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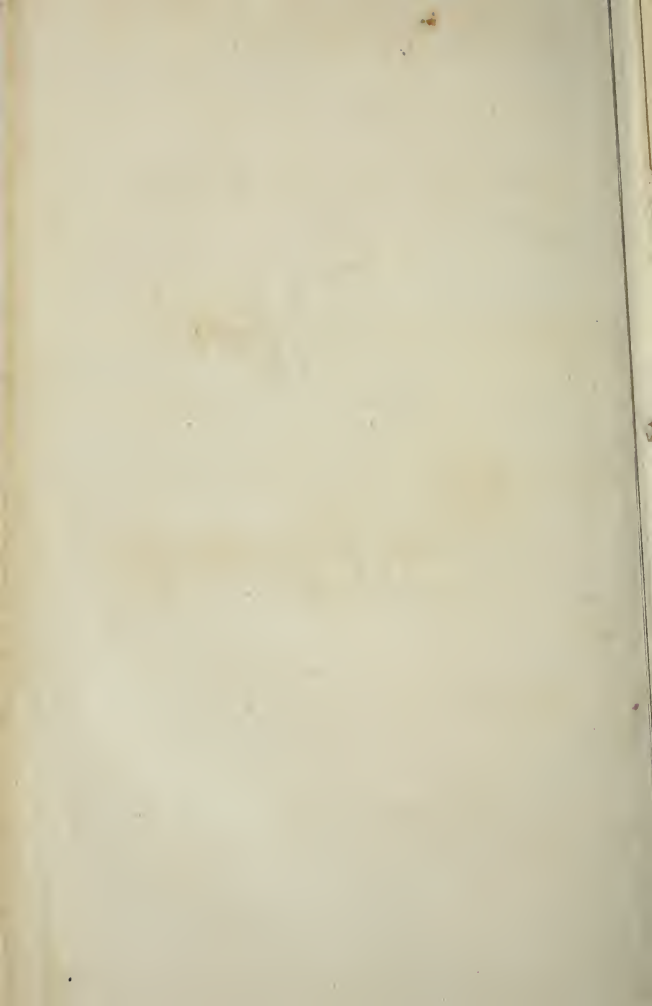
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EVOLUTIONS OF THE LINE.

General principles and divisions of the Evolutions of the Line.

990.* The School of the Battalion, comprehending the principle and details of all the movements that ought, in any case, to be made by a single battalion, it remains to apply those principles to a line of many battalions.

991. In this instruction, a line of eight battalions, making a *corps d'armée* of two divisions or four brigades, will be supposed; but the rules herein prescribed are equally applicable to a brigade, a division, or any number of battalions.

992. The School of the Battalion has been divided into five parts: the same division will herein be observed.

993. As often as one or more brigades or divisions, united in the same line, manœuvre together,

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each battalion will be designated by its number, according to its position in the line. The battalion on the right of the whole will be nominated *first*, that next on its left *second*, the next one *third*, and so regularly on to the battalion that closes the left of the line.

Posts of the General-in-Chief, of the Major-Generals and Brigadier-Generals, in line and in column.

994. In line of battle, the *General-in-Chief* will have no fixed position; he will go wherever he may judge his presence necessary.

995. In column, he will hold himself habitually at its head, in order to direct it according to his views. In the evolutions, he will place himself at the point he can best direct the general execution of the movement. In all cases he will take care to leave in his habitual position the next in command, or the chief of his staff, charged with the execution of his orders.

996. In line of battle, *Major-Generals*, (Generals of division,) will place themselves at about seventy paces in rear of the centre of their divisions. In column, they will hold themselves on the directing flank, abreast with the centres of their divisions, and at thirty or forty paces from the guides.

997. In line of battle, *Brigadier-Generals*, (Generals of brigade,) will place themselves at

about forty paces in rear of the centres of their brigades. In column, at fifteen or twenty paces outside of the guides, and abreast with the centres of their brigades.

998. Major and Brigadier-Generals will look to the exact and regular execution of all commands coming from the General, or given by themselves; accordingly they may throw themselves wherever they may judge their presence necessary within the extent of their particular commands.

999. The posts of the field and staff of battalions have been given in Titles I. and IV., Hardee's Tactics.

General rules for commands.

1000. When the General shall wish to cause a movement to be executed, he will give the general commands relative thereto. Each colonel will always successively repeat, with the greatest rapidity, on their reaching him, these general commands, unless the General has given, or sent to him, an order to the contrary.

1001. The colonels having repeated the general commands, as just prescribed, will immediately command, and cause to be executed without waiting for each other, the preparatory movements which, in their battalions, ought to precede the execution of the general movement.

1002. The Brigadier and Major-Generals will look to the prompt execution of these preparatory movements in their brigades and divisions, and

rectify any error that may be committed by the colonels.

1003. The final command, or that which determines the execution of the general movement, will always be given by the General.

1004. The lieutenant-colonels and majors will repeat the general commands, whether of caution or execution, as often as the wind or noise may prevent those commands from being easily heard from one battalion to another.

1005. When, from any cause, a colonel shall not have heard the general command, he will, on seeing the battalion next to his own executing a movement, immediately cause his battalion to execute the same movement.

1006. When a line has to execute a central movement, the General will throw himself to the front which he may select for it, and give or send to each of the neighbouring battalions the order relative to the movement which each position of the line has to execute, as hereinafter explained.

1007. In column, commands will be extended, by repetition, according to the same principles.

1008. As often as a line breaks into several columns, the senior general officer or colonel, in each, will discharge the duties attributed above to the *General-in-Chief*.

PART FIRST.

ARTICLE I.

To open and to close ranks.

1009. The General, wishing to cause ranks to be opened, will command :

1. *Prepare to open ranks.*

1010. This having been repeated, the lieutenant-colonels and majors will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 23 ; the colonels will immediately command : *To the rear, open order.* The General will then add :

2. *March.*

1011. At this, briskly repeated, ranks will be opened in conformity to what is prescribed—*School of the Battalion.* Each battalion will execute the movement, as if it were isolated ; accordingly it need not be attempted to align the rear rank of one battalion on that of others.

1012. The General will cause ranks to be closed by the command prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

ARTICLE II.

Manual of arms.

1013. The manual of arms will never be executed in line.

ARTICLE III.

Loading at will, and the firings.

1014. In line, only loading *at will* will be executed.

1015. The General, wishing to cause arms to be loaded, will command :

1. *Prepare to load.*

1016. This having been repeated, the General will add :

2. *Load.*

1017. Which, immediately repeated, will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1018. The General, wishing to cause the firings to be executed if the arms are loaded, will command :

1. *Fire by battalion, (or wing, or company.)*

1019. This having been repeated, the General will add :

2. *Commence firing.*

1020. The fire by battalion will commence with the odd numbered battalions. The command *commence firing*, having been repeated by all the colonels, those of the odd battalions will immediately give the commands prescribed—*School of the Battalion*, for the execution of this particular fire. The colonels of even numbered battalions will not give their first command until they see some pieces brought back to the shoulder in the odd battalion to their right; the colonels of the odd battalions, in their turn, will observe the same rule in respect to the even battalion next to the left of each, and the fire will thus be continued by alternate battalions.

1021. The fire by wing will be executed in each battalion, as prescribed, *School of the Battalion*; each colonel having repeated the command, *commence firing*, will immediately give the commands indicated for the execution of this fire, without regulating himself by the next battalion.

1022. The fire by company will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion*.

1023. The fire by file will be executed in the following manner—the General will command :

1. *Fire by file.*

1024. This having been repeated, each colonel will add: 1. *Battalion*; 2. *Ready*. The General will then command :

2. *Commence firing.*

1025. At this, repeated by the colonels, the fire will commence and be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1026. The General will cause each of the foregoing fires to cease by the sound to *cease firing*, or by a short roll, which will be repeated by the bugles or drums, of each battalion, the moment it is heard. As soon as each battalion re-loads, its colonel will cause the signal to be given for officers to take their places after firing.

1027. To cause the fire to be executed by the rear rank, the General will command :

1. *Face by the rear rank.*

1027. This having been repeated, the colonels will immediately add : 1. *Battalion* ; 2. *About—FACE.*

1028. The Generals will then cause the several fires to be executed by the commands and means prescribed above.

1029. The General, after firing to the rear, wishing to face the line to its proper front, will command :

1. *Face by the front rank.*

1030. The colonels, having repeated this command, will each immediately add : 1. *Battalion* ; 2. *About—FACE.*

1031. The General, wishing to give relaxation to the line, will command :

1. *Order*—ARMS.

1032. This having been repeated and executed, he will add :

2. *In place, rest*, (or, simply *rest*.)

1033. This will be executed as prescribed—*School of the Battalion*.

1034. If, after arms are ordered, the General wishes to cause arms to be stacked, he will command :

Stack arms.

1035. This having been repeated, the colonels will cause the stacks to be formed; which being executed, each will immediately cause ranks to be broken, without regulating himself by any other, in the manner prescribed, *School of the Battalion*.

1036. The General, wishing to terminate the relaxation, will cause a short roll, or *attention*, to be sounded, which will be repeated along the line, at the instant it is heard.

1037. The sound having ceased, the colonels will each command : BATTALION, at which the men will resume the position of ordered arms; or if arms be stacked, the colonels will cause the

stacks to be broken before giving the command
BATTALION.

1038. The General will then command :

Shoulder—ARMS.

1039. This having been repeated, the line will
shoulder arms.

PART SECOND.

Different modes of passing from the order in battle to the order in column.

ARTICLE I.

To break to the right or left into column.

1040. The General wishing to cause the line to break by company or by division to the right, will command :

1.—*By company (or by division) right wheel.*

1041. This having been repeated, the General will add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick March.*)

1042. At this, briskly repeated, the line will break according to the principles given. *School of the Battalion.*

1043. The rules relative to the guides in that school, will be observed from one battalion to another, in column ; thus the leading guide of one battalion will not stir after the command *front* given by his captain, although he may not be in the direction of the guide of the preceding bat-

tion; the guides not in the direction will readily come into it when the column is put in march.

1044. The General, wishing to cause the line to break to the right, to march towards the left, will command :

1. *Break to the right to march to the left.*

1045. This having been repeated, the colonel on the right will cause his battalion to commence the movement, which will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1046. The following battalions will successively make the same movement, the colonels will seize the moment for causing their battalions to break, and each will be put in march so that there may be, between its leading sub-divisions and the nearest one of the preceding battalions the distance of a sub-division and twenty-two paces.

1047. The General will cause the line to break to the left, according to the same principles.

ARTICLE II.

To break to the rear, by the right or left, into column, and to advance or retire by the right or left of companies or divisions.

1048. The General, wishing to cause the line to break to the rear, by the right into column by company, or by division, will command :

1. *By the right of companies (or divisions) to the rear, into column.*

1049. The colonels having repeated this command will immediately add : *Battalion, right—FACE.*

1050. The General will then command :

2. MARCH (or *double quick-MARCH.*

1051. At this briskly repeated, each battalion will break as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1052. The General, wishing to break into column by company (or division) to the rear by the right, while marching in line of battle, he will command :

1. *By the right of companies (or divisions) to the rear into column.*

1053. This having been repeated, the colonels will command, *Battalion by the right flank.*

1054. The General will then command :

2. MARCH, (or *double quick-MARCH.*)

1055. At this briskly repeated, each battalion will break as prescribed, *School of the Battalion* When the last files have wheeled the General will command :

3. *By the left flank—MARCH.*

4. *Guide left.*

1056. If while in line and at a halt, the General should wish to advance or retire by the right of companies or divisions, he will command :

1. *By the right of companies (or divisions) to the front (or rear.)*

1057. This having been repeated, the colonels will immediately add: *Battalion, right—FACE.*

1058. The General will then command :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

3. *Guide right (left) or (centre.)*

1059. At the command *march*, briskly repeated, each battalion will break as prescribed, *School of the Battalion* 106 and following :

1060. The movement to the front or rear by the left of companies (or division) will be executed by the same commands and means, substituting *left* for *right*.

1061. If the line be in march, and the General should wish to advance or retire by the right of companies or divisions, he will command :

1. *By the right of companies (or divisions) to the front (or rear.)*

1062. Which being repeated, the colonels will command: *Battalion, by the right flank.*

1062½. The General will then command :

2. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

3. *Guide right (left) or (centre.)*

1063. Which will be executed as prescribed (School of the Battalion.)

1064. The General wishing to form line to the front while advancing by the right or left of companies, or divisions, he will command :

1. *By companies (or divisions) into line.*

1065. This being repeated, he will add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

3. *Guide right (left) or (centre.)*

1066. At the command march, briskly repeated, each company or division will be formed into line, as prescribed, *School of the Company*, No. 154.

1067. If the General should wish to form line facing the enemy, while retiring by the right or left of companies or divisions, he will first cause them to face about while marching, and immediately form line by the commands and means prescribed No. 1064 and following :

ARTICLE III.

To ploy the line into close column or mass.

1068. The General, wishing to ploy the line into column by division closed in mass, in rear of the first division of the first battalion, will command :

1. *Close column by division.* 2. *On the first division, first battalion, right in front.*

1069. These commands having been repeated, each colonel will add: *battalion, right—FACE*, which will be executed by the designated or *directing* battalion, as prescribed, No. 120, and following: but in the others, all the divisions will face to the right, and the chief of the first division, in each of these battalions, will place himself by the side of his right guide.

1070. These dispositions being made, the General will add:

3. MARCH (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1071. At this briskly repeated, the colonel of the first battalion will ploy it in rear of its first division, as indicated, No. 123, and following. Each of the other colonels will, in like manner, ploy his battalion from a halt, in rear of its right division; but, pending the execution of the movement, this division will stand faced to the flank: The second, third and fourth divisions, each conducted by its chief, will be halted as it successively takes its place in the battalion column, the chief remaining by the side of his right guide; the fifth will enter in like manner, and when its head shall be at eight or ten paces from the right flank of the column, the colonel will command: 1, *Battalion, forward*; 2. *guide left*, and 3. *March, or double-quick—March*, at the instant the right

guide of this division is abreast with the others.

1072. At the command *march*, each battalion thus formed in mass will put itself in march, directing itself to the rear towards its point of entrance into the general column; taking the shortest line, each division will conform its movements to that of the first, preserving the distance of six paces from one guide to the next, so as its first division shall enter the column perpendicularly, and leave a distance of nine paces between its guide and the guide of the last division of the preceding battalion: the other divisions will direct themselves parallelly to the first, and enter successively into the general column, the chiefs of divisions being up with the left guides of the column, will conform themselves, to what is prescribed Nos. 125-6-7.

1073. The lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will detach himself thirty or forty paces in advance, to indicate the point of entrance into the column for his first division, and as each of his guides successively arrives, he will assure him on the direction.

1074. The General, or officer charged with the execution of his orders, will place himself in front of the left guide of the directing division, to superintend the formation of the general column, and to see that the left guides accurately cover each other in file. *This rule is general for all ployments*, whatever the division on which they may be executed.

1075. The line will be ployed in front by the

same commands, substituting *left* for *right* in front. In this case, the first battalion will execute the movement in the manner indicated, No. 133, and following.

1076. The other battalions will each execute the movement in like manner, conforming itself to what follows: the first division, which will have faced to the right with the others, will remain by the flank whilst the battalion is plying in front of it, the second, third and fourth, after having taken position in the battalion column, will be halted by their chiefs, who will remain by the sides of their right guides, and when the head of the fourth shall be at eight or ten paces from the right flank of the column, the colonel, observing the order of time indicated, No. 1071, will command: 1. *Battalion, forward*; 2. *Guide right*; 3. *March*.

1077. At the command *march*, each battalion, directing itself diagonally to the front, instead of to the rear, will be conducted and established in the general column, with slight variations, as prescribed, No. 1072; arrived at twelve or fourteen paces from the flank of that column, the head of the first division will incline to the right, instead of the left, in order to enter perpendicularly, and to take its distance of nine paces; the other divisions will conform themselves to the movement of the first, and the chiefs of the whole will each conduct his division till its head is nearly up with the right guides of the general column; he will

then halt his division, face it to the front, and align it by the right, its right guide having faced to the rear in placing himself on the direction. The lieutenant-colonels will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 1073.

1078. As each battalion takes its position in the column in front of the directing division, its colonel will command: *guides, about*—FACE.

1079. To ploy the line in rear, or in front of the last division of the eighth battalion, the General will command:

1. *Close column by division.* 2. *On the fifth division, eighth battalion, left (or right) in front.*
3. MARCH (or *double-quick*)—MARCH.

1080. These movements will be executed according to the principles given in the two preceding cases, but by inverse means: the fifth (a last) division of each subordinate battalion, being the first to take its position in the general column, it will be conducted by the lieutenant-colonel, and the other divisions will regulate themselves by it.

1081. If instead of ploying the line on the first division, right battalion, or the last division of the left as in the preceding cases, the General wishes to execute the movement on an interior division of any other battalion, he will command:

1. *Close column by division.* 2. *On such division (such) battalion, right (or left) in front.* 3. MARCH (or *double-quick*)—MARCH.

1082. Whether the right or left is to be in front, the designated or *directing* battalion will execute its movement, as if it were alone.

1083. If the right is to be in front, all the battalions in line to the right of the directing one will execute the movement as is indicated for plying the line *to the front* on the left division, and the left battalions will execute the movement as is indicated for plying *to the rear*, on the right division; if the left is to be in front, the movement will be executed inversely.

1084. If the line be in march, to ploy it in rear of the first division, the General will command:

1. *Close column, by division.* 2. *On the first division, first battalion.*

1085. This having been promptly repeated, the colonels will add: *Battalion, by the right flank.*

1086. At this command each chief of division will move rapidly before the centre of his division and caution it to face to the right: the chief of the first division, first battalion, will caution it to continue to march to the front.

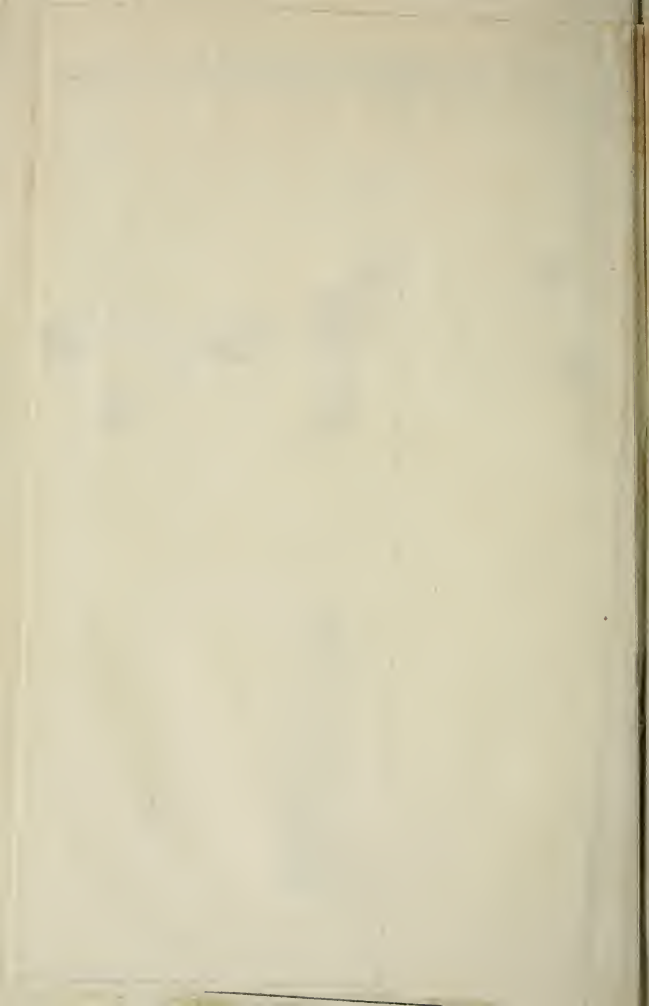
1087. The General will then command:

3. *Double-quick—MARCH.*

1088. At this briskly repeated, the movement will be executed by the designated battalion, as prescribed, No. 151 and following; but in the others all the divisions will face, and the first di-

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visions will mark time, by the command of their chiefs, until their battalions are massed, when they will take their places in the general column as prescribed, No. 1072. As soon as the left guides of each battalion are up with the left guides of the *directing* battalion, each colonel will command :

1. *Battalion, by the left flank—quick time—*
MARCH. 2. *Guide left.*

1089. In the several ployments, the General will take, in preference, as the directing division, that of the right or left of the battalions, on which the movement is to be executed.

PART THIRD.

ARTICLE I.

To march in column at full distance.

1090. The General, wishing to put the column in march, will indicate to the colonel of the leading battalion the direction to be taken by the headmost guide, and the colonel will immediately prescribe to this guide the means to be employed to assure the direction of the march, according to the principles established, Nos. 161-3.

1091. These dispositions being made, the General will command :

1. *Column, forward.*

1092. The colonels having repeated this command, will immediately add: *guide left*, if the right be in front, or *guide right*, if the left be in front.

1093. The General will then add :

2. *Quick—MARCH (or double-quick MARCH.)*

1094. At this, repeated with the greatest rapidity, the column will put itself in march.

1095. The guide of the leading subdivision will maintain himself on the direction which has been indicated to him, by the means prescribed, *School of the Battalion*, and the following guides will each march in the trace of the one who immediately precedes him, without regard to the general direction.

1096. The lieutenant colonel of the leading battalion will see that the headmost guide does not deviate from the direction he ought to pursue, and the same officer of each following battalion will also see that his leading guide preserves a distance equal to the front of his subdivision and twenty two paces, which ought to separate the battalions.

1097. When a column has to prolong its march on a given line, in order to form upon it to the *left* (or *right*) *into line of battle*, the General will always cause that line to be marked by one of the means prescribed, Nos. 190-91. The colors and general guides will throw themselves out on that line.

1098. If, in this case, the column arrive in front or in rear of the line of battle, the General will detach, in advance, two *aides-de-camp*, or other mounted officers, to ascertain the intermediate points between the points of direction to the right and left; that being found, one of those officers will place himself on the line at the point at which the head of the column will arrive, and the column will conform itself to what is pre-

scribed, No. 175, and following, or No. 184, and following.

1099. The column being in march, the General, to cause the *about* to be executed while marching, will command :

1. *Column, right about.* 2. MARCH. 3. *Guide right.*

1100. Which having been promptly repeated, will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

ARTICLE II.

Column in route.

1101. The column being at a halt, if the General wish to put it in march in the route step, he will give the commands prescribed for the march in the cadenced step, with this difference—the command *march* will be preceded by that of *route step*, which will be repeated by the colonels.

1102. The column being in march, the General, in order to cause it to pass from the cadenced to the route step, and the reverse, will give the commands prescribed, Nos. 312, 310.

1103. All the principles relative to columns in route, having been developed in the Schools of the Company and Battalion, it only remains to add here that, when a column of many battalions

encounters a defile, which obliges it to diminish the front of subdivisions, this movement will only be made as each battalion successively arrives on the ground at which the preceding battalion had executed it.

1104. Thus, for example, a column formed by company, encountering a defile which will only receive the front of a platoon, the colonel of the leading battalion will at once, or successively, according to the order of the General, diminish front by platoon; but the colonel of the next battalion will not repeat the commands of the preceding colonel until his battalion arrives at the same point, and so on of the others.

1105. The chief of the column will take care to regulate the rate of the march according to the ground and other circumstances; he will always leave with the rear of the column an aide-camp to bring him prompt intelligence in case it find a difficulty in following.

ARTICLE III.

To change direction in column at full distance.

1106. The General, wishing the column to change direction, will send an aid to the point of change, and notify the leading colonel a little before arriving at that point.

1107. The change will be executed according to the principles prescribed, No. 231, and following.

1108. Those rules will be observed in columns in manœuvre, although marching, at the moment, in the route step.

ARTICLE IV.

1109. The General, wishing to halt the column, will command:

1. *Column.* 2. *Halt.*

1110. This being repeated, will be promptly executed.

1111. The column being halted, if the General wish to form it *to the left* (or *right*) *into line of battle*, he will assure the direction of the guides in the following manner.

1112. If the general direction of the column be nearly in conformity with his wishes, he will confine himself to rectifying the positions of such guides as may be without, or within, the direction; to this end, he will command:

Guides, cover in file.

1113. At this, repeated by the colonels, the lieutenant colonels and majors will promptly cause the guides who may not be on the direction to cover each other accurately in file.

1114. If, on the contrary, the General should think it necessary to give a new direction, and the general guides be not on the flank of the col-

umn, he (or a substitute) will throw himself fifteen or twenty paces in front of the head, place himself, facing to the rear, on the direction which he may wish to give to the guides, select in rear of the column the second point which determines that direction, and promptly establish on it the leading general guide, and the colour-bearer of the same battalion; this being executed, the General will command:

1. *Colours and general guides on the line.*

1115. At this, the colour-bearers and general guides will throw themselves on the flank of the column, and cover accurately the headmost two who have just been established by the General; the lieutenant colonels and majors will promptly assure (see No. 130) on the direction the general guides of their respective battalions.

