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## DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST GAS ATTACKS.

NOTE.—This Pamphlet cancels C.D.S. 307, S.S. 388 and S.S. 401.

### I. GENERAL REMARKS.

The following notes on defensive measures against hostile attacks by gas or by gas shells have been compiled for the guidance of regimental officers in instructing their men and giving orders on this subject. They deal with the methods by which these attacks are carried out, with the preparations necessary to combat them successfully and with the action to be taken when an attack occurs. An important object of all instruction to troops in the methods of resisting gas attacks should be to inspire confidence. If the nature of the gas attack is understood and protective measures are carried out automatically as the result of effective practice, the effect of a gas attack becomes very small. It cannot be impressed too strongly on men that by moving to the rear they would move with the gas and in breathing more deeply they would run more risk of being "gassed." The protection provided by the tube helmet against all forms of gas hitherto used by the enemy is so complete, that the material effect of a gas attack will be negligible, provided that men know how to adjust their helmets and that these have been regularly inspected and kept in good order. In all gas attacks, since protection has been provided, those battalions which have been carefully instructed in the use of the helmet or respirator have come through practically unharmed, while other battalions in which this instruction has been neglected have suffered severely.