installed: 1 O.R. awarded Military Medal for gallantry in action during BOYELLES operation. Wind between West & South West, 10 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	20/07/1918	Loading & digging in completed: 652 projectors 4' & 2'9" installed: 1 O.R. awarded Military Medal for gallantry in action during BOYELLES operation. Wind between West & South West, 10 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	21/07/1918	Operation postponed by Divn owing to rain. Wind North West to West, 12 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	22/07/1918	560 drums CG discharged at two Zero. First zero, 300 fired at 12:00 midnight 22nd & 23rd. Second zero, 260 fired at 12:30 am 23rd. Heavy harassing fire on our position from zero minus 2 hours to zero plus 30 minutes. The position was only approached under the greatest of difficulties, and several projectors were damaged & all leads broken. Casualties for this operation: 1 O.R. died of wounds, 3 O.R. wounded, 4 O.R. wounded at duty. Wind at zero, South West, 4 mph.	Appendix - Op GJ 30.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	23/07/1918	560 drums CG discharged at two Zero. First zero, 300 fired at 12:00 midnight 22nd & 23rd. Second zero, 260 fired at 12:30 am 23rd. Heavy harassing fire on our position from zero minus 2 hours to zero plus 30 minutes. The position was only approached under the greatest of difficulties, and several projectors were damaged & all leads broken. Casualties for this operation: 1 O.R. died of wounds, 3 O.R. wounded, 4 O.R. wounded at duty. Wind at zero South West, 4 mph.	Appendix - Op GJ 30.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	24/07/1918	Projected gas 'beam' attack by ? Special Companies in VI Corps fired from light railway trucks: Proposed to construct railway meter gauge line to M.24.c.: Working party unloading cylinders at Northern Dump. Wind South West to South, 8 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	25/07/1918	Wire etc relayed from position & Company engaged on dump work. Proposed gas beam attack cancelled by 3rd Army. Positions at NEUVILLE VITASSE came into area taken near by First Army. O/C Coy visited VI Corps to arrange future operations & it was suggested to reset projectors on BOYELLES position. Departure: 2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD to Chemical Adviser 2nd Army 25/7/1918. Wind between West & North, 10 mph.		Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	26/07/1918	Wire etc relayed from position & Company engaged on dump work. Proposed gas beam attack cancelled by 3rd Army. Positions at NEUVILLE VITASSE came into area taken near by First Army. O/C Coy visited VI Corps to arrange future operations & it was suggested to reset projectors on BOYELLES position. Departure: 2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD to Chemical Adviser 2nd Army 25/7/1918.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind between West & North, 10 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	27/07/1918	Wire etc relayed from position & Company engaged on dump work. Proposed gas beam attack cancelled by 3rd Army. Positions at NEUVILLE VITASSE came into area taken near by First Army. O/C Coy visited VI Corps to arrange future operations & it was suggested to reset projectors on BOYELLES position. Departure: 2/Lt J.B. BASSFORD to Chemical Adviser 2nd Army 25/7/1918.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind between West & North, 10 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	28/07/1918	2ft 9ins projectors & baseplates dug out at NEUVILLE VITASSE and carried to forward dump. Guards Division do not desire to carry out another shoot in BOYELLES area for some time, but suggest an operation against MOYENNEVILLE. A position was reconnoitred at MOYENNEVILLE but the operation was delayed owing to Special arrangements being required to procure the requisite number of 4' projectors. Much time was spent during this last week salving projectors with a lens from positions which could be used again. Limited supply of projectors more operation could have been carried out. Casualties: 2 O.R. Wounded in Action 30/7/18. Arrival: LT BRANSON from leave to UK 30/7/1918.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind North East to East, 6 mph.	
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	29/07/1918	2' 9" projectors & baseplates dug out at NEUVILLE VITASSE and carried to forward dump. Guards Division do not desire to carry out another shoot in BOYELLES area for some time, but suggest an operation against MOYENNEVILLE. A position was reconnoitred at MOYENNEVILLE but the operation was delayed owing to Special arrangements being required to procure the requisite number of 4' projectors. Much time was spent during this last week salving projectors with a lens from positions which could be used again. Limited supply of projectors more operation could have been carried out. Casualties: 2 O.R. Wounded in Action 30/7/18. Arrival: LT BRANSON from leave to UK 30/7/1918.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
		Wind North East to East, 6 mph.	

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GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	30/07/1918	2' 9" projectors & baseplates dug out at NEUVILLE VITASSE and carried to forward dump. Guards Division do not desire to carry out another shoot in BOYELLES area for some time, but suggest an operation against MOYENNEVILLE. A position was reconnoitred at MOYENNEVILLE but the operation was delayed owing to Special arrangements being required to procure the requisite number of 4' projectors. Much time was spent during this last week salving projectors with a lens from positions which could be used again. Limited supply of projectors more operation could have been carried out. Casualties: 2 O.R. Wounded in Action 30/7/18. Arrival: LT BRANSON from leave to UK 30/7/1918. Wind North East to East, 6 mph.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
GOUY-EN-ARTOIS.	31/07/1918	Company employed on Camp fatigues. Company engaged on Musketry & Lewis Gun Practice & Firing Range Practices. Wind North East to East, light.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 27

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.

1.14. a.m.

Date 25-6-18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 28. (b)

VI Corps 2nd Canadian Division

Purpose of Operation:-		To assist raid on NEUVILLE VITASSE by causing enemy to put on respirators before the attack commenced.	
Targets, given Map References		1. The Sugar Factory	N.19. d.4.4.
		2. The Maze	N.25. a. cent
		3. NEUVILLE VITASSE	N.19 b.6.3.
No. of Projectors Employed.	Target.1. 50 Target.2. 60 Target.3. 40	Map reference of Emplacements	M24.d.3.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	Target.1. 50 Oil. Target.1. 60 Oil. Target.1. 40 Oil.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	Target.1. 50. Target.1. 60. Target.1. 40.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		- - -	
Programme		All projectors to be fired 1 minute before artillery barrage and infantry attack commenced.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W.N.W. 3. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers Number. of O.R.	Nil Nil
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/Lt F. HODKINSON R.E.	
Sections Engaged	Section No. 42 Section No. 44	2/Lt F. HODKINSON R.E. 2/Lt F. GERRANS R.E.	
Remarks:-		Enemy sent up green lights at Zero plus 3. And heavy trench mortar and artillery retaliation to raid Zero plus 1 to 45.	
A copy of this report has been forwarded to			
VI Corps		J.G.2680	
2 nd Canadian Division		J.G.2681	
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)		J.B.4034	
Date 25-6-18		O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.	

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Serial No. 28

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
1.15. a.m.
11 July.

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 29.		VI. Corps. Guards Division.	
Purpose of Operation:-		To inflict casualties on enemy garrison of BOYELLES.	
Targets, giving Map References		(1) Dug-outs at	S.18. d.6.9.
		(2) T.M. Positions at	T.13.c.2.7.
		(3) Cemetery at	T.13 a.2.7.
No. of Projectors Employed.	(1) 250 (2) 250 (3) 261	Map reference Of Emplacements	S.17.b.0.6.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	(1) 250 C.G. (2) 250 C.G. (3) 209 C.G. *	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	(1) 250. C.G. (2) 250. C.G. (3) 200. C.G.
<i>* 52 guns were damaged by enemy shell fire. 2 drums could not be installed. (hand written)</i>			
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		The position was shelled throughout the day proceeding discharge and 29 guns were damaged	
Programme		All projectors to be fired at Zero. Artillery to concentrate on normal harassing lines from Zero to Zero plus 15 minutes.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	S.S.W. 6. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers Two wounded Number. of O.R. * One injured accidentally	
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/LT J. L. YATES R.E.	
Sections Engaged	Section No. 42 Section No. 44	2/LT J. B. BASSFORD R.E. 22/LT J. L. YATES R.E.	
Remarks:-		Heavy machine gun retaliation from Zero plus 2 to 15. Artillery retaliation short of the position Zero plus 10 to 45. No abnormal enemy lights were observed.	