1116. The General, seeing all the colours and general guides of the column correctly established on the direction, will immediately add:

2. *Guides, on the line.*

1117. At this, briskly repeated, the guides will place themselves on the direction of the colours, facing to the head of the column; the lieutenant colonel of each battalion, placed in front, will assure the direction of the guides of its leading wing, and the major, from a point in the rear of

his battalion, will assure, in like manner, the remaining guides of the same battalion.

1118. The guides of subdivision, in placing themselves on the direction of the colours, will each align himself correctly on the colour lances in front of him, and not on the subdivision guides; he will take care to place himself exactly at subdivision distance from the guide next preceding him. Each colour-bearer will hold his lance perpendicularly between his eyes.

1119. The subdivision guides being established on the direction, the colonels, without waiting for each other, will immediately command: *left* (or *right*)—DRESS.

1120 At this, briskly repeated by the chiefs of subdivision, each subdivision will incline to its guide and be promptly aligned. If the new direction be such that a subdivision find itself many paces from it, the chief of the subdivision will cause it to march by the flank.

1121. If the general guides be on the flank of the column, the General will first place himself behind the colour-bearer of the leading battalion, to see whether this colour-bearer and the preceding general guide are accurately on the prolongation of the two points in front upon which they had marched, and, if necessary, to rectify their positions; the General will then throw himself in front, and face to the leading general guide; if the colours and general guides

are not exactly on the direction, he will command :

1. *Colours and general guides, cover in file.*

1122. At this, the lieutenant colonels will promptly cause the colour and general guides of their respective battalions to cover those of the preceding battalions, after which the General will add :

2. *Guides, on the line.*

1123. This will be executed and followed up in the manner indicated, Nos. 1117-20.

ARTICLE V.

To close the column to half distance, or in mass.

1124. Whether the column of several battalions be formed by company or by division, the distance between battalions, when the subdivisions are at half wheeling distance from each other, will be equal to the front of a subdivision ; this distance between battalions will be reduced to nine paces, measured from the first guide of a following battalion to the last guide of the preceding one, when the battalions are closed in mass.

1125. A column by company, at full distance

right in front, and at a halt, when the General shall wish to close it to half distance, he will command :

1. *To half distance close column.*

1126. This having been repeated, the General will add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick MARCH.*)

1127. At the command MARCH, the leading battalion will close to platoon distance on its first company, as prescribed, No. 253, and following.

1128. The other battalion will continue to march; when the leading company of the second battalion is at company distance from the rear company of the first battalion, its captain will halt it and align it by the left; the other companies of this battalion will close on the leading one, and the following battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed for the second.

1129. The lieutenant colonel of the first battalion will assure the positions of the guides as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1130. The lieutenant colonel of each following battalion will throw himself in advance to the point at which the leading company ought to be halted, and he will assure the positions of the

guides by placing himself in rear of each as the companies are successively closed.

1131. If the column be in march, the General will cause it to close by the same command.

1132. If the column be marching in double-quick time, at the first command, the captain of the leading company first battalion, will command *quick time*; at the command *march*, the leading company will march in quick, and all the others in double-quick time; and as each arrives at its proper distance from the preceding one, its chief will cause it to march in quick time, and when the rearmost company shall have gained its distance, the General will command :

Double-quick—MARCH.

1133. When the General shall wish to halt the column, and to cause it to close to half distance at the same time, he will have the captain of the leading company notified of his intention, who, at the command *march*, will halt his company and align it by the left.

1134. The column being at a halt, the General, if he wish to close it to half distance on the rearmost company of the last battalion, will command :

1. *On the tenth company, eighth battalion, to half distance, close column..*

1135. This having been repeated, each colonel will command: 1. *Battalion, about—FACE*; 2. *Column, forward*; 3. *Guide right*.

1136. At the first command of its colonel, the battalions will face about; each guide will remain abreast with the front rank, now the rear; the rearmost company of the last battalion will remain faced to the front. At the third command, all the captains will place themselves two paces outside of their guides. The General will then add:

2. MARCH (or *double-quick* MARCH.)

1136½. At the command *march* the eighth battalion will close on its rearmost company, as prescribed, No. 270. The other battalions will close on the eighth; when the tenth company of the seventh battalion is at the prescribed distance, its captain will halt it, face it to the front, and align it by the left, its guide remaining faced to the rear; the other companies will close upon this company, and the remaining battalions will each execute what is just prescribed for the seventh.

1137. The lieutenant colonel of the eighth battalion will assure the positions of his guides as indicated, No. 272; the lieutenant colonels of

the other battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 1130. If the movement be executed in double quick time, each captain, in turn, will halt, and command: *such company, right about*—HALT. At this command, the company will face right about and halt.

1138. Each colonel will face his guides to the front as soon as all the companies of his battalion are aligned.

1139. The column being in march, when the General shall wish to close it on the last company of the rearmost battalion, he will command :

1. *On the tenth company, eighth battalion, to half distance, close column.*

1140. This having been promptly repeated, each colonel will command: 1. *Battalion, right about.*

1141. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick MARCH.*) 3. *Guide right.*

1142. This having been repeated, the eighth battalion will close upon its rearmost company, as prescribed, No. 274, and following, the other battalions will close on the eighth as prescribed, No. 1136, and following.

1143. The column being at halt, the General, wishing to close it on the headmost company of

an interior battalion, say the fifth, will command :

1. *On the first company, fifth battalion, to half distance, close column.*

1144. This having been repeated, the colonel of each battalion, in front of the fifth, will command : 1. *Battalion, about—FACE* ; 2. *Column, forward* ; 3. *Guide right*. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double quick MARCH*.)

1145. At the command *march*, briskly repeated by all the colonels, the fifth battalion, and those in its rear, will close up as prescribed, No. 1127, and following, the battalions in front of the fifth will close as indicated, No. 1136, and following, the left company of the fourth battalion will close on the directing company, leaving the interval prescribed, No. 1124.

1146. A column by division, at full distance, will close to half distance by the same commands and means.

1147. The column being at full or half distance, the General will cause it to close in mass by the same commands, substituting the indication, *column, close in mass*, for that of *to half distance, close column*.

1148. A column left in front will execute these various movements on the same principles.

ARTICLE VI.

To march in column at half distance, or closed in mass.

1149. A column at half distance or in mass being at a halt, when the General shall wish to cause it to march, he will give the commands prescribed for putting in march a column at full distance.

1150. The means of direction indicated for a column at full distance will be the same for a column at half distance or in mass; except that the colours and general guides will not stop out.

1151. A column at half distance or in mass, being on march, the General will halt it by the same commands as if it were a column at full distance, and if afterwards he shall wish to give a general direction to the guides, he will establish the two leading guides on the direction he may choose, and then command:

Guides, cover in file.

1152. At this, repeated by the colonels, the guides of the column will accurately cover each other, in file, and be assured on the new direction by the lieutenant-colonels and majors; which being executed, the colonels will cause their battalions to be aligned as prescribed, No. 1119-20.

1153. A column by division or company, whether at full or half distance or in mass, at a halt or marching, can be faced to the right or left, and marched off in the new direction.

ARTICLE VII.

To change direction in column at half distance.

1154. A column at half distance, being in march, and having to change direction, will execute the movement as prescribed for a column at full distance, with the difference indicated, No. 287.

ARTICLE VIII.

To change direction in column closed in mass.

1st. *In marching.*

1155. A column closed in mass, being in march, and having to change direction, the General will command :

1. *To change direction to the right (or left.)* 2. *By battalion in mass, by the head of column, take distance.*

1156. These commands having been repeated, the colonels will cause their battalions to take the guide on the flank opposite to the change of direction, if it be not already there; the colonel of the first or leading battalion will put it in march

in double-quick time, and when it arrives at the point indicated, it will change direction by the means prescribed, No. 288, and following.

1157. The colonel of the second battalion will put it in march as soon as his leading division is at the distance of forty paces from the last of the preceding battalion; he will next commence the change of direction at the point where the first had commenced, and in the same manner.

1158. The colonels of the other battalions, as they successively have the distance of forty paces, will each conform himself to what is prescribed for the colonel of the second.

1159. As soon as the first battalion shall have marched in the new direction a distance equal to the depth of the column in mass, the General will command:

1. *Column close in mass.*

1160. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first, will caution it to continue the march, in quick time; the colonels of the other battalions will command: 1. *Battalion. Double quick.*

. 1161. The General will then add:

2. MARCH.

1162. This having been repeated, all the battalions except the first, will march in double quick time, and as each arrives at the distance of nine paces from that which precedes it, will, by com-

mand of its colonel, resume the march in quick time.

1163. The foregoing changes of direction will be executed according to the same principles in a column, left in front.

2d. *To change direction from a halt.*

1164. The column being halted, when the General shall wish to give it a new direction, and in which it is to remain, he will cause it to execute this movement by the flanks of sub-divisions according to the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1165. The column having the right in front, when the General shall wish to cause it to change direction to the left, he will cause two markers to be established on the new direction for the leading sub-division, and command :

1. *Change direction by the right flank.*

1166. This having been repeated, each colonel will command : *battalion, right—FACE.* The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1167. At this, the column will march by the right flank into the new direction in conformity with the principles prescribed, No. 308, and following.

1168. The colonels will see, pending the exc-

cution of the movement, that the files do not open out, that the sub-divisions enter in a square with the new direction, and that the prescribed distance between their battalions be exactly observed.

1169. The lieutenant-colonel of the leading battalion will place himself some paces in front, and face to the guide of the first sub-division of the column, in order to assure the direction of the guides of his battalion; the lieutenant-colonel of each of the following battalions will place himself successively behind its left guides as they arrive on the new direction, to assure them in their positions.

1170. A column in mass will change direction to the right by inverse means.

ARTICLE IX.

Being in column at half distance, or closed in mass, to take distance.

1st. *To take distance by the head of column.*

1171. A column by company being at half distance and at a halt, when the General shall wish to cause it to take distance, he will indicate to the lieutenant-colonel of the leading battalion the point of direction in front, and then command:

By the head of column take wheeling distance.

1172. This having been repeated, the first bat-

talion will take its distances by the means indicated, No. 324, and following.

1173. Each of the other battalions will take its distances in like manner; but it will not commence its movement till the last sub-division of the battalion immediately preceding has left, besides the space equal to the front of a company, the distance of twenty-two paces, which ought to separate battalions in line of battle.

2d. *To take distance on the rear of the column.*

1174. The column being at half distance, and at a halt, when the General shall wish to cause it to take distances on the rearmost company, eighth battalion, he will first determine the direction of the line of battle, and direct two markers to be placed on this line as prescribed, No. 333. The markers being established, he will cause this line to be prolonged by one of the means indicated, No. 190, and following; and as soon as these dispositions are made, he will command:

1. *On the tenth company, eighth battalion, take wheeling distance.*

1175. This having been repeated, the colonels will each command: 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide left.*

1176. At this, the captains will place themselves two paces outside of the directing flank.

1177. The lieutenant-colonel and the major of

the first battalion will remain in their places in column; in the other battalions each lieutenant colonel will throw himself abreast with his rearmost company, and the majors each abreast with his first.

1178. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*. MARCH.)

1179. At this, the whole column, except the directing company, will step off: the lieutenant colonel of the first battalion will take care to direct the leading guide a little within the line of battle.

1180. The eighth battalion will take its distances as prescribed, No. 334, and following.

1181. The lieutenant colonel of the seventh battalion when he sees that only one company of the eighth remains to take its distance, will hasten to the point where his rearmost company ought to be halted, observing to take, between it and the first company of the eighth battalion, a distance equal to the front of a company and twenty-two paces.

1182. When his rearmost company shall arrive abreast with the lieutenant colonel, its captain will halt and align it by the left. The other companies of the seventh will take their distances as prescribed for those of the eighth battalion.

1183. The remaining battalions will successively execute what has just been prescribed for the seventh. The lieutenant colonel of the first will direct the march of its leading guide to the

point where the rearmost company of this battalion ought to be halted, and then the major will replace him momentarily at the head of the column.

1184. The colonels, lieutenant colonels, and majors, will conform themselves to what is prescribed for each, Nos. 338-40.

3d. *To take distances on the head of the column.*

1185. When the General shall wish to cause distances to be taken on the head of the column, he will direct two markers to be placed on the line of direction as prescribed, No. 341, and cause this line to be prolonged to the rear by the means indicated No. 1174; these dispositions being made, he will command :

1. *On the first company, first battalion, take wheeling distance.*

1186. This having been repeated, each colonel will command : 1. *Battalion, about—FACE* ; 2. *Column, forward* ; 3. *Guide right.*

1187. At the third command, the captains will place themselves two paces outside of the directing flank.

1188. The lieutenant colonel of the eighth battalion will throw himself abreast with his now leading company, and the major abreast with its rearmost one ; in the other battalions the positions of the lieutenant colonels and majors will be the reverse.

1189. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.

1190. At this, the whole column, except the directing company, which has not faced about, will step off; the lieutenant colonel of the eighth battalion, placed by the side of the guide of its now leading company, will take care to direct this guide a little within the line of battle.

1191. The first battalion will take its distances in the manner indicated No. 342, and following.

1192. The lieutenant colonel of this battalion will throw himself to the point at which the first company ought to be halted, when the last company but one of the first battalion shall have taken its distance.

1193. This company having arrived abreast with the lieutenant colonel, its captain will halt it, face it about, and align it by the left; the other companies of this battalion will take their distances as prescribed for those of the first battalion.

1194. Each remaining battalion will conform itself to what has just been prescribed for the second. The lieutenant colonel of the eighth will direct the march of its leading guide to the point at which its now rearmost company ought to be halted, when he will change place with the major.

1195. The field officers will conform themselves to what is prescribed for each, Nos. 338-40.

4th. *To take distance on an interior battalion.*

1196. When the General shall wish to cause distances to be taken on an interior company of the column, say the first company of the fifth battalion, he will establish the direction in the manner indicated No. 1185, and cause it to be prolonged to the front and rear; which being executed, he will command:

1. *On the first company, fifth battalion, take wheeling distance.*

1197. This having been repeated, the colonel of the fifth and the colonels of the following battalions will each command: 1. *Battalion, about—FACE*; 2. *Column, forward*; 3. *Guide right*; the colonels of the battalions in front of the fifth will each command: 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide left*.

1198. The General will then add:

(2. MARCH. or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1199. The fifth battalion, and those placed in its rear, will execute their movements in the manner indicated No. 1187, and following, for taking distances *on the head of the column*; the fifth will conform itself to what is prescribed, in that case for the first battalion.

1200. The first four battalions will execute the movement as prescribed No. 1176, and following, for taking distances *on the rear of the column*.

At the commencement of the movement, the fourth battalion will put itself in march with the others, and its rearmost company will be halted the moment there is, between it and the first company of the fifth battalion, a distance equal to the front of a company, and twenty-two paces.

1201. When distances are taken on an interior battalion of the column, the headmost or rearmost company of this battalion will be designated as the directing company.

1202. A column in mass will take full distances, by the commands and means just indicated. When it has to take half distances, the General will substitute, in the first command, the indication *half* for that of *wheeling* distance.

1203. All those movements will be executed according to the same principles, in a column left in front.

1204. In a column by division, distances will be taken according to the same principles as in a column by company.

ARTICLE X.

Countermarch.

1205. A column, right in front, being at full or half distance, when the General shall wish to cause it to execute the countermarch, he will command :

1. *Countermarch.*

1206. This being repeated by all the colonels,

each will immediately command: 1. *Battalion, right (or left) FACE*; 2. *By file left (or right.)*

1207. The General will then add:

2. MARCH. (*Or double-quick—MARCH.*)

1208. At this, briskly repeated, all the subdivisions of the column will execute the countermarch, as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1209. With the left in front, the countermarch will be executed according to the same principles.

Countermarch of a column closed in mass.

1210. When a column in mass has to execute the countermarch, the General will command:

1. *Countermarch.*

1211. This being briskly repeated by all the colonels, each will immediately command: 1. *Battalion, right and left—FACE*; 2. *By file left and right.*

1212. The General will then add:

2. MARCH—(*or double-quick—MARCH.*)

1213. At this, briskly repeated, the subdivisions will put themselves in movement, and the countermarch will be executed, as prescribed, No. 354, and following.

ARTICLE XI.

Being in column by company closed in mass and at a halt, to form divisions.

1214. The column being by company, right in front and at a halt, when the General shall wish to cause divisions to be formed, he will command :

1. *Form divisions.*

1215. This being repeated by the colonels, each will immediately command : *left companies, left—FACE.*

1216. The General will then add :

2. MARCH—(or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1217. At this, briskly repeated, the movement will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1218. Each colonel will command : *guides—POSTS*, as soon as the divisions of his battalion are formed.

1219. If the column be in march, instead of at a halt, when the General shall wish to form divisions, he will command :

1. *Form divisions.*

1220. This being repeated by the colonels, each will immediately command : *left companies, by the left flank.*

1221. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1222. At this, briskly repeated, the movement will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion*.

1123. If the left be in front, the General will give the same commands, and the colonels will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 382.

PART FOURTH.

Different modes of passing from the order in column to the order in battle.

ARTICLE I.

Manner of determining the line of battle.

1224. The different manners of determining the line of battle have been explained, *School of the Battalion*.

ARTICLE II.

Different modes of passing from column at full distance into line of battle.

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| 1. To the left (or right) | } into line of battle. |
| 2. On the right (or left) | |
| 3. Forward, | |
| 4. Faced to the rear. | |

1st. *Column at full distance, to the left (or right) into line of battle.*

1225. The column, right in front, when the General shall wish to form it to the left into line, he will first assure the direction of the guides by one of the means prescribed, No. 1112, and following, and No. 1121, and following; which being executed, he will command :

1. *Left into line, wheel.*

1226. This having been repeated by the colonels, the right guide of the company at the head of each battalion will throw himself on the direction of the left guides, in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 391; the General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1227. At this, briskly repeated, the column will form to the left into line of battle, and the moment it is formed, the General will command :

3. *Guides (or colours and guides)*—POSTS.

1228. At this, the guides will take their places in line of battle, as also the colour-bearers, if in front.

1229. A column in march, will be formed into line, without halting, by the same commands and means, and according to the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1230. If, in forming the column into line, the General should wish to move forward, without halting, he will command :

1. *By companies, left wheel.*

1231. Which being repeated, he will add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1232. At this command the movement will be executed, as prescribed, No. 404; and when the wheel is nearly completed, the General will command :

1. *Forward.* 2. MARCH. 3. Guide—centre.

1233. At the third command the colour and general guides will conform themselves to what is prescribed, for march in line of battle.

1234. A column left in front, will form to the right into line of battle, according to the same principles.

By inversion, to the right (or left) into line of battle.

1235. If circumstances require that a column right in front, should form to the right into line of battle, the General, without occupying himself with rectifying the right guides of the column, will command :

1. *By inversion, right into line, wheel.*

1236. At this, the lieutenant-colonel and the left guide of every company at the head of a bat-

talion, will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 408.

1237. The colonels having repeated the above command, will each immediately give this: *battalion, guide right*; the lieutenant-colonels and majors will rectify, with the utmost promptitude, the direction of the right guides of their respective battalions, without occupying themselves with the general direction of the column: and as soon as these dispositions are made, the General will add:

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1238. At this, briskly repeated, each battalion will wheel up into line in conformity to what is prescribed, No. 409.

1239. The line being formed, the General will command:

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1240. If, with the left in front, it be necessary to form the column to the left into line of battle, the movement will be executed according to the same principles.

1241. If the General should wish the line to move forward after it is formed, the movement will be executed by the commands, and according to the principles indicated No. 1229; always preceding the command, *by companies right* (or *left*) *wheel*, by the command, *by inversion*.

Successive Formations.

1242. In the successive formations, the lieutenant-colonel of each subordinate battalion will always precede it on the line of battle, and establish a marker at the point where the right or left of his leading subdivision is to rest. He will take care to leave between this marker and the next battalion already established on the line, the interval of twenty-two paces, and then place a second marker on the line at a little less than subdivision distance from the first. The moment the lieutenant-colonel detaches himself, he will be replaced at the head of his column by the major.

1243. As soon as the color-subdivision of each battalion arrives on the line of battle, the color-bearer will step out and place himself opposite to his file on the alignment of the guides already established on that line, taking care to hold up his lance perpendicularly between his eyes.

1244. As soon as there shall be two colors on the line of battle, the colonels will command: *guides*—POSTS, after the last subdivision of their battalions is established on that line; but the color-bearers will remain in front until the entire line is formed. The General will then command: *colors*—POSTS.

1245. The lieutenant-colonels will assure with the utmost care the markers of their respective battalions on the line of battle, taking the colors as the basis of alignment as soon as there are two

es'ablished on that line, and then assure with equal precision the direction of the following guides and color-bearer as they successively come on the line of battle.

2d. Column at full distance, on the right (or left) into line of battle.

1246. A column by company, right in front, being in march, when the General shall wish to form it on the right into line of battle, he will first determine the direction of that line, and then indicate to the lieutenant-colonel of the first battalion the point where the right is to rest; this officer will immediately detach himself with two markers, and establish them as indicated, No. 415.

1247. If the direction of the line of battle be not parallel, or nearly so, to that of the column, the General, a little in advance, will take care to direct the march of the leading subdivision parallelly to that line, by the means indicated, No. 435, so that its guide, after turning to the right, may have at least ten (or nine) paces to take in order to come upon it.

1248. These dispositions being made, the General will command :

On the right into line.

1249. This having been repeated by the colonels, each will add : *battalion, guide right.*

1250. The leading subdivision having arrived opposite to the marker placed at the point of *appui*, (rest,) will turn to the right and the formation into line of battle will be executed as prescribed, No. 418, and following.

1251. When the lieutenant-colonel of the second battalion sees the last subdivision of the first turn to the right, in order to move upon the line, he will detach himself with two markers, whom he will establish on the direction of the guides of the first battalion.

1252. The leading subdivision of the second battalion having arrived opposite to the first marker, will turn to the right at the command of its captain, who will halt it three paces from the line of battle, and align it by the right against the two markers, placed in advance by the lieutenant-colonel.

1253. The following battalions, will execute their movement as just prescribed for the second.

1254. If the column be marching in quick time, and the General should wish the movement executed in double quick time, he will add the command: *Double-quick*—MARCH, and the movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 429.

1255. The line being formed, the General will command:

Colors—POSTS.

1256. At this the color-bearers will return to their places in line of battle. *See No. 1244.*

1257. The General, placed at the point of *appui*, will see that the colors of the two right battalions place themselves correctly on the direction which he may have determined for the line of battle.

1258. The field officers will conform themselves, pending the formation into line of battle of their respective battalions, to what has been prescribed, Nos. 430-1.

1259. A column, left in front, will be formed on the left, into line of battle, according to the same principles.

1260. If the General should wish to commence firing pending the execution of the movement, he will give an order to that effect, and the several battalions will successively conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 438. *This rule is general for all successive formations.*

3d. Column at full distance, forward into line of battle.

1261. When a column at full distance, right in front, and in march, shall arrive behind the right of the line on which it has to form line of battle the General will first determine the direction of that line, and then indicate to the lieutenant-colonel of the leading battalion the point at which the right ought to rest; this officer will immediately detach himself with two markers, and establish them on the direction indicated, as explained, No. 415.

1262. The head of the column having arrived at company distance from the line of battle, the General will command :

1. *Forward, into line.*

1263. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first battalion will command : *by company, left half wheel* ; the other colonels will each command : 1. *Battalion, guide right* ; 2. *Head of column to the left.*

1264. The General will then add :

• MARCH, (or *double-quick*)—MARCH.

1265. At this, briskly repeated, the first battalion will form itself forward, into line of battle by the means prescribed, No. 453, and following.

1266. The remaining battalions will march in column, by battalion, towards the line of battle ; to this end, the leading company of each will break from the general column by a wheel to the left, and then direct itself, that of the second battalion almost parallelly to the line of battle, and that of each of the following battalions diagonally forward, so as to arrive opposite to the point of *appui* (rest) of its battalion, but distant from this point at least the depth of the battalion in column.

1267. The head of each of these battalions having arrived at this point, will turn to the right, in order to advance in a square with the line of battle, and when it shall be at about company dis-

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tance from that line, on which the lieutenant-colonel will have established two markers, as explained, No. 415, the colonel will cause it to form forward, into line of battle by the means and the commands prescribed, No. 452, and following.

1268. The columns being at a halt, the movement will be executed by the same commands and means, with the exception that the captain of the leading company, first battalion, will conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 441.

1269. The line being formed, the General will command :

Colors—POSTS.

1270. If the General should wish to continue the march in line, after it has been formed, he will not cause markers to be established; the movement will be executed in *double quick time*, by the same commands and means, and in conformity to what is indicated No. 457; when the line is formed the General will designate the guide by one of the means prescribed for marching in line.

Remarks on forming forward into line of battle.

1271. The precision of this movement depends on the diagonal direction taken by the battalions in passing from the general column towards the line of battle; the better to assure this direction, the General, colonels, and lieutenant colonels, will observe the following rules for executing the movement from a halt.

