

4th. *Fire from behind Cover.* Instruction was given in this series after the battery reached the firing point under cover.

Most of the layers had never seen a clinometer, but after a few directions in setting and reading, practice was commenced. The results were excellent. Laying with the clinometer eliminated all personal variation, and illustrated how much the C.O.'s task in ranging is simplified by positive uniform laying. It is desirable that the batteries should be issued with clinometers, to enable all ranks to become familiar with their use. A competitive series could then be introduced.

General Remarks. It was noticed that the wearing of capes by the section commanders, Nos. 1 and Nos. 4, was objectionable; on many occasions, at important moments, the capes were blown over their heads by the wind, thereby preventing signals being seen.

I beg to forward herewith, the scores and marks awarded for Fire Discipline, also a record of ammunition expended, and a diagram of hits for each battery. It would be most desirable to have these printed for distribution, as they are both instructive and most interesting for comparison.

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