

FIELD SERVICE REGULATIONS, PART I.

CHAPTER I.

Fighting Troops and Their Characteristics

Q. State briefly what you know of the special functions in the field of Cavalry, Mounted Infantry, Field Artillery, Infantry, Engineers and Cyclists.

A. Cavalry act by fire and shock action, and having great mobility can combine attack and surprise, and are very useful for obtaining information.

Mounted Infantry act by fire and, having great mobility, can be moved from one part of the field to another by the commander and thus enable him to take advantage of opportunities which he would otherwise lose.

Field Artillery, by reason of its heavy and rapid fire, assists the infantry to gain superiority of fire and thus close to the assault, which is the climax of the attack.

Infantry though slow of movement, is less affected by darkness than other troops and can move over any kind of ground; and by making use of the fire of that part of the line which is not moving to help forward that part which is, it can increase its mobility. It acts by fire and shock action and can engage the enemy at a distance or hand to hand.

Engineers, with their special technical knowledge, lay the means of communication, i.e., roads, bridges, lay telephone and telegraph lines, look after railways, etc., also help with their