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Pistol Course
(For all Units at Home)
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THE PISTOL COURSE

General

1. The course is designed to practise individuals in delivering fire instantly by sense of direction. The speed at which one or more effective shots can be fired is more important than the close grouping of the shots.

2. To obtain full value from this course, a period of about one week should be devoted to preliminary practice in holding and snapping with an empty pistol before firing with live ammunition.

Range Discipline and Safety Precautions

3. See Pamphlet No. 1, Sec. 3, and Pamphlet No. 11, Lesson 1.

Grouping Practice

4. Before men are allowed to shoot by sense of direction only, their individual ability in trigger pressing and holding must be ascertained. For this reason, sights will be used in firing the grouping practice.

Misfires and Jams

5. See Pamphlet No. 1, Sec. 3, para. 27.
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## Part I.—PRELIMINARY (using sights)

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| 1   | Grouping | Double action. Using sights. Firer to return to “Ready” position after each shot. | 4 either hand. | 10 | 4-ft. with two 2-in. aiming marks. | H.P.S. 20. Faults to be carefully noted. | i. Target is shown in Vol. V, 1931, Plate 109, page 216.  
ii. Scoring:
   - 4 shots within 8 × 4-in. rectangle = 20 points.
   - 4 shots within 12 × 8-in. rectangle = 16 points.
   - 4 shots within 16 × 12-in. rectangle = 12 points. |

**Total Part I**  
4 rds.

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## Part II.—INSTRUCTIONAL (without using sights)

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<th>No.</th>
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<th>Double action, without use of sights. Firer to return to “Ready” position after each shot. Time 1 sec. for each shot. No standard interval between shots.</th>
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i. Fig. targets 2 and 3 will be marked with a rectangle as shown in Vol. V, Plates III and 112A.  
ii. Practice 5. Two Fig. 2 targets on sledge (Vol. V, Plate 110) capable of movement. Two Fig. 3 targets. On the command “Fire”, one of the two
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<td>Double action. 3 secs. for 3 shots.</td>
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<td>Fig. 2 targets (as indicated by the conducting officer) will charge. The firer will first fire at the charging target, then advance 5 yds. and fire at the remaining three. Where several firers are firing in one detail, the conducting officer will ensure, as far as possible, that all firers advance together.</td>
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<td>Double action. 1 shot at each target. Time, 6 secs. for practice.</td>
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<td>Attack</td>
<td>Double action. Firer advancing 5 yds. Time, 6 secs.</td>
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<td>Defence</td>
<td>Double action. Drawing loaded pistol from case. Time, 4 secs.</td>
<td>2 either hand</td>
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<td>2 Figs. 3</td>
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<td>iii. SCORING—Practices 2 to 7. Each shot within 16 × 12-in. rectangle = 5 points. Each shot on remainder of target = 3 points.</td>
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<td>Surprise and disappearing (gas).</td>
<td>Double action. For each exposure 2 rounds to be fired. Time for each exposure, 2 secs. Respirators will be worn.</td>
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<td>Fig. 2 to be exposed and moved within a frontage of 3 yds. 2 shots to be fired during each run of the target.</td>
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Total Part II: 20 rds.