

CHAPTER II.

Intercommunication and Orders

Q. (a) How is intercommunication provided for in the fields?

(b) Why is its constant maintenance between the various parts of an army of such vital importance?

A. (a) By means of the Army Signal Service, Regimental Signallers, Air and Postal Service, Orderlies, Relays, etc.

(b) Because on this the possibility of co-operation depends to a great extent.

Q. How are the orders of a commander made known?

A. By (1) Standing Orders; (2) Routine Orders; (3) Operation Orders; and (4) Messages.

Q. What principles should guide an officer in deciding upon his course if he considers the local situation renders the precise execution of his orders unsuitable?

A. A departure from the letter of the spirit of an order is only justifiable when he bases his decision upon some fact that is unknown to the officer who issued the order. And an order should never be departed from when the issuer can be reached.

Q. How should field messages and reports be written?

A. As clearly and concisely as possible.