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Guards Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

**During installation. (hand written)*

Date 11-7-18

(sgd) K.C. HORTON. Capt. R.E.
O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.

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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.

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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.

(sgd) Capt.K. C. HORTON. R.E.
O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.

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— WAR DIARY. —

— "J" Special Company. R.E. —

"J"	
SPECIAL COMPANY,	
R.E.	
No.	J.B. 4309.
Date	31/8/18.

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01 August 1918 To 31 August 1918

In the Field	01/08/1918	Company engaged on Musketry & Lewis Gun Practice & Firing Range Practices.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	02/08/1918	Company engaged on Musketry & Lewis Gun Practice & Firing Range Practices.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	03/08/1918	Company continued above training. Party of Officers & NCOs reconnoitred position at S.21.c central, routes, tracks & c: 64 2ft 9ins guns & baseplates taken by lorry to forward dump at BRETEHCOURT.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	04/08/1918	Projectors & Stores for Operation G.J.32. drawn from Southern Dump. Two lorry load 'dud' stores returned to work shop. Portion of Dump at GOUY requisitioned by VI Corps: Coy employed in removing stores.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	05/08/1918	Operation G.J.32. approved by VI Corps and arrangements made by O.C. Coy for work to commence, programme & c being settled later: Coy engaged on Musketry Practice.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	06/08/1918	Two sections moved into forward billets of BOIRY ST MARTIN + 200 4ft guns & heavy baseplates taken forward for the above operation.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	07/08/1918	Owing to bad state of road they had to be dumped in rear of position. Guns dumped on 6/8/1918 collected by G.S. limbers and taken on to position: road repaired: roads passable for lorries: O.C. Coy accompanied C.S.S.R.E. Third Army on reconnaissance of area South of MERC.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	08/08/1918	LT G.I. PAINE took over command of Coy from CAPT K.C. HORTON R.E. on leave to UK: 200 Projectors dug in at 5.21.c. central for operation on MOYENNEVILLE & further stores taken up to position: Minor operation on NEUVILLE VITASSE, 132 drums which could not be fired on operation G.J.30. were fired at midnight 8th & 9th, all drums discharged on one salvo: Wind at zero West by South, 5 mph: Enemy retaliation mild & no casualties.	Appendix 1	Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	09/08/1918	Further work carried out preparing for operation on MOYENNEVILLE, 680 guns in all being dug in at S.21.c. central & loaded ready for firing.	Appendix 2	Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	10/08/1918	Further work carried out preparing for operation on MOYENNEVILLE, 680 guns in all being dug in at S.21.c. central & loaded ready for firing.		Lt R. BLACK

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In the Field	11/08/1918	Further work carried out preparing for operation on MOYENNEVILLE, 680 guns in all being dug in at S.21.c. central & loaded ready for firing.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	12/08/1918	Further work carried out preparing for operation on MOYENNEVILLE, 680 guns in all being dug in at S.21.c. central & loaded ready for firing.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	13/08/1918	3 A.M: 680 drums fired into MOYENNEVILLE, Wind West by North, 4 mph: 88 Projectors dug out of old position, 70 of these carried to a new position & 20 dug in for operation on BOYELLES: 250 2ft 9ins guns were reset at position S.21.c. central for further operation on MOYENVILLE: 400 drums & charges were taken up & 250 guns loaded: On night of 13th & 14th 56 guns dug out at old BOYELLES position & 71 carried on to new position. Work curtailed owing to raid on immediate front & also owing to a relief party of 100 Americans who were to have reported at 10:30 pm did not arrive till 1 a.m.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	14/08/1918	A further 455 Projectors were reset for the Operation on MOYENNEVILLE & 350 drums & charges taken up: a total of 705 guns being now ready to fire there: Arranges to fire on night of 15th & 16th if conditions favourable: A Platoon of Coldstream Guards attached to Coy temporarily to assist in digging & for the operations in hand: 115 guns dug in at new BOYELLES position - of which 50 were set aside for an oil shoot to accompany raid: 90 guns & 81 baseplates dug out from old position & 112 guns carried to new position.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	15/08/1918	MOYENNEVILLE shoot cancelled owing to unfavourable conditions, Guards Division having asked for a more extensive shoot on same village: resetting of above 705 guns after firing & digging in of a further 1495 guns was arranged for but whole work restarted one day on account of shoot not taking place.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	16/08/1918	160 Projectors with drums dug in for new operation on MOYENNEVILLE, & 260 projectors & camouflage taken up to position in lorries: Three Platoons of guards (Pioneers) for digging reported 3 hours late but considerable progress was made in the time at disposal: A further 45 projectors were set & loaded making 750 guns ready for shoot: 50 guns for BOYELLES shoot loaded with oil drums & made ready for firing in conjunction with raid by Guards Division.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	17/08/1918	3 A.M: 670 drums C.G. fired on MOYENNEVILLE: No enemy retaliation & no casualties: Wind WEST, 5 mph: Four batteries had leads broken owing to adjacent batteries not firing simultaneously: These guns will be reset: BOYELLES oil shoot did not take place owing to raid being postponed on account of information received from a prisoner: 700 projectors were dug in, set, loaded and camouflaged for new shoot on MOYENVILLE.	Appendix 3.	Lt R. BLACK

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In the Field	18/08/1918	Operation on MOYENNEVILLE cancelled on account of situation on Guards Divisional front.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	19/08/1918	4 A.M: 50 oil drums fired into BOYELLES: Wind West North West, 5 mph: The raid which was to have been made in conjunction with this shoot was cancelled but Guards Division dis? the shoot alone: No further gas projection on MOYENNEVILLE being possible for some days: Sections in forward billet were brought back to company: Arrangements were made to dig out the remaining 4' projectors at NEUVILLE VITASSE.	Appendix 4	Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	20/08/1918	O.C. visited Guards Division to arrange for oil shoot on MOYENNEVILLE in lieu of gas, but nothing could be arranged owing to a desire to avoid movement of Transport at night or anything in the nature of retaliation.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	21/08/1918	No work possible owing to operations on Corps Front: Coy engaged in fatigues: Lt BLACK proceeded on detachment to H.Q. Special Brigade R.E.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	22/08/1918	Mobile projector operation suggested to VI corps & idea approved by G.S.O.2, provided approval of Army obtained: Coy trained in sandbag emplacements.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	23/08/1918	Company engaged in experiments with sandbag emplacements, also musketry and close order drill.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	24/08/1918	Company engaged in experiments with sandbag emplacements, also musketry and close order drill.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	25/08/1918	Company engaged in experiments with sandbag emplacements, also musketry and close order drill.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	26/08/1918	Company moved from GOUY to TERRAMESNIL: Arrangements being made for small mobile projector attack.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	27/08/1918	Company engaged in arranging billets & c: 2/Lt HODKINSON inspected targets at MOYENNEVILLE & HAMELIN COURT: Lt BLACK & 2/Lt YATES rejoined the Company.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	28/08/1918	Coy engaged in musketry & drill & further Instruction with sandbag emplacements: Arrangements set on foot to move to GOUY dump.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	29/08/1918	Coy engaged in musketry & drill & further Instruction with sandbag emplacements: Arrangements set on foot to move to GOUY dump.		Lt R. BLACK
In the Field	30/08/1918	Coy engaged in musketry & drill & further Instruction with sandbag emplacements: Arrangements set on foot to move to GOUY dump.		Lt R. BLACK

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TERRAMESNIL 31/08/1918
Sheet 57D
H.19.6.0.3.

Digging out of guns at MOYENNEVILLE position continued: BOYELLES & NEUVILLE VITASSE targets visited: Complete specimens of German Projector, drums, charges were obtained near the latter: Old dump of Baseplates at BOYELLES light railway siding recovered & taken over, only about 30 of them slightly damaged.

Lt R. BLACK

Appendix 1 to War Diary for August 8th/9th 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 29 (b)

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
12 Midnight
8/9th Aug. '18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 30. (B) XVII Corps. 56th. Division.