1272. Before beginning the movement, the General will charge two aids-de-camp to determine the points of *appui* on the line of battle for the right flanks of the different battalions, which will be executed as follows :

1273. One of the aids will gallop to battalion distance and twenty-two paces from the General placed at the point of *appui*, and face to him ; the General will, by signal of the sword, align him on the point of direction to the left. The other aid will gallop at the same time to a like distance in rear of the first, face to the right, and align himself on the first and the General.

1274. The two aids being thus established on the line of battle, the General will cause the movement to commence ; the second battalion will direct itself on the first aid, and the third on second ; when the lieutenant-colonel of the second will arrive on the line, the first will gallop to battalion distance and twenty-two paces behind the second, and align himself on the latter and the color to the right ; the two aids will thus in turn place themselves one behind the other at battalion distance and an interval of twenty-two paces, as soon as the lieutenant-colonel of the battalion which directs itself on either, comes to replace him. The aids-de-camp will be careful to place themselves accurately on the line of battle, and at the true distance from each other.

1275. From the commencement of the movement, the General, or the officer he may substi-

tute, will place himself at the point of *appui* as in the formation on the right, into line of battle, and for the like purpose. See No. 1257.

1276. Every colonel will hold himself abreast with his leading company on the directing flank, pending the march of his battalion towards the line of battle; and, when the battalion begins to form, he will conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 430.

1277. Each lieutenant-colonel will detach himself, in order to take the place of the aid-de-camp on the line of battle, when the head of his battalion is at about one hundred and forty paces from that line, and he will then discharge the functions, pending the formation of his battalion, which have been prescribed, No. 431.

1278. A column, left in front, arriving behind the left of the line of battle, will form forward on that line, according to the same principles and by inverse means.

4th. Column at full distance faced to the rear, into line of battle.

1279. A column at full distance, right in front, and at a halt, when the General shall wish to form it into line faced to the rear, he will first determine the direction of that line, and indicate to the lieutenant-colonel of the headmost battalion the point of *appui* for its right; this officer will immediately detach himself with two markers, and

establish them on the direction indicated, as explained, No. 415.

1280. The General will then cause the leading company to be marched and aligned against the markers in the manner indicated, No. 467; this being done, he will then command :

1. *Into line, faced to the right.*

1281. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first will immediately command : *battalion, right—FACE*; the colonels of the following battalions will each command : 1. *Battalion, guide left*; 2. *Head of column, to the right.*

1282. The General will then add :

MARCH, (or *double quick—MARCH.*)

1283. This being briskly repeated, the first battalion will form into line of battle, faced to the rear, as prescribed, No. 468, and following.

1284. The remaining battalions will march in column, by battalion, towards the line of battle; to this end, the leading company of each will break from the general column by a wheel to the right, and the battalion will then direct itself towards the line of battle as in the formation *forward, into line.*

1285. The head of each of these battalions having arrived at the point opposite its point of *appui* (rest) of its battalion, will turn to the left

in order to advance in a square with the line of battle; and when at about company distance from that line, on which the lieutenant-colonel will have established two markers as indicated, No. 1242, the colonel will cause it to form faced to the rear, into line of battle, by the means and commands prescribed, No. 480, and following. See No. 1244.

1286. The line being formed, the General will command :

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1287. The General, colonels, and lieutenant-colonels, will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 1275, and following.

1288. A column, left in front, arriving before the left of the line of battle, will be formed faced to the rear, into line of battle, according to the same principles and by inverse means.

1289. If the column be in march, and shall arrive in front of the right of the line on which it is to form, he will indicate to the lieutenant-colonel of the headmost battalion the point of *appui* for its right; this officer will conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 1279.

1290. When the head of the column shall be at nearly company distance from the two markers established on the line, the General will command :

1. *Into line, faced to the rear.*

1291. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first will immediately command: *battalion, by the right flank*; the colonels of the other battalions will each command: 1. *Battalion, guide left; Head of column to the right.*

1292. The General will then add:

2. MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1293. This being briskly repeated, the first battalion will form into line of battle, faced to the rear, as prescribed, No. 480, and following.

1294. The other battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 1284, and following.

1295. The foregoing principles are applicable to a column left in front.

ARTICLE III.

Formations into line of battle, composed of two movements.

1296. When a column, right in front, arriving behind the line of battle, and prolonging itself on that line, has to form upon it before the whole of the column has entered into the new direction, the formation will be executed as follows.

1297. It will be supposed that the General has halted the column at the instant that the fourth

company of the fourth battalion entered the new direction ; he will verify the positions of the general guides, who, according to the principles established, ought to be on the flank of the part of the column which has entered the new direction, and he will establish this portion of the column on that direction, by the means prescribed, No. 1121, and following; which being executed, he will command :

1. *To the left, and forward, into line.*

1298. This having been repeated, the colonels of the first four battalions will each command: *left into line, wheel*, and the colonel of the fourth, a part of whose battalion only has entered the new direction, will then add: *six last companies, forward, into line.*

1299. The colonel of the fifth will command: 1. *Forward, into line* ; 2. *By company, left half wheel* ; and the colonels of the last three battalions will each command: 1. *Forward, into line* ; 2. *Battalion, guide right ; Head of column to the left.*

1300. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick* MARCH.)

1301. At this, briskly repeated, the battalions will form *to the left and forward, into line of battle*, according to the principles prescribed for the two formations.

1302. If the column be in march the movement will be executed by the same commands and means.

1303. If the General should wish, in forming the line, to march it immediately forward, he will command :

1. *By company to the left, and forward into line.*

1304. This being repeated, the colonels will conform themselves to what is indicated, Nos. 1298-99.

1305. The General will then add :

2. *Double-quick*—MARCH.

1306. The movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 1301, and the General will designate the directing battalion as prescribed, No. 1270.

1307. If the column, instead of arriving *behind*, arrive *before* the line of battle, the formation will be executed as follows :

1308. The General having halted the column, and assured the positions of the guides who have entered into the new direction, will command :

1. *To the left, and faced to the rear, into line.*

1309. This having been repeated, the colonels of the first four battalions will each command : *left into the line, wheel*, and the colonel of the

fourth will then add : *six last companies, into line, faced to the rear.*

1310. The colonel of the fifth will command :
 1. *Into line, faced to the rear* ; 2. *Battalion, right—FACE* ; the colonels of the last three battalions will each command : 1. *Into line, faced to the rear* ; 2. *Battalion, guide left* ; 3. *Head of column to the right.*

1311. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double quick* MARCH.)

1312. At this, briskly repeated, the battalions will form *to the left and faced to the rear, into line of battle*, according to the principles prescribed for the two formations.

1313. When a column at full distance has to be formed faced to the front, or faced to the rear, into line, on any company other than that at the head of the column, the formation will be executed by the union of two movements, as will be explained.

1314. In the first case, or faced to the front : the battalion on which the movement is made, and those in the rear, will form *forward, into line of battle* ; the other battalion will countermarch, and form *faced to the rear, into line of battle.*

1315. In the second case : the column having to form faced to the rear of the column, the battalion on which the movement is made, and those which follow, will form *faced to the rear into line*

of battle, the other battalions will countermarch, and form *forward, into line of battle*.

1316. In both cases the company at the head of the battalion on which the movement is made, will be taken as the basis of the formation.

1317. A column by company, right in front, will be supposed: the General wishing to form it into line of battle, faced to the front, on the fifth battalion, will send an order to the colonels of the first four battalions to cause them to countermarch, and himself cause to be established two markers before the head of the fifth battalion, as indicated, No. 415; as soon as those markers are established, the lieutenant-colonel of the fourth battalion will place two others on the same alignment, leaving between the two battalions the interval of twenty-two paces.

1318. The first four battalions having executed the countermarch, the General will command:

1. *On the (first company) fifth battalion, forward, into line.*

1319. This having been repeated, the colonel of the fifth will command: *by company, left half wheel*; the colonels of the last three battalions will each command: 1. *Battalion, guide right*; 2. *Head of column to the left.*

1320. The colonel of the fourth will command: 1. *Into line, faced to the rear*; 2. *Battalion, left—FACE*; the colonels of the first three battalions

will each command: 1. *Into line, faced to the rear*; 1. *Battalion, guide right*; 2. *Head of column to the left.*

1321. The General will then add:

MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1322. At this, briskly repeated, the last four battalions will form *forward*, and the first four *faced to the rear, into line of battle*, according to the principles prescribed for the two formations.

1323. If, instead of facing to the front, the line has to be formed faced to the rear of the column, the General, after sending an order to the colonels of the first four battalions to cause them to countermarch, will place two markers before the head of the fifth battalion; the lieutenant colonel of the fourth will place two other markers on the same alignment, leaving between the two battalions an interval of twenty-two paces.

1324. The first four battalions having executed the countermarch, the General will command:

On the (first company) fifth battalion, into line, faced to the rear.

1325. This having been repeated, the colonel of the fifth will command: *battalion, right*—FACE; the colonels of the last three battalions will command: 1. *Into line, faced to the rear*; 2. *Battalion, guide left*; 3. *Head of column to the right.*

1326. The colonel of the fourth will command :
 1. *Forward, into line*; 2. *By company, right half wheel*; the colonels of the first three battalions will each command : 1. *Forward, into line*; 2. *Battalion, guide left*; 3. *Head of column to the right*.

1327. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1328. At this, briskly repeated, the last four battalions will form *faced to the rear*, and the first four *forward, into line of battle*, according to the principles prescribed for the two formations.

1329. These several movements in a column, left in front, will be executed according to the same principles, and by inverse means.

ARTICLE IV.

Different modes of passing from column at half distance into line of battle.

1330. Columns at half distance may be formed into line of battle in either of the modes prescribed for columns at full distance. *See commencement of the preceding Article II.*

1st. *Column at half distance, to the left (or right) into line of battle.*

1331. A column at half distance having to form to the left (or right) into line of battle, the

General will first cause it to take distances on the subdivision he may choose to designate, by the means prescribed, No. 1174, and following; which being executed, he will form the column into line of battle as indicated, No. 1225, and following.

1332. If a column by company, at half distance be in march, and it be necessary to form rapidly into line of battle, the General will command:

1. *By the rear of column left (or right) into line, wheel.*

1333. This having been promptly repeated, the General will add:

2. MARCH (or *double-quick* MARCH.)

1334. This will be executed by each battalion successively, as prescribed, No. 503, and following; each colonel will be careful to leave the distance of twenty-two paces between his own and the succeeding battalion.

- 2d. *Column at half distance, on the right (or on the left) into line of battle.*

1335. A column at half distance will be formed on the right (or on the left) into line of battle, by the same commands and means as a column at full distance.

3d. *Column at half distance, forward, into line of battle.*

1336. A column being at half distance, when the General shall wish to form it forward into line of battle, he will make the same dispositions and give the same commands as if the column were at full distance; the leading battalion will close in mass and deploy on the headmost company; the following battalions will break by battalion from the general column, and each direct itself towards the line of battle, as if it were at full distance. When the headmost company shall have arrived at three paces from that line, the colonel will cause the column to close in mass, and then deploy it, as prescribed for the leading battalion.

4th. *Column at half distance, faced to the rear, into line of battle.*

1337. A column at half distance will be formed, faced to the rear, into line of battle, by the commands and means prescribed for a column at full distance.

ARTICLE V.

Columns closed in mass.

Deployment by battalion in mass.

1338. A column in mass, whatever the number

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of battalions, may be formed into line of battle by deployment; 1st. Faced to the front; 2d. Faced to the rear; 3d. Faced to the left; 4th. Faced to the right.

1st. Faced to the front.

1339. The column, formed by division, and right in front, and the General, wishing to deploy it, faced to the front, will first determine the direction of the line of battle, and cause it to be marked by one of the means already indicated, taking care, if the column be in march, to cause a mounted officer to be placed on that line, at the point where the head of the column ought to arrive.

1340. Deployments will always be made upon lines parallel and lines perpendicular to the line of battle, according to the principle established. *School of the Battalion.* If the column be at a halt, the General, before deploying it, will establish it perpendicularly to the line of battle, if it be not already so, by the means indicated, No. 1151-2, or No. 1164, and following; if the column be in march, he will direct it on the point marked as above, but so that it may arrive perpendicularly to the line of battle, and he will halt it at three paces from that line.

1341. The column being thus established, the General will cause it to deploy by battalion in mass, on the first battalion. He will place on the line of battle two markers, the first before the

right and the second before the left file of the headmost division, and then order a mounted officer to throw himself beyond the point at which the left battalion will arrive, and to place himself exactly on the prolongation of the basis of the alignment.

1342. These dispositions being made, the General will command :

1. *By battalion in mass, on the first battalion, deploy column.*

1343. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first battalion will caution it to stand fast. The other colonels will face their battalions to the left.

1344. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1345. At the command *march*, briskly repeated, the movement will commence ; the colonel of the first will command : *right*—DRESS ; at which the first division will dress up against the markers, and be aligned by the right. At the same time, the guides of the other divisions will cover each other accurately in file, each following guide taking the distance of six paces from the guide immediately preceding ; the major will establish them promptly on the direction, and as soon as they are assured in their positions, each chief will align his division by the right. The chief of the first division, after having command-

ed *front*, instead of placing himself before its centre, will remain on the right of the front rank, and the right guide will fall back to the rear rank.

1346. The other battalions will march by the left flank; the second, which finds itself nearest to the line of battle, will direct itself parallelly to that line; the others will march abreast with the second, and each preserve the distance of nine paces between the guide of its first and the guide of the last division of the battalion next towards the line of battle.

1347. The instant the movement commences, the major of the second battalion will throw himself twenty-two paces from the left flank of the column, to mark the point at which the battalion will face to the right in order to advance upon the line of battle.

1348. The lieutenant colonel of this battalion will at the same time throw himself on the line of battle, and establish two markers on it, disposed like those of the first battalion, the right marker twenty-two paces from the left flank of the battalion.

1349. When the right file of the first division, second battalion is nearly up with the major, the colonel will command: 1. *Battalion, by the right flank*; 2. MARCH; 3. *Guide right*.

1350. The first command will be given when the division has yet seven or eight paces to take, the second at the moment its right file is up with

the major, and the third immediately after the second.

1351. At the command *march*, the battalion will face to the right (front) in marching, (*See School of Company*;) the chiefs of division will throw themselves before the centres of their respective divisions; the right guide of the first will so direct himself as to bring the right file opposite to the first marker; and when the head of the battalion is at three paces from the line of battle, the colonel will halt it, and command: *right—DRESS*. At this command, the battalion will be aligned by the right, in the manner prescribed for the first battalion.

1352. The other battalion will continue to march, and execute successively what has been indicated for the second; the lieutenant colonel and major of each of these battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed for those of the second the moment the battalion preceding their own faces to the right in order to advance upon the line of battle.

1353. The deployment being ended, the General will command:

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1354. At this, the markers, placed before the masses, will retire.

1355. If the column be in march, and the General shall wish to deploy it by battalion in mass, on the first battalion without halting the column,

he will make the dispositions indicated, No. 1339, and following, and when the leading company of the first battalion is at company distance from the markers established in front of it, the General will command :

1. *By battalion in mass, on the first battalion, deploy column.*

1356. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first battalion will cause it to continue the march to the front. The other colonels will command. 1. *Battalion, by the left flank.*

1357. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1358. At this, the colonel of the first battalion will halt it, and conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 1345 ; the others will conform themselves to what is indicated, No. 1346 and following.

1359. If the General shall wish to deploy the column without halting it, and to continue the march, the markers will not be posted, the movement will be executed by the same commands and means as the foregoing, but with the following modifications. At the first command the colonel of the first battalion will command. 1. *Guide right.* 2. *Quick time.* At the command *double-quick*—MARCH, given by the General, the first battalion will march in quick time, and take

the guide on the right; the other battalions will conform to what is prescribed, No. 1346, and following, and when the leading company of each succeeding battalion arrives on the alignment of the first, its colonel will cause it to march in quick time; when the deployment is ended the General will designate the directing battalion as prescribed for marching in line.

1360. If, instead of deploying the column on the first battalion, the General shall wish to deploy it on the eighth, he will begin by causing the dispositions prescribed, No. 1339, and following, to be made, and then order a mounted officer to throw himself on the line of battle a little beyond the point at which the right battalion will arrive; this officer will place himself exactly on the prolongation of the markers placed before the head of the column.

1361. The General will then command :

1. *By battalion in mass, on the eighth battalion, deploy column.* 2. MARCH. (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1362. At the first command, all the battalions, except the eighth, will face to the right.

1363. At the command *march*, the first seven battalions will put themselves in movement; the first division of the first battalion, conducted by the lieutenant-colonel, will direct itself a little within the line of battle and parallelly to that line; the other battalions will regulate themselves

on the first in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 1346.

1364. At the instant the movement commences, the major of the seventh will throw himself twenty-two paces outside of the flank of the column to mark the point at which the battalion ought to be halted.

1365. The colonel of the eighth, seeing his battalion nearly unmasked, will command: 1. *Column forward*; 2. *Guide left*; 3. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1366. At the command *march*, which will be given the moment the battalion is unmasked, the colonel will conduct it towards the line of battle, and when at three paces from that line, he will halt it and align it by the left. The chief of the first division will then shift to the right as prescribed, No. 1344.

1367. When the left file, first division, seventh battalion, is up with the major, the colonel of this battalion will command: 1. *Battalion*; 2. HALT; 3. *Front*.

1368. At the second command, the battalion will halt; at the third it will face to the front, and if there be openings between the files, they will be promptly closed to the left.

1369. As soon as this battalion is unmasked, the colonel will conduct it to the line of battle in the manner prescribed for the eighth.

1370. The other battalions will continue to march, and each execute in succession what has

been indicated for the seventh : the major of each will throw himself twenty-two paces outside of the flank of the column, as prescribed for the major of the seventh, at the moment the next battalion in rear of his own halts ; the lieutenant-colonel will precede his battalion on the line of battle in order to establish upon it the two markers.

1371. The movement being ended, the General will command :

2. *Guides*—POSTS.

1372. If the column be in march, and the General shall wish to deploy it on the eighth, he will make the dispositions indicated, No. 1339 ; and when the head of the column shall arrive within three paces of the line, he shall command :

1. *By battalion in mass, on the eighth battalion, deploy column.*

1373. This having been repeated, the colonel of the eighth will caution it to halt, and will command, *battalion*. The colonels of the other battalions will command, *battalion, by the right flank*.

1374. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1375. This being repeated by all the colonels, except the colonel of the eighth, who will command HALT, the first seven battalions will face to the right, and the movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 1363, and following.

1376. If the General should wish to deploy on the eighth battalion without halting the column, and to continue to march forward, the markers will not be posted, and the movement will be executed by the same commands and means, with the following modifications : the eighth battalion when unmasked, will be moved forward in quick time, and will continue to march, instead of being halted, and will take the touch of elbows to the left. The seventh battalion when unmasked will be moved to the front in double-quick time, and when it arrives on the alignment of the eighth it will take the quick step and dress to the left, until the direction is given by the General, the other battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed for the seventh. When the first battalion arrives on the line, the General will designate the directing battalion, and may cause the line to take the double-quick step.

1377. According to the same principles, the deployment may be made on an interior battalion of the column. The General, after having established two markers before the head of the column, will order two mounted officers to throw themselves respectively a little beyond the points at which the right and left battalions will arrive.

1378. The directing battalion will conform itself to what is prescribed, Nos. 1365-6, for the eighth; the battalions in its front will face to the right and be deployed in the manner indicated, Nos. 1366-7, and No. 1367, and following; the

Other battalions will face to the left and execute the movements as prescribed, No. 1346, and following.

1379. Those several movements will be executed according to the same principles in a column with the left in front.

1380. In the preceding examples the line of battle has been established in front of the head of the column; the General may also establish it in front of any interior battalion, and then deploy the column on this battalion or any other that he may judge proper.

1381. It will be supposed that the line of battle ought to be established in front of the sixth, and that it is intended to deploy on this battalion: the General will cause two markers to be placed before the first division of the designated battalion, and order two mounted officers to throw themselves, respectively, a little beyond the points at which the right and left battalions will arrive; he will then command:

1. *Line of battle on the sixth battalion.*

1382. This having been repeated, the first five battalions which are in front of the line of battle, will face by the rear rank; which being executed, the General will add:

2. *By battalion, in mass, on the sixth battalion, deploy column.* 3. MARCH. (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1383. At the second command, all the battalions, except the sixth, will face to the left.

1384. At the command *march*, the deployment will commence: the colonel of the sixth will align his battalion by the left. The other battalions will put themselves in march; the direction on each side will be taken from the division the nearest to the line of battle, and the chief of this division will take care to direct its march, parallelly to that line.

1385. At the instant the movement commences, the major of the fifth will throw himself twenty-two paces from the flank of the column on the prolongation of the last division of his battalion; the lieutenant colonel will throw himself on the line of battle, place a marker at the point of *appui* for the left of this battalion, and a second at a little more than division distance from the first, in order to leave space for the battalion to cross between them.

1386. When the left file of the last division, fifth battalion, is nearly up with the major, the colonel will command (in the order of time indicated, No. 1350) 1. *Battalion, by the right flank*; 2. *MARCH*; 3. *Guide right*.

1387. At the second command, the battalion will face to the right (rear) in marching, in order to pass the line of battle; the guide of the last (now leading) division will so direct his march as to graze, in passing, the marker placed at the point of *appui*; the battalion will cross the line

of battle, and when the first division has passed it three paces, the colonel, who will have remained in front of that line, will halt the battalion, and face it by the front rank; the two guides of the first division and the covering sergeant of its left company will throw themselves out on the line of battle, and be assured in their positions by the lieutenant-colonel; which being executed, the colonel will cause the battalion to be aligned by the left.

1388. The first four battalions will conform themselves in succession to what has just been prescribed for the fifth, and the last two will deploy as indicated, No. 1346, and following.

1389. The movement ended, the General will command:

4. *Guides*—POSTS.

1390. If, in establishing the line of battle on the sixth, the General shall wish to deploy the column on any other, say the fourth battalion, he will command:

1. *Line of battle, on the sixth battalion.*
2. *By battalion in mass, on the fourth battalion, deploy column.*
3. MARCH. (or double-quick MARCH.)

1391. This movement will be executed according to the principles just prescribed, but observing what follows.

1392. The markers whom the General will cause to be established before the sixth battalion to serve as the basis of alignment, will be far enough apart to permit the battalion on which the deployment is made to pass between them.

1393. At the first command the first five battalions which are in advance of the line of battle, will face by the rear rank.

1394. At the second command, the first three and the last three battalions will face to the left, the fifth will face to the right, and the fourth stand fast.

1395. As soon as the fourth battalion is unmasked, it will march; cross the line of battle, and when the first division has passed three paces beyond, the colonel will halt the battalion, face it by the front rank, and align it by the left.

1396. When the fifth battalion has gained, in marching by the flank, the twenty-two paces which ought to separate it from the fourth, its colonel will halt it, face it by the rear rank, and the moment it is unmasked, he will conduct and establish it on the line of battle as just prescribed for the fourth, but he will align it by the right.

1397. The sixth battalion, marching by the flank, will prolong itself on the line of battle, and will be halted when it has gained the interval of twenty-two paces, which ought to separate it from the fifth.

1398. The other battalions will be deployed as in the preceding example.

2d. *Faced to the rear.*

1399. When the General shall wish to deploy the column faced to the rear, he will cause it to execute the countermarch, and then deploy it by the commands and means prescribed for deploying *faced to the front*.

3d. *Faced to the left.*

1400. A closed column, right in front, having to deploy by battalion in mass, faced to the left, will execute the movement in the following manner.

1401. If it be the wish of the General to deploy the column on the fifth battalion, he will determine the direction of the line of battle on the right flank of the column, and then command :

1. *To deploy, faced to the left.* 2. *By battalion in mass, on the fifth battalion, take distance.*

1402. These commands having been repeated, the colonel of the fifth will caution it to stand fast; the colonels of the first four battalions will each command: 1. *Column, forward; Guide right*; the colonels of the last three battalions will each cause his battalion to face about, and then command: 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide left*.

1403. The General will now add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1404. At this, briskly repeated, the movement will commence; the lieutenant-colonels of the first and eighth will each direct the headmost guide of his battalion parallelly to the line of battle. Each subordinate battalion will take division distance *and* four paces, reckoning from the battalion placed next in its front or its rear towards the directing battalion. As each battalion gets its distance, it will be halted by the colonel, and if it be faced to the rear of the column, he will cause it to face about.

1405. As soon as the movement commences, the General will direct the colonel of the fifth to place two markers as prescribed, No. 307, for changing direction by the right flank; the other colonels, each as his battalion gets its distance, will, in like manner, place two markers on the same alignment with those of the fifth: the General, or the officer whom he may charge with the execution of the duty, will see that these markers are properly placed.

