

The United States Volunteers



Guide for Battalion Maneuver

**GUIDE FOR BATTALION MANEUVER
UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS**

INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 1996 several of the Officers and NCO's of the USV made a request of the commander that he publish some direction as to his favorite maneuvers. This guide is a the direct result of that request.

It is not a replacement for research or use of the proper Drill Manuals of the period. It is a selection of maneuvers most likely to be used in reenacting for drill and/or battle demonstration, parade and pass in review.

The guide is designed for the officers and non-commissioned officers, in the hopes that they can use it for quick reference at events. A basic knowledge of the School of the Soldier and School of the Company is assumed. **It, in no way, is a replacement for Casey's, Hardee's or the Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States.** In fact, I have reference paragraphs and page from these manuals throughout the guide.

Since training the individual soldier and company is the responsibility of each member unit of the USV. We have not delt with the School of the Soldier or School of the Company in this guide.

We have made sure that the maneuvers within can be accomplished without changing company manuals. In other words, if you've trained with Hardee's or with Casey's at the company level. This guide provides the commands for battalion maneuvers that require the same company level training from both manuals.

The maneuvers and commands in this manual are correct for the period. The Revised Regulations used are 1861 (not 63), Casey's School of the Battalion and Hardee's School of the Battalion. Where Casey's differs from Hardee's Casey's method is shown.

We do not publish this with the thought that it is the ONLY way to do it! We do publish it knowing that it is one of the correct ways of performing these maneuvers and while operating as a USV Battalion or Brigade it is how we are going to drill.

I hope this will be of assistance to all of our unit's.

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LEGEND OF SYMBOLS USED IN THIS MANUAL

Company Level Key:

CPT Captain	1sg First Sergeant
1lt First Lieut.	2sg Second Sergeant
2lt Second Lieut.	3sg Third Sergeant
3lt Third Lieut.	4sg Fourth Sergeant
FM Company Field Music	5sg Fifth Sergeant
	Cpl Corporal






Front/Rear Rank Line of Privates

1st plt. Front Rank privates
1st Plt. Rear Rank Privates

Battalion Level Key:

COL Colonel	SgMa Sergeant Major
LTC Lt. Colonel	QMS Quartermaster Sergeant
Maj Major	CS Color Sergeant
jMaj Junior Major (if used)	CG Color Guard (Corporals)
adj Adjutant	LGg Left General Guide (Sergeant)
QM Quartermaster	RGg Right General Guide (Sergeant)
staff All other assigned staff	B Bugler
band Band (if used)	FM Field Music

Battalion & Brigade Movements Key:

 Company in "Line"	 Right General Guide
 Color Guard	 Direction of Movement
 Left General Guide	

Brigade Level Key:

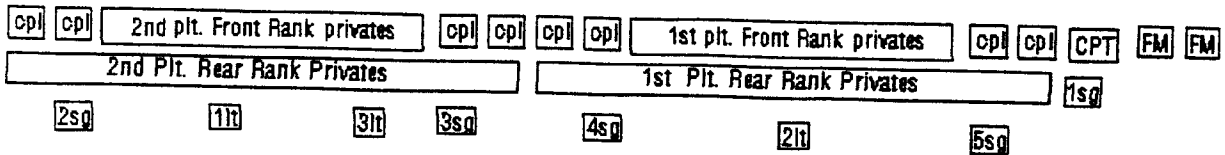
BG Brigade Commander	AIC Aide-in-Charge
BStaff Brigade Staff	

FORMING COMPANY

FORMATIONS OF THE COMPANY:

The proper formations used by the company when at the halt in line of battle are shown below. Particular attention should be given to each diagram as they show the changes in positioning of guides when operating as a separate company, by division, in line with the rest of the Battalion and the positioning flank companies.

