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## 7. OILSKINS OR OVERCOATS. (Plate 15.)

When an oilskin or an overcoat is carried, it is to be rolled up and then secured around the top and two sides of the pack with lanyards.

## 8. MUSKETRY ORDER. (Plate 30.)

Musketry Order, used for range practices, consists of belt, bayonet, braces and carriers. The waterbottle and haversack may be carried in the normal positions if required.

## 9. DRILL ORDER. (Plate 22.)

Drill Order, used for drill, guards and sentries, consists of belt and bayonet only.

## 10. FATIGUE ORDER.

Fatigue Order, worn by working parties, consists of the haversack and waterbottle slung on braces on the left and right sides respectively.

## PISTOL EQUIPMENT.

### 11. DETAILS OF PISTOL EQUIPMENT.

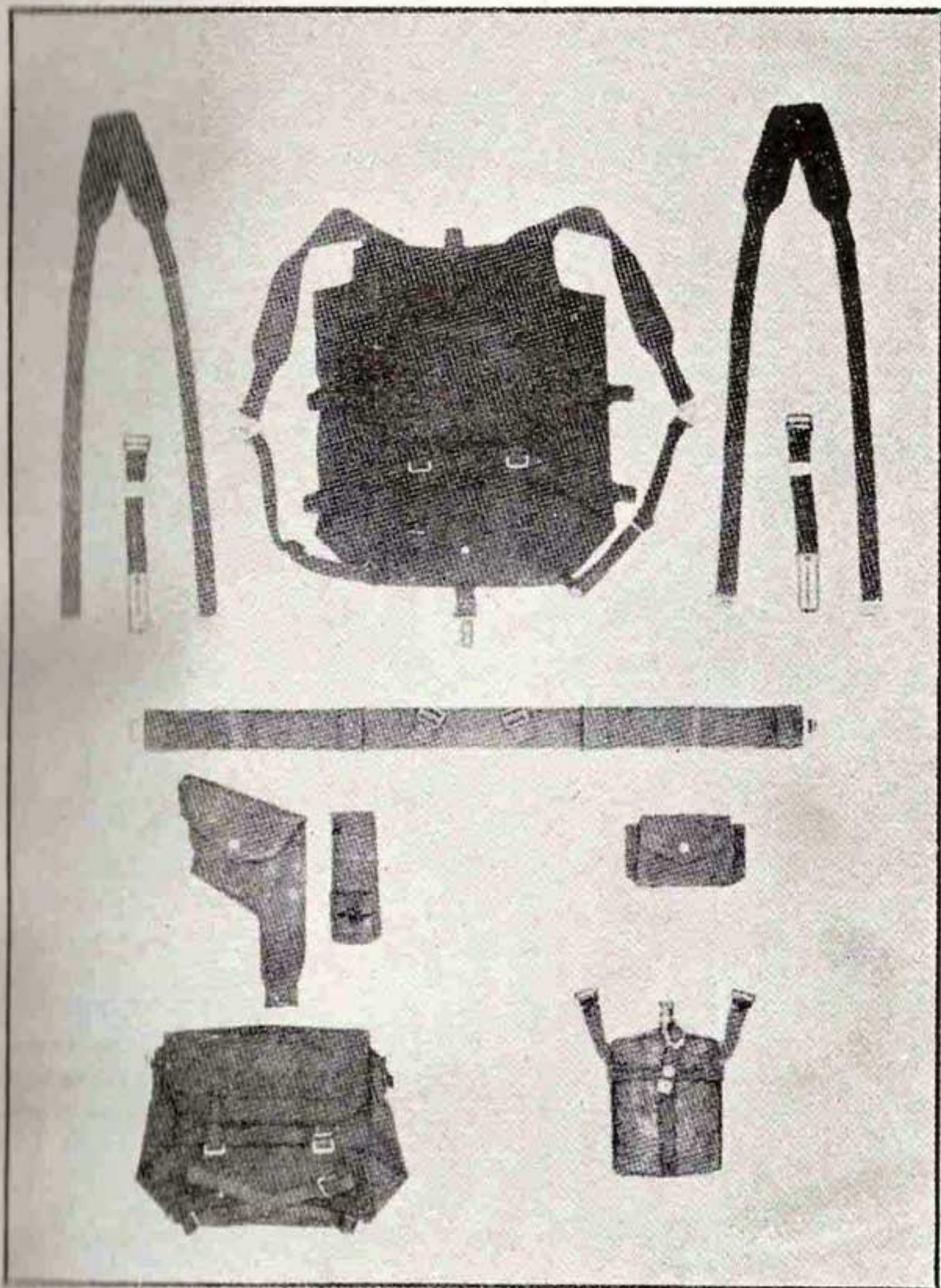
(Plate 16.)

