

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

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SCENARIO 1

RED POPPIES

TO: 21st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers
10th Lincoln Battalion
15th Battalion Royal Scots

FROM: 34th Division HQ

SUBJECT: "Opening Day"
July 1, 1916

Bombardment will cease at 0727 on July 1; mines to follow. At 0730, you will assault south of the Albert-Bapaume Road in the direction of Contalmaison. You are to secure the Schwaben Hoe and Sausage Redoubt by 0800. Owing to the preparatory bombardment, Division anticipates negligible resistance from the 110th Reserve Regiment in your path. Second and third waves will follow to secure Contalmaison before nightfall.

Order of Battle:

Map La Boisselle, Length 6 turns

German

Set up first in any hexes of the German trench. That includes all trench hexes on and/or east of the wire barrier that runs from A08 to I02 inclusive.

- 4 X Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/3)
- 3 X Machine Gun Platoons (0/0/7/1: +2/5/8/0)
- OMA X 1 Battery at +3 with flare mode and one pre-registered hex

Reinforcements enter on or within two hexes of I07 on turn 4

- 4 X Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/3)

British

Set up second in any hexes of the British trench. That includes all trench hexes along the line running from A06 to G01 inclusive.

- 12 X Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/3)
- 1 X Preliminary Pulverizing Bombardment directed at all German trench hexes except: H01, H02 and G03.

Reinforcements set up on turn 4 in any British trench hexes.

- 12 X Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/3)

Victory Conditions

The British win at game end if they control at least one hex in each of these 3 areas: La Boisselle (H02, H03, I03, I04), Schwaben Hoe (E05, E06) and Sausage Redoubt (C09, D08).

Notes

Before set up, the British can record any one German trench hex as undermined. After performing the preliminary bombardment as usual, destroy all units in the undermined hex and breach all of its wire hex sides.

*To: 34th Division HQ
From: 10th Lincoln
Subject: Situation Report at 0800*

Resistance stronger than expected, 110th emerged from dugouts with machine guns ready. No objectives attained, however the first trench line has been breached. Casualties over 50%.