1406. Distances having been taken, and the markers correctly established, the General will command:

1. *By battalion in mass, change direction by the right flank.*

1407. This having been repeated, each colonel will command: *battalion, right*—FACE.

1408. The General will then add:

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1409. At this, briskly repeated, each battalion will execute a change of direction as indicated, No. 308, and following, except that the battalions which were, in the column, in rear of the directing battalion, will be aligned by the right, and that the chief of the first division of each battalion will place himself on the right of his division after having aligned it.

1410. The movement being ended, the General will command :

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1411. If, instead of deploying the column on an interior battalion, the General shall wish to deploy it on the first, or on the eighth, the movement will be executed on the same principles; in the first case, the subordinate battalions will conform themselves to what is prescribed in the preceding example for those placed in the rear of the directing battalion; and in the second, to what is indicated for those placed in its front: in both cases, the directing battalion will be aligned by the flank next to the point of *appui*.

1412. A column, left in front, will be deployed by battalion in mass, faced to the right, according to the same principles.

4th. Faced to the right.

1413. A closed column, right in front, having to deploy by battalion in mass, faced to the right,

it will change direction by the left flank, and then deploy by the means and commands above indicated; but as this movement is much longer than the preceding one, the General may, when circumstances require it, deploy the column by inversion, according to the principles prescribed for deploying faced to the left, observing what follows:

1415. It will be supposed that the General wishes to deploy the column faced to the right on the fifth battalion; he will determine the direction of the line of battle on the left flank of the column, and cause it to be marked by the means above indicated; which being executed, he will command:

1. *To deploy, by inversion, faced to the right.*
2. *Battalion in mass, on the fifth battalion, take distance.*
3. MARCH. (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1416. This movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 1404, and following, except that the colonels, whose battalions are in front of the directing battalion, will each command. 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide left*; and the colonels whose battalions are in its rear: 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide right*,

1417. Each battalion having taken its distance, the General will command:

1. *By battalion in mass, change direction by the left flank.*
2. MARCH. (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1418. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed, No. 1409.

1419. The deployment being ended, the General will add :

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1420. The battalions being thus placed by inversion, the masses will be deployed into line of battle in the direct order, when each battalion will be, in respect to the others, in the inverse, whilst its own subdivisions are in the direct order.

1421. A closed column, left in front, will be deployed by inversion faced to the left, according to the same principles.

Deployment of masses.

1422. The line being deployed by battalion in mass, it is supposed that the General wishes to deploy the masses on the first division, fifth battalion ; he will cause two markers to be placed before this division, and direct the lieutenant colonel of the fourth battalion to place two others on the same alignment before his first division.

1423. These markers being established, the lieutenant-colonels of the fifth and fourth battalions will each place a third before the centre of the same division, as prescribed Nos. 517 and 544.

1424. The General will, at the same time, order two mounted officers to throw themselves re-

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spectively a little beyond the points at which will rest the left and the right of the line, and to establish themselves there correctly on the prolongation of the basis of alignment

1425. These dispositions being made, the General will command :

1. *On the first division, fifth battalion, deploy masses.*

1426. This having been repeated, the colonel of the fifth battalion will caution its first division to stand fast, and then, with each of the colonels who are to his left, command : *battalion, left—FACE.*

1427. The colonel of the fourth battalion, having cautioned its last division to stand fast, will then, with each of the colonels who are to his right, command : *battalion, right—FACE.*

1428. The battalions being thus by the flank their colonels will place themselves at eight or ten paces from their right flanks respectively ; to this end, the colonels, whose battalions have faced to the left, will pass through the intervals which separate these battalions.

1429. The General will then add :

2. MARCH (or *double-quick* MARCH.)

1430. At this, briskly repeated, the deployment will commence ; the first division, first battalion, and the first of the eighth, each conduct-

ed by its lieutenant-colonel, will direct its march a little within the mounted officer placed at the extremity of the line of battle, and parallelly to that line; the first division of each of the other battalions will follow exactly in the trace of the division which precedes it.

1431. The fifth and fourth battalions will deploy themselves from the halt; the fifth on its first division, and the fourth on its last division, in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 515 and following, and No. 542, and following.

1432. The colonel of the third battalion, seeing that the first division of the fourth is on the point of halting, will for his last division, say the fifth, command: 1. *Fifth division.* 2. HALT. The second command will be given at the moment the third battalion has taken its interval of twenty-two paces; the chief of the fourth division will then add: FRONT.

1433. The lieutenant-colonel will detach himself in time, and establish on the line of battle two markers facing to the guides of the fourth battalion; these markers being established, he will place a third at the point against which one of the three right files of the left company of the directing division will arrive and then throw himself a little beyond the point at which the right of the third division will arrive.

1434. The chief of the fifth division will align it by the left against the markers the moment it is unmasked.

1435. The other divisions will continue to march, and the deployment will be made as prescribed for the fourth battalion.

1436. The second and first battalions will, successively, conform themselves to what has just been prescribed for the third.

1437. The battalions which march by the left flank will deploy themselves as follows: the colonel of the sixth, seeing that the last division of the fifth battalion is on the point of being halted, will command: 1. *First division*; 2. HALT. The second command will be given at the instant the sixth battalion has taken its interval of twenty-two paces; the chief of its first division will then add; FRONT.

1438. The lieutenant-colonel will conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 1433, for the lieutenant-colonel of the third battalion; the markers whom he will place will face to the right, and the intermediate marker will be established so as to be opposite to one of the three left files of the right company, directing division, of this battalion.

1439. The first division having been faced to the front, its chief will align it by the right: the other divisions will continue to march, and the deployment ended as just indicated for the fifth battalion. *See No. 1287.*

1440. The seventh and eighth battalions will successively conform themselves to what has just been prescribed for the sixth.

1441. The deployment being ended, the General will add :

3. Colors—POSTS.

1442. The General will see that the guides and colors of the fifth, fourth, and sixth battalions place themselves correctly on the direction.

1443. The colonels having halted the directing division of their respective battalions, as prescribed above, will follow up the deployment of the other divisions; and in case a chief of a subordinate division commits the fault of commanding *halt* too soon or too late, they will hasten to the following division in order to prevent the fault from being propagated.

1444. If the column be composed of not more than three, or even four battalions, the General may dispense with causing the intermediate deployment by battalion in mass; in this case the deployment will be executed according to the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion*, observing what follows.

1445. A column of four battalions right in front, is supposed, having to deploy itself on the last division of the second battalion : the General, after having placed two markers before the headmost division of the column, will cause the line of battle to be prolonged to the right and left, and command :

1. *On the fifth division, second battalion, deploy column.*

1446. This having been repeated, the colonel of the second will caution the designated division to stand fast, and then command: *battalion, right—FACE.*

1447. At this, the lieutenant-colonel of this battalion will throw himself on the line of battle, and place a third marker as prescribed, No. 544.

1448. The colonel of the first battalion will give the same command as the colonel of the second.

1449. The colonels of the third and fourth will each command: *battalion, left—FACE,* and immediately cross the column, in order to place himself on the right flank of his battalion.

1450. The lieutenant-colonel of the third will throw himself on the line of battle, and establish two markers on this line, as prescribed, No. 1433, the right marker at the distance of twenty-two paces from the left flank of the second battalion.

1451. The General will then add:

2. MARCH (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1452. At this, briskly repeated, the deployment will commence: the second battalion will deploy itself on the designated division as indicated, *School of the Battalion.*

1453. The colonel of the first will halt its last division, when his battalion shall have left between it and the right flank of the second an interval of twenty-two paces, and the battalion will

deploy itself on this division as has already been indicated.

1454. When the third battalion has taken, in marching by the flank, the interval of twenty-two paces from the second, its colonel will command : 1. *Battalion, by the right flank* ; 2. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*) 3. *Guide right.*

1455. At the second command, the battalion will face to the right in marching, and when arrived at three paces from the line of battle, the colonel will halt it, and cause it to deploy on its first division. *See No. 1244.*

1456. The fourth battalion will continue to march ; and when its right file is opposite to its point of *appui*, the colonel will conduct it to the line of battle, and deploy it as prescribed for the third.

1457. The lieutenant-colonel of this battalion will throw himself in advance on the line of battle, and place the two markers as prescribed, No. 1450, in order that the colonel may judge the moment for marching the battalion up to this line.

1458. The colonels will conform themselves pending the deployment of their respective battalions, to what is prescribed, No. 1443.

1459. The lieutenant-colonels will conform themselves to what is prescribed above.

1460. The deployment being ended, the General will command :

3. *Colors—POSTS.*

1461. These several modes of deploying a column, may be executed while marching, by the same (general) commands and means, but the colonels will conform themselves in the execution, to what is prescribed, *School of the Battalion for deploying while in march.*

1462. A column left in front will be deployed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Movements which may be executed by a line of battalions in masses.

1st. The advance in line.

1463. The line being deployed by battalion in mass, when the General shall wish it to advance, he will designate the directing battalion, (the fifth will here be supposed) then throw himself in front of this battalion, verify the direction of its guides in respect to their perpendicularity to the line of battle, rectify the direction, if necessary, and command :

1. The fifth, the battalion of direction.

1464. At this, the lieutenant-colonel of the directing battalion will throw himself twenty-five or thirty paces in front of the guides, face to them, and place himself correctly on their prolongation ; the General, throwing himself in rear of those guides, will verify the position of the lieutenant-colonel, rectify it, if necessary, and then command :

2. *Battalions, forward.*

1465. This having been repeated, the colonel of the directing battaion will command: *guide left*, and the other colonels, *guide left* (or *ri, ht.*) according as they may find themselves to the right or left of the directing battalion.

1466. At this command, the right general guide of the directing battalion will throw himself six paces in front of his guides; the lieutenant-colonel will establish him on the perpendicular, and as soon as assured in that position, he will take points on the ground in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 590.

1467. The chief of the first division in each of the battalions to the left of the directing one, will pass to the left of his division, taking post in the front rank, and the guide of that flank will fall back to the rear rank.

1468. The lieutenant colonel of every subordinate battalion will indicate to the guide of its headmost division the direction he ought to follow, and this guide will immediately take his points on the ground.

1469. These dispositions being made, the General will add:

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH)

1470. At this, briskly repeated, the line will put itself in movement; the general guide of the directing battalion will carefully conform himself

to what is prescribed for the color-bearer, No. 597 ; the guide of its headmost division will march exactly in the trace of the general guide, preserving the original distance of six paces from him ; the guides of the other battalions will direct themselves perpendicularly to the front.

1471. The lieutenant-colonel of each battalion, being, pending the march, placed by the side of the guide of his first division, will take care to maintain between his battalion and that next to its right or left, on the side of the direction, the interval of twenty-two paces.

1472. The chief of each first division will maintain himself exactly abreast with its guide on the opposite flank, and will superintend the march of the division according to what is prescribed, No. 604, and following :

1473. The other divisions will conform themselves to the rules for the march in column.

1474. The colonels will hold themselves on the flanks of their respective battalions, each on the side of direction, and superintend the movement.

2d. To halt the line, marching in advance, and to align it.

1475. The line being in march, when the General shall wish to halt it, he will command :

1. *Battalion.* 2. HALT.

1476. The line being halted, if the General

wish to give a general alignment, he will place two markers before the directing battalion, and then command :

1. *Guides, on the line.*

1477. At this, the lieutenant-colonel of each subordinate battalion will place two markers before its head on the alignment of those established by the General; and the chief of each first division will pass to the flank of his division on the side of the direction.

1478. As soon as the markers are correctly established on the line of battle, the colonels, without regulating themselves on each other, will align their battalions by the flank of direction in the manner prescribed, No. 1345.

1479. The battalions being aligned, the General will command :

2. *Guides—POSTS.*

3d. *The line marching in advance, to cause it to change direction.*

1480. The line being in march, it is supposed that the General wishes to cause it to change direction to the right; he will throw himself to the point at which he may wish the right of the new line to rest, and place two markers, one at the point of *appui*, the other at division distance from the first.

1481. These dispositions being made, the General will command :

1. *Change direction to the right.*

1482. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first battalion will command: 1. *Guide left*; 2. *Battalion right wheel*; at this command, the chief of the first division will throw himself before the centre of his division.

1483. The other colonels will each command: *guide right*; at this command, the chief of each first division will throw himself before its centre.

1484. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*, MARCH.)

1485. At the command *march*, briskly repeated, the first battalion will change direction by wheeling according to the principles prescribed, No. 291, and following; its colonel will cause it to wheel until its front is parallel to the line of battle; he will then conduct it forward, halt it three paces from this line, and align it by the right.

1486. The other battalions will be marched towards the line of battle, each executing in succession slight changes of direction to the right, so that, on arriving at twenty paces from that line, the headmost division may be parallel to it; to this end, the leading guide, advancing insensibly the left shoulder, will direct himself circularly to

the right; the other guides will follow this movement in marching exactly in his trace, and the divisions will each conform itself to the movement of its guide as prescribed, No. 195.

1487. At the commencement of the movement, the lieutenant colonel of the second battalion will throw himself on the line of battle, and immediately establish a marker at twenty-two paces from the left flank of the first battalion, and another at division distance from the first, and at the instant of detaching himself, he will be replaced at the head of the column by its major.

1488. The lieutenant-colonels of the other battalions will successively conform themselves to to what has just been prescribed for the lieutenant-colonel of the second; each will precede his battalion, on the line of battle, by about fifty-five paces.

1489. The movement ended, the General will add:

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1490. If the General shall wish, in changing, to continue the march in the new direction, the markers will not be posted, the movement will be executed by the same commands; but the colonel of the first battalion will, when it has finished the wheel command, *forward march*, and (if the line be marching in double-quick time, he will add, *quick time*,) the others will wheel as just prescribed in *double-quick time*, and as each arrives on

the alignment of the first, its colonel will march it in *quick time*.

1491. Changes of direction to the left will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Remarks.

1492. It is essential that the battalion on which the movement is made, should arrive perpendicularly to the line of battle; to this end, and conformably to the principle established, No. 295, the colonel of this battalion will cause the step of the pivot to be shortened if this should become necessary; and, if, notwithstanding this precaution, some of the divisions be not able to conform themselves exactly to the movement of the first, they will, on halting the battalion, be promptly conducted by the flank into the true direction before the battalion is aligned.

4th. To march the line in retreat.

1493. The line being at a halt, when the General shall wish to cause it to march in retreat, he will command:

Face by the rear rank.

1494. This having been repeated, the battalions will face in the manner indicated, No. 983, and following; the chief of the last division of each

battalion will place himself on the left of his division in the rear rank, now become front rank, and the chief of each first division will throw himself before its centre.

1495. These dispositions being executed, the General will designate the directing battalion, and cause the direction to be traced as under the first head, *to advance in line*, No. 1463, and then command :

1. *Battalions, forward.*

1496. This having been repeated, the colonel of the directing battalion will command; *guide right*, and the colonels, *guide left* (or *right*,) according as they may find themselves to the left or right of the directing battalion.

1497. The General will then add :

2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1498. The line will march in retreat according to the principles prescribed for marching in advance.

1499. The line marching by the front rank when the General shall wish to march it in retreat, he will command :

1. *Battalions, right about.* 2. MARCH.

1500. At this, briskly repeated, the battalion will face to the rear and move off at the same gait by the rear rank, as prescribed, *School of the*

Battalion, the line will march again by the front by the same commands.

1501. The General having halted the line, and wishing to face it by the front rank, will command :

Face by the front rank.

1502. This having been repeated, each battalion will face by the front rank ; which being executed, the chief of the first division will retake his place in line, and the chief of the fourth his in column.

5th. To change direction of the line marching in retreat.

1503. The line marching in retreat will change direction by the same means and commands as if it were advancing, observing what follows.

1504. It is supposed that the General wishes to change direction to the left ; he will place two markers on the new direction, the first at the point of *appui*, and the second at such distance from the first that the battalion may easily pass between them.

1505. The first battalion will be conducted to and established on the new direction as indicated, No. 1482, and 1485 ; but it will cross the line of battle ; and when the first division has passed three paces beyond, the colonel will halt the battalion, and face it by the front rank.

1506. As soon as the battalion faces, the guides of the first division will throw themselves on the line of battle, and be assured in their positions by the lieutenant-colonel; which being done, the colonel will align the battalion by the right.

1507. The other colonels will each direct his battalion so that it may arrive when at twenty paces, parallelly to the line of battle; he will then cause it to pass that line, between the two markers placed in advance by the lieutenant-colonel in the manner indicated, No. 1504. When the first division has passed three paces beyond the line, the battalion will be halted faced by the front rank, and aligned as prescribed for the first.

1508. A line of battalion masses, left in front, will march and change direction, advancing and retreating, according to the same principles and inverse means; the fifth or last division of each mass will conform itself to what is prescribed for the first, and reciprocally.

6th. To break the line, formed by battalion in mass, and to re-form the column into line.

1509. The line being at a halt, when the General shall wish to break it to the right into column by battalion, he will command:

1. *By battalion, right in front, into column.*

1510. This having been repeated, the lieutenant colonel of each battalion will place a marker

before the left guide of its first division, and a second at division distance from the first in a direction perpendicular to the line of battle.

1511. At the same time, each colonel will command: 1. *Change direction by the left flank*; 2. *Battalion, left—FACE.*

1512. These dispositions being made, the General will add:

2. MARCH (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1513. At this, each battalion will change direction by the means indicated, *School of the Battalion*; but the divisions will be aligned by the right, and the chief of each first division will take care to halt it when its right file shall be up with the first marker.

1514. The column thus formed will march according to the same principles which govern the movement of an ordinary column; but as, in order to return into line of battle, in the direct (not inverse) order, the battalions must change direction by the right flank. the column has been dressed by that flank, and will march with the guide to the right; each lieutenant-colonel, placed by the side of his leading guide, will see that this guide preserves the distance (twenty-two paces) which separates his battalion from that which precedes.

1515. If the column thus disposed, be required to change direction, as there are already sufficient distances between the battalions, there will be no necessity for taking distances; each battalion will

successively change direction according to the principles prescribed, No. 1155, and following.

1516. The column being halted, when the General shall wish to re-form it into line of battle, faced to the left, he will place, in the direction he may choose to give to that line, two markers, for the change of direction of the headmost battalion by the right flank, and then command :

1. *Faced to the left into line.* 2. *By battalion in mass, change direction by the right flank.* 3. MARCH (or *double-quick MARCH.*)

1517. The first command having been repeated, the lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will place two markers for its change of direction ; he will establish them on the prolongation of those placed by the General ; each colonel will, at the same time, command : *battalion, right—FACE.* At the command *march*, the movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 1409, and following.

1518. In like manner may the same column (with distances of twenty-two paces between the battalion masses) be formed by inversion faced to the right into line of battle, by causing each battalion to execute a change of direction by the left flank. To effect this, the General will command :

1. *By inversion, faced to the right into line.* 2. *By battalion in mass, change direction by the left flank.* 3. MARCH (or *double quick MARCH.*)

7th. To ploy the line of masses into general column closed in mass.

1519. When a line of battalions in mass has to be ployed into column, as the battalions, by reason of their depth, and the smallness of the intervals between them, cannot be directed diagonally towards the points at which they ought respectively to enter the column, the movement will be executed in the following manner :

1520. It will be supposed that the line ought to be ployed on the fifth battalion, right in front; the General will throw himself in front of this battalion, and after assuring himself that the guides are correctly placed, he will command :

1. *By battalion in mass, on the fifth battalion, right in front, into column.* 2. MARCH (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1521. At the first command, each colonel who finds himself to the right of the directing battalion, will command : 1. *Column, forward* ; 2. *Guide left.*

1522. The colonels, who are to the left of the directing battalion, will each give the same commands after causing his battalion to face about.

1523. At the command *march*, the movement will commence ; the first four battalions will march to the front, and when the last division of the fourth battalion shall have passed six paces beyond the first division of the fifth, the colonel will

cause his battalion to face to the left, in marching, in order to take its place in column; when the left guides arrive on the direction of those of the fifth, the colonel of the fourth will halt it, and cause it to face to the front.

1524. At the moment of halting, the left guides facing to the rear, will place themselves on the prolongation of those of the fifth battalion; and the lieutenant-colonel, placed in their rear, will assure them on the direction; which being done, the colonel will cause his battalion to be aligned by the left, and then order the guides to face about.

1525. The colonels of the first three battalions will each conform himself to what has just been prescribed for the colonel of the fourth, as his last division has passed six paces beyond the front rank, first division, of the battalion which entered the column next before his own.

1526. The last three battalions will enter the column in like manner; the colonel of the sixth will cause it to face to the left in marching, when its first division has passed six paces beyond the rear rank, last division, of the fifth battalion, and he will halt his battalion when its left guides are on the direction of those of the fifth.

1527. At the moment of halting, the guides of the sixth will promptly place themselves on the prolongation of those of the fifth battalion, and the lieutenant-colonel will assure them on that di-

rection; which, being done, the colonel will cause his battalion to be aligned by the left.

1528. The last two battalions will conform themselves to what has just been prescribed for the sixth, as the first division of each has passed six paces beyond the rear rank, last division, of the battalion which preceded it in column.

1529. A line of masses will be ployed into column, left in front, according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Remarks on inversions.

1530. The principles prescribed, No. 582, and following, for *breaking* or *ploying* into column a single battalion, formed in line of battle by inversion, are applicable to a line of many battalions, when formed in line by inversion in the manner indicated, No. 1236 and following; but when the battalions are placed, in respect to each other, in the inverse order, whilst their subdivisions are in the direct order, as indicated, No. 1420, other means, to be immediately prescribed, will be employed for breaking or ploying the line into column if it be desired to replace the battalions in the direct order.

1531. It will be supposed that the General, in causing the line to break, wishes to march it to the left; he will order each colonel to cause his battalion to break to the right in order to march towards the left (in column at full distance) as if it were isolated; and as soon as the battalions

break, he will put them in march all at the same time: in this way the column will find itself united and formed in the direct order as soon as the last subdivision of each battalion has turned into the new direction.

1532. If, instead of breaking the line (into column at full distance,) the General shall wish to ploy it into column, say on the fifth battalion, so that the first battalion may be in front, he will order the colonel of the fifth to ploy it into column, right in front, on its second division; at the same time he will order the other colonels to ploy their respective battalions, right in front, on the division nearest to the directing battalion, and then cause the masses to enter the column as follows: the first four battalions, in front, and the last three, in rear of the directing battalion.

1533. If, in breaking the line, it be desired to march towards the right, or if, in ploying it, it be desired to place the eighth battalion in front, the movement will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

PART FIFTH.

ARTICLE I.

To advance in line of battle deployed.

1534. The line of battalions being deployed, and correctly aligned when the General shall wish to advance in this order, he will choose as the di-

recting battalion (say the fifth) the one which he may deem most favorably placed for the purpose ; he will approach this battalion, and command :

1. *The fifth, the battalion of direction.*

1535. This having been repeated, the colonel and lieutenant-colonel of every battalion will place themselves in rear and in front of the color-file of their respective battalions as prescribed, Nos. 587-8.

1536. The colonel of the directing battalion, having assured his lieutenant-colonel on the perpendicular, will promptly establish two markers behind his battalion as prescribed, No. 588.

1537. The General will verify the direction of these markers, rectify it, if necessary, and charge an officer to superintend, pending the march, the successive replacing of them.

1538. The General will then command :

Battalions, forward.

1539. This command having been repeated, the color-rank of every battalion will advance six paces, and its two general guides will throw themselves out abreast with this rank ; the major will place himself at six or eight paces from the flank of the color-rank, and on the side opposite to the directing battalion. .

1540. The General need not occupy himself with the general alignment of the color-ranks and

general guides of the different battalions; it will suffice if those of each battalion conform themselves to what has just been prescribed.

These dispositions having been made, the General will add :

3. MARCH (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1542. At this, repeated with the greatest rapidity, the line will step off with life; each battalion will observe with the utmost care, the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion*, for marching in line of battle.

1543. Each colonel and lieutenant-colonel will conform himself, for the maintenance of the direction and alignment, to the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion*.

1544. The directing battalion being regarded as infallible by all the others, and having thus the greatest influence on them, its march will be superintended with the utmost care; consequently, the general-in-chief, or the officer deputed by him, placed in front of this battalion, will labor to maintain its centre steadily on the perpendicular; to this end he will frequently throw himself from thirty to forty paces in front of the color-bearer, face to the rear, and align himself correctly on the markers established behind the battalion; he will rectify, if necessary, the direction of the centre corporal, as well as that of the color-bearer.

1545. If the line of direction of this battalion be badly chosen, and this may often happen, as it

is very difficult to determine the perpendicular with precision; the General and the colonel of this battalion will perceive it at the end of a few paces by the crowdings in one wing, and the openings of files in the other.

1546. If, for example, the line of direction, instead of being perpendicular to the primitive line of battle, be taken to the right of the perpendicular, the directing battalion will soon be in an oblique position to both of those lines; the interval to its right will be more and more diminished, and that to the left increased in the same proportion, which will force all the subordinate battalions to oblique to the right to regain their intervals; the General, by placing himself on either flank of the directing battalion, will perceive that the battalions to its right are in advance, and those to its left in the rear, in respect to the false direction of that battalion.

