

CHAPTER IV.

NOTES ON TRAINING

SHORT LECTURE ON THE ATTACK

We will suppose that a company has been sent out to practice the attack.

On arriving on the ground allotted to him the O.C. may find an ideal piece of ground with small undulations, good cover, creeks and strips of woodland, culminating at a distance of some two or three miles in a well defined ridge, on which the enemy may be supposed to have taken up a position.

Or he may find, as unfortunately is more often the case, that he has to do the best he can with an absolutely flat piece of ground extending for half-a-mile at the outside.

In order to illustrate the system under which the attack should be practised, we will assume to start with that a suitable piece of ground has been allotted; we will then proceed to show how the same system can be adapted to less favorable ground.

The first thing is to make up some simple scheme, for instance:

1. The company is on the right of the leading half-battalion and has been ordered to attack that part of the enemy's position, which lies between two easily distinguished points.

In this case the company would be told off with half in the firing line and half in support, the local reserve being imaginary.