The component parts of the equipment consist of the following :—

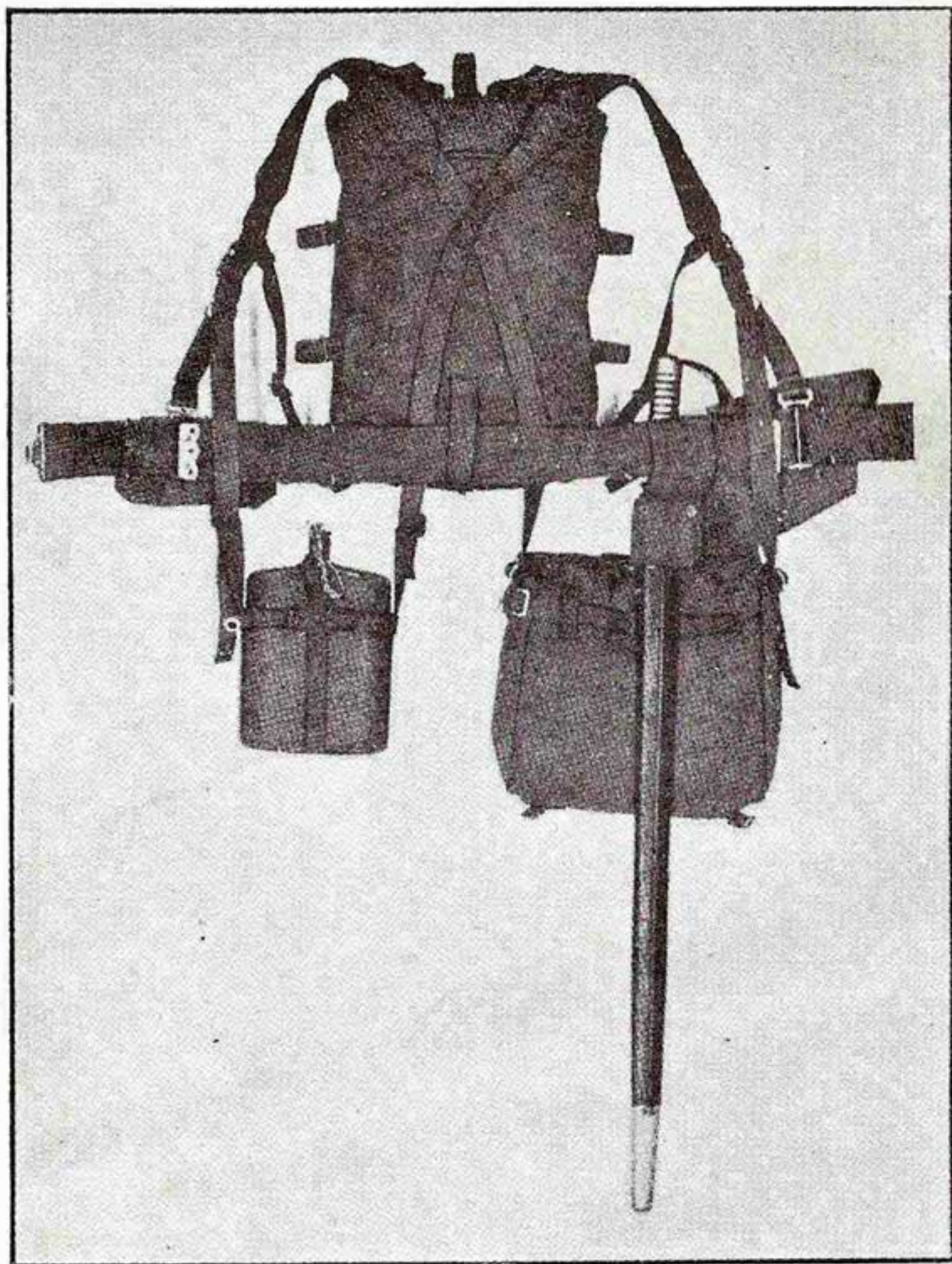
- A. Waistbelt, in three pieces, adjustable for size.
- B. Cutlass Frog.
- C. Brace Attachments (2).
- D. Holster.
- E. Ammunition Pouch.
- F. Braces.
- †G. Haversack.
- H. Waterbottle Carrier.
- †I. Rucksack.

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† For contents of Haversack and Rucksack, see B.R. 17, Royal Naval Field Service Pocket Book—1932.