1547. Promptly to remedy this fault, the General will order the major of the directing battalion to throw himself thirty or forty paces before its centre, and to face to the rear; he will himself go at the same time to a like distance behind its rear, and place, by signal of the sword, the major on the direction he may choose to give; the colonel of this battalion will immediately caution the centre corporal and the color-bearer to conform themselves to this new direction, and the officer superintending the markers in the rear will immediately establish them on that direction.

1548. If, at the end of a few paces, the General perceive that the new direction is not exact, he will promptly give another; but with a good *coup d'œil*, and the habit of directing lines, he will rarely find it necessary to change the direction more than once.

1549. Each subordinate battalion will maintain its interval on the side of the directing battalion.

1550. The preservation of intervals between battalions being the most essential point in the march in line, the colonels will give to it the utmost attention.

1551. A battalion can only lose its interval, from another, by the false direction pursued by its color-bearer. The colonel may early perceive this by the indications noticed, Nos. 1545-46, and as a remedy, he will apply the means indicated, No. 607, and following.

1552. The interval may be momentarily diminished by openings between files; in this case, it will suffice to cause the files to close insensibly upon the centre of their battalion.

1553. The Generals of the divisions and brigades being placed further in rear of the line than the colonels, may each see at once several battalions; hence it will be easy for them to perceive whence the loss of intervals, and they will give prompt notice thereof to the colonels.

1554. When the loss of interval is but slight, and the battalion does not slant in respect to the perpendicular, the colonel may confine himself to

cautioning the color-bearer to incline insensibly to the right or left, without taking the oblique step: by this means the interval may be re-established without inconvenience. As to the general alignment, the following rules will be observed.

1555. A scrupulous attention need not be given to the maintenance of the colors and general guides of the several battalions exactly abreast with each other; consequently the major of each battalion placed on the flank of his color-rank on the side opposite to the direction, will not cause the color-bearer to shorten or lengthen the step, but when this may be evidently necessary to the preservation of a certain degree of general harmony.

1556. The two general guides of each battalion will conform themselves steadily to the direction of the color-rank of the same battalion, and hold themselves abreast with this rank, without deference to the colors and general guides of the other battalions.

1557. Nothing contributes more to fatigue soldiers, and to derange the inferior order of battalions, than frequent variations of step; the three corporals placed in the centre of each battalion will observe steadily the length and cadence of the pace, without endeavoring to maintain themselves exactly at the distance of six paces from the color-rank; consequently, they will not vary in either of those particulars except on a caution, to that effect, from their colonel or lieutenant-colonel.

1558. To carry through the same principle, colonels will not scrupulously endeavor to maintain their battalions abreast with each other; consequently, they will not cause the step to be lengthened or shortened, the time to be marked or quickened, except when one or the other shall evidently be necessary in order to preserve a certain degree of harmony in the line; if it happen that a battalion find itself a pace or two in advance or in rear of the neighboring battalions, this slight irregularity may soon correct itself without particular orders or interference.

1559. Colonels will carefully look to the direction and interior order of their respective battalions, and the lieutenant-colonels to the alignment.

1560. Brigadier and major-generals will superintend the march of their respective brigades and divisions, and charge themselves especially with the preservation of battalion intervals.

1561. The General will occupy himself more particularly with the directing battalion, but his attention will at the same time be given to the whole line.

ARTICLE II.

To halt the line and to align it.

1562. The line being in march, and the General wishing to halt it, he will command:

1. *Battalions.*

1563. This having been repeated, the General will add:

2. HALT.

1564. This having been repeated with the utmost rapidity, the line will halt. The color-rank and general guides of each battalion, will halt, but remain in front of the line.

1565. The line being halted, and the General wishing to give it a general alignment, he will throw himself some paces on the right of the directing color, in order the better to see the whole line, and thence to determine the new direction.

1566 He will next order the color-bearer and the left general guide of this battalion to face to him, when he will place them on the direction he shall have chosen; the right general guide will face to the left, and align himself on the color-bearer and the left general guide of the same battalion; the lieutenant-colonel will assure him on this direction, and the two corporals of the color-rank will fall back into their places in the line of battle.

1567. The basis of alignment being thus assured, the General will command:

1. *Colors and general guides on the line.*

1568. This having been repeated, the color-bearers and general guides of all the battalions

will face to the color of the directing battalion; those of the next battalion to the right and left, respectively, will align themselves correctly on the color and general guides of that battalion; those of the other battalions will align themselves on the colors; the lieutenant-colonel and major of each battalion will promptly assure the color-bearer and general guides of their battalions on the new direction: all the bearers will carry their colors perpendicularly between their eyes, and the corporals of their rank will fall back into their places in line.

1569. These arrangements being made, the General will add:

2. *Guides, on the line.*

1570. This having been repeated, it will be executed in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 642, and following; and as soon as the guides are assured on the line, each colonel will cause his battalion to be aligned upon its centre without regulating itself on the other battalions.

1571. All the battalions being aligned, the General will command:

3. *Colors and guides—Posts.*

1572. If the new direction should throw one or more battalions back from the position occupied at halting, each colonel of these battalions, as soon as he perceives the necessity by the direction of

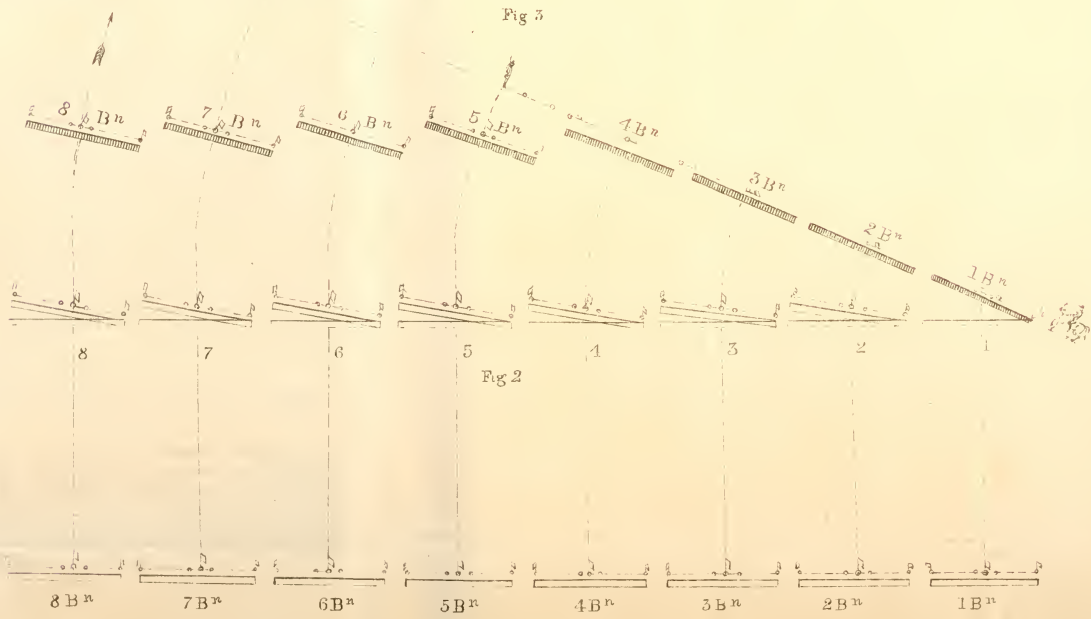


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the colors, will face his battalion about, march it to the rear, and then face it about when it has passed the new direction.

ARTICLE III.

Change of direction marching in line of battle.

1573. A deployed line, marching in the order in battle, when the General shall wish to cause it to change direction, so as to throw forward a wing, the movement will be executed as follows :

1574. If the left wing be the one intended to be thrown forward, the General will go to the right battalion and place before it, on the new direction he may wish to give to the line of battle, two markers, distant from each other fifty or sixty paces, the first marker at the point of *appui* (rest) for the right of the line ; the markers being established, he will cause the line to be prolonged by mounted officers.

1575. These dispositions made, the General will command :

1. *Change direction to the right.* 2. MARCH,
(or *double-quick*—MACRH.)

1576. At the command *march*, briskly repeated, the movement will commence ; each battalion will change direction according to the principles prescribed, No. 653, and following ; the right battalion will wheel until it is parallel to the new line of battle ; its colonel will then direct it forward,

halt it four paces within the markers, and command: 1. *Color and general guides*—ON THE LINE.

1577. The color-bearer and general guides will face to the General placed on the right of the line, who will establish them on the new direction; which being executed, the colonel will add: 2. *Guides*—ON THE LINE; 2. *On the centre*—DRESS.

1578. As each battalion has sufficiently disengaged itself by wheeling, its colonel will add: *Forward*—MARCH; at this, the battalion will resume the direct march.

1579. The colonel of the second battalion will so direct it as to cause it to arrive parallelly to the new line; and, to this end, he will cause it to execute successive slight changes of direction in proportion as it advances towards the line.

1580. Its lieutenant-colonel will, in advance, throw himself on the line, and place upon it two markers, as indicated, No. 1574.

1581. The colonel of the second having halted his battalion at four paces from the new line, will command: 1. *Color and general guides*—ON THE LINE.

1582. At this, the color-bearer and two general guides of the second battalion will face to the right, and promptly place themselves on the line of battle. The major, from the rear of the left general guide, will align them correctly on those of the first battalion; which being executed, the

colonel will add : 2. *Guides*—ON THE LINE. 3. *On the centre*—DRESS. See No. 1244.

1583. Each of the remaining battalions will conform itself to what is just prescribed for the second.

1584. The lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will precede it on the line, by about one hundred paces, and conform himself to what is prescribed for the lieutenant-colonel of the second.

1585. The General or the officer whom he may substitute, placed on the right of the line, will take care that the colors of the first two battalions are correctly assured on the new direction : and when the last battalion is established on the line, he will command :

Colors—POSTS.

1586. Changes of direction to the left, in order to throw forward the right wing, will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Remarks on changes of direction marching in line of battle.

1587. The means prescribed for changing the direction of a line marching in the order in battle, whether to throw forward, or to refuse one of its wings, give the facility of establishing a line on any direction that may be deemed best, without breaking the battalions into subdivisions.

1589. The battalion marching in echellons, are reciprocally protected; and if, before the end of the movement, it should become necessary to reform the line, the battalions not yet on the new direction, say the fifth and eighth inclusive, may form themselves into a full line, by an opposite change of direction to the one they were engaged in executing. This line, composed of the last four battalions, would form an angle with that composed of the first four already established on the new direction.

ARTICLE IV.

To retreat in line of battle.

1589. The line being halted, when the General shall wish to cause it to march in retreat, he will command :

1. *Face to the rear.*

1590. This having been repeated, each colonel will command : *battalion, about—FACE*, when the line will face about, each battalion conforming itself to what is prescribed, No. 665.

1591. The General will then add :

2. *The (—) the battalion of direction.*

1592. At this, the colonels and lieutenant-colonels will conform themselves, within their respec-

tive battalions, to what is indicated, No. 666, and the colonel of the directing battalion will cause markers to be established as prescribed, No. 667, These dispositions being made, the General will add :

3. *Battalions, forward.*

1593. This having been repeated, the color-rank, the general guides of each battalion, the captains, covering-sergeants, and file-closers, will conform themselves to what is prescribed, *School of the Battalion*. The General will then command :

4. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1594. The line will march in retreat according to the principles prescribed for advancing in line of battle.

ARTICLE V.

To halt the line marching in retreat, and to align it.

1595. A deployed line, marching in retreat, will be halted by the same commands as a line marching in advance ; and when the General shall wish to re-face it, he will command :

1. *Face to the front.*

1596. This having been repeated, each colonel

will command: *battalion, about*—FACE, when the line will face about, each battalion conforming itself to what is prescribed, No. 677.

1597. The line marching by the front rank, if the General shall wish to march it in retreat, he will command :

1. *Battalion, right about.*

1598. Which being promptly repeated, the General will add :

2. MARCH.

1599. At this, the line will face to the rear, and move off at the same gait by the rear rank, taking care to conform to what is prescribed, No. 669, and following.

ARTICLE VI.

Change of direction in marching in retreat.

1600. A deployed line, marching in retreat, if the General wish to cause it to change direction in order to refuse the one or other wing, he will cause the movement to be executed as follows :

1601. It will be supposed that it is the left wing, become the right, that the General wishes to refuse : he will pass to the right battalion, now the left, and establish two markers before it on the new direction which he may wish to give to the line in the manner prescribed for changing

direction in marching in advance; he will then command:

1. *Change direction to the left.*

1602. This having been repeated, the General will add:

2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1603. This briskly repeated, every battalion will commence its change of direction according to the principles prescribed, No. 681.

1604. The first battalion will wheel until it find itself parallel to the markers; the colonel will then march it forward, cause it to cross the line of battle, and when the front rank, now in the rear, shall have passed four paces beyond this line, he will halt the battalion, face it about, and establish it on the line by the commands and means indicated, Nos. 1581-2.

1605. The colonel of each of the other battalions will direct it towards the line of battle, as indicated, Nos. 1578-9, so that it may be parallel to this line several paces before arriving upon it; the colonel will then cause the battalion to pass the line, and when four paces beyond it, he will halt and face the battalion about; he will then establish it on the line by the means prescribed for changing direction advancing.

1606. The lieutenant-colonels will conform themselves to what is prescribed, Nos. 1580 and

1584, and the General to what is indicated, No. 1585.

1607. Changes of direction to the right, in order to refuse the right wing, become the left, will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

ARTICLE VII.

March in line of battle of a line of battalions in columns.

1608. The march in line of battle of a deployed line, presenting many difficulties, particularly if the ground be not favourable, it may frequently be advantageous to ploy each battalion into column, and to cause the line to march in this order, preserving, between every two battalions, the interval necessary for deployment.

1609. The General, wishing to ploy or to break each battalion into column doubled on the centre or into simple column, either by division or by company, will command :

1. *Movement by battalion.*

1610. This having been repeated, the General will give the commands of caution prescribed, *School of the Battalion*, for the particular formation into column which he may desire to have executed.

1611. These commands having been repeated, each colonel will give the preparatory commands

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required for the particular movement indicated by the General.

1612. The General will then add :

2. MARCH. (or *double-quick*, MARCH.)

1613. At this, each battalion will ploy itself into column, in the manner prescribed, *School of the Battalion*.

1614. The line thus formed, will march according to the same principles as a line of battalions deployed, but observing what follows.

1st. *To cause the line of columns to advance.*

1615. It will be supposed that each battalion has been ployed into double column, and that the General has chosen the fifth as the directing battalion : he will go to this battalion, see whether the direction of its guides be perpendicular to the line of battle, rectify the direction, if necessary, and then command :

1. *The fifth, the battalion of direction.*

1616. The colonel of each subordinate battalion having repeated this command, will see whether his guides on the side of the directing battalion be established perpendicularly to the line of battle ; if not, he will make the necessary rectification, and then throw himself thirty paces to the rear on the prolongation of those guides ; the

lieutenant colonel will throw himself a like distance in front, and on the same perpendicular.

1617. The colonel of the directing battalion will establish in the rear two markers on the prolongation of the guides, as prescribed, No. 1536.

1618. The General will now command :

2. *Battalions, forward.*

1619. This having been repeated, the colonel of the directing battalion and the colonels to his left, will immediately command : *guide right*, and the other colonels, *guide left*.

1620. At this, the right general guide of each battalion will throw himself out six paces in front of its headmost guide ; he will be assured on the perpendicular by the lieutenant-colonel, and immediately take points on the ground, as prescribed for the colour-bearer, No. 590 ; the lieutenant-colonel will then fall back to the side of his headmost guide.

1621. The chief of each leading division will take post in the front rank of his division, on the flank opposite to that of direction, and the guide who was there will fall back into the rear rank.

1622. The major will place himself in rear of the guides charged with the direction.

1623. These dispositions being made, the General will add :

3. MARCH. (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1624. At this, repeated with the utmost rapidity, the line will step off with life.

1625. The right general guide of each battalion will direct his march perpendicularly to the front, and the leading guide will follow exactly in his trace.

1626. The chief of the leading division will maintain himself abreast with his guide on the opposite flank, and see that the march of the division be in conformity with the principles prescribed, No. 604. The other divisions will conform themselves to the rules for marching in column.

1627. The lieutenant-colonel and major will conform themselves to what is prescribed, Nos. 168-9.

1628. Every colonel, placed on the side of direction, will superintend the march of his battalion in column, and labor to preserve its interval.

1629. As the directing battalion has to be regarded as infallible by all the others, the General will attach himself to it, and with the greatest care maintain the general guide and guides of this battalion on the perpendicular, according to the principles established, No. 1536.

1630. If the direction given to this battalion has been badly chosen, the General will promptly perceive it by the crowdings and openings among the files of the headmost division, according to the side to which the guide deviates from the perpendicular. Those irregularities although less sensible than they would be in a deployed battalion, will nevertheless sufficiently show that the

false direction of the general guide ought to be promptly corrected.

1631. Colonels of the subordinate battalions will look with so much the greater care to the preservation of intervals, as a fault committed in this respect will not be as promptly perceived as in a deployed line.

1632. In every battalion the lieutenant-colonel will perform the duty attributed to the major. No. 608, as often as the colonel may wish to change the point of direction.

1633. The line of battalions in columns being in march, when a subordinate battalion encounters an obstacle, this battalion will turn it in a manner so as to deviate the least from the direction it ought to follow, and quicken the step at the same time as prescribed, No. 684, in order to return into line as soon as the obstacle is passed. When again in line, the battalion will be careful to re-establish its interval by insensible degrees.

1634. If it be an interior battalion that has to execute the passage of an obstacle, the next battalion towards the side of direction will take care to keep a double interval until the former battalion comes again into line.

Remarks on the march of a line of battalion columns with deploying intervals.

1635. It has been supposed above, that the battalions of the line were played into double columns; but the rules just prescribed are equally

applicable to a line of battalion columns formed in any other manner.

1636. When the battalions of the line are in simple columns, the directing battalion will take the guide to the left or right, according as it may have the right or left in front, and the subordinate battalions will take the guide on the side next to the directing battalion.

1637. With the right in front, the right general guide in each battalion will be charged with its direction; the left general guide in the reverse case.

1638. If the battalions be in masses, each colonel will hold himself, pending the march, at thirty paces in the rear of his battalion on the prolongation of its guides: the columns being at half, or full distance, each colonel will hold himself on the flank of his column on the side of the direction.

2d. To halt the line of columns and to deploy it.

1639. A line of battalions in columns will be halted by the same commands as a line of battalions deployed.

1640. The line being at a halt, if it be the wish of the General to give a general alignment, he will conform himself to what is prescribed, No. 1476, and following.

1641. If the battalions be in columns at half or full distance, and the General shall wish to deploy them, he will command.

1. *Columns close in mass.* 2. MARCH. (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1642. At the command *march*, each battalion will close up on its leading subdivision.

1643. The line being halted and aligned, if it be the wish of the General to deploy the battalions, and they are in double columns, he will command :

1. *Deploy columns.* 2. (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1644. If the battalions be in simple columns, the General will, in his first command, designate the subdivision on which each battalion ought to deploy itself; if it be necessary, the line may be deployed immediately by the same commands and means, the alignment of the battalion in mass being dispensed with.

1645. In both cases, the movements will be executed, in every battalion, in the manner prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

- 3d. *The line of columns marching in advance, to cause it to change direction.*

1646. A line of battalions, in columns, marching to the front, and it being the wish of the General to cause it to change direction to the right, he will establish two markers on the new line of battle in front of the position to be occupied by the right battalion; he will at the same time charge two mounted officers to determine succes-

sively, in the manner indicated, No. 1272, and following, the points at which the other battalions ought respectively to arrive; these dispositions made, he will command:

1. *Change direction to the right.* 2. MARCH. (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1647. The first command having been repeated, each colonel will cause his battalion to take the guide to the right, if that be not already the directing flank; at the same time the chief of the leading division, in each battalion, will throw himself before the centre of his division, and the general guide, charged with the direction, will retire.

1648. At the command *march*, the colonel of the right battalion will cause it to change direction to the right, and then direct it against the two markers placed by the General; when its leading division is at three paces from the markers, the colonel will halt the battalion; if the rear divisions have not yet entered the new direction, their chiefs will promptly bring them into it, and as soon as they are established on it, the colonel will align the battalion by the right.

1649. Each of the other colonels will direct his battalion towards the new line of battle, so that its leading division may be, when at a distance equal to the depth of the column, parallel to that line; to this end, the colonel will cause the guides of this division to advance, insensibly and successively, the left shoulder; and when

this guide has arrived at three paces from the line of battle, the colonel will halt the battalion, and cause it to be aligned by the right.

1650. At the beginning of the movement, the lieutenant-colonel of the second battalion will throw himself on the line of battle, and replace the mounted officer whom the General had sent thither; he will immediately establish two markers for the head of his battalion, the first at deploying distance from the battalion to the right, and the second at division distance from the first; the lieutenant-colonel of each of the other battalions will throw himself in like manner on the line of battle, when the head of his battalion is at a hundred paces from this line.

1651. The last battalion column being established on the line, the General will command:

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1652. Changes of direction to the left, will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

1653. If the General shall wish to cause the columns to deploy, he will give the order to that effect to the colonels, who will cause their battalions to close up in halting, and then deploy them.

4th. To cause the line of columns to march in retreat.

1654. A line of battalions, in columns, being

halted, when the General shall wish to cause it to march in retreat, he will command :

1. *Face by the rear rank.*

1655. This having been repeated, each battalion will face by the rear rank ; the chief of the last division of each battalion, will place himself in the rear rank, become the front, on the side opposite to that of the direction ; the chief of each first division will take his place in the column.

1656. The line being thus faced by the rear rank, it will be put in march by the same commands and means as a line of battalions in columns faced by the front rank, observing to establish markers before the directing battalion, according to the principles prescribed, No. 667.

1657. The line marching in retreat, will conform itself to the principles prescribed for a line of battalions, in columns, marching in advance.

5th. To halt the line of columns marching in retreat, and to align it.

1658. The line marching in retreat will be halted by the same commands as if it were marching in advance ; and when the General shall wish to face it about, he will command :

1. *Face by the front rank.*

1659. This having been repeated, each battalion will be faced by the front rank ; the chief of

the first division in each will retake his place in line, and the chief of each last division his in column.

1660. A line of battalions whether in columns or deployed marching in retreat, when the General shall wish it to face to the front and halt at the same time he will command :

1. *Battalions, right about—HALT.*

6th. *The line of columns marching in retreat, to cause it to change direction.*

1661. The line, marching in retreat, will change direction by the same commands and means as if it marched by the front rank, observing what follows.

1662. The two markers established by the General before the position to be occupied at halting by the first battalion, instead of being opposite to the right and left files respectively of the leading division, will be far enough apart to permit this battalion to cross the line of battle between them, and the same of the markers established for the other battalions.

1663. Each colonel will direct his battalion towards the line of battle, as prescribed for a change of direction forward, and so that all its divisions may be parallel to this line before passing it; when the first division, now in the rear, is three paces beyond the line, the colonel will halt the battalion, and face it by the front rank;

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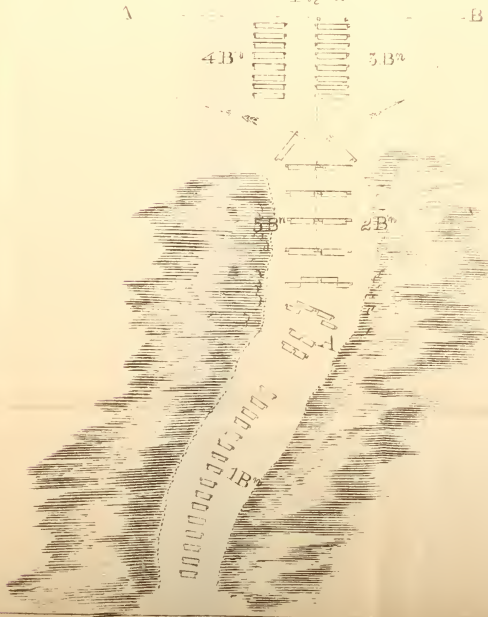
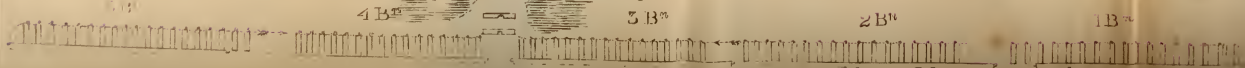


Fig 1





the guides of the first division will throw themselves on the line between the two markers ; and as soon as they are assured in their positions by the lieutenant-colonel, the colonel will align the battalion by the right.

1664. The General, if it be his wish to deploy the columns, will give a caution to that effect to the colonels, who, in halting, will each cause his battalion to close up on its leading division as soon as the latter has passed the line of battle by a distance equal to the depth of the column and three paces more ; he will then face the battalion by the front rank, and deploy it.

ARTICLE VIII.

To pass a defile in front.

