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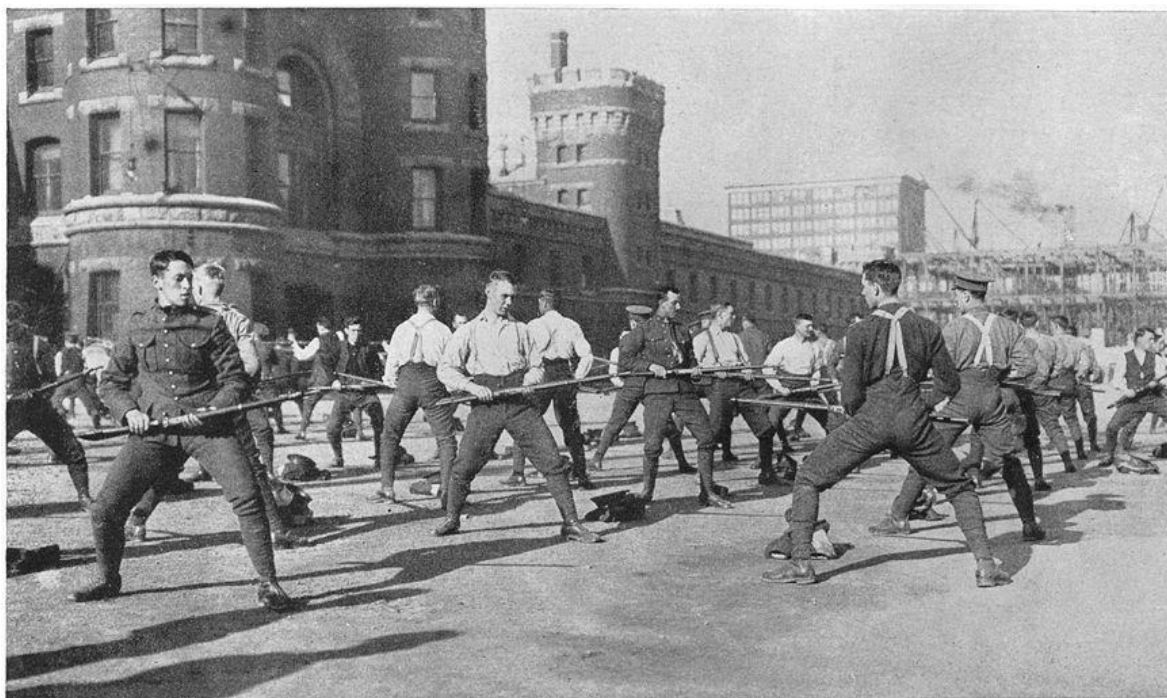


Bayonet By-laws

PURPOSE

The purpose of these guidelines is to manage the safe usage & carriage of modern era bayonets for the group, the reenactor and the public during living history displays, public demonstrations & guards of honour or battle scenarios where bayonets may be required to be fixed to a rifle or otherwise used to enhance the scenario or display.

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While authenticity in appearance of group and individual uniform and equipment is important to properly educate others about military history, of paramount importance is safety.

Every QLHF member is responsible for adherence to the highest possibly safety standards and expectations and proactively remedy immediately any shortfalls or dangerous situations.

Edged Weapons or bayonets.

- Trench or combat knives carried by participants will be of proper design & manufacture and carried safely secured in an appropriate sheath or scabbard.
- At NO TIME will combat or trench knives be drawn during a scenario or demonstration unless part of an educational display.

- Bayonets may be carried by Other Ranks, Enlisted Men (Terminology dependent on nationality) in accordance with the reenactors uniform and equipment but ONLY fixed to the rifle at the direction of the group safety officer or person commanding the group such as guard of honour, etc or in any other controlled scenario and in an area that isolates and protects all participants and spectators.
- At all other times they shall be secured in a proper scabbard. The scabbard must have a metal tip and/or be able to be secured when not in use with no sharp edges exposed or be in danger of falling out.
- All participants will maintain a two metre diameter zone free of obstruction around them, and from the next participant while in motion during any scenario while the bayonet is fixed to the rifle.
- No ad hoc hand to hand combat with any edged weapon is permitted without permission of the scenario safety officer, and without first ensuring all participants are aware it is to take place.

Storage & Security:

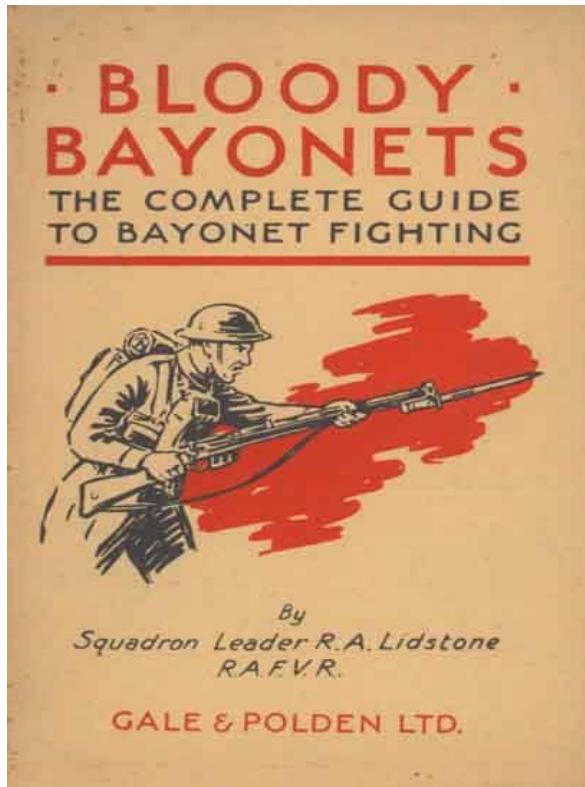
- All weaponry, including reproductions, all types of firearms including swords, bayonets and other edged weapons are to be safely secured at all times either on the person, within the encampment and including when traveling to and from events and during events in accordance with the Weapons Act Qld.
- All swords, bayonets, trench knives, etc should be covered and secured when not in use.
- All individual QLHF members are responsible for their own kit and weapons security be it firearm, firearm replica or edged weapon.