A. Company operating separate from battalion or division "in Line" at the halt:

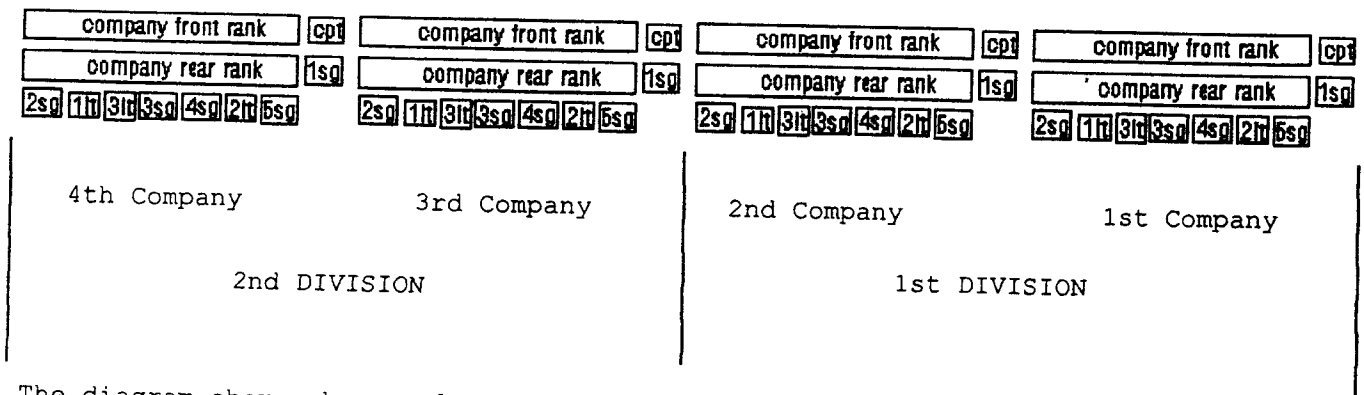


Notes:

- Reference for the above diagram is found in Casey's, Title I, Article I; paragraphs 12 through 32 on pages 11, 12 & 13.
- The position of Field Music when separated from Battalion is taken from the fold out "Plate 1" in the front of Casey's Manual.
- The 2nd Sgt. is the left guide in each company.
- The 1st Sgt. is the right guide in each company and takes his position covering the Captain.
- Should the Captain leave his position the 1st Sgt. steps up.
- When preparing to fire the Captain and Field Music go to the center rear of the company. Both the 1st and 2nd Sergeants step back on line with the rank of file closers.

B. COMPANIES OPERATING BY DIVISION:

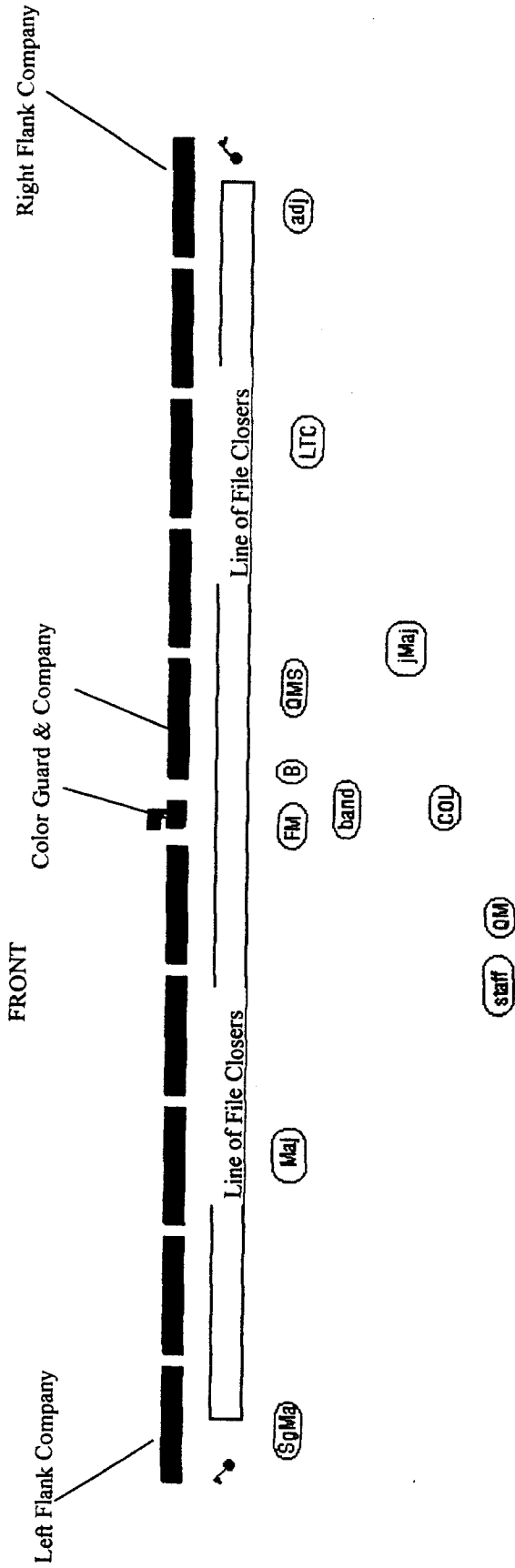
In each battalion of ten companies there are FIVE DIVISIONS. Each division consist of two companies starting from right to left along the Battalion front. The right flank Company is the first company, the next becomes the 2nd company and these are a Division for divisional maneuver with the exception of "Forming Column on the Center".