1665. A deployed line encountering, in advancing, a defile which it has to pass, will execute the movement as follows.

1666. It will be supposed that the defile is opposite to the interval between the third and fourth battalions, and that its width is sufficient to give passage to the front of a company : the General seeing that the line has arrived near the defile, will halt it, and command :

1. *To pass defile in front, by the right of the fourth battalion.*
2. *By platoon left and right, into column.*

1667. These commands having been repeated, the colonels of the first three battalions will each

command : *by platoon, left wheel*, and each of the other colonels : *by platoon, right wheel*.

1668. The General will then add :

3. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1669. At this, briskly repeated, the battalions will break by platoon to the left or right.

1670. The battalions having broken, the General will cause two markers to be placed at the points around which the two columns ought to turn in order to enter the defile ; the markers will be posted a little more than the front of a company apart. The General will then command :

4. *Column, forward.*

1671. This having been repeated, each colonel, whose battalion has broken to the left, will command : *guide right*, and each whose battalion has broken to the right, *guide left*. The General will now add :

5. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1672. At this command, briskly repeated, the two columns will march to meet each other, and when the two leading platoons have arrived opposite to the respective markers, they will turn one to the right, and the other to the left, in order to unite in the defile ; at the moment of union, they will take, by command of their respective chiefs,

the platoon on the right, the guide to the left, and the left platoon, the guide to the right.

1673. The two united platoons will march side by side, each regulating itself on the two guides placed elbow to elbow between them; these guides will direct themselves by the defile.

1674. The two next platoons, and, successively, all the others, will conform themselves to what has just been prescribed for the two leading platoons on coming up with the markers placed before the entrance of the defile. The platoons of the first battalion (supposing the line to consist of but five) will march in simple column behind the right column.

1675. The united platoons will pass the defile in the cadenced pace, and with ranks closed, each regulating itself on the two guides placed in the centre, who will march elbow to elbow exactly in the traces of, and at platoon distance from, the guides who immediately precede them.

1676. In proportion as the two columns issue from the defile, each captain will reform his company as follows: in the right column, the first platoon, which is in rear of the second of the same company, will oblique to the right until it find itself unmasked, and then march forward; in the left column, it will be the second platoon of each company, which will oblique to the left, and then march up abreast with its first.

1677. If it be the wish of the General, after passing the defile, to re-form line, he will throw

himself in advance to the distance at which he may wish to establish the line of battle, and place two markers on this line for the head of the right column, and two others for the head of the left, leaving the interval of twenty-two paces between the two columns.

1678. The head of the column having passed the defile, the General will order the colonels of the third and fourth battalions to direct them respectively on the markers which he has established; and when the leading subdivision of each of these battalions has arrived at three paces from the line of battle, each colonel will cause his battalion to close in mass in halting.

1679. The colonels of the second and fifth, will each, as the head of his battalion issues from the defile, cause it to change direction, the second to the right, and the fifth to the left, and then direct it perpendicularly towards the line of battle, the second, at twenty-two paces from the right of the third, and the fifth, the same distance from the left of the fourth. In halting, at three paces from that line, each battalion will be closed in mass on its leading company.

1680. Each of the remaining battalions (whatever the number) will follow the movement of the one that immediately precedes it in column, march towards the line, and establish itself upon it, in column, as just prescribed for the second and fifth.

1681. Or, as soon as the head of the battalion

on which the General wishes to cause the deployment to be made, is established on the line of battle, he will cause the movement to commence, and immediately give notice thereof to the colonels whose battalions are yet in the defile.

1682. These colonels, as their battalions successively issue from the defile, will cause them to change direction to the right and left, then direct them behind the line, so that each may be in position to form itself on the right or on the left into line of battle, next to the preceding battalion of its column already in line.

1683. If, instead of re-establishing the line, as in the preceding examples, it be the wish of the General to rest one of the wings, say the right, at the defile, he will cause both columns to take the guide to the right, and halt them the instant that the last company of the right column issues from the defile: this column may then be formed *to the right*, and the left column *on the right, into line of battle*.

1684. If it be the left wing that is to rest at the defile, the line may be formed according to the same principles, and by inverse means.

Remarks on the passage of defiles in advancing.

1685. The two columns being formed by platoon, if the defile should widen sufficiently, companies may be formed in each column without waiting till the head has issued from the defile.

1686. When a sudden narrowing of the defile shall oblige the chiefs of platoon to break off, for the moment, one or two files to the rear, this diminution of front, as an exception to the rule established, will be made from the side opposite to the guide.

1687. If the defile be of sufficient width to receive the front of a division, the General, instead of causing the line to break by platoon, will cause it to break by company; but, in this case, the company that is to lead in each column, instead of wheeling, will march forward twice the extent of its front; and when the columns are put in movement, these companies will close upon each other, marching by the flank, in order to unite at the entrance of the defile.

1688. If the defile be not of sufficient width to receive the front of a company, it will be passed in simple column by platoon, right or left in front.

1689. The passage of defiles to the front will always be executed by the subdivision of the right, or that of the left of a battalion; and when the defile happens not to be exactly opposite to an interval between two battalions, the leading subdivisions, after uniting, will direct themselves diagonally towards the entrance of the defile.

1690. The means given, No. 1677, and following, for re-forming the line, render it easy to establish it with the utmost promptness, and on any battalion that may be preferred. If, for exam-

ple, the outlet of the defile be so placed, in respect to the enemy, as to render it necessary to form line on the head of the column immediately after passing; in this case, the General would cause the third and fourth battalions to close into masses, and immediately deploy them; the other battalions would form *on the left*, and *on the right*, into line of battle.

ARTICLE IX.

To pass a defile in retreat.

1691. The line marching in retreat, and encountering a defile which it has to pass, the General will cause a halt, and face the line to the front.

1692. It will *first* be supposed that the defile is opposite to the interval between the two centre battalions, (fourth and fifth,) and its width sufficient to give passage to the front of a company. The General will cause two markers to be placed at fifteen or twenty paces behind the file closers, in front of the defile, and at a little more than company distance apart, in order to indicate to the two columns the points around which they ought to change direction to enter the defile; which being executed he will command:

To the rear, by the wings, pass the defile

1693. This having been repeated, the
of the right battalion of the line, will

to the rear, by the right flank, pass the defile, and the colonel of the left battalion, to the rear, by the left flank, pass the defile.

1694. The two battalions of the wings will immediately commence the movement in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 711, and following; and when the leading platoon of each column has arrived opposite to the marker placed at the point for changing direction, these two platoons will turn at the same time, one to the left, and the other to the right, in order to unite in the defile; to this end, if the head of one of the columns arrive before the other, it will wait for the head of the corresponding battalion, before turning. As soon as the two platoons unite, they will take, by command of their respective chiefs—the platoon, now on the left, the guide to the right, and the other, the guide to the left; the remaining platoons of these two battalions will successively conform themselves to what has just been prescribed for those of the head, and the two columns will thus march together according to the principles indicated, No. 1673, and following, for the passage of a defile in front.

1695. The other battalions will successively execute the same movement; the colonel of each will give one of the commands prescribed, No. 1693, according as his battalion has to pass the defile by the right or left flank, and so that its leading platoon may follow, at the desired distance, the rearmost platoon of the battalion im-

mediately preceding; the battalions will enter the defile, side by side, as prescribed for the two battalions of the wings.

1696. If the defile become of sufficient width to give passage to a division marching by the front, each captain, as his platoon successively enter the enlarged width, will cause them to form company according to the principles prescribed, No. 1676, otherwise this movement will only be executed as each company issues from the defile.

1697. If it be the wish of the General, after passing, to re-form line facing to the defile, he will throw himself in advance to the distance at which he may wish to establish the new line of battle, and determine its direction by establishing, for the head of the column, two markers, distant from each other a little more than the front of a division; he will then cause this line to be prolonged to the right and left by mounted officers.

1698. The head of the column will be so directed as to cross the line of battle between the two markers placed by the General; and when four paces beyond, the column, composed of the right battalions, will take the guide to the left, and turn to the left; the column, composed of the left battalions, will take the guide to the right, and turn to the right; the two columns will thus prolong their march, in opposite directions, parallelly to the line of battle, on which

the colours and general guides will throw themselves.

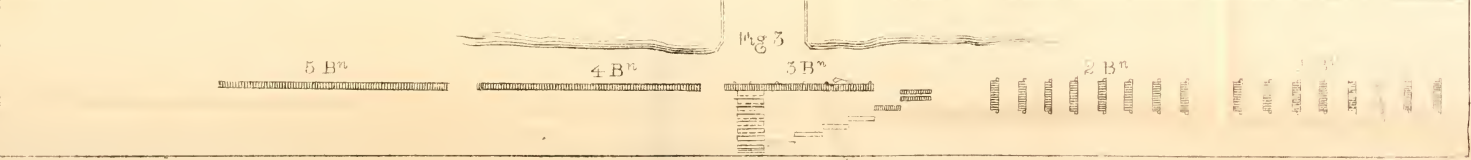
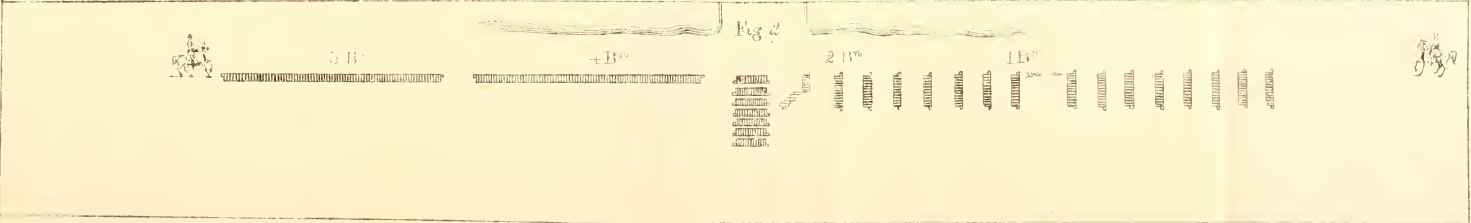
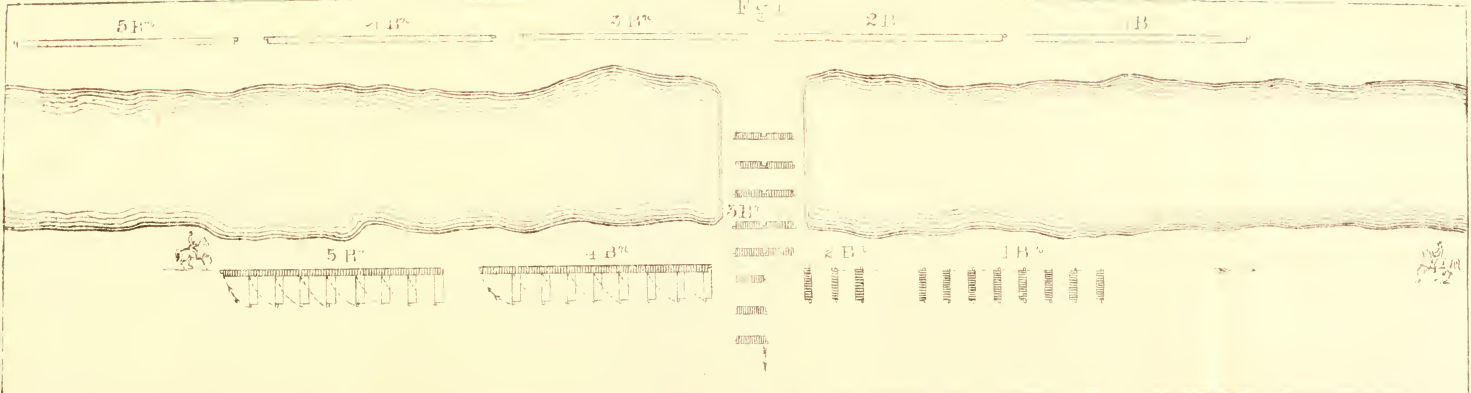
1699. Each column will be halted soon after its last subdivision has entered the new direction, and so that, on re-forming line, the two battalions which were the rearmost, may find themselves separated by the interval of twenty-two paces. One of the two columns will be made to countermarch, and the General, having rectified, if necessary, the general direction, will cause the column to form *to the left* or *to the right, into line of battle*.

1700. If it be the wish of the General, instead of placing four battalions to the left of the defile, as in the last example, to place only three on that side, and to throw the other five to the right, the movement will be executed in the following manner.

1701. The last three battalions, which are to be formed to the left of the defile, will be halted as soon as the leading subdivision of the eighth battalion arrives at company distance from the point of *appui* for the left of the line, and will be formed *to the right, into line of battle*.

1702. The fifth battalion, instead of following the movement of the last three, will continue to march straight forward after having crossed the line of battle, and close in mass as soon as its leading subdivision has left between it and the line the necessary space to contain the battalion in mass.

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1703. The last subdivision having closed, this battalion will be made to countermarch, and then to deploy, so that its left may find itself twenty-two paces from the right of the sixth.

1704. The column composed of the right battalions will continue to march, and when its last subdivision has passed a distance equal to the front of a company beyond the point of *appui* for the left of the fourth battalion, the major general in command of this particular column (*See No. 1008,*) will halt it, cause it to countermarch, and after having assured the direction of its guides on the colours of the battalions already established, he will cause it to form *to the right, into line of battle.*

1705. The defile, in the preceding examples has been supposed to be behind the centre of the line composed of an even number of battalions; but it may frequently be otherwise. For instance; it may be, that there are five battalions on the right, and only three on the left side of the defile. In this case, the General would first send an order to the colonels of the first and second battalions to pass the defile in simple column in advance, and then, seizing the proper time, give the command indicated, No. 1692, so that there may be no interruption in the movement. So, if the line present an odd number of battalions, a similar course would be pursued in respect to the odd battalion on the right or left of the defile.

1706. When the defile happens to be behind the right or left battalion of the line, the General will cause it to pass by a single wing: to this end, he will substitute, in his command, the indication *by the left wing* or *by the right wing*, for that of *by the wings*. The movement will commence by the wing the farthest from the defile, so that the battalion opposite to it may be the last to enter.

ARTICE X.

Changes of front.



Perpendicular changes of front.

1st. Changes of front forward.

(Movement of the first line.)

1707. A line being deployed, and the General wishing to cause it to change front on the right, he will first determine the direction of the new line of battle, cause two markers to be placed on it before the position to be occupied by the right company, first battalion, and immediately cause this company to be established against those markers; he will at the same time charge two mounted officers to determine successively the points on the line at which the subordinate battalions ought respectively to arrive, as indicated,



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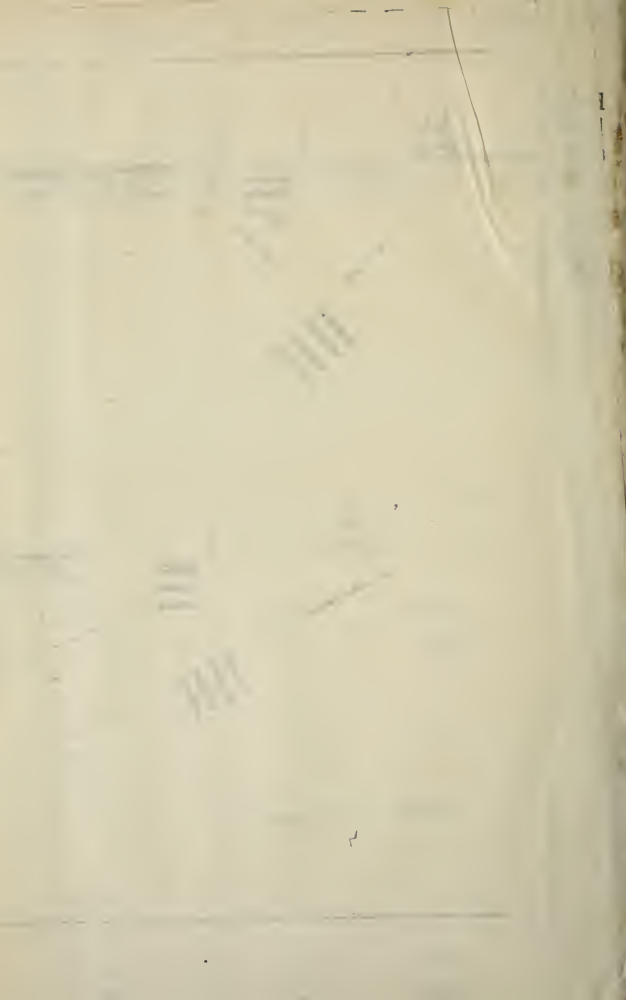
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2nd Line



No. 1273, and following. He will then command :

1. *Change front forward, on the first battalion.*

1708. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first will immediately cause his battalion to execute a change of front forward, as prescribed, No. 745, and following.

1709. Each of the other colonels will cause his battalion to ploy into double column, at company distance; which being executed, he will command : 1. *Column, forward* ; 2. *Guide right.*

1710. These dispositions being made, the General will add :

2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1711. At this, briskly repeated, the subordinate battalions will put themselves in movement towards the line of battle; the leading guide of each, advancing the left shoulder, will so direct himself that, on arriving at the point opposite to the right marker placed in advance by the lieutenant colonel, he may find himself at a distance from the line of battle equal to the depth of the column.

1712. The head of each battalion having arrived at that point will turn to the right in order to march perpendicularly up to the line of battle, and when at three paces from this line, its colonel will cause the column to close in mass and to deploy.

1713. Each colonel will hold himself on the side of the direction abreast with the leading division of his battalion, pending its march towards the line of battle.

- 1714. The lieutenant-colonels will throw themselves in advance on the line, as prescribed, No. 1650, for changes of direction of a line of battalions in columns. *See No. 1244.*

1715. The line being formed, the General will command :

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1716. If the line be in march, the General will cause it to change front forward by the same commands and means, with the following modifications: he will cause the markers to be placed on the new direction, before the position to be occupied by the first company, first battalion; this will form forward as prescribed, No. 754, and following; each of the others will double column as indicated, No. 787, and following, and the movement will be concluded as just prescribed.

1717. A line will change front forward on its left, according to the same principles and by inverse means.

2d. Changes of front to the rear.

(Movement of the first line.)

1718. To change front to the rear, on the right of the line, the General will cause the right

company, first battalion to be established on the new direction, and place two markers before this company as prescribed, No. 760; he will then command :

1. *Change front to the rear, on the first battalion.*

1719. This having been repeated, the colonel of the first will immediately cause his battalion to execute a change of front to the rear as prescribed, No. 761, and following.

1720. Each of the other colonels will cause his battalion to ploy into double column at company distance, face it by the rear rank, and then command : 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide left.*

1721. These dispositions being made, the General will add :

2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1722. This having been briskly repeated, the subordinate battalions will put themselves in movement towards the line of battle; the leading guide, advancing the right shoulder will direct himself as prescribed, No. 1711.

1723. The leading division of each battalion having arrived at the point opposite to the marker placed in advance by the lieutenant-colonel, and distant the whole depth of the column, will turn to the left in order to march up perpendicularly to the line of battle, then cross this line between the two markers, placed in advance by the lieu-

tenant-colonel; and when the head of the battalion has passed the line a distance equal to its depth (closed) and three paces more, the colonel will cause the column to close in mass, to face by the front rank, and to deploy.

1724. The lieutenant-colonels will throw themselves in advance on the line of battle, and establish upon it the two markers as prescribed, No. 1662.

1725. Changes of front to the rear, on the left of the line, will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

3d. Central changes of front.

(Movement of the first line.)

1726. The General wishing to change front on the fifth battalion, by throwing forward the left wing, will cause two markers to be placed on the direction he may wish to give to the new line before the position to be occupied by the right company of that battalion, and then cause this company to be established against the markers; he will, at the same time, order the colonel of the fourth to have the left company of his battalion conducted to and established on the same alignment, at twenty-two paces from the right of the fifth battalion.

1727. These dispositions being made, the General will command:

1. *Change front on the fifth battalion, left wing forward.* 2. MARCH, (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1728. The colonel of the fifth will immediately cause his battalion to execute a change of front forward on its right company, and the colonel of the fourth a change of front to the rear on the left company of his battalion.

1729. The battalions to the left of the fifth will each execute its movement as prescribed for the subordinate battalions in changes of front *forward* on the right of the line, and the battalions to the right of the fourth, will each execute its movement as indicated for changes of front *to the rear* on the left battalion.

1730. The General, wishing to throw the right wing forward, instead of the left, will take as the basis of alignment, the left company of the fourth battalion, and command:

1. *Change front on the fourth battalion, right wing forward.*
2. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1731. The fourth, and the battalions to its right, will execute a change of front forward, on the left of the fourth battalion.

1732. The fifth, and the battalions to its left, will execute a change of front to the rear, on the right of the fifth battalion.

Oblique changes of front.

1733. Oblique changes of front will be executed according to the same principles as the

perpendicular changes, but observing what follows :

(Movement of the first line.)

1734. The directing battalion will conform itself to what is prescribed, No. 775; the subordinate battalions, after being ployed into double columns, will be directed towards the new line of battle by the means indicated, No. 1649, or No. 1663, according as their change of front may be forward or to the rear.

Remark on the changes of front.

1735. In changes of front of several battalions, the General will always take the right or left company of one of the battalions as the basis of the movement.

Changes of front of two lines.

1736. When two lines, drawn up one behind the other, have to change front, the first will always execute its movements as if it were alone.

1737. The position of the second line being necessarily subordinate to that of the first, it cannot, like the first, execute its movement on a fixed pivot, consequently it will employ, in order to pass into the new position, the means about to be indicated.

1738. The General of each line will cause the movement to be commenced as soon as the basis of the new direction is established.

1st. Changes of front perpendicularly forward on the right of the first line.

1739. It is supposed that two lines, each of eight battalions deployed, are so placed that the centre of each battalion of the second line is opposite to the middle of the interval to the right of the corresponding battalion of the first line; the General-in-Chief, wishing to cause a change of front forward to be executed on the right of the first line, will determine the direction of this line; he will place upon it three markers, two before the position to be occupied by the right company of the first battalion, and the third a hundred paces beyond.

1740. These markers, who form the basis of alignment for the first line, being established, the basis will be prolonged by mounted officers in the manner indicated, No. 1272, and following.

1741. The General-in-chief will then order another officer to trace the new direction for the second line, which, it is supposed, ought to be established at three hundred and seventy paces from the first, and parallelly to this line; he will, at the same time, advise the General of each line of the movement he wishes to have executed.

1742. The officer designated to trace the direction of the second line, will take three hundred and seventy paces along the front of the first line from its right, place a marker where he halts; then a second at a hundred paces from the

first marker, in a direction parallel to the new position of the first line ; and, finally, a third marker at the point of *appui* for the right of the second line.

1743. The basis of the second line being thus established, it will be prolonged by mounted officers as above.

1744. The General of the second line will order the major-general of its right wing to cause the three battalions on the right to break by company to the left in order to march to their new position. He will, at the same time, order the other major-general of this line to give the commands, and make the preparatory dispositions for the execution of a change of front forward on the third battalion, by all the battalions to the left of the third, and then to direct these battalions upon their new positions to the left of the first three.

1745. As soon as the three battalions of the right shall have broken into column by company, and the five battalions of the left shall have been played into double columns, the major-general of each portion of the line will put it in movement.

1746. The column, formed of the three battalions of the right, will march towards the new position, and be so directed as to pass, in its whole depth, the marker placed at the point where its right will rest when in line ; arrived opposite to this marker, the column will prolong

itself on the new line of battle; and when the right company (now in the rear) of the first battalion has arrived opposite to the point of *appui*, the major general, who commands this column, will halt and form it *to the right, into line of battle.*

1747. The five battalions of the left will march diagonally to their front towards the new line of battle, in order to form successively to the left of the first three. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed for changes of front forward. The colonel of the fourth will take care so to direct his battalion as to prolong it in rear of the line, leaving between the right flank of his column, and the line, a distance of at least fifty-five paces. The leading division having arrived at the point opposite to the right marker placed in advance by the lieutenant colonel, will turn to the right in order to march up perpendicularly to the line of battle, and when it shall be at three paces from this line, the colonel will close the battalion into mass and deploy it.

1748. Each of the remaining battalions will regulate itself by that to its right; arrived at the point opposite to its right marker, the battalion will finish its movement as just prescribed for that of the fourth.

1749. The General of the second line will superintend its whole movement, but more particularly see that the three battalions which broke by company, and which form the basis of alignment,

be promptly and correctly established on the new line of battle. *This rule is general for the second line in all changes of front.*

1750. The change of front on the left of the line will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means; but as, by the supposition made, No. 1739, the second line is outflanked on the left, to the extent of a half battalion, by the first line, only two battalions on the left of the second, will break into column by company.

2d. Changes of front perpendicularly to the rear, on the right of the first line.

1751. The General-in-chief, wishing to cause a change of front to the rear to be executed on the right of the first line, will cause the right company of the first battalion to be thrown back on the new direction; he will direct two markers to be placed before this company, and a third at a hundred paces from the point of *appui* for the right; he will next cause the line of battle to be prolonged by mounted officers, as indicated, No. 1740, and charge an officer to trace the new direction of the second line, which it is supposed ought to be established at three hundred and seventy paces from the first, and in a parallel direction.

