

work when a map cannot be seen. They train officers to do this in the French Army with considerable success. In fact, General Treméau, the late French Generalissimo, was said to be so well acquainted with the features of the Franco-German frontier that he could run a staff ride in that region without looking at the map.

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### INTELLIGENCE AT MANOEUVRES.

I should now like to say a few words about Intelligence work at Manoeuvres. A preliminary reconnaissance of the country is a useful exercise on these occasions.

During actual manoeuvres events succeed each other so quickly—so much more quickly than would be the case on service—that, although information is easy enough to get, it is extremely difficult to send it back to one's commander in time to be of any use.

If you will forgive my mentioning some personal experiences, I can give you an instance of the difficulty of getting back information. It is of course quite easy to penetrate the enemy's out-posts under cover of darkness, and it may be possible to locate certain of the enemy's forces, and to get back again before day has broken. If, however, one is still in the enemy's lines when it has become light, the problem of getting one's information back is not an easy one. Some years ago, being an Intelligence Officer on manoeuvres, I hired a carrier's cart, filled it with sacks, hid myself under the sacks, and having fortunately hit off the right road, I was enabled to locate almost all of the enemy's Brigades. The hostile cavalry looked into the cart, but their search was fortunately rather perfunctory. This was all very well, but by the time my cart had got down the length of the enemy's line and out again, it was nearly 4 p.m., so that the information was already stale by the time it was brought back to my General. The next year, having a similar duty to perform, I thought it would be an interesting plan to make use of carrier pigeons. Now pigeons must be familiar with the locality over which they fly, otherwise they go round and round in ever widening circles, and may take a long time to get home. It is also advisable to remember that they should not be fed