

**German Magazine Rifle.**

The rifle in use in the German army is the Mauser 1898 pattern, with a calibre of .311 in. It has no cut off. Weight 9 lbs., with bayonet 9 lbs. 14 ozs.; length, 4 ft. 1.4 in., with bayonet 5 ft. 9.75 in. It is sighted to 2200 yards, carries a rimless cartridge 431 grs. with a pointed bullet. Magazine carries 5 cartridges. Muzzle velocity 2800 F.S. Nitro-cellulose powder.

**French Lebel Rifle.**

Weight, 9 lbs. 3½ ozs., with bayonet 10 lbs. 1½ ozs.; length, 4 ft. 3.12 in., with bayonet 5 ft. 11.84 in. Calibre .315. It has a rim cartridge weighing 415 grs. with round nosed bullet. Magazine carries 8 cartridges. Muzzle velocity, 2380 F.S. Sighted to 2200 yards.

**MILITARY LAW.**

(From King's Regulations and Army Act.)

**Powers of a Commanding Officer.**

A Commanding Officer may, subject to the soldier's right to elect, previous to the award, inflict the following minor punishments on a private soldier:—

- (a) Detention not exceeding 28 days. If the C.O. is below Field rank he can only award 7 days' detention except in the case of absent without leave. If the absence without leave exceeds 7 days the detention awarded may equal the number of days absent not exceeding 28 days altogether, but if the days of absence do not exceed 7, detention can only be awarded up to 7 days.
- (b) In the case of drunkenness, a fine not exceeding 10/., as to which the following rules should be observed:—
  - (1) For the first offence, no fine.
  - (2) Second offence, 2/6.

- (3) Third and every subsequent offence, 5/., but if the third or subsequent offence occurs within six months of the preceding offence, 7/., and if within three months, 10/.
- (c) Deductions of pay arising from absence without leave, or deductions to make good loss or deficiency arising from loss or damage to arms, clothing, supplies, etc. (*vide* A.A. sec. 138).
- (d) Field punishment not exceeding 28 days.
- (e) Confinement to barracks for not more than 14 days.
- (f) Extra guards and picquets.

A Commanding Officer cannot award imprisonment.

A Commanding Officer can also award deductions from pay for certain offences committed on active service in addition to awarding detention (*vide* sec. 46 A.A.).

He can admonish, reprimand or severely reprimand N.C.O.'s.

**Powers of a Company Commander.**

- (a) Confinement to barracks not exceeding 7 days.
- (b) Fines for drunkenness (*vide* scale for C.O.).
- (c) Extra guards and picquets.
- (d) Forfeiture of pay where same is automatically forfeited under Pay Warrant.

He can admonish or reprimand a N.C.O. below a sergeant. (See K.R. 484, 485, 486, 111/114, 501, 909, 986.)

A soldier always has a right to demand trial by Court Martial except for minor punishments, which can be inflicted by a C.O. or Coy. Commander.

**Courts Martial** are of four descriptions, viz.:—

Regimental, District, General, Field General.

On active service a Field General is convened, and is governed by Rules of Procedure 105/120.