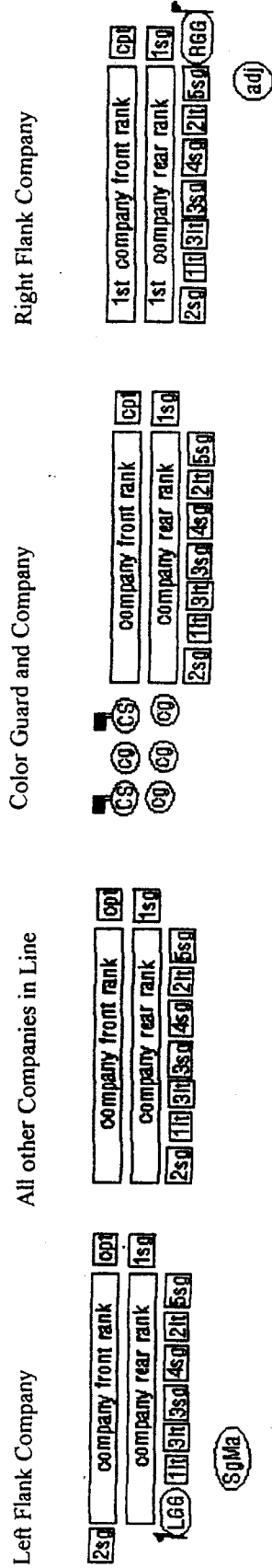
The diagram above shows only 4 companies of a regiment representing 2 Divisions. Remember that there are as many as 5 divisions, numbered 1 thru 5, from right to left, in a Battalion.

Battalion formed in "Line of Battle" at the halt.

NOTE: This formation is the slightly modified for DRESS PARADE which is shown in the chapter "Dress Parade".



NOTE: Shown below are the placements of the file closers in the line based on the position the company is posted at on the line. The addition of the Left and Right General Guides to their respective flank companies and the addition of the Color Guard to the Color Company should be paid particular attention.



COLUMN OF COMPANIES

FORMING COLUMN:

There are two methods of forming a column of companies to the left or right from a battalion in line of battle. The first is to "break by the right (or left) into column." This method is described below in figure 1 and 2.

References for this maneuver are: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article I, para. 77 thru 85. pages 19 thru 21.
Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article I, para. 68 thru 74. pages 18 & 19.

The second method is "By the right or left of companies, to the rear, into column" which is outlined in figures 4 and 5.



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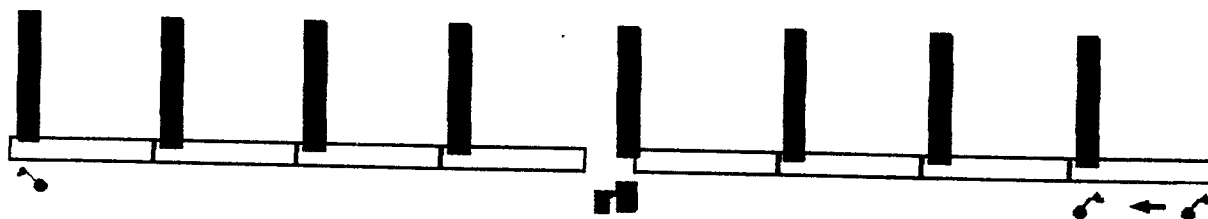
1. Preparatory: "BY COMPANY, RIGHT WHEEL" (each company commander steps forward/center on his company and gives caution of direction of the move.)
2. Execution: "MARCH" (each captain directs his company in the execution, left guides (2nd Sgts) conducts the marching flank. Company commanders Halt their companies when on line.)

In the diagram above (fig. 1) the battalion is forming a column of companies to the right from a battalion halted in line of battle. This maneuver is the most commonly used, however, it may also be formed to the left. In this case the left flank company becomes the forward element and the general guides and colors remain in their positions as shown in figure 2 below.

THE COMMANDS Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: "BY COMPANY, LEFT WHEEL" (NOTE: the 1st SGT (covering sgt) conducts the march and the 2nd sgt. remains in position and faces to the left.)
2. Execution: "MARCH"

