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Report on Gas Attack.

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Unit Co. A, 148th Inf. Date Sept 3 1918. Hour _____
Location Ia. Haute Vois (of this report)

From: 10 PM Sept. 2 1918 to 7:00 P. M. Sept. 3 1918

Method of attack (cylinders, shell, projectors) Shell

Number of shells 100 L.S. & gas mixed caliber 150

Wind direction N.W. Velocity 1 P.M. m.p.h. Temp. Humidity

Character of terrain (woods, ravine, swamp, sloping ground, etc.)

Wooded, slightly sloping ground, and ravine.

Area of terrain or length of front affected about 200 sq. yards.

Gas used Blue Cross, Chloropicrin and LIBRARY

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Duds found at _____ No. _____ Caliber _____

Markings 1 large piece shell with AUG 6 1918 6 inches above rotating band.

Total casualties including deaths _____ Deaths none

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Causes of casualties (app. _____ other from each cause)

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1 accidental, resp. knocked off; 4 slow adjustments; 1 premature removal mask

Number of troops exposed 100

Length of time respirators were worn 30 min.

Remarks: (should include any new tactical use of gas, any suggestions, etc.)

Area evacuated at once. Div. Gas Officer requested trial by court of man who removed respirator without orders from officer. All casualties slightly "shocked" and will be returned to duty in 48 hours. All casualties evacuated on 20.ers. One company had respirator knocked off while giving first aid to wounded man.

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Irvine J. Berry
1st Lieut. U.S.A.
Div. Gas Officer.

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Report on Gas Attack.

Date 8, Sept. 1918 .Hour 19

Unit 148th Infantry Location Evrad (of this report)
From Sept. 7- 8:10P.M. 18 to Sept. 7- 8:45 P. M 1918

Method of attack (cylinders, shell, projectors) Shell

Number of shells 15 Caliber 150

Wind direction S.W. Velocity 6 m.p.h. Temp. 60 Humidity

Character of terrain (woods, ravine, swamp, sloping ground, etc.) Wooded- sloping

Area of terrain or length of front affected 200 sq. yards

Gas used Blue Cross

Duds found at Evrad No. Caliber

Markings two blue bands 6" above rotating bands on large piece

Total casualties including deaths none Deaths none

Causes of casualties (approx. number from each cause) no casualties

Number of troops exposed 25

Length of time respirators were worn 30 minutes

Remarks: (should include any new tactical use of gas, any suggestions, etc.)
All troops evacuated from area affected- sentries posted.

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1st Lieut. Col.
Division Gas Officer.

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Date of Attack - Oct 5, 1918. Hour -

Unit - 147th and 148th Infantry. Location - Near Montfacon.

Duration of Attack - Twenty four hours.

Method of Attack - Shell. Number - 3 Calibre-77's and 105's.

Wind Direction - S.E. Velocity (M.P.H.) - 5. Temp -

Character of Terrain - Dense Woods; sloping ground.

Area of Terrain affected - About 4 sq kilometers.

Gas Used - Blue Cross and Yellow Cross.

Injns Found - None. Markings - Calibre -

Total Casualties (including deaths) - 382. Deaths - None.

Causes of Casualties - Failure to Recognize Gas in excitement of advance.

Number of Troops exposed - 7000.

Length of time Respirators were worn - 1 Hour (approximately)

Remarks -

Enemy used gas to stop advance while retreating slowly. it is thought that not over 500 gas shells were used.

I. W. Nowry
 Captain, C. W. S.
 37th Division Gas Officer

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Memo. to attached casualty report of Nov. 7th, 1918.

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The attached report covers the entire period from
October 31st to November 4th. During this period an advance
of about 18 kilometers was made the entire division being
exposed to gas shelling many times.

It is my opinion that the enemy is experiencing a
shortage of gas shells in this sector, as the attack mentioned
lacked the systematic thoroughness which is usually characteristic
of German gas shelling. Many times mustard, blue cross and
phosgene were used at the same time and frequently one or all
of these gases were mixed with H.E.

The terrain affected was not at all favorable for a gas
attack of any magnitude. Very few gas shells were captured
in the enemy battery emplacements or in ammunition dumps, which
fact would support the theory of a shortage of gas shells.

Irvine W. Nowry,

Capt. C.W.S.

37th Division, Gas Officer.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
DEFENSE DIVISION, CHEMICAL WARFARE DIVISION

Report on Gas Attack.

(Date of report) 10/15/18
Corps _____
Division 37th

Unit 148th Infantry Location S. Panco, S.S. Benoit

From Night of October 13th to 14th. M 19 to M 19 

Method of attack (shells, cylinders, projectors) Shell

No. of shells 2000 Caliber 150's Gas used Mustard

Wind direction N.W. Velocity 4 - 6 M.P.H. Temperature _____ Humidity _____

Character of terrain (woods, sloping ground, ravine, swamp, etc.) _____
Dense woods

Area of terrain and length of front affected See attached map

No. of troops exposed 550

Duds found at (Co-ordinates) _____ No. _____ Caliber _____

Markings _____

Total Casualties including deaths 25 Total deaths none

*Lung cases _____ *Eye cases or burns _____

Causes of casualties (approx. no. from each cause; failure to put on mask, premature removal, etc.) Removal of masks after 8 hours and burns

Length of time respirators were worn 8 to 10 hours

Was any part of gassed area evacuated? _____ At what time? _____

Was attempt made to relieve units required to remain in sector? _____

At what time (in the case of mustard gas) was disinfection of ground begun? _____

Completed? _____

Remarks: (should include any new tactical use of gas, any suggestions, etc.) _____

Area partially evacuated. Line held by machine guns. Equipped with tiasset masks. Discipline good. After 8 hrs. some men removed masks and were burned.

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
DEFENSE DIVISION, CHEMICAL WARFARE DIVISION

Report on Gas Attack.

(Date of report) 10/15/18
Corps _____
Division 37th Div.

Unit 145th Infantry Location Vicinity of Jaulny

From 10.00 P.M. Oct. 18 1918, to 2.00 A.M. Oct. 19 1918

Method of attack (shells, cylinders, projectors) shell

No. of shells 1000 Caliber 150's Gas used Arzine and Mustard

Wind direction N.W. Velocity 4 M.P.H. Temperature _____ Humidity _____

Character of terrain (woods, sloping ground, ravine, swamp, etc.) _____

Woods and sloping ground

Area of terrain and length of front affected 1000 yds x 500 Yds deep

No. of troops exposed 500

Duds found at (Co-ordinates) _____ No. _____ Caliber _____

Markings _____

Total Casualties including deaths 112 Total deaths none

*Lung cases _____ *Eye cases or burns _____

Causes of casualties (approx. no. from each cause; failure to put on mask, premature removal, etc.) 5 body burns. 6 close to shell & slow adjustment

Length of time respirators were worn 4 hours and at intervals

Was any part of gassed area evacuated? _____ At what time? _____

Was attempt made to relieve units required to remain in sector? _____

At what time (in the case of mustard gas) was disinfection of ground begun? _____

Completed? _____

Remarks: (should include any new tactical use of gas, any suggestions, etc.) _____

All casualties slight. Gas discipline good. 3 men killed by exploding shells.

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