

Or (2) a company acting as escort to a small convoy finds the road blocked by a small hostile force, which the O.C. decides to drive off.

In this case the Firing line and Support would be formed by one half the company and the Reserve by the other.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION

The first thing is to give the company a short lecture explaining the scheme and how you propose to carry out the attack. This will be founded on the following notes:

PHASES OF THE ATTACK

The attack of a position may be divided into seven phases:

1. Reconnaissance.
2. The advance under Artillery Fire.
3. The advance under distant and long Rifle Fire.
4. The advance under effective and close Rifle Fire.
5. Establishment of Fire superiority.
6. The Assault.
7. Occupation and Defence of the Captured position.

RECONNAISSANCE

When the ground is very open you can usually see the part of the enemy's position you have to attack and most of the intervening ground, but for the sake of practice scouts should always be sent out and made to report on what they can see of the enemy's position, on the most favorable positions for obtaining fire superiority and the best lines of advance to these positions.