1752. The officer charged with establishing the new direction of the second line will take

three hundred and seventy paces in the prolongation of the first from its right; he will place a marker where he halts, then a second at a hundred paces from the first marker in the direction that has been indicated to him, and a third on the prolongation of the other two at the point of *appui* for the right of the second line.

1753. The basis of alignment being thus assured, it will be prolonged, and another marker or mounted officer placed at the point where the right battalions will have to cross the new line of battle.

1754. The General of the second line will order the major general of its right wing to cause the three battalions of the right to break by company to the right, in order to march to their new position. He will at the same time order the other major general of this line to give the commands, and to make the preparatory dispositions for the execution of a change of front to the rear, on the third battalion, by all the battalions to the left of the third, and then to direct these five battalions upon their new position to the left of the first three.

1755. As soon as the three battalions of the right have broken into column by company, and the five battalions of the left have ployed into double columns and faced by the rear rank, the major general, of each portion of the line, will put it in movement.

1756. The column, formed of the battalions of the right, will be directed on the officer placed at the point where it ought to cross the new line of battle; and when this column has passed the line, it will change direction to the left in order to prolong itself on the line. The leading subdivision having arrived at company distance from the point of *appui* for the right of the second line, the major general will halt the column and form it *to the left and faced to the rear, in line of battle.*

1757. The battalions of the left will march diagonally towards the new line of battle, according to the principles prescribed for *changes of front, to the rear*; but each leading guide, instead of advancing the shoulder, will turn to the left at the moment of putting himself in march. The fourth battalion will march in rear of the old position, and be so directed that, on arriving at its point of formation on the new, it may be perpendicular to this line, when it will be formed on it to the left of the first three battalions as prescribed, No. 1723, and following.

1758. Each of the remaining battalions will regulate itself on that which precedes it in the movement, and conform itself to what has just been prescribed for the fourth.

1759. The General of this line will conform himself in the execution of the movement, to what is indicated, No. 1749.

1760. The change of front to the rear on the left of the first line will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means; and if the second line be outflanked on the left by the first, as supposed above, only the two battalions on the left of the second line will break into column by company.

3d. Changes of front perpendicularly on the fifth battalion of the first line, the left wing thrown forward.

1761. The General-in-chief, wishing to cause a change of front to be executed on the fifth battalion, first line, by throwing forward the left wing, will determine the new direction of this line, by placing before the right of the fifth battalion, three markers in the manner indicated, No. 1739. As soon as they are established, he will cause the left company of the fourth battalion to be conducted to and established on the new alignment, and then cause two markers to be placed before this company.

1762. The basis of the new direction of the first line being thus established, the General-in-chief will cause it to be prolonged by mounted officers; he will, at the same time charge an officer to trace the new position of the second line, which it is supposed ought to be established three hundred and seventy paces from the first, and in a parallel direction.

1763. The officer charged with tracing the new direction of the second line will pass along the front of the first towards its left, and take three hundred and seventy paces from the right of the fifth battalion ; he will place a marker where he halts, then a second at a hundred paces, in front of the first line, in the direction that has been indicated to him, and a third a hundred paces in the rear on the prolongation of the two others.

1764. The basis of the new direction of the second line being thus established, it will be prolonged, and another marker or mounted officer placed at the point of intersection of the old and new positions of the second line.

1765. The General of the second line will cause the first seven battalions to break by company to the left, and order the colonel of the eighth to play his battalion into double column, at company distance, in order to march on the line of battle, and to form upon it to the left of the seventh.

1766. The first seven battalions having broken by company, the General of the line will put them in march ; this column will march straight forward, and after having crossed the new line of battle, it will change direction to the right, and prolong itself on that line. The fifth company, fifth battalion (counting from its right) having nearly arrived opposite to the right of the corresponding battalion of the first line, which has

served as the basis of the movement, the General of the second line will halt the column, and form it *to the right and faced to the rear, into line of battle.*

1767. As soon as the eighth battalion is ployed into double column, its colonel will conduct it to the new line of battle, in conformity with what is prescribed for the fourth battalion in changing front *forward* on the right of the first line.

1768. The General-in-chief will superintend the movement of the two lines ; he will see that, in the first line, the directing battalions (the fifth and fourth,) as well as the subordinate battalions which change front forward, execute their respective movements promptly, in order to facilitate the establishment of the second line, and he will retard the execution of the movement of the subordinate battalions which change front *to the rear*, until those of the second line may be sufficiently advanced not to obstruct the former.

1769. If, in changing front on the centre, it be wished to throw the right wing forward, the movement will be executed on the left of the fourth battalion, first line ; but if the second line be outflanked to the left, as has been supposed, the last six battalions only will break by company to the right, and these battalions will be conducted to and formed on the line according to the principles prescribed, No. 1766. The column will be halted at the moment the left company of the fourth battalion arrives opposite to the colour

of the corresponding battalion of the first line, which battalion has served as the basis of the movement.

1770. The second and first battalions will each execute its movement as prescribed for the eighth, No. 1767, but by inverse means.

Oblique changes of front.

1st. Oblique change of front forward on the right of the first line.

1771. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed, No. 1736, and following, and No. 1739, and following, but observing what follows.

1772. If it be intended to establish the second line parallelly to the first, the General-in-chief, after having determined the direction of the first line, will cause the angle formed by the old and new directions to be measured in the manner following.

1773. The lieutenant-colonel (or the adjutant) of the right battalion, first line, will, on an intimation from the General-in-chief, place himself before and near the right file of this battalion; then face to the left, march fifty paces along the front rank, halt, and face to his right; he will next march perpendicularly to the front of this battalion, counting his paces; the General-in-chief, placed on the right, will halt him the mo-

ment that he comes between the General and the point of direction to the left of the new position; the lieutenant colonel will stand fast, till he receive an intimation to return to his battalion, and the General, after receiving a report of the number of paces taken by that officer to the front, (and the number will here be supposed to be seventy,) will cause the basis of alignment to be established as indicated, No. 1739.

1774. The basis of the new position of the first line being assured, and the angle formed by the old and new positions measured, the General-in-chief will charge an officer to trace the new position of the second line; to this end, he will give to this officer the number of paces to be taken along the front of the first line, say four hundred and sixty, and the number of paces which the lieutenant colonel had counted marching perpendicularly to the front, which, as has just been seen, was seventy.

1775. The officer designated will march towards the left of the first line the given distance; and in order to determine the new direction of the second line, he will, by order of the General, cause the lieutenant colonel of the battalion before which he halts, to repeat the operation indicated, No. 1773; the lieutenant colonel, setting off from that point, will march fifty paces along the front of the line towards its left, and then seventy perpendicularly to the front, which from

this, to the point from which he started, will be the new direction of the second line.

1776. The basis of the new position of the second line being assured, it will be prolonged to the left and right.

1777. Those dispositions being made, the General of the second line will establish it in the new position by the means indicated, No. 1744, and following; but he will cause only the first and second battalions (under their brigadier-general) to break by company.

1778. This column being formed, the second and first battalions will march straight forward, and as soon as the head of the column has passed the new line of battle, it will change direction to the right in order to prolong itself on this line, and to form *to the right, into line of battle*, in the manner indicated, No. 1746.

1779. Each of the other six battalions will execute its movement according to the principles prescribed for a change of front perpendicularly forward; the third battalion will break from the old line by a slight wheel to the left, in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 1747, for the fourth battalion.

1780. The change of front on the left of the line will be made according to the same principles; but if, according to what has been supposed, the second line be outflanked on the left by the first, only the eighth battalion will break to the right by company

Oblique change of front to the rear, on the right of the first line.

1781. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed, No. 1734, and following, and No. 1751, and following, but observing what follows.

1782. The General-in-chief, after having determined the new direction of the first line, will cause the angle formed by this direction with the old to be measured behind the rear rank of the first battalion, by the means indicated, No. 1773.

1783. The officer who traces the new direction of the second line will march on the prolongation of the first, to the right of its point of *appui* the number of paces the General has indicated to him; he will place a marker at the point where he halts, and a second at fifty paces from the first towards the right of the line. An officer whom he will have designated, will throw himself close to the second marker, and march perpendicularly to the rear, the number of paces fixed for the opening of the angle, which will be supposed to be eighty; which being executed, the basis of alignment will be traced in the manner indicated, No. 1773, and then prolonged to the left; another marker or mounted officer will be placed at the point where the old position of the second line, prolonged, cuts the new.

1784. These dispositions being made, the second line will be established in the new position by the means indicated for a change of front perpendicularly to the rear; but only two battalions will be broken by company, and these will then conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 1756.

1785. The remaining six battalions will each execute its movement in the manner prescribed, No. 1757, and following; the third battalion will conform itself to what is there designated for the fourth.

1786. The oblique change of front to the rear, on the left of the first line, will be executed according to the same principles; but if, as has been supposed, the second line be outflanked to the left by the first, the eighth battalion only, of the second line, will break by company to the left.

3d. Oblique change of front, on the fifth battalion, the left wing thrown forward.

1787. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed, No. 1734, and following, and No. 1761, and following, but observing what follows.

1788. The General-in-chief will throw himself on the right of the fifth battalion, and after having determined the new direction of the first line, he will cause the lieutenant colonel of this battalion to execute what is prescribed, No. 1773.

1789. The officer who traces the new position of the second line will, in passing along the front of the first towards its left, take from the right of the fifth battalion, the distance that the General-in-chief has given to him; he will then, in the name of the General, cause the lieutenant colonel of the battalion before which he halts, to repeat the operation just prescribed for the lieutenant colonel of the fifth; which being done, he will establish the basis of the new position, cause it to be prolonged to the left and right, and place a marker, or mounted officer, at the point of intersection of the old and new positions of the second line.

1790. These dispositions being made, the second line will be established in its new position by the means indicated for a perpendicular change of front on the centre; but only the first five battalions will break by company; each of these battalions will finish its movement in the manner indicated, No. 1766.

1791. Each of the last three battalions will beployed into double column, and established in the new position to the left of the first five, in the manner indicated, No. 1767; the sixth and seventh battalions will each, conforming itself to what is prescribed for the eighth, break from the old line by a slight wheel to the left.

1792. If, in changing front on the centre, it be wished to throw forward the right wing, the movement will be executed according to the same

principles on the left of the fourth battalion, but observing what follows.

1793. The last five battalions will break by company to the right, and be established in the new position according to the principles prescribed, No. 1790, but by inverse means.

1794. The three other battalions will each be employed into column doubled on its centre, and established in the new position according to the principles prescribed, No. 1791; the third and second battalions will break from the old line by a slight wheel to the right.

Remarks on changes of front of two lines.

1795. The distance between the two lines and the position of the second in respect to the first, cannot be fixed, as both distance and position depend on the ground and other circumstances.

1796. In the preceding examples, the distance between the two lines has been calculated at about three hundred and seventy paces, and the position of the second line supposed to be nearly parallel to that of the first; but the rules which have been prescribed are applicable to all changes of front of two lines, and give the means of throwing the second line to any distance from the first, and of establishing it in whatever direction the General-in-chief may judge best.

1797. So in halting, sooner or later, the battalions of the second line which have broken into

column by company, the General-in-chief can give to this line any point of *appui* he may wish, and consequently cause it to outflank the first to the right or left by any number of companies or battalions he may desire; or, finally, he can so dispose the second line that each of its battalions shall find itself exactly behind the corresponding battalion of the first line.

1798. In oblique changes of front, the distance to be paced by the officer charged with tracing the new position of the second line, will always be greater than that which it is desired should separate the two lines after the termination of the movement; and this difference will be increased in proportion as the angle formed by the old and new directions is diminished.

1799. The number of battalions of the second line which ought to break by company, depends on the movement to be executed; thus, in changes of front forward, it will be the battalions between the point of *appui* of the old position and the point where the new position, prolonged, cuts the old.

1800. In changes of front to the rear, the number of battalions to break by company is determined by the distance which there ought to be from the point of *appui* of the new position, to the point where the old position, prolonged, cuts the new.

1801. What has just been said in the two preceding numbers applies to all changes of front

either perpendicular or oblique; but in the latter, the distance between the point of *appui* in the new position, and the point where the old position, prolonged, cuts the new, is less than in perpendicular changes, and as it diminishes in proportion to the lessening of the angle formed by the old and new positions, it follows that the number of battalions to be broken by company ought also to be less.

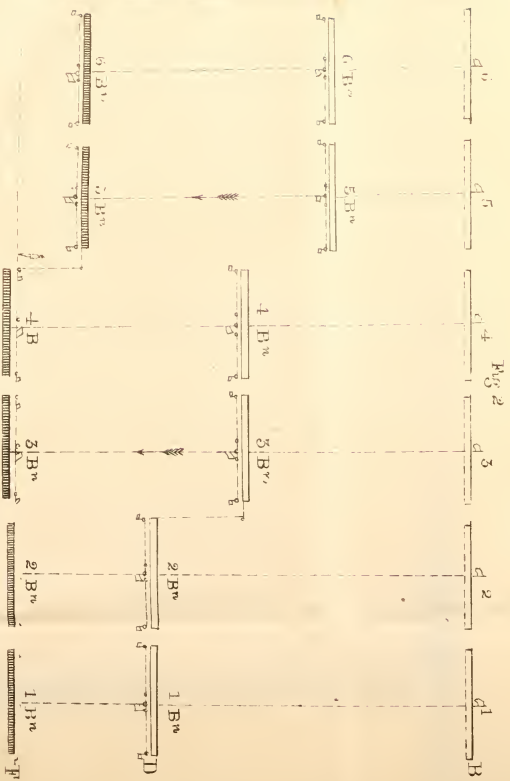
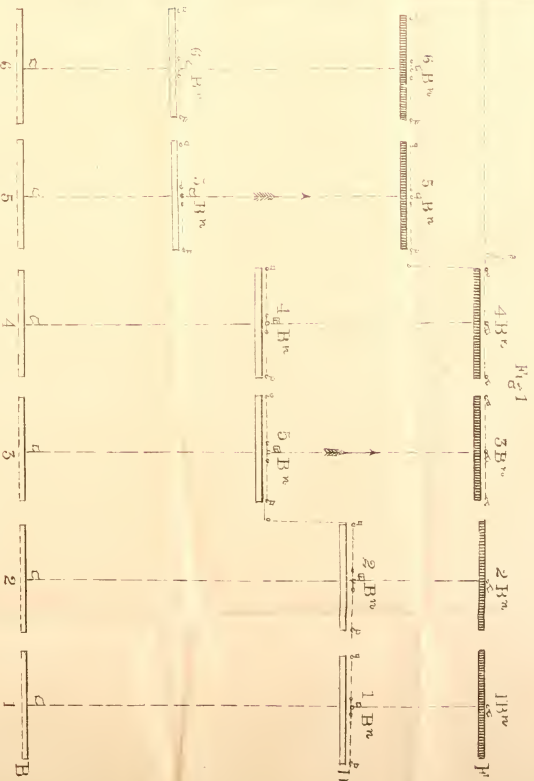
1802. The same rule will be observed for changes of front on an interior battalion of the line as for changes of front forward; thus, in the change of front on the fifth battalion, left wing thrown forward, described No. 1761, and following, all the battalions are made to break by company which, in the old position, found themselves between the point of *appui* and the point where that position is cut by the new one.

1803. The battalions which break by company, having to serve as the basis of movement for the second line, the General of this line will carefully see that they are correctly established in the new position; to this end, he will assure himself, before these battalions are formed into line of battle, that they are in the proper direction, and, if not, make the necessary rectifications.

1804. This attention is particularly necessary, when the second line is to be established parallelly to the first; for, in this case, if the change of front be perpendicular, the direction of the second line will depend solely on the *coup d'œil*

EVOLUTIONS OF THE LINE

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of the officer charged with tracing it, and if it be an oblique change, the means indicated for establishing the parallelism of the two lines (and which have been adopted on account of their simplicity) may make a difference between the angles formed by each old direction with its new. A part of the first line being already established in its new position, at the time for halting the battalions of the second line which are in column by company, it will always be easy for the General of the second line, with a practised eye, to rectify any error that may have been committed in the first *tracé* made for his line.

ARTICLE XI.

Order in echellon.

1805. Echellons may be formed parallelly, or obliquely to the line of battle, either by the right or left of the line, and by battalion, brigade or division, as will be explained.

Direct echellons in advancing.

306. The General wishing to form direct echellons by the right and by brigade, will command:

1. *Echellons by brigade, at (so many) paces. 2.
Forward, by the right, form echellons.*

1807. (T. 58.) These commands having been

repeated, the Brigadier-General of the right brigade of the line will put it in march by the commands and means indicated, No. 1534, and following, for marching a line in the order in battle, and take the first as the directing battalion.

1808. The right battalion of the first echellon becoming thus the regulator of the march of all the echellons, the General, if he think it necessary, will cause markers to be placed behind this battalion in order to assure its direction.

1809. The following echellons will, in succession, put themselves in march, each observing to maintain between itself and the preceding echellon the number of paces prescribed in the first command: each Brigadier-General will cause that number of paces, taken by the preceding echellon to be counted, before putting his own in march.

1810. In each subordinate echellon, a file closer, designated in advance, will place himself in rear of and opposite to the left file of the preceding echellon. This file closer will march exactly in the trace of that file and abreast with his own battalion; by this means, the colonel of the right battalion in each subordinate echellon will always be able to maintain the interval between his own battalion and that on the left of the preceding echellon.

1811. The right battalion in each echellon will be charged with preserving the perpendicular distance which ought to separate it from the preced-

ing echellon ; the left battalion will march abreast with that on its right, and take care to preserve its interval to the right.

1812. The echellons being in march, when the General shall wish to re-form the line, he will give an order to the Brigadier-General of the first echellon to halt it.

1813. The first echellon being halted, the General will determine the direction to be given to the line, and the brigadier of the first echellon will establish it on that direction.

1814. The other echellons will continue to march, and be successively halted by their respective brigadiers at four paces from the line of battle.

1815. The second echellon being halted, its Brigadier-General will command: 1. *Colors and general guides*—ON THE LINE. At this, the colors and general guides of each battalion will face to the right, and promptly place themselves on the alignment of the colors of the first echellon ; which being done, the brigadier of the second will add: 2. *Guides*—ON THE LINE. Each colonel, seeing his guides established, will align his battalion.

1816. The remaining echellons will establish themselves successively on the line of battle by the same means.

1817. Each brigadier will give the command, *Guides*—POSTS, as soon as his echelon is aligned; but the colors will not fall back into their places

until the General shall add : *colors*—POSTS, which will be given after the establishment of the last echellon on the line of battle.

1818. If, instead of re-forming the line, it be the wish of the General to halt the echellons, he will give an order to that effect to the brigadier of the first, and send a caution to the brigadiers of the others, to halt their echellons each in the position where it finds itself.

1819. Echellons by the left will be formed according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Direct echellons in retreat.

1820. It being the wish of the General to march in retreat by echellon, he will command :

1. *Echellons by brigade, at (so many) paces.* 2.
- In retreat, by the right, form echellons.*

1821. These commands having been repeated, the brigadier of the first echellon will cause it to face about, and then put it in march.

1822. The brigadier of the second echellon will cause it to face about, soon enough to be able to put it in march the moment it has its distance from the first.

1823. Each of the remaining echellons will execute in its turn what has just been prescribed for the second.

1824. Each following echellon will throw out a file closer in the manner and for the purpose prescribed, No. 1810.

1825. The General, wishing to re-form the line, will order the brigadier of the first echellon to halt it.

1826. This echellon being halted, its brigadier will face to the front, and establish it on the direction which may be indicated to him.

1827. Each following echellon will continue to march, and when at four paces beyond the line of battle, its brigadier will halt it, face it to the front, and establish it on the line by the means prescribed, Nos. 1815-6.

1828. Echellons in retreat will be formed by the left according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Oblique echellons.

1829. It being intended to form echellons obliquely to the line of battle, the movement will be executed in the following manner.

1830. Say that the movement is to be made by the right: the General will throw himself on the right of the line, and determine the new direction according to his views.

1831. The lieutenant-colonel of the right battalion will then, on an intimation from the General, execute what is prescribed, No. 1773, for measuring the angle formed by the new and old directions. It will be supposed that the opening

of this angle is such, that the lieutenant-colonel, after marching fifty paces along the front of the battalion, had to take thirty paces perpendicularly forward, to bring himself in a line between the General and the point of direction to the left.

1832. The opening of the angle being thus ascertained, the brigadier of the first echelon will immediately cause it to change front forward on its right company.

1833. The General will then send an order to each of the other brigadiers to cause his echelon to change front forward to thirty paces on the right company.

1834. As each subordinate echelon shall have changed front, its brigadier will cause it to take its interval from the left of the echelon next on its right; to this end, he will cause it to break to the rear into column by company by the left; which being executed, he will order the left general guide of the left battalion to throw himself on the prolongation of the right guides a little beyond the point where the left of the echelon will rest when in line.

1835. The general guide being correctly established, the brigadier of the echelon will put the column in march in order to prolong it on its line of battle; the leading guide will direct himself on the general guide, and when the right company, now in the rear, shall have passed twenty-two paces beyond the left of the echelon next on its right, the brigadier of the echelon, in column,

will halt it, and form it *to the right* into line of battle.

1836. The echellons being thus formed, the General will order the brigadier of the first echellon to put it in march; each of the other brigadiers will put his echellon in march as soon as he sees the preceding one in movement.

1837. The echellons thus disposed will march, be halted, or re-formed into line, according to the principles prescribed, No. 1807 and following, for direct echellons.

1838. Echellons will be formed obliquely by the left according to the same principles and by inverse means.

Remarks on the order in echellon.

1839. The distance between echellons cannot be fixed, the number of paces necessarily depending on the views of the General; but it ought to be such as to allow the echellons to form themselves into squares without danger of their firing on each other.

1840. In the formation of oblique echellons, the distance between them will depend on the extent of their fronts and the angle formed by the old and new directions; this distance may be either too great or too small; if too great, the General, before putting the echellons in march, will give an order to the brigadiers of the subordinate echellons to advance, and then halt them at the prescribed distance: if, on the contrary, the dis-

tance be too small, the subordinate echellons will only put themselves in movement as each has the given distance from the one next in its front.

1841. In changes of front, for the formation of oblique echellons, the angle formed by the old and new directions being necessarily acute, the subordinate battalion in each echellon will change front by the same means as the directing one, instead of ploying into double column in order to march and deploy on the new line.

1842. A line of battalions, deployed, will habitually march in echellons; but if the General judge it to be more advantageous, he may ploy each battalion into column by division, in rear of its first division, if the echellons are formed by the right, and in rear of the last division of the battalion, if echellons be formed by the left.

1843. When echellons are composed of battalions in columns, if the movement be by the right, the file closer who ought to march abreast with the directing battalion of each subordinate echellon, will place himself on the prolongation of the right guides of the left battalion in the echellon next preceding his own, and march exactly in the trace of those guides. If the movement be made by the left, the file closer will place himself on the prolongation of the left guides of the right battalion in the preceding echellon.

ARTICLE XII.

To retreat by alternate battalions.

1844. The retreat by alternate, or odd and even battalions, will be executed as follows.

1845. The General, intending to execute the retreat by alternate battalions, will give information of his purpose to the two next officers in rank, who are respectively to command the lines of odd and even battalions, and at the same time indicate to the one who is to commence the movement the position in which he will halt his line. The General will then command :

1. *Retreat by alternate battalions.*
2. *Odd (or even) battalions, commence the movement.*

1846. These commands having been repeated, the officer (first Major-General or first brigadier) entitled to command the line of odd battalions, and which line it is supposed ought to commence the movement, will command :

1. *Odd battalions. face to the rear.*

1847. This having also been repeated, the colonels of the designated battalions will cause them to face about.

1848. The commander of the odd battalions will then add :

2. *The (—) the battalion of direction.*
3. *Battalion, forward.*
4. *MARCH, (or double-quick—MARCH.)*

1849. At the command *march*, briskly repeated by the colonels of the odd battalions, these bat-

talions will commence the march, and direct themselves perpendicularly to the rear. The colonels of the subordinate battalions will maintain them abreast with the directing one in conformity with what is prescribed, No. 1558, and when the line arrives at the position indicated by the General-in-chief, the General of this line will command :

1. *Battalions.* 2. HALT.

1850. At the second command, the line will halt, each colonel will immediately face his battalion about, the commander of the line will rectify the alignment of the directing battalion, the other battalions will be dressed by that, without constraint, however, as to being absolutely on the same general alignment.

1851. As soon as the odd battalions which form the second line have faced about, the General of the first line (of even battalions) will command :

1. *Face to the rear.*

1852. This will be executed as prescribed, No. 1847 ; the General of this line will then command :

2. *The (—) the battalion of direction.* 3. *Battalions, forward.* 4. *Quick—MARCH.*

1853. The first line will march in retreat by the means prescribed, No. 1849 ; each battalion

will be directed upon the middle of the corresponding interval in the second line, cross this line, and march perpendicularly to the rear. When it arrives at the position indicated by the General-in-chief, the first line will be halted and faced about, by the commands and means indicated, Nos. 1849-50.

