

Vanguard—That part of an Advanced Guard which marches ahead of the Main Guard. It is divided into Advanced Party and Supports, the former broken up into mounted patrols, the latter mainly infantry.

Vedette—A sentry of mounted troops.

Vent—Hole in breech of a gun through which the charge is fired.

Vertical Interval—The difference of level between two adjacent contours, in feet.

Visibility—Methods of testing the visibility of one point as shown on a map from another. See *M.M.R.*, p. 86.

Visiting Rounds—Inspection of the Guard, etc., by the Orderly Officer.

Visual Signalling—Carried out by heliograph, flag, disc or lamp. The range depends upon the nature of country and state of atmosphere.

Volplane—An aeroplane descending without the help of its engine.

War Office—The department of the British Government responsible for the organization, maintenance and control of the army.

Warrant Officer—A rank inferior to all commissioned officers and superior to all non-commissioned officers.