Purpose of Operation:-		To inflict casualties on the enemy occupying trench system in and around NEUVILLE VITASSE.	
Targets, giving Map References. Sheet 51.b.S.W.		1. The Sugar Factory	N.19. d.3.4.
		2. Eastern End of village	N.19. b.6.6.
No. of Projectors Employed.	132	Map reference Of Emplacements	M24.a.4.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	Target (1) 47 C.G. (2) 85 C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	132 drums C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		NIL.	
Programme		All drums to be fired at Zero. No artillery co-operation.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W. by S. 5 M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers Number. of O.R.s	Nil
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. R.E.	
Sections Engaged	41.		
Remarks:-		These drums were not fired in operation G.J.30. All drums fired in one salvo. Enemy retaliation nil. At Zero plus 70 mins one green light opposite to the position.	

A copy of this Report has been forwarded to
XVII Corps. & VI Corps for information.
56th Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date Aug. 9th '18

(sgd) G.I. PAINE. Capt.R.E.

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

Appendix II to War Diary for August 13th 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 30

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
3-0 a.m.
Date 13-8-18.

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No. G./ J. 32.		VI Corps	Guards Division.
Purpose of Operation:-		To surprise and gas the enemy holding the MOYENNEVILLE area and to harass the enemy opposite VI Corps front.	
Targets, giving Map References.		MOYENNEVILLE (1) A.3.b.5.7. (2) A.4.a.cent. (3) S.28.c.6.2.	Ref. Maps Sheet 51b. S.W. 57c. N.W.
No. of Projectors Employed.	750	Map reference of Emplacements	S.21.c.Cent.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	750 Drums C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	680 Drums C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		Owing to zero being earlier than anticipated, three and a half batteries (70 projectors) could not be dug in and loaded in time.	
Programme		All projectors to be fired at Zero. Artillery concentration and dummy raid barrage at zero to zero plus 15 minutes.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W. by N. 4. m.p.h.	Casualties: Names of Officers. Number of O.R.	1. accidentally injured during preparation.
Name of Officer i/c Operation		LT J.C.S. BRANSON.	
Sections Engaged		45 and 44.	
Remarks:-		Concentration fired by Divisional Artillery at zero was not sufficiently heavy to cover the projector discharge effectively.	

A copy of this report has been forwarded to
VI Corps
Guards Division.
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date 13th. Aug. '18

(sgd) G.I. PAINE. Capt. R.E.
O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.

Appendix III to War Diary for August 17th/18th 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 31

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
3-5. a.m.
Date Aug/17/18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 33.		VI Corps.	Guards Division.
Purpose of Operation:-		To continue to harass with gas the area about MOYENNEVILLE occupied by the enemy.	
Targets, giving Map References		(1) Trenches and dug-outs at (2) Dead ground and Dug-outs about	A.3.b.5.7. S.28.d.4.3.
No. of Projectors Employed.	Target.1. 50 Target.2. 60 Target.3. 40	Map reference of Emplacements	M24.d.3.3.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	750 Drums C.G.	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	670 drums C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		Four batteries were not fired owing to leads being broken by adjacent batteries not being fired simultaneously.	
Programme		Projectors to be fired in one salvo at Zero with artillery co-operation to cancel discharge and harass the enemy.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	W. 5. M.P.H.	Casualties: Names of Officers Number. of O.R.	Nil Nil
Name of Officer i/c Operation		LT J.T.S. BRANSON	
Sections Engaged	Section 45.		
Remarks:-		Owing to batteries being spread over a wide area they were not fired simultaneously. This resulted in leads being broken and there was not sufficient time to repair them.	

A copy of this report has been forwarded to
VI Corps
Guards Division
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)

Date Aug. 17th. '18

(sgd) G.I. PAINE Capt. R.E.

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

Appendix IV to War Diary for August 19th 1918
TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 32

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
4-0 a.m.
Date 19-8-18

"J" SPECIAL COMPANY. R.E.

Report on Operation No G. J. 31.b.		VI Corps.		Guards Division.	
Purpose of Operation:-		To assist silent raid by Guards Division on MARC TRENCH at about S.12.d.5.3., by creating a diversion, and deluding the enemy into putting on respirators.			
Targets, giving Map References		Hutments at		T.13.c.2.8.	
No. of Projectors	50	Map reference		S.28.a.6.8..	
Employed.	(4'0)	of			
		Emplacements			
No. and Nature of	50 Oil.	No. and Nature of	50 Oil.		
Projectiles Allotted.		Projectiles Fired			
Reason for Discrepancy(if any)		- - - - -			
Programme		just before Zero, aeroplanes to drop bombs North of objective of raid. Discharge to follow explosion of first bomb South of objective. Infantry lying out in front were then to rush MARC TRENCH.			
Direction and Strength		Casualties:			
Of Wind.	West 6. M.P.H.	Names of Officers			
		Number. of O.R.		Nil.	
Name of Officer i/c Operation		LT R. BLACK.			
Sections Engaged		3. O.R.s Section 42.			
Remarks:-		Arrangements were made direct with Battn concerned with raid to fire at 4-0 a.m. Subsequently Battn notified LT. BLACK that the raid was cancelled but desired projectors to be fired. All projectors fired at first shot.			
A copy of this report has been forwarded to					
VI Corps		J.G.2680			
GUARDS Division		J.G.2681			
C.S.C. R.E. Third Army (2)		J.B.4034			
Date 19-8-18		(sgd) G.I.PAINE. Capt. R.E.			
		O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.			

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WAR DIARY.

"J" Special Coy. R.E.

"J"	
SPECIAL COMPANY,	
R.E.	
No.	J. B. 4419.
Date	30/9/18.

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01 September 1918 To 30 September 1918

TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	01/09/1918	All German Projector material from position at NEUVILLE VITASSE was brought back to Coy H.Q.: VI Corps 'Q' have allotted ground at COURCELLES HALT for projector dump: Arrangements made for Coy to move to HAMELINCOURT: Coy employed in drill & fatigues.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	02/09/1918	Sites selected for camp at HAMELINCOURT & for dump at COURCELLES HALT.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	03/09/1918	One section proceeded to HAMELINCOURT & commenced work on new camp: Remainder of Coy employed in unloading Pierre-de-fosse at GEZAINCOURT.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	04/09/1918	One section engaged on erecting new camp at HAMELINCOURT & digging and guns at MOYENNEVILLE Position: 940 being unloaded & dug out to-date: All stores dumped on position: 2/Lt J.L. YATES proceeded on Special Leave to UK: Wind South West to South, 10 to 15 mph.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	05/09/1918	Digging out at MOYENNEVILLE position continued: Remainder of Coy engaged on drill & fatigues: Wind light & variable changing thro East & North to West.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	06/09/1918	Arrangements made with VI Corps to reconnoitre HAVRINCOURT area with a view to an operation against that village: Experiments carried out with German projectors.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	07/09/1918	Digging out at MOYENNEVILLE position continued: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. & Section 41 proceeded to FOREWAYS DEPOT, SAVY, for instruction in Leeming Ropeway.	Lt R. BLACK
TERRAMESNIL Sheet 57D H.19.6.0.3.	08/09/1918	Company moved to VRAUCOURT under orders from VI Corps.	Lt R. BLACK