Display Boundaries:

- All scenarios or displays involving fixed bayonets shall take place within clearly defined which exclude public areas with safety boundaries known to all participants.
- These boundaries are to be regularly scanned by all participants during the scenario, display or guard and are to be constantly monitored by the safety officer and all members present during the scenario.
- No display, skirmish, combat, battle or similar activity may commence until the field is clear of non-combatants and spectators. Once a scenario, skirmish or display has commenced, no participants or 'walk ins' may join in.
- At completion of the scenario, safety inspections shall be allowed, bayonets unfixed while within the display area either under command or individually before the group moves among any public in attendance.

Bayonet Training.

It is preferable that each QLHF Group and each QLHF member familiarise themselves with the formal training conducted during their original time period, conduct their research consulting period publications and ideally conduct similar training for themselves and members so that the member is competent in handling a bayonet whether handling generally or fitted to a rifle.



CHAPTER II

The Guard

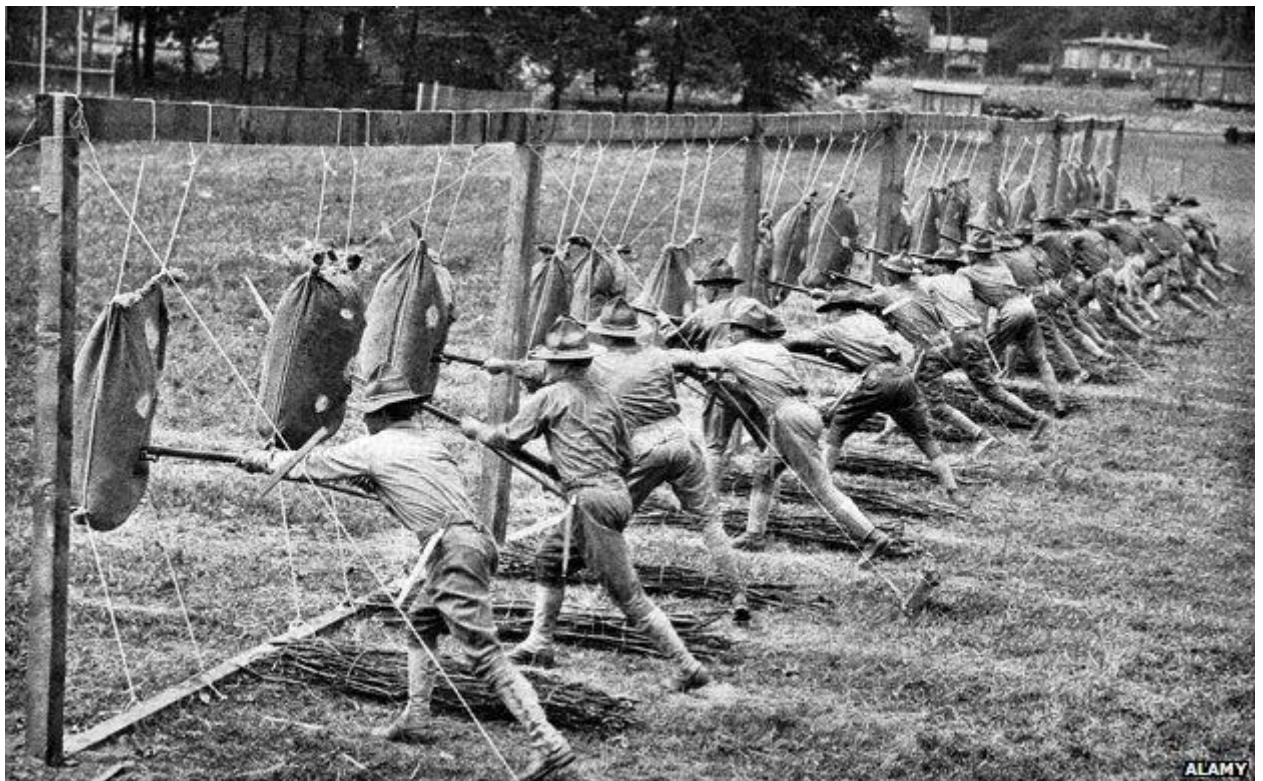
A Guard is a position assumed when one is prepared to either attack or defend. The Guard position normally used is taken in the following manner:

From the position of "Attention," turn half-right and advance the left foot about twice its own length in the direction of the opponent, bending both knees in so doing. At the same time cant the rifle forward and seize it with the left hand at the band and with the right hand at the small of the butt, placing two or three fingers over the spur (if there is one); the butt should be held close to the body and well forward, the right forearm lying along it. The left arm should be almost straight, with the back of the hand towards the ground.

The body should be erect and evenly balanced over both legs; cramped and crouching positions must be avoided, but instructors must be careful not to attempt to turn out all their pupils in a set style, allowing positions to be as easy and as natural as possible.



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QLHF members should familiarise themselves in mounted or dismounted drills involving bayonets, the changes in characteristics in the handling of their rifle when the bayonet is fixed and the additional weight the bayonet adds to that of the rifle and that performed correctly, bayonet drill can add much to any, scenario parade or guard of honour.

The group Safety Officer will assess each members ability and ensure group cohesion and confidence. Unless all are competent, the group safety officer will do not authorise any member take to the field with a bayonet or participate adequate skill and confidence is acquired.



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