1854. The second line, become first, will execute the same movement, and so on alternately.

1855. The General-in-chief will superintend both lines, and determine, according to the ground and the distance he may wish to have between the lines, the position each ought successively to occupy.

To re-form the line.

1856. The General-in-chief, wishing to re-form the line, will cause the drums to beat a short roll, or the bugles to sound the assembly after the first line (the one actually in front) is put in march, which roll will be briskly repeated by all the drums of this line.

1857. The battalions of the first line will continue to march, and when they find themselves exactly in their intervals of the second, their respective colonels will halt them, face them about and rectify their alignment; the General-in-chief, will then give a general alignment if he judge it necessary.

Remarks on the retreat by alternate battalions.

1858. The General of each line will endeavor to maintain the necessary harmony between its battalions, notwithstanding the intervals between them; to this end, he will look to the strict execution of what is prescribed, Nos. 1849-50.

1859. He will more particularly see that all the battalions, after crossing the second line, direct themselves perpendicularly to the rear, this being the only means by which the intervals can be preserved with sufficient accuracy to enable the two lines to re-form into one.

ARTICLE XIII.

Passage of lines.

Passage of lines in retreat.

1860. The General-in-chief, wishing to execute the passage of lines in retreat, will send an order to the General of the second line to place it in the position it ought to occupy, if it be not already so placed.

1861. The battalions of this line will form double columns closed in mass, and so disposed that the centre of each mass may be opposite to the middle of the interval to the right or left of the corresponding battalion of the first line, according to the order given by the General-in-chief.

1862. These dispositions being made, the General-in-chief will send an order to the General of the first line, to execute the passage of lines in retreat: the latter will immediately command:

1. *Pass the line in rear.*

1863. This command having been repeated, each colonel will cause his battalion to face about; which being executed, the General of the first line will add:

2. *Battalions, forward.* 3. *Quick—MARCH.*

1864. At the word *march*, briskly repeated, the line will march in retreat; each color-bearer will direct himself upon the middle of the corresponding interval in the second line.

1865. The first line being about forty paces from the second, each colonel will cause the companies of his battalion which are masked by the second line to execute the passage of obstacles, which will be executed as prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1866. The battalions of the first line will continue to march, and pass the second, when the colonels will immediately cause the companies which were broken to the rear to return into line.

1867. The colonels of the second line, without regulating themselves on each other, will begin to deploy their battalions as soon as the latter are cleared by the battalions of the first line.

1868. As soon as the first line arrives at the

distance in the rear, indicated by the General-in-chief, the General of this line will halt it, face it about, and then make the dispositions which may have been ordered.

Passage of lines in advancing.

1869. The General-in-chief, wishing to cause the passage of lines advancing, to be executed, will send an order to the General of the second line, to make the dispositions in rear of the first indicated, Nos. 1860-1, if they be not already made.

1870. The second line being thus disposed, the General-in-chief will send an order to the General of this line, to execute the passage of lines advancing, and give notice thereof to the General of the first line.

1871. The General of the second line will immediately command :

1. *Pass the line in front.*
2. *Battalions, forward.*

1872. These commands having been repeated, each colonel will command : *guide centre.*

1873. The General of the line will then add :

3. MARCH.—(or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1874. At this, briskly repeated, the second line will advance; each battalion will direct itself up-

on the middle of the corresponding interval in the first line.

1875. At the approach of the second line, each colonel in the first will cause the right and left companies of his battalion to be ployed, as in mass, behind the contiguous companies in time not to arrest the movement of the battalions of the second line.

1876. The battalions of the second line will thus pass the first; and when they shall have cleared it, the General of the second will designate the directing battalion. This battalion will take the guide to the right, and the subordinate battalions will take the guide on the side next to the directing battalion.

1877. The battalions having arrived at the given position, the commander of the line will cause them to halt and to deploy.

1878. As soon as the second line has passed the first, the colonels of the latter will cause the right and left companies of their respective battalions to return into line.

ARTICLE XIV.

Dispositions against cavalry.

1879. No matter what the number of battalions which compose a column or line, not more than two, or three, will be formed into the same square.

1880. A square of more than one battalion

ought always to have a reserve. If of three battalions, this reserve will be formed of the last division in the first and second battalions: in a square of two battalions, the reserve will be the last division of the first battalion. *This rule is general whether the column be formed with the right or left in front.*

1881. Three battalions will be supposed in column by company at full distance and right in front: the commander (Major-General or Brigadier-General) wishing to form square, will first form divisions; which being executed, he will close the column to half (company) distance on any division he may designate, say the headmost one; to this end, he will command:

1. *To form square.* 2. *To half distance, close column.* 3. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1882. At the command *march*, the column will close to half distance by the means heretofore indicated, but observing what follows.

1883. The last division, first battalion, and the last of the second battalion, having to remain in reserve in the square, the chiefs of these divisions will, at the commencement of the movement, break off to the rear three files from the right and three from the left; the guides will close upon the outer files remaining in line, and the left guide of each of these divisions will march in the trace of the file opposite to him in the division immediately preceding his own. Each of these two di-

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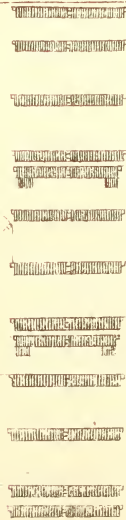


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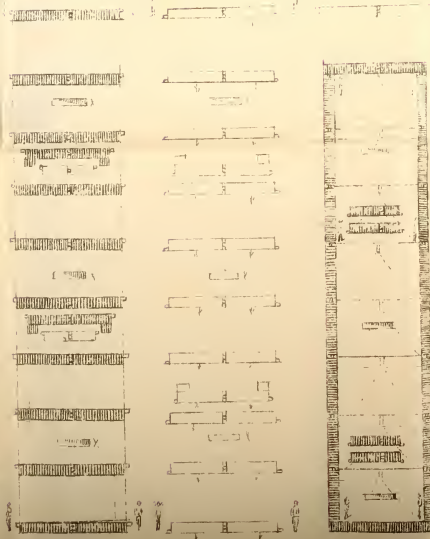
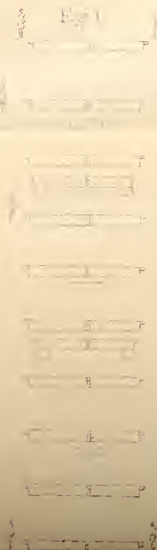


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visions will close in mass on that which precedes it.

1884. In the second and third battalions, the first division will close to half distance on the one next to the last in the preceding battalion; the lieutenant-colonels of the second and third battalions will each throw himself in advance to mark the halting point for his first division.

1885. The last division, third battalion, will close in the manner indicated, No. 819.

1886. The music of each battalion, will conform themselves to what is prescribed, No. 820.

1887. At the commencement of the movement, the major of the first battalion will place himself abreast with its first division, the major of the second battalion in a corresponding position, and the major of the third abreast with its last division—all on the right flank of the column. The column being closed, the lieutenant-colonel of the third battalion will place himself abreast with its last division.

1888. If, instead of closing the column on its headmost division, it be the wish of the General to execute the movement on any other, say the first of the second battalion, he will command :

1. *To form square.* 2. *On the first division, second battalion, to half distance close column.* 3. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1889. The first and second commands having been repeated, the chief of the last division, first

battalion, will break off to the rear three files from the right and three from the left; which being done, the colonel will cause the battalion to face about.

1890. The files broken to the rear, will face about with their division. The lieutenant-colonel will throw himself in advance at company distance from the first division, second battalion, to mark the point for halting the last division but one of his battalion.

1891. At the command *march*, the battalion will close; the files of the last division broken off will march in front of its rear rank, now leading; and when the front rank of this division has passed six paces beyond the lieutenant-colonel, the chief of the division will halt it, face it about, and align it by the left.

1892. The division next to the last will be halted opposite to the lieutenant-colonel. The other divisions of the battalion will close by the means indicated, No. 269, and following.

1893. The second and third battalions will each execute its movements as prescribed, No. 1883, and following.

1894. The preparatory column being formed at half distance, the General can, according to circumstances, put it in march, or cause it to form square; if the latter, he will command:

1. *Form square.*

1895. This having been repeated by the colo-

nels, each will command : *right and left, into line, wheel.*

1896. At this command, the lieutenant-colonel and major, first battalion, will align their left and right guides on those of the last division, third battalion, who to this end, will each stand fast, but hold his piece perpendicularly between the eyes, the butt up.

1897. The chief of the headmost division of the column will caution it to stand fast, and the chief of the rearmost division will command : 1. *fifth division, forward* ; 2. *Guide left.*

1898. In all the intermediate divisions, except those in reserve, each captain will throw himself before the centre of his company, and caution it that it will have to form *to the right* or *to the left, into line.*

1899. The chiefs of the two divisions in reserve will each command : 1. *fifth division, forward* ; 2. *Guide centre.* At this last command, the guides on the flanks will retire to the line of file closers.

1900. The color-bearer, pioneers, and music, will conform themselves to what is prescribed, Nos. 820-824.

1901. The General will then command :

3 MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.

1902. At this, briskly repeated, the square will be formed ; the headmost and rearmost divisions of the column will conform themselves to what is

prescribed for the same divisions in a battalion square; the companies of the remaining divisions, except of those in reserve, will each form itself *to the right* or *to the left, into line*, according to its position on the right or left flank of the column. The music and the divisions in reserve, will advance a space equal to the front of a company.

1903. As soon as the divisions in reserve halt, their chiefs will cause their platoons to double; for this purpose, each chief will command: 1. *On the centre, double platoons*; 2. MARCH.

1904. At the first command, each chief of platoon will throw himself before its centre; the chief of each outer platoon will cause it to face inwards, and then break the three headmost files to the rear.

1905. At the command *march*, these outer platoons will double on the interior or standing platoons, and place themselves in the rear, at three paces from the latter; their chiefs will align them on the centre, and the files which had been broken to the rear, will return into line.

1906. The square being formed, the General will command:

3. *Guides*—POSTS.

1907. At this, which will not be repeated, the guides, the General and his staff, the field and staff as well as the chiefs of divisions, who are without, will enter the square.

1908. The captains whose companies have

formed *to the right*, into line, will remain on the left of their companies. Their left guides will cover them in the rear rank, and the covering sergeants will take post as file closers behind the right of their respective companies.

1909. The three lieutenant-colonels will place themselves behind the third front; the one of the first battalion, near the angle formed by the first and third fronts; the one of the second battalion, opposite to its first division, and the other near the angle formed by the third and fourth fronts. The majors will place themselves behind the second front opposite to these positions of their respective lieutenant colonels.

1910. The second, third, first, and fourth fronts of the square will be commanded by the field officers according to rank.

1911. If the column be at a half, instead of full distance, the General will, before forming square, order the colonels of the first and second battalions each to close his last division in mass, on the one preceding it; which being executed, the colonels of the second and third battalions will march them forward, and each halt his battalion when its first division is at company distance from the last division but one of the preceding battalion; the chiefs of the divisions in reserve, will each, on putting his division in march, in order to close, cause three files to break off to the rear from the right and left of the division.

1912. If the column be closed in mass, the Ge-

neral will cause it to take half distance on any division he may designate, say the first of the second battalion; to this end, he will command:

1. *To form square.*
2. *On the first division, second battalion, take half distance.*
3. MARCH,
(or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1913. The column will take distances according to the principles and by the means indicated, No. 1197, and following, but observing what follows.

1914. Before the movement begins, the General will send two officers to place themselves on the prolongation of the guides, a little beyond the points at which the headmost and rearmost divisions of the column will arrive. The majors of the first and third battalions, placed respectively by the side of their leading guides, will see that each directs himself exactly on the officer in his front.

1915. At the third command, the lieutenant-colonel, first battalion, will throw himself to company distance in front of the first division, second battalion, in order to mark the halting point for the last division, but one, of his battalion. The chief of its last division will, at the moment of putting the column in march, cause the three files on its right, and the three on the left, to break off to the rear as prescribed, No. 1889, and he will halt his division the instant the one immediately

preceding shall arrive opposite to the lieutenant-colonel.

1916. The colonel of the second, whose battalion takes its distances to the rear, having repeated the first and second commands, the chief of its last division will immediately cause files to be broken off as above; which being done, the colonel will cause the battalion to face about.

1917. The files of its last division, broken to the rear, will face about with the battalion, and whilst taking distance, they will march in front of the rear rank; the chief of this division will regulate himself by the division next in his rear, and command HALT at the moment the latter halts.

1918. In the third battalion, the lieutenant-colonel, will, in advance, throw himself to company distance behind the guide of the last division but one of the second battalion, in order to mark the halting point for the first division of his battalion.

1919. If it be the wish of the General, instead of forming square, merely to dispose the column for the execution of this movement, in case of need, he will, on this supposition, cause distances to be taken by the head of the column; to this end, he will command:

1. *To form square.*
2. *By the head of column, take half distance.*

1920. This movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 1172, and following; but the divi-

sions to be held in reserve, and the one, respectively, next in their rear, will observe what follows.

1921. At the first command, each chief of a reserve division will cause files to be broken off as above; he will then give the cautionary commands in time to enable his division to march at the same instant with the one next in front.

1922. Each chief of division that immediately follows a reserve division will give the command *march*, the moment his division has company distance from the last, but one, in the preceding battalion.

1923. In each battalion, the music will place themselves as prescribed, No. 820, behind the inner platoons of the second division, as soon as the latter has taken its distance.

1924. If the column be in march, the General will cause company distance to be taken, and, for this purpose, will command :

1. *To form square.*
2. *By the head of column take half distance.*
3. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1925. This movement will be executed as prescribed for taking distance *by the head of column while marching*, with the following modifications, at the command *form square*, the dispositions indicated No. 819, will be executed. If it be intended merely to *dispose the column for square*, the General will not halt it until the last division has its distance.

1926. In a column left in front, those several movements will be executed according to the same principles and by inverse means, except that the same divisions will be held in reserve, as in a column right in front.

1927. The column being formed into square, if the General shall wish to cause it to advance a distance less than thirty paces, he will command :

1. *By (such) front, forward.* 2. MARCH.—
(or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1928. The movement will be executed as indicated No. 854 and following.

1929. The square will be halted as indicated No. 860 and following. In moving the square forward by the other fronts, the same rules will be observed.

1930. The column being formed into square, when the General shall wish to march it in advance, he will command :

1. *Form column.* 2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—
MARCH.)

1931. This movement will be executed as prescribed, No. 864, and following, but observing what follows.

1932. At the first command, the chief of each division in reserve will command: *form division.*

1933. At this, the chief of each outer platoon, now in the rear of a centre platoon, will give the commands and make the preparatory movement,

for deploying on the corresponding centre platoon, and at the command *march*, briskly repeated by the colonel and the chief of the reserve division, the movement will be executed.

1934. The division being re-formed, the chiefs of the outer platoons will retake their places in column, and the chief of the division will again break off three files from each of its flanks.

1935. If, before the formation of the square, the left of the column had been in front, the column would be re-formed by the same commands and according to the same principles.

1936. For marching in retreat, the General will form the column by the commands and means just indicated.

1937. The column being formed, the General will cause it to face by the rear rank by the commands and means indicated, No. 872, and following; the headmost and rearmost divisions will execute, in this case, what is prescribed for the first and fourth divisions in a battalion square.

1938. The chiefs of the reserve divisions, before causing them to face about, will cause their broken files to return into line; each chief will then close his division in mass on the one next in front; which being executed, he will again cause the same files to break off to the rear.

1939. The column, thus disposed, will march and form squares as if it faced by the front rank, or it may be faced by the front rank and marched in advance by the commands and means indicated,

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Nos. 877-8. If it form square, whilst faced by the rear rank, each chief of a reserve division will cause its outer platoons to double as prescribed, No. 1903, and following.

1940. The square being formed by the rear rank, the column, for marching, will be re-formed according to the principles prescribed, No. 876. Each chief of a reserve division will cause it to re-form as indicated, No. 1932, and following.

To reduce the square.

1942. A square, of several battalions, will be reduced by the commands and means prescribed, No. 883, and following.

Squares in four ranks.

1943. If the square formed in two ranks, according to the preceding rules, should not be deemed sufficiently strong, the General may cause it to be formed into four ranks (and the reverse) according to the principles prescribed, No. 910, and following, *School of the Battalion.*

Remarks on the formation of squares.

1944. A column disposed for the formation of the square, being in march, when the General shall wish to cause it to be covered by skirmishers, he will cause one or more companies of the reserve to be thrown out for the purpose:

these skirmishers will never pass beyond the distance of fifty paces from the square.

1945. The General, wishing to form square, will halt the column and cause *to the color* to be sounded for the re-entrance of the skirmishers.

1946. The reserve divisions being intended not only to furnish skirmishers for covering the column, but also to sustain the parts of the square which may be the most hotly attacked, no fixed place can be assigned to those divisions in a square; but, when in column, each will take the place which has been indicated.

1947. When a column, closed in mass, has to form square, it will begin by taking company distance; but if so suddenly threatened by cavalry as not to allow time for this disposition, it will be formed in the following manner.

1948. The General will command :

1. *Column against cavalry.* 2. MARCH, (or *double-quick*—MARCH.)

1949. This having been repeated, the guides will pass into the lines of file closers; the chief of the headmost division will caution it to stand fast, and pass behind the rear rank; the chief of the rearmost division will cause it to face about, and its file closers will pass at the same time behind the front rank, become the rear; the outer file of each of these divisions will then face outwards.

1950. In the intermediate divisions, each captain will see as many files, from the outer flank of his company, into line of battle, as will close up the distance in front of its outer flank. The captains in the division next to that in the rear, will also close up, in like manner, the distance between their outer flanks and the rearmost division. The files of each company, remaining in column, will close on their outer files, formed into line of battle, in order to create a vacant space in the middle of the column.

To form square from line of battle.

1951. The three battalions being deployed, they will form square by the means indicated, *School of the Battalion.*

1952. If it be intended that the direction of the square shall be parallel to the line of battle, the General will cause the line to break to the rear into column by division, with the right or left in front, and then close the column to company distance, on any division he may prefer, according to the principles prescribed, No. 1125, and following, and No. 1881, and following.

1953. The intention being that the square shall be perpendicular to the line of battle, the General will cause the line to ploy into column by division at company distance, but in preference on the right or left division of a battalion; to this end, he will command:

1. *To form square.* 2. *Column at half distance by division.* 3. *On the first (or fifth) division (such) battalion, right (or left) in front.* 4. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1954. This movement will be executed according to the principles prescribed, (*see No. 159,*) for plying a line into column by division at company distance, but observing what follows.

1955. The chief of each reserve division will cause it to take its place in the column, so that there may be only three paces between it and the division next in front; and as soon as his division has been halted and aligned, he will break off to the rear, the three files from each flank.

1956. The chief of each division that enters the column next after a reserve division, will cause it to take company distance from the division next in front of the reserve division.

1957. These several movements may be executed while the line is in march by the principles prescribed, *School of the Battalion.*

1958. The preceding examples have been given to serve for a line of three or two battalions; but if the line be composed of a sufficient number of battalions to be divided into many squares, the latter will be disposed by echellons. The perpendicular distance between the echellons will be such that, the squares being formed, the first front of the second may find itself at least fifty paces farther to the rear than the fourth front of the first echel-

lon. This rule is equally applicable to a column to be formed into several squares.

1959. When the echellons have to march in advance or retreat, they will be formed according to the principles prescribed, No. 1806, and following, whether the battalions, which are to compose the echellons, be already disposed for the formation of squares, or be yet deployed. If the echellons are to remain at a halt, they will be formed on the centre, or on one of the wings, as will be explained.

1960. It is supposed that the General-in-chief wishes to form the echellons on the centre: he will command:

1. *To form square.*
2. *Echellon by battalion (or brigade) at (so many) paces.*
3. *On (such) battalion (or brigade) right (or left) wing in front, form echellons.*
4. MARCH, (or double-quick—MARCH.)

1961. At the command *march*, the portion of the line which is to form the directing echellon will stand fast.

1962. All the other echellons will put themselves in march at the same time, each taking its direction from the side of the directing echellon; and whether it march to the front or the rear, it will be halted by its commander when it has taken the given number of paces from the next echellon on the side of the direction.

1963. At the commencement of the movement

the directing echellon will form square; the commander of each of the other echellons, after halting it, will rectify the alignment so that it may be parallel to the directing echellon, and then cause it to form square.

1964. A column which has to be divided into several squares will be thrown into echellons according to the same principles; the portion which is to constitute the directing echellon will stand fast, and the others will march to the right or left, to the distance fixed by the General-in-chief, either by the flank, or by breaking from the general column by a wheel.

Oblique squares.

1965. A line threatened by cavalry, and without time to form squares disposed in echellons, will be formed into oblique squares by battalion in the following manner:

The General-in-chief will command:

1. *Oblique squares by battalion.*
2. *On the first division, form square.*

1966. At the second command the lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will trace the alignment of the first division in the following manner: he will place himself before and near the right file of this division, face to the left, march twelve paces along the front rank, halt, face to his right, march twelve paces perpendicularly to the front, halt

again and immediately place a marker at this point. The covering sergeant of the right company will step at the same time, before its right file, half face to the right, and conform the line of his shoulders to that of the shoulders of the marker placed by the lieutenant-colonel. These markers being established, the lieutenant-colonel will place a third at the point where the left of the division will halt.

1967. The chief of the first division will immediately establish it by a wheel to the right on a fixed pivot, against the markers, and align it by the left.

1968. Pending the execution of those dispositions, the colonel will give the commands, and make the preparatory movements for plying his battalion into column at company distance in rear of the first division; and as soon as this division is in the new direction, he will cause the movement to commence, which will be executed in the manner indicated, No. 889 and No. 893, but observing what follows.

1969. The chief of the second division, instead of breaking the headmost files to the rear, will break them to the front, and at the command *march* he will conduct his division towards the point of entrance into the column. Arrived at this point, he will halt in his own person, cause his division to wheel by file to the right, instructing the right guide to direct himself parallelly to the first division; and as soon as the left file has

passed, its chief will halt the division, and align it by the left. The other divisions will break to the rear, but slightly; each will enter the column as prescribed for the second, and the moment the battalion is ployed into column, the colonel will cause it to form square.

1970. The formation of battalions into oblique squares, on the left division of each, will be executed according to the same principles, and by inverse means.

1971. In the preceding example the line was supposed to be deployed; but if it be formed of battalions already in columns, the desired obliquity will be established by causing each battalion to change direction by the flank; to this end, the General-in-chief will command:

1. *To form oblique squares by battalion.* 2. *Change direction by the right (or left) flank.*

1972. At the second command, the lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will trace the new direction in the following manner: he will place before the right and left files, of the headmost division, two markers and a third on the promulgation of the first two, on the side of the change of direction, and at twelve paces from the flank of the column. He will then place himself before the third marker, and take twelve steps perpendicularly to the front, halt and finish the *tracée* of

the new direction in the manner indicated, No. 1966. Pending this operation, each colonel will give the commands, and make the preparatory dispositions for a change of direction by the flank, and cause it to be executed as soon as the new direction is traced. The change of direction having been executed, he will cause the square to be formed.

1973. A column at full distance may be formed into oblique squares by the same means : each battalion will be closed to half distance on its headmost subdivision ; which being executed, the battalion will change direction, as has just been prescribed, and then form square.

To reform the line.

1974. The line being disposed in oblique squares, when the General-in-chief shall wish to re-form it, he will cause the squares to break ; to this end he will command :

1. *Reduce squares.*

1975. At this, briskly repeated, each colonel will cause his square to break. Pending the execution of the movement, the General-in-chief will throw himself fifty or sixty paces in front of the square he may judge the most conveniently placed to become the directing battalion, say the third ; he will place two markers (a little less than

division distance) in the direction he may wish to give to the line, and as soon as they are established, he will command:

1. *The third, the battalion of direction.* 2.
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1976. These commands having been repeated, the lieutenant-colonel of each battalion will detach himself with two markers, whom he will establish on the prolongation of those placed by the General-in-chief, preserving its interval of twenty-two paces on the side of the directing battalion.

1977. As soon as the markers are established before the front of a battalion, its colonel will command: 1. *Column, forward*; 2. *Guide right*; 3. *Head of column to the left*; 4. MARCH, (or *double-quick—MARCH.*)

1978. At the command *march*, the battalion will put itself in movement; the first division will wheel to the left, and direct itself so as to arrive parallelly to the line of battle; when at three paces from this line, the colonel will halt the battalion, and if any division be not yet in the new direction, it will be promptly brought into it. The battalion being halted, the colonel will align it by flank next to the directing battalion.

Remark on Oblique Squares.

1979. The formation of a line into oblique

squares, gives the facility of placing it, whatever be its extent, as promptly in safety against the attack of cavalry, as if it were a single battalion, without causing the line to quit the position it occupies, and then, after re-forming each square into column, the line may be marched in any direction. The fires of oblique squares also cross each other in every direction, except that of the squares themselves, and this even when the battalions, before being formed into squares, happened not to be on the same alignment.

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