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VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	09/09/1918	Reconnaissance made for proposed operation against trenches North West of HAMELINCOURT.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	10/09/1918	Final arrangements made for above operation: All stores loaded on 3 tanks but owing to tanks failing to reach the position in time operation had to be cancelled: MAJOR K.C. HORTON returned from leave in UK & took over Command of Company: Wind South West to South, 9 mph.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	11/09/1918	Scheme submitted for operation against CANAL DU NORD east of MOEUVRES: Two tanks which failed to reach position on night of 10th & 11th collected & unloaded: All remaining guns at MOYENNEVILLE position dug out & dumped.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	12/09/1918	Above operation against CANAL DU NORD cancelled owing to patrols being already in neighbourhood of targets: 72 4ft guns dug out from BOYELLES position & dumped: All remaining guns & baseplates dug out from NEUVILLE VITASSE position & ready to be handed over to C.S.C.R.E. First Army: 2/Lt R. PENDLEBURY R.E. rejoined Coy from Base & Depot & T.O.S.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	13/09/1918	All gas drums, cylinders, charges, cordite & c removed by lorry from dump at GOUY-EN-ARTOIS to NORTHERN DUMP: 155 4ft guns dug out from BOYELLES position & carried to dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	14/09/1918	Digging out continued at BOYELLES position: Reconnaissance of stores abandoned in March 1918 completed: Remaining stores on tanks which broke down on night of 10th & 11th unloaded & brought back to Coy H.Q. by lorry.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT B.24.d.5.9. (Sheet 57C)	15/09/1918	All remaining guns and base plates on BOYELLES position dug out & dumped: Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE to Coy H.Q. dumps commenced.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	16/09/1918	Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE to Coy H.Q. dump continued: All charges repaired & tested & all other stores on position checked and classified: Preliminary arrangements made for operation on front South of MOEUVRES projector position Sheet 57.c.E.25.d.5.0: LT J.C.S. BRANSON joined from 'POOL OF OFFICERS' Depot Special Brigade & T.O.S.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	17/09/1918	Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE to Coy H.Q. dump continued: All charges repaired & tested & all other stores on position checked and classified: Preliminary arrangements made for operation on front South of MOEUVRES projector position Sheet 57.c.E.25.d.5.0: LT J.C.S. BRANSON joined from 'POOL OF OFFICERS' Depot Special Brigade & T.O.S.	Lt R. BLACK

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VRAUCOURT	18/09/1918	Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE to Coy H.Q. dump continued: All charges repaired & tested & all other stores on position checked and classified: Preliminary arrangements made for operation on front South of MOEUVRES projector position Sheet 57.c.E.25.d.5.0: LT J.C.S. BRANSON joined from 'POOL OF OFFICERS' Depot Special Brigade & T.O.S.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	19/09/1918	240 4ft guns complete with drums & charges taken up to position by Supply Tanks for above operation: Emplacements dug for 240 guns & baseplates set.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	20/09/1918	Setting & loading of above guns completed: Supply tank carrying further guns & base plates broke down on way to position.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	21/09/1918	240 drums C.G. discharged on targets South of MOEUVRES at 02:20 a.m: 2/Lt J.L. YATES returned from leave in UK.	Appendix 1	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	22/09/1918	220 drums C.G. discharged on above targets at 4 a.m. & a further 140 drums C.G. at 5 a.m: All remaining technical stores brought by lorry from TERRAMESNIL to Coy H.Q. dump at VROUCOURT.	Appendix 2	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	23/09/1918	20 2ft 9ins guns collected from old Coy H.Q. dump at ERVILLERS & brought to Coy H.Q. dump: Company has baths: O.C. Coy visited workshops to examine Tank Sledges.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	24/09/1918	Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE position continued: Also work on H.Q. dump: Party engaged digging out guns & baseplates at HAMELINCOURT position: Capt G.I. PAINE proceeded on leave in FRANCE.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	25/09/1918	Transfer of stores from MOYENNEVILLE position continued: Also work on H.Q. dump: Party engaged digging out guns & baseplates at HAMELINCOURT position: Capt G.I. PAINE proceeded on leave in FRANCE.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	26/09/1918	Transfer of stores from BOYELLES position to Coy H.Q. dump commenced: 2/Lt J.L. YATES & party proceeded to WORKSHOPS BEAUVAL & carried out experiment with Tank sledges.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	27/09/1918	Transfer of stores from BOYELLES position continued: Two tank sledges arrived from WORKSHOPS: O.C. Coy visited Forward Depot, SAVY to inspect LEEMING ROPEWAY.		Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	28/09/1918	Transfer of projector stores from BOYELLES position to Coy H.Q. completed: All remaining stores at GOUY (other than guns & c to be handed over to other Companies) brought to Coy H.Q. dump: Experiments carried out with tank sledges.		Lt R. BLACK

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VRAUCOURT	29/09/1918	Company practiced loading & unloading & general handling of Tank sledges: Part of stores for standard mobile operation drawn from WORKSHOPS: Three further Tank sledges received.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT	30/09/1918	Further practice carried out with Tank sledges: All guns & baseplates dug out from position at Sheet 57.c.E.25.d.5.O. & dumped ready for removal by lorry: 60 2ft 9ins guns collected from MOYENNEVILLE position & brought to Coy H.Q. dump: 200 drums complete drawn from NORTHERN DUMP to complete establishment of Stores for mobile operation.	Lt R. BLACK

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 Number. of O.R.	Nil 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.

(sgd) K.C. HORTON. Major. R.E.
O.C. "J" Special Coy. R.E.

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TRANSCRIPTION

Serial No. 34

SPECIAL COMPANIES R.E. THIRD ARMY

Zero Time.
(1) 4.0. a.m.
(2) 5-0 a.m.
Date 22/9/18.

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Report on Operation No G. J. 41. (2)		VI Corps.	Guards Division.
Purpose of Operation:-		To gas 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	260	Map reference Of Emplacements	E.25.d.5.0.
No. and Nature of Projectiles Allotted.	360 C.G. (Remaining from operation on night of Sept. 20-21.1918.)	No. and Nature of Projectiles Fired	1 st Zero 220 C.G. 2 nd Zero 140 C.G. Total 360 C.G.
Reason for Discrepancy (if any)		- - - Nil - - -	
Programme		Two discharges to take place at 4-0 a.m. and 5-0 a.m. respectively as shown above. No artillery co-operation.	
Direction and Strength Of Wind.	At both Zero's S.S.W. 6 m.p.h.	Casualties: Names of Officers	Nil
		Number. of O.R.	Nil
Name of Officer i/c Operation		2/LT R. PENDLEBURY. R.E.	
Sections Engaged	44 and 45.		
Remarks:-		No abnormal enemy action was observed. There was practically no retaliation till 30 minutes after the second Zero when H.E. and Gas shells were fired in neighbourhood of the position.	

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Date 22-9-18.

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01 October 1918 To 31 October 1918

VRAUCOURT.	01/10/1918	Company continued with practice with Tank Sledges & in the surface method of Installing projectors: Projector stores at MOYENNEVILLE position collected & brought by lorry to Company H.Q. Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK: 8 O.R.'s rejoined from Base & Depot.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	02/10/1918	Company continued with practice with Tank Sledges & in the surface method of Installing projectors: Projector stores at MOYENNEVILLE position collected & brought by lorry to Company H.Q. Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK: 8 O.R.'s rejoined from Base & Depot.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	03/10/1918	Company continued with practice with Tank Sledges & in the surface method of Installing projectors: Projector stores at MOYENNEVILLE position collected & brought by lorry to Company H.Q. Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK: 8 O.R.'s rejoined from Base & Depot.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	04/10/1918	Company continued with practice with Tank Sledges & in the surface method of Installing projectors: Projector stores at MOYENNEVILLE position collected & brought by lorry to Company H.Q. Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK: 8 O.R.'s rejoined from Base & Depot.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	05/10/1918	13 Tank Sledges & fittings loaded onto lorries & handed over to 'N' Special Coy R.E.: Collection of projector stores from MOYENNEVILLE position continued & a Central dump for damaged projector stores commenced at BOISLEUX-AU-MONT: All guns on Coy H.Q. dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	06/10/1918	13 Tank Sledges & fittings loaded onto lorries & handed over to 'N' Special Coy R.E.: Collection of projector stores from MOYENNEVILLE position continued & a Central dump for damaged projector stores commenced at BOISLEUX-AU-MONT: All guns on Coy H.Q. dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	07/10/1918	13 Tank Sledges & fittings loaded onto lorries & handed over to 'N' Special Coy R.E.: Collection of projector stores from MOYENNEVILLE position continued & a Central dump for damaged projector stores commenced at BOISLEUX-AU-MONT: All guns on Coy H.Q. dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	08/10/1918	Two truck loads of damaged projector stores despatched to No 1 Special Store LES ATTAQUES: 80 4ft guns drawn by 'K' Coy Special Coy R.E.: All charges damaged in Tank sledge experiments repaired.	Lt R. BLACK

