

Revised battle orders – 23 July 1916
56 Brigade

1. The following final amendments are made
2. The attack will be divided into two phases and two distinct objectives. The first objective is the trench to and from S2A53 to S2B89. After its capture the second objective is the trench from S2A53 to S2B89.
3. At 1030pm a barrage will be put up by the Div. Artillery and the first objective, the ground between the first and second objectives and the second objective.
This will continue until 5 minutes before zero hour. At 5 minutes before zero hour the Div. Artillery will open an intense fire on the first objective. This will be continued until zero hour but the last 3 minutes will be with percussion shrapnel only.
The infantry at 5 minutes before zero should be within 150 yards of the first objective, and between 3 minutes after zero and zero hour they should creep up to within 75 yards of the objective.
The assault will be made at zero hour.
At the zero hour the artillery will lift back gradually to the second objective. From 55 minutes to 60 minutes after zero the artillery will open an intensive barrage on the second objective, the procedure being exactly the same as mentioned above for the first objective.
The assault will be made at 60 minutes after zero.
At 60 minutes after zero the artillery will lift to the ground north of the second objective and will continue firing sweeps[?] of fire in this area 100 to 400 yards to the north of the captured line until further orders.
4. Flares will be shown [?] at 5AM and 7AM.
5. The I division will then lift is[?] attacking the SWITCH LINE at zero hour. The 51 Division on the right is attacking similarly the SWITCH LINE AT zero hour.
6. After the capture of the second objective patrols will not be flushed out until further orders.
7. Immediately after the "capture" of the first objective the O/C 7/1st Lancs R will arrange to send his bombers together with three of the 71 R Lans R into the trench from S2C84 to its junction with the SWITCH LINE at S2A62.
8. Acknowledged.
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