

353(GS)Gas (Misc.Div.)

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HEADQUARTERS 81st DIVISION,
Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

June 18, 1918.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM:
No. 80.

I. The following War Department order is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"WAR DEPARTMENT,
The Adjutant General's Office,
WASHINGTON.

June 3, 1918.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: All Departments, the Commanding Generals of all Regular Army, National Army, and National Guard Divisions, and all Bureau Chiefs who will issue the necessary instructions to all within their jurisdiction.

Subject: Gas Training.

1. The Chief Gas Officer assigned to an organization or station will be charged with the gas defense instruction of all troops at the camp or station to which he is assigned. Upon the suspension of any gas school, the Chief Gas Officer will list the equipment and supplies in triplicate, retaining one copy for record at the school, forwarding one copy to the Chief of Engineers, and one copy to the Field Supply Section of the Gas Defense Service.

2. Under the supervision of platoon commanders, all troops will receive at least two hours per week of gas defense training. One-half of this time will be devoted to combined training and demonstrations, under the general direction of the Chief Gas Officer.

3. For preliminary training, the respirator drills prescribed in Document 705, A.G.O., Gas Warfare, Part III, will be strictly adhered to.

4. All officers and enlisted men will be required to pass the following standard gas tests:

- (1) Ability to inspect the respirator.
- (2) Ability to adjust from the alert position to complete protection in six seconds.
- (3) Ability to adjust from the slung position to complete protection in seven seconds.
- (4) Ability to wear the respirator continuously for one hour, while marching at quick time.
- (5) Ability to pass successfully through tear gas.

All officers and enlisted men must pass the above standard tests, before being subjected to any toxic atmospheres (such as chlorine). When an enlisted man is subjected to such atmospheres, his service record will be stamped "Passed through gas" with the date and designation of the gas school.

5. There will be detailed in each regiment or post, in addition to his other duties, a suitably qualified officer to act as Gas Officer. He will assist the regimental or post commander in gas defense training. His duties with respect to gas defense will be prescribed by regulations issued from time to time by the Division Gas Officer or by the Chief of Engineers. A suitably qualified non-commissioned officer will be detailed, in addition to his other duties, to assist the regimental or post Gas Officer.

Two suitably qualified non-commissioned officers, in addition to their other duties, will be detailed in each company or battery to act as Gas Non-commissioned Officers and assist the company commander in gas training. Gas Non-commissioned Officers may perform other duties, but such duties will not interfere with the gas duties prescribed.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Roy A. Hill,
Adjutant General."

II. The Gas Officers and non-commissioned officers mentioned in paragraph 5, above, will be detailed at once, if not already detailed. Report will be made to these headquarters by noon of the 20th inst. of the names of regimental gas officers.

The 306th Signal Battalion, 306th Sanitary Train, 306th Supply Train, 306th Ammunition Train, 306th Military Police and each Machine Gun Battalion will appoint a gas officer.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MAIVER:

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