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VRAUCOURT.	09/10/1918	Close order drill carried out & also work on Coy dump: 94 4ft guns drawn by 'K' Coy Special Coy R.E.: 240 4ft guns by 'Q' Coy Special Coy : 138 2ft 9ins guns by 'N' Coy & 150 Base Plates by 'N' Special Coy Dump at MOYENNEVILLE position cleared: damaged stores taken to BOISLEUX-AU-MONT & remainder to Coy H.Q. dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	10/10/1918	Close order drill carried out & also work on Coy dump: 94 4ft guns drawn by 'K' Coy Special Coy R.E.: 240 4ft guns by 'Q' Coy Special Coy : 138 2ft 9ins guns by 'N' Coy & 150 Base Plates by 'N' Special Coy Dump at MOYENNEVILLE position cleared: damaged stores taken to BOISLEUX-AU-MONT & remainder to Coy H.Q. dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	11/10/1918	Further drill & work in dump carried out: 1 Leeming Generator haulage winch & spare parts collected at BEAURAINVILLE & brought by lorry to Coy H.Q.: 200 4ft guns & 344 Baseplates drawn by 'Q' Special Coy : 50 7ft 4ins Propellants & 50 C.G. drums salvaged & taken in charge.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	12/10/1918	Inspection in meteorological observations given to all N.C.Os: Projector stores collected by lorry from forward position near MOEUVRES.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	13/10/1918	640 2ft 9ins guns & 249 baseplates drawn by Quartermaster from GOUY dump: Projector stores at Coy H.Q. dump arranged for loading quickly preparatory To concentration of such stores at Army Reserve Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	14/10/1918	All projector stores handed over to Army Reserve Dump & company engaged Loading & unloading these: Leeming Generator winch also loaded on lorry & handed over to Army Reserve Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	15/10/1918	All projector stores handed over to Army Reserve Dump & company engaged Loading & unloading these: Leeming Generator winch also loaded on lorry & handed over to Army Reserve Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	16/10/1918	All projector stores handed over to Army Reserve Dump & company engaged Loading & unloading these: Leeming Generator winch also loaded on lorry & handed over to Army Reserve Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	17/10/1918	All projector stores handed over to Army Reserve Dump & company engaged Loading & unloading these: Leeming Generator winch also loaded on lorry & handed over to Army Reserve Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	18/10/1918	Further training in meteorological observation carried out: 29 4ft guns salvaged from BOISLEUX-AU-MONT village & brought to Coy H.Q. dump: Company had Box Respirators tested in lacrymator chamber.	Lt R. BLACK
VRAUCOURT.	19/10/1918	Company moved by road to MARCOING: movement of stores not completed owing to lack of transport.	Lt R. BLACK

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MARCOING.	20/10/1918	Company engaged on fatigues & on cleaning & improving billets: All men had baths: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. & 42 other ranks proceeded to BAPAUM for work at Northern Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	21/10/1918	Company engaged on fatigues & on cleaning & improving billets: All men had baths: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. & 42 other ranks proceeded to BAPAUM for work at Northern Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	22/10/1918	Company engaged on fatigues & on cleaning & improving billets: All men had baths: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. & 42 other ranks proceeded to BAPAUM for work at Northern Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	23/10/1918	Company engaged on musketry & drill: Leeming Generator & winch drawn from NORTHERN Dump & unloaded at Coy H.Q.: Stores for Leeming Ropeway unloaded from truck & dumped at MARCOING station: Remainder of Coy stores brought by lorry from VRAUCOURT to Coy H.Q.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	24/10/1918	Leeming Generator tested: Stores for Leeming Ropeway collected at MARCOING station & brought by lorry to Coy H.Q.: ARMY RESERVE dump for projector stores commenced at MARCOING (G.17.d.5.O.) & stores received from 'Q' Special Coy dumped thereon.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	25/10/1918	Leeming Generator overhauled & put in running order: 2/Lt HODKINSON MC & 4 Section engaged on Leeming Ropeway assembling parts & Leeming ropeway for instructional purposes: Further stores received from 'Q' Special Coy unloaded & dumped at MARCOING Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	26/10/1918	Leeming Generator overhauled & put in running order: 2/Lt HODKINSON MC & 4 Section engaged on Leeming Ropeway assembling parts & Leeming ropeway for instructional purposes: Further stores received from 'Q' Special Coy unloaded & dumped at MARCOING Dump: 1 O.R. on special leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	27/10/1918	2/Lt F. MARTIN & 23 other ranks from 'N' Special Coy reported for Leeming Ropeway cause of distinction commencing 28th inst : Further stores from 'Q' & 'N' Special Companies unloaded & dumped at MARCOING dump: Road to dump repaired.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	28/10/1918	41 Section engaged as instructors on Leeming Ropeway: Lt BRANSON & 30 other ranks proceeded to BAPAUME for work at Northern Dump.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	29/10/1918	2/Lt GERRANS & 21 other ranks proceeded to BAPAUME for work at Northern Dump: Further stores from 'N' Special Coy unloaded & dumped at MARCOING dump & Also trench mortar stores from No. 3 Special Coy .	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	30/10/1918	All available men engaged on Leeming Ropeway instruction.	Lt R. BLACK

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MARCOING.	31/10/1918	41 Section engaged on Leeming Ropeway Course: 150 2ft 9ins guns, 200 Baseplates & 158 oil drums complete drawn by 'Q' Special Coy: 2/Lt Yates & 40 other ranks dug out 411 4ft guns & 55 baseplates at 'Q' Coy's old MOEUVRES position.	Lt R. BLACK
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Date	1/12/18.

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01 November 1918 To 30 November 1918

MARCOING.	01/11/1918	2/Lt PENDLEBURY & 30 O.R.'s proceeded to BAPAUME by lorry for duty at NORTHERN DUMP: Remainder of Company receives instruction in erection & working of Leeming Ropeway: Lt A.E. SMITH & 32 O.R.'s from 'Q' Special Coy R.E. & 3 O.R.'s from 'N' Special Coy R.E. attached for rations while attending Leeming Ropeway Course: 3 O.R.'s rejoined from leave in UK	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	02/11/1918	2/Lt PENDLEBURY & 30 O.R.'s proceeded to BAPAUME by lorry for duty at NORTHERN DUMP: Remainder of Company receives instruction in erection & working of Leeming Ropeway: Lt A.E. SMITH & 32 O.R.'s from 'Q' Special Coy R.E. & 3 O.R.'s from 'N' Special Coy R.E. attached for rations while attending Leeming Ropeway Course: 3 O.R.'s rejoined from leave in UK	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	03/11/1918	Leeming Generator & winch oiled & ropeway dismantled & packed ready for removal: Company had winter clothing issued.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	04/11/1918	All projector Stores at MARCOING Dump handed over to H.Q.S.C.R.E. Third Army.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	05/11/1918	Company entrained at MARCOING station to proceed to First American Army.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	06/11/1918	Company en route for LES ISLETTES (ARGONNE). Lt A.E. SMITH & 32 O.R.'s from 'Q' Special Coy R.E. also 2/Lt F. MARTIN & 28 O.R.'s from 'N' Special Coy R.E. rejoined their units & struck off ration strength: THIS RECORD WAS CROSSED OUT IN THE DIARY.	Lt R. BLACK
MARCOING.	07/11/1918	Company en route for LES ISLETTES (ARGONNE). Lt A.E. SMITH & 32 O.R.'s from 'Q' Special Coy R.E. also 2/Lt F. MARTIN & 28 O.R.'s from 'N' Special Coy R.E. rejoined their units & struck off ration strength: THIS RECORD WAS CROSSED OUT IN THE DIARY.	Lt R. BLACK
LES ISLETTES.	08/11/1918	Company arrived at LES ISLETTES: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. proceeded on leave to UK, also 1 O.R. on Special leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	09/11/1918	Company detrained & marched to billets at LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS: Portion of stores also brought by lorry loaned from 1st American Gas Regiment.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	10/11/1918	Company arranging & cleaning billets & remainder of projector & Leeming Ropeway Stores brought by lorry from railhead at LES ISLETTES.	Lt R. BLACK

