

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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SCENARIO 4

RED POPPIES

TO: Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

FROM: Corps Command

SUBJECT: "Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps
September 15, 1916

0515 on September 15, you are to have two companies follow elements of the Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps in an attack toward Flers. Expect scattered resistance from the 4th Bavarian Infantry and Field Artillery Regiment 77. Let the Landships take the lead; follow behind at a safe distance. After their fire suppresses a target, your infantry should finish the job with bayonets. Then have your infantry fall in behind the Landships to resume the attack together. Should all elements of the Heavy Section be knocked out of action your infantry should continue to press the attack. God save the Queen.

Order of Battle: Map: Flers Length: 12

German: Set up first.

Elements of the Bavarian 4th Infantry Division and 1st Battery of Field Artillery Regiment 77. Set up in any hexes numbered 10 or less. Each unit must set up at least 4 hexes away from every other German unit.

- 1 Infantry Company (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/1)
- 1 77mm Artillery Battery (0/0/7/1: +3(+5)/9/8/0)
- 1 Machine Gun Platoon (0/0/7/1: +2(-1)/5/8/0)

British

Elements of Company D, Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps and the 6th KOYL, set up in any hex numbered 11.

- 1 MK I tank platoon (+3(+3)/2/9/3: +2(+2)/2/8/2)
- 2 Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/1)

Elements of Company D, Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps and the East Surreys, enter in any hex numbered 11 on turn 3.

- 1 MK I tank platoon (+3(+3)/2/9/3: +2(+2)/2/8/2)
- 2 Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/1)

Victory Conditions

The British win at game end if there are no German units in any hex of Delville Wood (A09-A11, B09-B11, C10-C11, D10-D11) and in any hex of Flers (E01, E02, E03, E04). The British need to clear both the town and the wood of German units in order to win.

Notes

To simulate tank fright as occurred during this first-ever use of these weapons all CC checks made in response to a melee attack by a tank suffer an additional +1 penalty.

From: Captain H.W. Mortimer
To: Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps
Subject: After Action Report

Minutes into the attack, one tank broke down and another ditched leaving only mine, D1, to lead the KOYLI. My 6-pounder fired at flashes in Delville Wood; the KOYLI followed up with a bayonet charge. 0620 advanced another 300 yards before a German field gun immobilized D1 with a hit to the starboard sponson - two crewmen wounded. 0740, D6, D16 "Dracula" and D17 "Diannaken" closed in on Flers with guns blazing and the East Surreys in support. By 0800 they had captured the ruins of Flers, gaining 2,500 yards in a single morning - have not seen that since August 1914!

