

Chapter V.—Continued

For indefinite targets:

1. At (range) 600!
2. The White House! Right! Four Fingers!
Four O'clock!
3. Five Rounds—Rapid (or Deliberate) Fire!
4. Cease Fire! Unload! (or Rest!)

The standing, kneeling or sitting positions will only be practised in conditions suitable to their employment.

Magazines will be emptied, springs eased, and the safety catch applied on all occasions except when actually firing, or when the commands "Rest" or "Cease Fire" is given without the command "Unload."

The importance of fire discipline must be fully explained to recruits showing that this demands the following qualities in the man:—

1. Strict attention to signals and orders of the Commander, combined with intelligent observation of the enemy.

2. Careful adjustment of the sights. Economy of ammunition and prompt cessation of fire when ordered, or when the target disappears.

3. Power to endure the enemy's fire when no reply is possible.

4. A cool and intelligent use of the rifle when the Commander can no longer exercise control.

In addition to the above, men must be trained according to the following rules:—

1. Never to fire except at a definite target.

2. To press the trigger only after a careful aim is taken, and to avoid wild shooting.

3. Not to sacrifice accuracy for speed in rapid firing.

4. To pass along fire orders carefully and accurately.

5. To make use of cover, first so as to make the best use of his rifle, and secondly, for concealment and protection, always keeping his eye on the enemy between shots.

6. To open fire smartly when ordered, watch the front, and remain alert and attentive to orders.

7. In individual fire on the defensive mark down the enemy, and open fire immediately they expose themselves.

In order that recruits may have an intelligent understanding of the necessity for controlled and