

PREFACE.

Musketry is one of the most interesting and one of the most important subjects which can be taught to Officers, N. C. O.'s and men. It is doubly interesting when the instruction is properly systematized and carried out in easy and progressive stages.

These pages have been written with the object of providing in a condensed form the knowledge which should be acquired by every N. C. O. and man on the establishment of an Overseas Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, and is based upon the curriculum as laid down at the Canadian School of Musketry at Ottawa. In them an endeavor has been made to carry the recruit forward by easy and interesting stages through a course which, if followed in a thorough and painstaking manner, and sufficient practice given in rapid loading and unloading with dummy cartridges, and in rapid aiming and firing with Target Index Rods, should develop every N. C. O. and man on the establishment of an Overseas Battalion into a first class shot or marksman, before a single round of Service Ammunition is fired on the outdoor ranges with the Mark III. Ross Rifle.

The various stages through which the recruit should be carried are arranged as follows:—

1. Care of Arms.
2. Theory of Rifle Fire.
3. Aiming and Firing Instruction.
4. Visual Training and Judging Distance.
5. Fire Direction and Control.
6. Range Practices.

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Chapter I.

CARE OF ARMS

Care of Arms includes:—

- A. A description of the Mark III. Ross Rifle.
- B. Action of the mechanism.
- C. Care and cleaning.
- D. Small arms ammunition, Mark VI. and Mark VII.