

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

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM:
NO. 86.

The following scheme for utilization of time and range facilities during range practice season is announced:

1. Divide day into three firing periods corresponding to the three battalions of a regiment as follows:

1st Period	8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.
2nd Period	1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
3rd Period	4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

A battalion of each infantry regiment and two companies of engineers will fire during each period under a plan of rotation in attendance to be regulated by regimental commanders.

2. Beginning with the first day, infantry regiments and the engineers to fire simultaneously, each infantry regiment to be assigned fifteen (15) targets at each range or forty-five (45) in all, the engineer regiment to be assigned seven (7) targets at each range or twenty-one (21) in all. Headquarters, Supply and Machine Gun Companies of Infantry regiments should be attached to battalions for practice, one to each, making five (5) companies of each regiment available for assignment to each period daily. On July 5th each infantry regiment will attach the Headquarters Co. to the battalion which fires during the first period. Brigade Commanders will confer and arrange a uniform manner of shifting battalions from one period to another so that all during the range practice the Headquarters Companies of all regiments will be on the range at the same time. Battalions and attached units should observe closely periods assigned to them. By so doing the unity of organizations for other work will be preserved, and each will have one-half or more of each day available for other instruction throughout the target season. Each company should furnish all of its own pit details.

3. The following details for slow fire tables will be made from each company:

FOR FOUR HOUR PERIOD.

Firing details	- 72 Men.
Pit details	- 30 N. C. O's and Men.
Total	102

FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR PERIOD.

Firing details	- 63 Men.
Pit details	- 30 N.C.O's and Men.
Total	93

For rapid fire tables firing details will be doubled in number.

Pit details which should be made by roster are based upon requirements of nine (9) targets per company, three at each range. Targets should all be manned from the beginning and details should not be changed or relieved till period is over. As soon as the first order has fired at 100 yards it should pass to 200 yards and thence after firing to 300 yards. The procedure should be the same with the other orders in succession till all have fired or until the period is over. The second day's for a given company should begin where it was left off. In other words men who finished one range or two ranges the first day will begin fire at 200 or 300 yards the second day, thus utilizing all the targets from the very beginning of the second day's period.

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4. It is expected that all men not required on the range will be fully employed at other drill or instruction under the Captain or senior Lieutenant of the company as the regimental commander may prescribe. Such instruction should include at least one hour's instruction daily in position and aiming drills and gallery practice.

5. In case the range cannot be used on account of bad weather, organizations who thereby lose their turn will be given preference when firing is renewed.

6. To provide for the conflict between the usual supper hour and the last firing period, suppers may be served on the range at the usual time if desired.

7. Every effort should be made to expedite the practice. This should not be done through requiring men to hurry in their firing but time should be gained through good target manipulation, and by requiring men to take firing position promptly at firing points. Not less than six (6) men should finish in an hour at each target in slow fire.

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