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LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	11/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	12/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	13/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	14/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out: 1 O.R. to Hospital.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	15/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out: 6 O.R.'s from leave in UK.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	16/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	17/11/1918	Physical training, musketry & other infantry training carried out.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	18/11/1918	Company engaged on musketry, physical drill and other infantry training: 4 ex prisoners of war joined the Company & taken on attached strength.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	19/11/1918	Company engaged on musketry, physical drill and other infantry training: 5 ex prisoners of war joined the Company & taken on attached strength: 1 O.R. from Hospital: 2 O.R.s to Hospital:	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	20/11/1918	2 O.R.s on leave to UK: Company engaged on musketry, physical drill and other infantry training.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	21/11/1918	2 O.R.s (ex prisoners of war) joined the Company & taken on attached strength: Capt G.I. PAINE proceeded on leave to UK: 1 O.R. on leave to UK: Company engaged on musketry, physical drill and other infantry training.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	22/11/1918	Company engaged on Route march, musketry & physical training	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	23/11/1918	Company engaged on Route march, musketry & physical training.	Lt R. BLACK

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LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	24/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	25/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	26/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	27/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training: 5 O.R.s (ex prisoners of war) left the Coy & Struck off attached strength: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	28/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	29/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training.	Lt R. BLACK
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	30/11/1918	Company engaged on infantry training including musketry, route marches & physical training.	Lt R. BLACK

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01 December 1918 To 31 December 1918

LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	01/12/1918	Infantry training continued: Company waiting orders to leave from 1st American Army to rejoin B.E.F.: Departures: 1 O.R. on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	02/12/1918	Infantry training continued: Company waiting orders to leave from 1st American Army to rejoin B.E.F.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	03/12/1918	Infantry training continued: Company waiting orders to leave from 1st American Army to rejoin B.E.F.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	04/12/1918	Training continued & Company drill: Route marches, physical drill & musketry, cross country runs and games: 2 O.R.s on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	05/12/1918	Training continued & Company drill: Route marches, physical drill & musketry, cross country runs and games: 1 O.R. on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	06/12/1918	Training continued & Company drill: Route marches, physical drill & musketry, cross country runs and games.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	07/12/1918	Training continued & Company drill: Route marches, physical drill & musketry, cross country runs and games: 2/Lt YATES & 3 O.R.'s on leave to PARIS.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	08/12/1918	Training continued.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	09/12/1918	Training continued.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	10/12/1918	Company entrained at LES ISLETTES to return to the B.E.F.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LA-GRANGE-AU-BOIS.	11/12/1918	Company on train: 2 O.R.s on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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LUMBRES - this town was crossed out in the diary.	12/12/1918	Company on train: 1 O.R. on leave: 6 O.R.'s repatriated prisoners transferred to Town Major ST OMER: Company detrained at LUMBRES - this last sentence was crossed out in the diary.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
ST OMER.	13/12/1918	Company reached ST OMER but did not detrain: 2/Lt J. L. YATES to be Lieutenant from 26/10/1918 (Auth. London Gazette 16/11/1918): 4 O.R. taken on strength rejoined from Depot: Lt J. L. Yates from leave to PARIS: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C. from leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
LUMBRES.	14/12/1918	Company detrained at LUMBRES - Administered by O/C no 1 Group Special Coys R.E.: Departures: Lt BLACK on leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	15/12/1918	Company moved to WAVRANS: Lt F. SCOTT joined from Depot.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	16/12/1918	Training & Sports.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	17/12/1918	Company training: Arrivals: 30 O.R. returned from leave: 7 O.R. rejoined through Base & Depot: 2 O.R. from Detachment with Depot Spec Bde R.E.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	18/12/1918	CROSSLEY B & car & driver transferred to G.H.Q. troops M.T. Coy: Arrivals: 4 O.R. from leave. Capt G.I. PAINE from leave to UK: Departures: 2 O.R. on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	19/12/1918	Company training: 1 O.R. to Hospital, 1 O.R. on leave.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	20/12/1918	Company training, Sports continued: Education Scheme commenced: Company transferred to O/C No 4 Group, Special Coys R.E. 20/12/1918: 1 O.R. from leave 20th.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	21/12/1918	Company training, Sports continued: Education Scheme commenced.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	22/12/1918	Company training, Sports continued: Education Scheme commenced: 1 O.R. on leave 22nd.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	23/12/1918	Training interfered with owing to very bad weather: 1 O.R. from leave 23rd.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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WAVRANS.	24/12/1918	Training interfered with owing to very bad weather: 3 O.R. on leave 24th.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	25/12/1918	Training interfered with owing to very bad weather: Lt BRANSON on leave 25th.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	26/12/1918	Training interfered with owing to very bad weather.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	27/12/1918	Company training & education scheme continued.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	28/12/1918	1 O.R. on special leave 27/12/1918: 2 O.R. on special leave 28/12/1918.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	29/12/1918	Training & education: 1 O.R. rejoined from Hospital: Lt BLACK & 5 O.R. from leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	30/12/1918	Training & education scheme continued. Sports & games etc	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	31/12/1918	2 O.R. despatched to UK for demobilization duty 30/12/1918: 2 O.R. on leave 30th.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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R.E.	
No.	J. B. 4865.
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WAVRANS.	01/01/1919	Company engaged on billet fatigues in morning: Football match against 'M' Special Coy R.E. in afternoon: 1 O.R. to Hospital: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK & 11 O.R.s despatched for demobilization & S.O.S.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	02/01/1919	Company engaged on Arms drill, kit inspection, baths & educational classes: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK: 1 O.R. to Hospital.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	03/01/1919	Company engaged on Arms drill, kit inspection, baths & educational classes: 2 O.R.s from leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	04/01/1919	Company engaged on Arms drill, kit inspection, baths & educational classes: 3 O.R.s from leave to UK: 1 O.R. rejoined through Base & Depot & T.O.S.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	05/01/1919	Church of England Service - men had baths at LUMBRES: 2/Lt R. PENDLEBURY R.E. on leave to UK: 1 O.R. to Hospital.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	06/01/1919	LT F. SCOTT R.E. proceeds to No.2, Chemistry School LILLE & S.O.S.: 1 O.R. to No.2, Chemistry School LILLE on detachment: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization: Arms inspection: Arms drill & educational classes: Football practice match in afternoon.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	07/01/1919	Company parades for arms inspection & drill route marches & physical training: Also football & educational classes: 1 O.R. from leave in UK.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	08/01/1919	Company parades for arms inspection & drill route marches & physical training: Also football & educational classes.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	09/01/1919	Company parades for arms inspection & drill route marches & physical training: Also football & educational classes: 1 O.R. from leave in UK.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	10/01/1919	Company parades for arms inspection & drill route marches & physical training: Also football & educational classes.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	11/01/1919	Company parades for arms inspection & drill route marches & physical training: Also football & educational classes: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK

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WAVRANS.	12/01/1919	Church of England Service for 'J' & 'L' Special Companies R.E.: Football match in afternoon, Officers & batmen v Sergeants (6-12)	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	13/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: MAJOR K.C. HORTON R.E. on leave to UK: CAPT G.I.PAINE R.E. taken command of Coy : 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	14/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: 1 O.R. to Hospital.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	15/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: Football match v No.3, Special Coy R.E. (10-3).	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	16/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: 1 O.R. on Special leave to UK.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	17/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: 1 O.R. on leave to UK: 2 O.R.s despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	18/01/1919	Educational classes in, French, Maths, Chemistry, Geology, Shorthand, Pros, Composition, Magnetism & Electricity, & motor cycles continued: Company parades for arms drill inspection, route march, physical training & kit inspection: 8 O.R.s despatched for demobilization: Football match v 'L' Special Coy R.E. (5-0).	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	19/01/1919	Company parades for baths.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	20/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection: 1 O.R. to Hospital: 1 O.R. on detachment with No.1 G.H.Q. Ordination Test School, LE TOUQUET.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	21/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection:	Lt R. BLACK