*Pistol Equipment—Components.*



*Pistol Equipment—Assembled.*



*Pistol Equipment—Front View.*



*Pistol Equipment—Side View.*



*Pistol Equipment—Back View.*

## 12. METHOD OF ASSEMBLING PISTOL EQUIPMENT.

(Plates 17, 18, 19 and 20.)

(i) Adjust the *waistbelt* equally each side, by inserting the hooks into the woven loops on the inside of the back piece, so that it is a comfortably tight fit. The belt is worn with the buckle on the back piece uppermost.

(ii) Slide the *cutlass frog* on to the left end of the waistbelt, so that the cutlass will hang over the left hip.

(iii) Attach the *brace attachment* to the waistbelt so that each will come beneath the shoulders. The attachments are secured by making a bight in the belt, passing it through the lower buckle, dropping the tongue of the buckle inside the belt and then pulling the belt taut.

(iv) Attach the *pistol holster* to the left side of the waistbelt by means of hooks which fit into loops woven on the inside of the waistbelt. The holster should be fitted so that it is central over the left brace attachment.

(v) Fit the *ammunition pouch* to the right side of the waistbelt in a manner similar to the holster as described above.

(vi) Fix the *braces* to buckles on the back of the waistbelt, so that they extend about 6 inches below the bottom of the belt. The braces are to be crossed and one passed through the loop on the other; the loop is to be on the inside.

Pass the front ends of the braces through the centre openings of the buckles on top of the brace attachments from behind, down through the gate, then pass the end through the ring and inside the belt, so that the end extends about six inches below the bottom of the belt.

*Note.*—All four ends of the braces should extend equally below the waistbelt.

(vii) Hang the *haversack* on the left side of the belt by means of the brace ends and buckles on the haversack.

(viii) Attach the *waterbottle* on the right side in a similar manner.

(ix) The equipment is put on.



The *rucksack* is put on separately: unhook the right shoulder strap at the bottom, then hoist the rucksack on to the back with the left arm through the left shoulder strap, place the right shoulder strap over the right shoulder and hook the strap on to its hook again. The hook buckle in the middle of each shoulder strap is now hooked on to the top bar of the upper buckle on the appropriate brace attachment, thus keeping the shoulder straps clear of the arm-pits. Finally, pass the small strap at the bottom of the rucksack around the belt and secure the keyhole slot over the stud in the bottom of the rucksack.

*Note.*—The shoulder straps and narrow diagonal straps should be adjusted so as to allow the rucksack to be carried with the bottom on a level with the lower edge of the waistbelt, and the top close against the shoulders. The diagonal straps should be fairly taut, thus supporting and balancing the rucksack.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

### 13. GAITERS.

Gaiters are worn by Landing Parties, with any form of Rifle or Pistol equipment, except in Tropical Dress.

### 14. CARE AND PRESERVATION OF EQUIPMENT.

When equipment has once been properly fitted to a man it should be kept assembled, as far as possible, although the pack need not always remain attached. It will be found convenient if, when a correct fit has been obtained, a light mark is made to show where each adjustment should come. This saves trouble in case the equipment has to be taken apart and re-assembled.

Should the equipment become dirty or greasy it may be washed, using warm water, soap and a sponge, after which Khaki Blanco, should be rubbed on lightly in a liquid condition with a brush. When dry, the surface of the equipment should be brushed with a soft brush to remove surplus blanco dust. A scrubbing brush should

not be used, as scrubbing impairs the waterproof qualities of the equipment. Dust and mud (when dry) should be removed with an ordinary clothes brush. On active service, the metal work should not be polished, but allowed to get dull, so as to avoid catching the rays of the sun.

Should the various straps be found to slip after they have become much worn, the horns of sliding gates and buckles may be slightly bent to retain them.

### 15. OFFICERS' EQUIPMENT.

The following table shows the corresponding equipment for officers and men, subject to any orders issued by the Senior Officer :—

Order.	Officers.	Men Armed with Rifles.	Men Armed with Pistols.
(1) Drill Order ..	Sword and undress sword belt, gaiters and whistle.	See Section 9.	Pistol equipment, less rucksack, haversack and waterbottle.
(2) Musketry Order	Pistol equipment, less rucksack. Waterbottle and haversack if ordered. Gaiters and whistle.	See Section 8.	Pistol equipment, less rucksack. Waterbottle and haversack if ordered.
(3) Marching Order without pack.	As for (2), with waterbottle and haversack.	See Section 2.	Pistol equipment, less rucksack.
(4) Marching Order.	Full pistol equipment, gaiters and whistle.	See Section 1.	Full pistol equipment.

For Dress and Equipment on Ceremonial occasions, see Part XVII, Section 5.