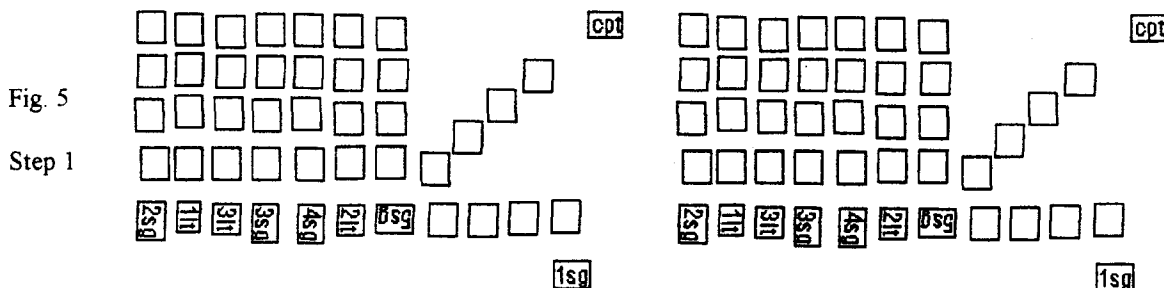
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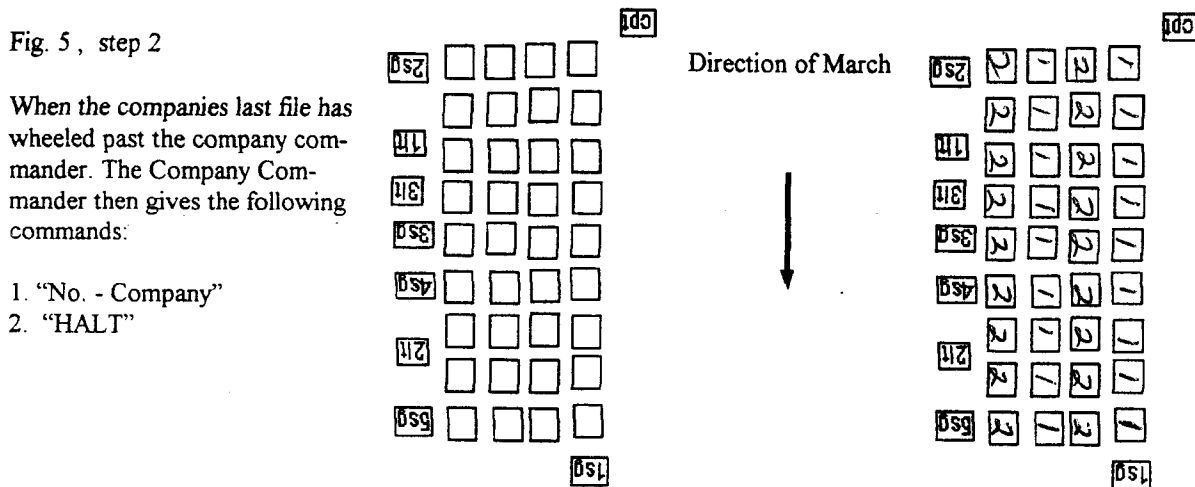
COLUMN OF COMPANIES

FORMING A COLUMN :

After seeing the the Battalion has completed the facing movement, the Battalion Commander give the command "MARCH".



NOTE: The Company Commander has not moved from his position after returning to the right of the companies old front.

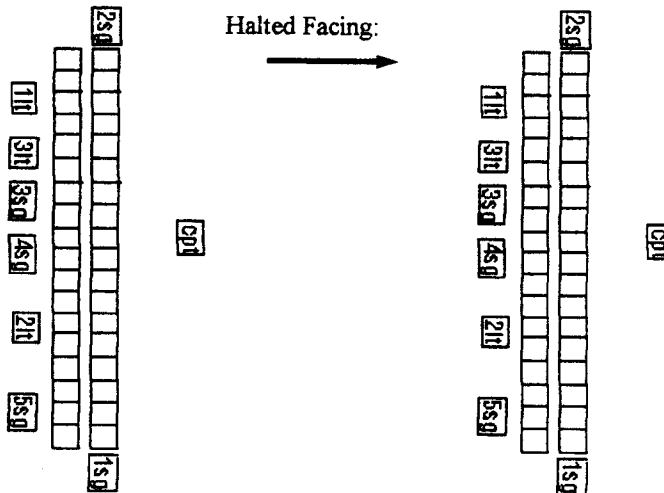


NOTE: The First Sergeants of each company must make sure to mind their distance between the companies.

Fig. 5, step 3

After halting his company the COMPANY COMMANDER automatically commands "FRONT" and the Left Guide (2nd SGT) steps up to the commander gently touching his left arm to the Captains chest. The Captain then commands "LEFT DRESS".

The company aligns itself on the left guide and the Company Commander checks the alignment making sure the company is in proper position and perpendicular (90 Degrees) to the old front. He then commands "FRONT" and take his post before the center of the company.



Battalion is now in a Column of Companies Halted and dressed to the left. The Color Guard executes these maneuvers as part of the Color Company.

COLUMN OF COMPANIES

TO MOVE BY LEFT OF COMPANY TO THE REAR INTO COLUMN:

The commands are the same as with that of moving by the right of companies EXCEPT: The direction "LEFT" is substituted for right. Shown in Figure 6a. below the companies have executed the left face and are waiting for the order to march.