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WAVRANS.	22/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection: Football match v 'K' Special Coy R.E. (3-0).	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	23/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection: 1 O.R. on detachment with No.14 Vet Hosp, ABBEVILLE.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	24/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection:	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	25/01/1919	Educational classes continued & Coy Parades held for arms drill & inspection, physical training & route marches, also for feet & scabies inspection: 2 O.R.s despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	26/01/1919	Church of England Service: 1 O.R. to Hospital: 1 O.R. to Military Det Camp ST OMER: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	27/01/1919	Educational classes continued: Company Parades for route march, Arms inspection & drill, physical training, boot & clothing inspection & feet & scabies inspection:	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	28/01/1919	Educational classes continued: Company Parades for route march, Arms inspection & drill, physical training, boot & clothing inspection & feet & scabies inspection: 3 O.R.s despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	29/01/1919	Educational classes continued: Company Parades for route march, Arms inspection & drill, physical training, boot & clothing inspection & feet & scabies inspection:	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	30/01/1919	Educational classes continued: Company Parades for route march, Arms inspection & drill, physical training, boot & clothing inspection & feet & scabies inspection: 2 O.R.s despatched for demobilization.	Lt R. BLACK
WAVRANS.	31/01/1919	Educational classes continued: Company Parades for route march, Arms inspection & drill, physical training, boot & clothing inspection & feet & scabies inspection: 2/LT H.H. GERRANS R.E. on leave to UK. SIDE NOTE NOT IN DIARY: Scabies: a contagious skin infection caused by a parasitic mite. It developed in the field during the First World War because the medical profession were unfamiliar with its early signs, and many soldiers only reported sick after the condition became too painful to endure, by which time they were probably sharing the disease with their company mates.	Lt R. BLACK

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01 February 1919 To 28 February 1919

WAVRANS.	01/02/1919	Company in process of demobilization: Arms & squad drill and educational classes.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	02/02/1919	Route march & educational classes: Lt BLACK & 2 O.R. on detachment to No Chemistry school LILLE: 2 O.R. to Chemistry School HESDIN: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	03/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: 2 O.R.s to UK for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	04/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: MAJOR K.C. HORTON from leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	05/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: 3 O.R.s to UK for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	06/02/1919	Route march & educational classes: Lt J.L. YATES & 2 O.R.s despatched for demobilization:	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	07/02/1919	Route march & educational classes: MAJOR K.C. HORTON & 2 O.R.s despatched for demobilization: Lt R. BLACK & 1 O.R. from No.2. Chemistry School LILLE:	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	08/02/1919	Route march & educational classes: Lt R. BLACK despatched for independent demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS. THIS RECORD NOT IN DIARY.	09/02/1919	THIS RECORD NOT IN DIARY.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	10/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: 6 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	11/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: 5 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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WAVRANS.	12/02/1919	Physical drill & route marches & educational classes: 10 O.R. on detachment to Special Factory Section LES ATTAQUES.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	13/02/1919	Arms inspections, route marches & educational classes continued: 1 O.R. from hospital: 2 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	14/02/1919	Arms inspections, route marches & educational classes continued: 1 O.R. on detachment with H.Q. Spec Bde R.E.: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization: 3 O.R. to hospital.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	15/02/1919	Route marches, football & sports: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization & 1 O.R. on leave to UK: 2/Lt H.H. GERRANS & 1 O.R. from leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	16/02/1919	Route marches, football & sports.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	17/02/1919	Route marches, football & sports: 7 O.R. despatched for demobilization : Capt E. JOBLING taken on strength to command unit.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	18/02/1919	Physical drill, route marches & sports: 2/Lt F. HODKINSON on leave to UK: 1 O.R. from hospital: 5 O.R. despatched for demobilization: 1 Lorry & 1 O.R. transferred to G.H.Q. ? Coy . 19.2.19	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	19/02/1919	Physical drill, route marches & sports: 5 O.R. for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	20/02/1919	Physical drill, route marches & sports: 8 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	21/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 8 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	22/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 9 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	23/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 3 O.R. on detachment Workshops Section Spec Corps R.E. 2nd Army.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	24/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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WAVRANS.	25/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	26/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 1 O.R. despatched for demobilization.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	27/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.
WAVRANS.	28/02/1919	Route marches, educational classes & sports: 1 O.R. from detachment Chemistry School HESDIN.	Lt G.I. PAINE R.E.

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01 March 1919 To 31 March 1919

WAVRANS.	01/03/1919	Arms inspection, Fatigues, football match held in afternoon J Coy v L Coy 3-7.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	02/03/1919	Coy paraded for baths: One other rank on detachment with No 14 Vet Hosp Abbeville: One O.R. despatched to UK for demobilization.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	03/03/1919	Arms inspection. Kit inspection.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	04/03/1919	Arms inspection, Fatigues: 2 O.R.s despatched to UK for demob: One O.R. from leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	05/03/1919	Arms inspection, O/C inspection, Fatigues: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	06/03/1919	Arms inspection, Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	07/03/1919	Arms inspection, Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	08/03/1919	Arms inspection, Fatigues: 1 O.R. despatched to England for demob whilst on detach with H.Q. Spec Bde R.E.: One officer from leave to UK: 2 O.R.s transferred to Spec Factory Sect R.E. & S.O.S.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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WAVRANS.	09/03/1919	Coy paraded for baths: C of E Service.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	10/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues (cleaning & clearing surplus billets): One O.R. to Hospital.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	11/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues, Medical Inspection: 1 O.R. from detachment with No.4 G.H.Q. Chemistry School Hesdin: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	12/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	13/03/1919	Arms inspection. Party of 1 Officer & 4 O.R.s to tour old 2nd Army battle field round Ypres.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	14/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 2 O.R. on detachment to Spec Bde Workshops Godewaersvelde: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	15/03/1919	Arms inspection, Parade for baths: 3 O.R.s from detachment at Spec Bde Workshops Godewaersvelde.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	16/03/1919	2 O.R.s on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	17/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues, 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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WAVRANS.	18/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues, 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	19/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	20/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues: 1 O.R. to 352nd E & M Coy R.E.: 1 Officer dispatched to UK for demob.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	21/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues: 2 O.R. from leave to UK: 1 Officer dispatched to UK for demob.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	22/03/1919	Arms inspection: Bath parade: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	23/03/1919	1 O.R. from Hospital 24/3/1919	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	24/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	25/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 5 O.R.s to Godewaersvelde for fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	26/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues, 5 O.R.s from Godewaersvelde: 1 O.R. S.O.S. whilst on leave from 23-1-1919: 1 O.R. despatched to UK for demob on Compassionate grounds.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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WAVRANS.	27/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 4 O.R.s on guard at Ration Dump Limbres: 1 O.R. from leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	28/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	29/03/1919	Arms inspection. Baths cancelled owing to weather.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	30/03/1919	2 O.R.s from leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	31/03/1919	Arms inspection. Fatigues: Ocs inspection.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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01 April 1919 To 30 April 1919

