

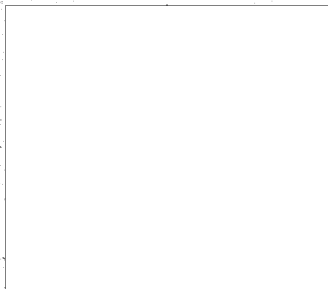
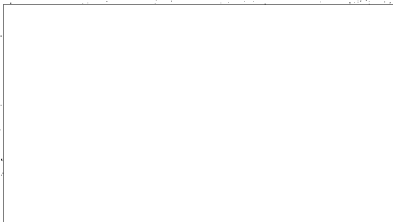
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in Tallin



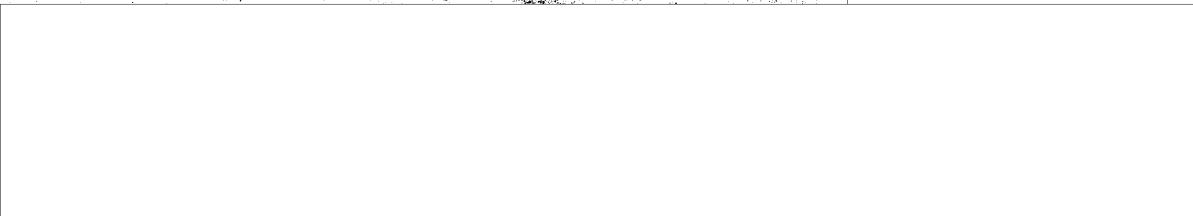
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1. "As ascertained from members of the DOSAAF in Tallin, the 'course of shooting from the battle rifle' in DOSAAF is identical with the 'course of shooting from the battle rifle' in the rifle units of the land forces.
2. "Every private of the rifle units /DOSAAF in Tallin / must go through the course of shooting from the battle rifle in his first year of service. The course consists of two parts:
 - a. Elementary shooting, which must teach the rifleman to shoot at various targets under various conditions outside tactical situations.
 - b. Individual battle shooting which must teach the rifleman independently to decide fire tasks in varying tactical situations.
3. "At the end of the first year of service an 'evaluation of the individual fire training of the riflemen' is undertaken in every company, and the following marks given:
 - a. excellent- 25 per cent. excellently, 35 per cent well, 30 per cent moderately well and no more than 10 per cent badly.
 - b. good - 50 per cent excellently and well, 35 per cent moderately well and no more than 15 per cent badly.
 - c. mediocre - 80 per cent well or moderately well.
4. "For the training of 'elementary shooting', every rifleman is provided with:
31 small caliber cartridges
17 live cartridges
5. "For the training of 'individual battle shooting', every rifleman is provided with
18 live cartridges

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- 6. "In the first year of service this [redacted] each rifleman a total of 31 small caliber cartridges and 35 live cartridges
- 7. "By the end of the second year of service every private of the rifle units must be able:
 - Independently to select a place for shooting. Carefully to mask himself and his rifle on the spot. Unremittingly watch the enemy in a gas mask and without it. Find, evaluate and select targets for fire. Determine the distance to them by eye up to a distance of 600 meters with an exactitude of up to 10 percent. Hit immobile, suddenly appearing and moving targets at distances up to 600 meters. Keep air targets under fire under special conditions (by night, in smoke, through smoke, etc.). Observe the effect of his own fire and correct it. Keep count of his cartridges in battle and report their expense in good time.
- 8. "During their second year of service the privates of rifle units must go through:
 - a. tactical exercises with battle shooting by squads
 - b. tactical exercises with battle shooting by platoons
 - c. tactical exercises with battle shooting by companies
 - d. tactical exercises with battle shooting by battalions
- 9. "The privates and officers (as well as members of DOSAAF) who have executed all the prescribed individual battle shootings with the evaluation of 'excellent', have the right to wear the badge of 'Excellent Shot' which have been considered of equal value to a naturalized US citizen who is conducting research on Eastern Europe.
- 10. "The machine gun shots and officers (also of DOSAAF) who have executed all the prescribed individual battle shootings with the evaluation of 'excellent' have the right to wear the badge 'Excellent Gun Layer'."

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of the shots have executed all, 50 per cent moderately

with 50 per cent have executed their shooting

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