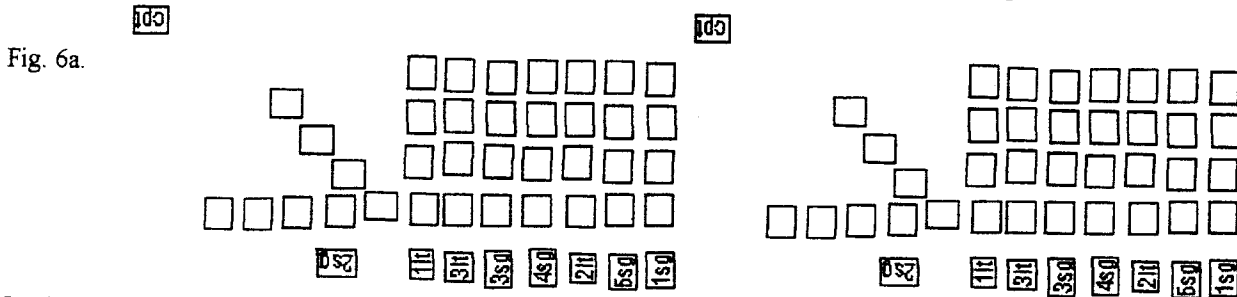


Fig. 6a.

In Figure 6b. the companies have completed filing past their respective commander.

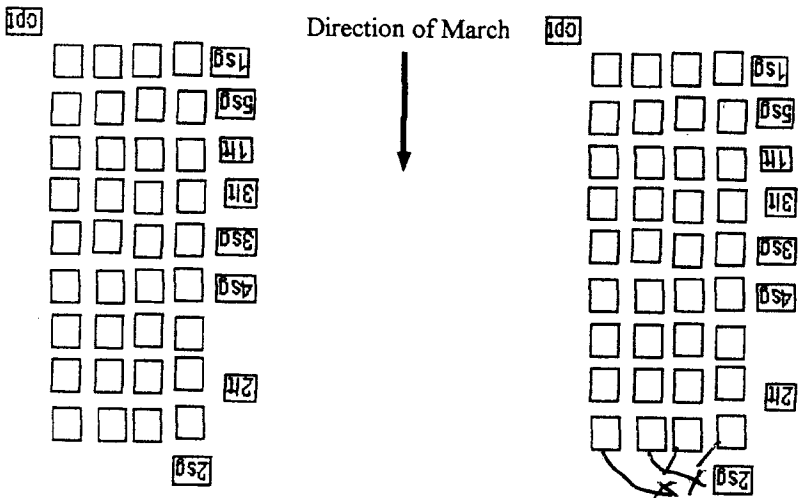


Fig. 6b.

When the companies last file has wheeled past the company commander. The Company Commander then gives the following commands:

1. "No. - Company"
2. "HALT"

NOTE: The Second Sergeants of each company must make sure to mind their distance between the companies.

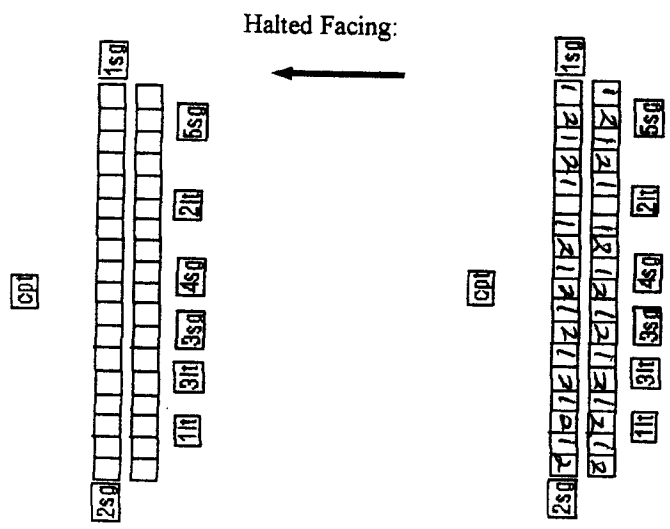


Fig. 6c.

After halting his company the COMPANY COMMANDER automatically commands "FRONT" and the Right Guide (1st SGT) steps up to the commander gently touching his left arm to the Captains chest. The Captain then commands "RIGHT DRESS".

The company aligns itself on the right guide and the Company Commander checks the alignment making sure the company is in proper position and perpendicular (270 Degrees) to the old front. He then commands "FRONT" and take his post before the center of the company.

The Battalion is now formed in column of companies facing to the left. The Color Guard completes these maneuvers as part of the color company.