WAVRANS.	01/04/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	02/04/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	03/04/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues: 4 O.R. from leave to UK 2/4/1919: 1 O.R. on leave to UK.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	04/04/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues: 2 O.R. from leave to UK 5/4/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	05/04/1919	Arms inspection & bath parade.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	06/04/1919	1 O.R. despatched to UK for 28 day furlough 6/4/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	07/04/1919	Arms inspection: O.C's inspection.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	08/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 4 O.R. on guard at ration dump Lumbres.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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WAVRANS.	09/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: Football match in the afternoon - no 3 group v no 4 group, result 1-5.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	10/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 1 O.R. despatched to UK for demob 11/4/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	11/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 12/4/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	12/04/1919	Arms inspection. Baths postponed.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	13/04/1919	C of E Service at 'M' coy H.Q.: 4 O.R. on guard at LUMBRES ration dump.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	14/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	15/04/1919	Arms inspection: Bath parade: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	16/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	17/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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WAVRANS.	18/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	19/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 1 O.R. despatched to UK as halford detail 20/4/1919	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	20/04/1919	Coy parade: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	21/04/1919	Arms inspection: O.C. inspection.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	22/04/1919	Arms inspection: Bath parade: Fatigues: Guard of 4 O.R. coal dump.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
WAVRANS.	23/04/1919	Coy moved to Helfant.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	24/04/1919	Fatigues: Improvements to billets.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	25/04/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	26/04/1919	Arms inspection: Bath parade: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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HELFANT.	27/04/1919	C of E Service.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	28/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	29/04/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 3 O.R. on fatigues at depot.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	30/04/1919	Arms inspection: Kit inspection by O.C.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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01 May 1919 To 31 May 1919

HELFANT.	01/05/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	02/05/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	03/05/1919	Arms inspection & fatigues: Coy pay parade.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	04/05/1919	C of E Service.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	05/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	06/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	07/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common: 1 O.R. (RASC att) on leave to UK from 7/5/1919 to 21/5/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	08/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common: 2/Lt H.H. GERRANS R.E. transferred to 'K' Spec Coy & S.O.S. with effect from 8/5/1919. (Authy. H.Q. S.C. R.E. 4th Army).	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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HELFANT.	09/05/1919	Filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	10/05/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	11/05/1919	Bath Parade.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	12/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	13/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	14/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	15/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common: 1 O.R. on leave to UK from 15/5/1919 to 29/5/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	16/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	17/05/1919	Arms inspection: Parade for pay: 1 O.R. on leave to UK from 17/5/1919 to 31/5/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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HELFANT.	18/05/1919	C of E Service: Parade for baths.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	19/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	20/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	21/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	22/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	23/05/1919	Fatigues: filling in trenches on Helfant Common.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	24/05/1919	Fatigues: Arms inspection: Pay parade: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 25/5/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	25/05/1919	Bath parade: C of E Service.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	26/05/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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HELFANT.	27/05/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	28/05/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	29/05/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	30/05/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 1 O.R. (R.A.S.C) on leave to UK from 30/5/1919 to 13/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	31/05/1919	Arms inspection: Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave to UK from 15/5/1919 to 29/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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HELFANT.	01/06/1919	C of E Service: Bath parade: 1 O.R. attached from 'K' Spec Coy R.E.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
HELFANT.	02/06/1919	Coy moved to Camiers: 2/Lt H.H. Gerrans transferred from 'K' Spec Coy R.E. & T.O.S. with effect from 3-6-1919: 2/Lt A. C. Kichold transferred from 'M' Spec Coy & T.O.S. with effect from 3-6-1919: 1 O.R. transferred from 'K' Spec Coy R.E. with effect from 3-6-1919 (Auth Ocs No. 1 Group Spec Corps R.E. G.A. 3453 dated 1-6-1919)	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	03/06/1919	Company Parade: fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	04/06/1919	Company Parade: fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	05/06/1919	Fatigues: Retainable men forwarded for interview at H.Q. 5-6-1919: 1 O.R. on leave to UK 5-6-1919 to 19-6-1919	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	06/06/1919	Fatigues at H.Q.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	07/06/1919	Fatigues at H.Q.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	08/06/1919	C of E Service: 2/Lt H.H. Gerrans & 3 O.R.s on leave to UK from 8-6-1919 to 20-6-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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CAMIERS.	09/06/1919	Coy parade for pay.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	10/06/1919	Fatigues: Smoking Concert in Evening: 1 O.R. on leave 11-6-1919 to UK from 10-6-1919 to 21-6-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	11/06/1919	Fatigues: 75% of order despatched for demob: 1 O.R. on leave to UK from 11-6-1919 to 25-6-1919: 1 O.R. on detach with H.Q. S.C.R.C. 1st army from 4/6/1919 to 5/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	12/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. on leave to UK from 12-6-1919 to 26-6-1919	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	13/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. on leave from 13-6-1919 to 27-6-1919: 1 O.R. despatched to UK under AF.29. 13-6-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	14/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 16-6-1919: 2/Lt A.C. Nichol transferred to 'Z' Spec Coy R.E. with effect from 12-6-1919	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	15/06/1919	C of E Parade: Pay parade.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	16/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	17/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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CAMIERS.	18/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	19/06/1919	Fatigues: 2 O.R.s on leave to UK from 19-6-1919 to 5-7-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	20/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	21/06/1919	Fatigues: 2 O.R.s transferred to 557 AT Coy R.E. with effect from 21-6-1919 (Auth H.Q. S.13.R.2. Z 1372 dated 19/6/1919: 1 O.R. on Special leave to UK from 21-6-1919 to 5-7-1919: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 21-6-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	22/06/1919	Fatigues: C of E Service.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	23/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	24/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. transferred to 557 AT Coy R.E. with effect from 24-6-1919: 2 O.R.s transferred to 141 AT Coy with effect from 24-6-1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	25/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 25/5/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	26/06/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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CAMIERS.	27/06/1919	Fatigues: 2 O.R.s from leave to UK 27/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	28/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. transferred to 58 A 'W' coy R.E. with effect 28/6/1919: 1 O.R. transferred to 353 E.M. by R.E. with effect from 28/6/1919: 2 O.R.s from leave to UK 28/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	29/06/1919	Fatigues: C of E Service: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 29/6/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.
CAMIERS.	30/06/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. transferred to 52 1-7 'W' Coy R.E. with effect from 29/6/1919: 1 O.R. from leave to UK 30/6/1919: 2/Lt H.H. Gerrans from leave UK 1/7/1919.	2/Lt F. HODKINSON M.C.

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CAMIERS.	01/07/1919	Fatigues: Lt H H Gerrans and 1 O.R. on leave: 1 O.R. from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	02/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	03/07/1919	Fatigues: 2/Lt F Hodgkinson on leave: 11 O.R.s Transferred to No 1 R.E. Base port Calais: 2 O.R.s Transferred to 141 AT Coy R.E.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	04/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	05/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	06/07/1919	Fatigues: C-of-E Services: Pay parade: 1 O.R. from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	07/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave: 1 O.R. Transferred to 144 AT Coy R.E.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	08/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	09/07/1919	Fatigues: 2 O.R.s Transferred to 351 E&M Coy R.E.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	10/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	11/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS

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CAMIERS.	12/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	13/07/1919	C-of-E Services: Pay parade.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	14/07/1919	General Holiday: 2 O.R.s Transferred to 60 AWE Coy & 167 AT Coy R.E.: 1 O.R. Despatched To UK for Demobilisation.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	15/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	16/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave: 2 O.R.s (RASC) Transferred to No 3 Aux Petrol Coy .	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	17/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. Transferred to 60 AW Coy R.E.: 1 O.R. Transferred to 'Z' H.T. Depot RASC Base: 2/Lt F Hodkinson from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	18/07/1919	Fatigues: Pay parade.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	19/07/1919	General Holiday.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	20/07/1919	C-of-E Services.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	21/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	22/07/1919	Fatigues.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	23/07/1919	Fatigues: 2/Lt F Hodkinson & 1 O.R. Despatched to the UK for Demobilisation.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	24/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. from leave.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS

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CAMIERS.	25/07/1919	Fatigues: Change of Camp.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	26/07/1919	Fatigues: 1 O.R. Transferred to 'L' Special Batt'n R.E.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	27/07/1919	C-of-E Services: Pay parade.	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	28/07/1919	Fatigues:	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	29/07/1919	Fatigues:	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS
CAMIERS.	30/07/1919	Fatigues:	2/Lt H.H. GERRANS