

(b) N.C.O.'s.

(i) Two per Company and per Battalion H.Q.

(ii) Supplementary N.C.O.'s to be trained whenever possible so as to have a reserve from which to draw to replace Gas N.C.O.'s in case of need.

7. The selected N.C.O.'s who attend the Divisional Anti-Gas Schools will be reported on by the Divisional Gas Officer as follows: At the end of the course the Divisional Gas Officer will, if the N.C.O. is, in his opinion, suitable for duty as "Company Gas N.C.O.," notify the C.O. concerned to this effect. The latter will then cause the words "Passed Anti-Gas School" to be entered in his pay book. Only N.C.O.'s who have been thus reported on favourably will be detailed for duty as Company Gas N.C.O.'s.

8. The Divisional Gas Officer will keep in constant touch with units in order to advise Commanding Officers on all technical questions relating to anti-gas defensive measures and for the purpose of inspecting anti-gas appliances of all kinds.

9. A N.C.O. from the Divisional Gas School will visit the trenches once a week to inspect anti-gas appliances and test the pressure of the Strombos Horn cylinders. He will report the results to the Company Commander.

10. After a gas attack, all information and samples which have been collected will be forwarded at once to the Divisional Gas Officer.

DUTIES OF COMPANY GAS N.C.O.'S.

1. They will assist officers at the inspection of gas helmets, box respirators and goggles and in making such local repairs as are possible. They will assist in training men in the use of anti-gas appliances.

2. Under the Company Commander they will have charge of all anti-gas trench stores as follows:—

(a) **Strombos Horns and other gas alarm devices.**—Inspect daily and see that sentries posted to them know how they should be used.

(b) **Gas-proof Shelters.**—See that the blanket doorways fit and are kept in good order.

(c) **Anti-Gas Fans.**—See that they are in their proper position and in serviceable condition.

(d) **Vermorel Sprayers.**—Maintain in working order.