COLUMN OF COMPANIES

FORMING COLUMN FROM THE FLANK:

A third method is used when halted and faced left or right, or marching "by the flank" (four men abreast) and the Battalion Commander wishes to form the companies into a column the following orders are executed.

Reference: Casey's *SCHOOL of the COMPANY*, Lesson IV, Article V, para's 155 thru 163, pages 132 thru 134.
 Hardee's *SCHOOL of the Company*, Lesson IV, Article Fifth, para's 153 thru 160, pages 123 thru 125.

The Battalion Commander Commands:

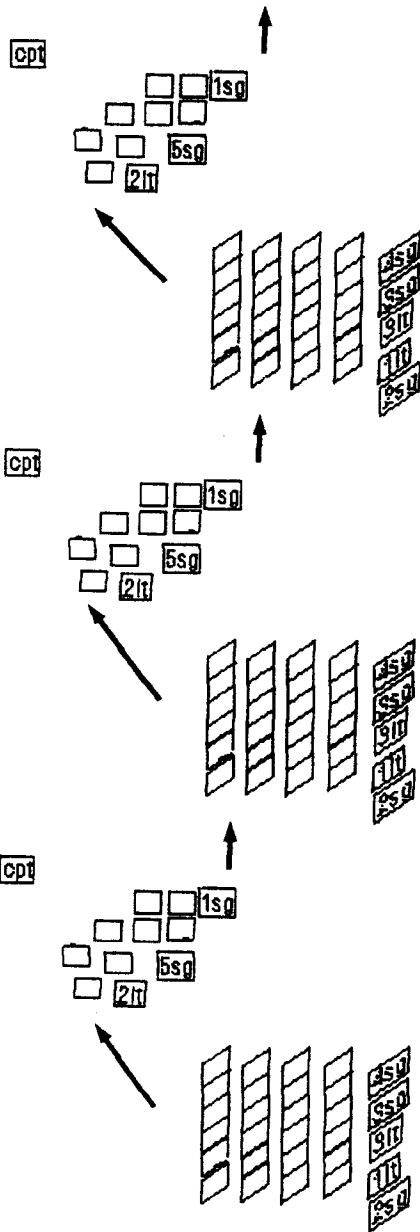
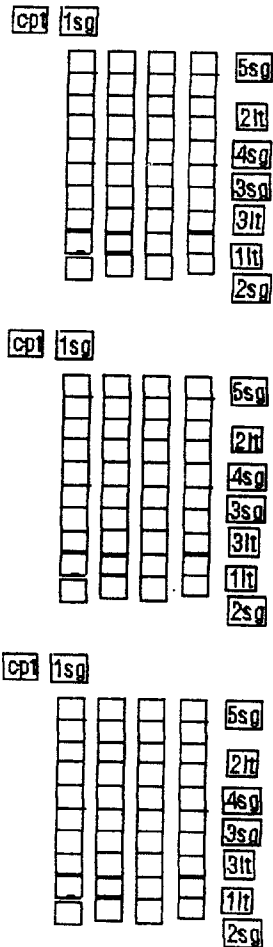
1. Preparatory: "BY COMPANIES, INTO LINE" (Co. Commanders caution: "BY COMPANY INTO LINE")
2. Execution: "MARCH" (Co. Commanders direct their companies and order "Guide Left".)

The Center shows the Bn. Deploying into "Column of Companies."

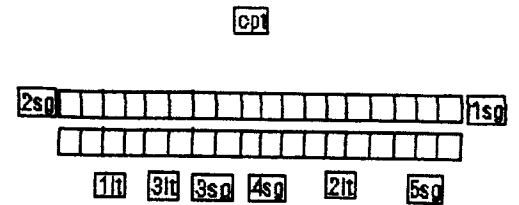
1st Sergeants continue forward in a straight line unless ordered to halt.

The column below shows the battalion deployed into a "Column of Companies"

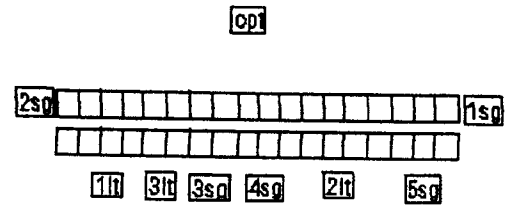
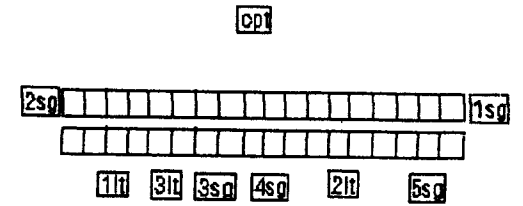
Below are three companies marching (or halted) by the right flank.



Company Commander moves two paces forward and centered on his company. 1st Sgt. is right Guide and 2nd Sgt. is left guide.



Members of companies form to the left of the 1st SGT. into the same positions they have when the company is fronted.



COLUMN OF COMPANIES

Deploying Column of Companies into Line of Battle: "FORWARD"

Casey's School of the Battalion, Part IV, Article III, para 530, pg. 123 states:

"If it be wished to form a column by company or division at half distance, forward into line of battle, the colonel will first cause it to close in mass, and then deploy it on the leading subdivision."

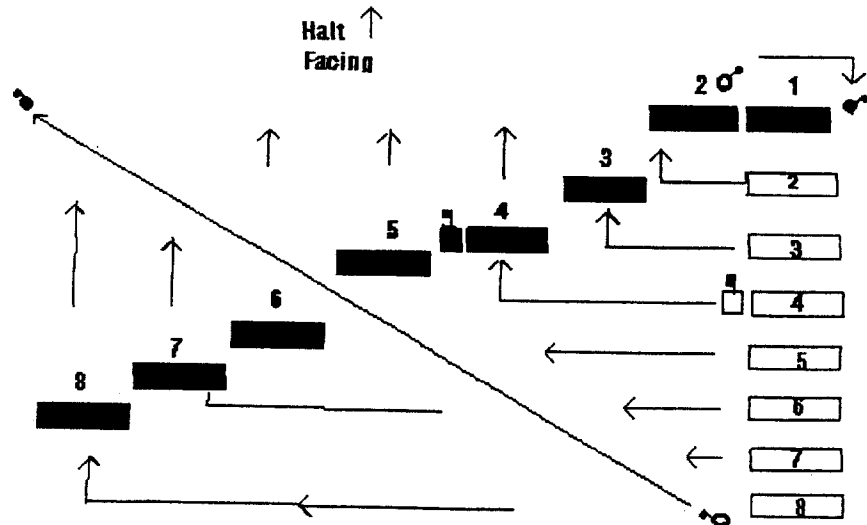
This indicates that the procedure for deploying a column of companies is the same as deploying a column of divisions. The only difference is each company commander will supervise his company instead of the division commander guiding two companies. (This is discussed later under "Maneuver by Division")

NOTE:

In the past we have trained our units to deploy using Hardee's method which includes a "left Half wheel" and then forward.

Often this led to units overlapping each other and, while more direct in it's route of march, it can cause disorder when quick reaction is require.

The diagram at left is Casey's method and is a much cleaner way to accomplish the maneuver.



The Battalion Commander Orders:

1. Preparatory: "On the 1st Company, Deploy Column"

2a. Preparatory: "Battalion Left-"

On this preparatory command the 1st Company Commander will caution his company to "Stand Fast". All other company commanders will caution "Left".

2b. Execution: "FACE"

On this command the 1st company stands fast, all other companies execute a left face. (This is not done "without doubling")

The company commanders move to the left of their respective companies and the left guide of their company.

3. Execution: "MARCH"

On this command each company marches directly left a distance that allows them to front and move forward into line without overlapping each other.

The Company Commanders allow their companies to pass them and at the appropriate time order their company to "Halt" and "Front". The company commander then steps two paces in front and centered on his company and orders it "Forward". Once on line he halts the company and dresses it to the right.

NOTE: 3. above can be executed on without a halt if the company commanders order "By the Right Flank - March", when they have reached their point along the line.

COLUMN OF COMPANIES

Deploying Column of Companies into Line of Battle: ON the RIGHT.

Casey's School of the Battalion, Part IV, Article III, para 500-529, pgs. 116 - 123.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part IV, Article Fourth, para 507, pg 115.

Then Article Second para 414 thru 439 pgs 94 - 99.

The Colonel directs the LT. Col. where the point of rest for the right of the Battalion will be and the LT. Col. takes the Right General Guide and the left guide from the 1st company to mark the line is to be set for the deployment and then Commands as follows:

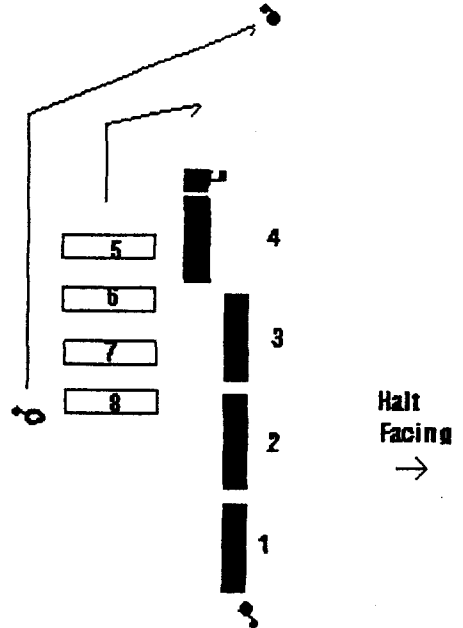
The Colonel Commands:

1. Preparatory: "ON THE RIGHT INTO LINE"
2. Preparatory: "BATTALION, GUIDE RIGHT"

The column continues to march until the leading company comes near to the right guide marker at which time the COMPANY COMMANDER will command: "RIGHT TURN" and then "MARCH" when exactly next to the marker.

The company then executes a right turn and, when 3 paces from the line, the Captain commands: "FIRST COMPANY" "HALT" and "RIGHT DRESS".

Each company passing to the rear of the deploying company and executes the above on direction of their respective company commander.



Deploying Column of Companies into Line of Battle: TO the LEFT.

Casey's School of the Battalion, Part IV,

Article III, para 492-498, pgs. 113 - 116.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part IV,

Article Fourth, para 501-506, pgs 113 - 115.

The Colonel Commands:

1. Preparatory: "BY THE REAR OF COLUMN, LEFT INTO LINE, WHEEL "

The Right General guide moves forward to a spot a little farther than where the head of the column will rest.

The Company Commander of the 8th (or rear) company cautions: "Left into Line, wheel"

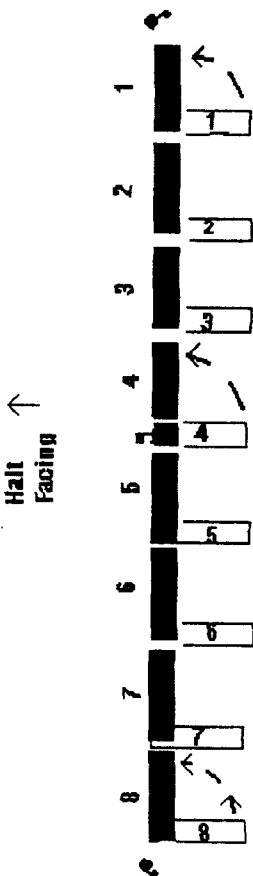
The rest of the company commanders caution: "forward"

2. Execution: "MARCH"

The Company Commander of the 8th (or rear) company orders: "MARCH"

The remaining company commanders move to the left flank of their companies and upon seeing that there is sufficient distance between his company and the one behind, he orders:

"LEFT INTO LINE, WHEEL, - MARCH"



COLUMN OF COMPANIES

Closing Column of Companies from Line of Battle:

Casey's School of the Battalion, Part IV, Article III, para 157-214, pgs. 38 - 49.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article Third, para 117-160, pg 29-37.

These maneuvers are the same as used for closing by division with the exception being that each company moves as a company and not as part of a division. To illustrate these maneuvers we are using a battalion of 6 companies in order to save space.

Close Column by Company, Right in Front:

The Drawing at right depicts a 6 company battalion executing this maneuver. The commands are:

The Colonel commands:

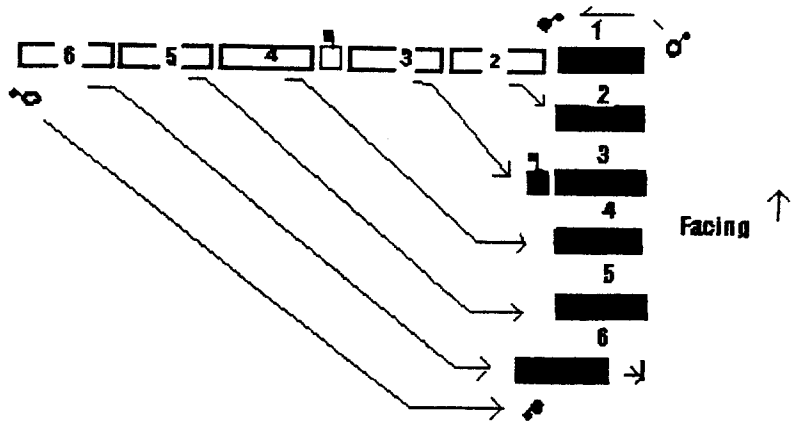
1. Preparatory: "Close Column by Company"
2. Preparatory: "On the First Company, Right in Front"
3. Execute: "Battalion, Right, FACE"

Company commander caution "right" The first Company commander cautions "Stand Fast". Companies 2 thru 6 execute a right face.

4. Execute: "MARCH"

Captains of Co's 2 thru 6 guide their companies to their respective positions, "Halt" and "front" their companies.

They then step two paces in front and centered on their company. Guide is Left.

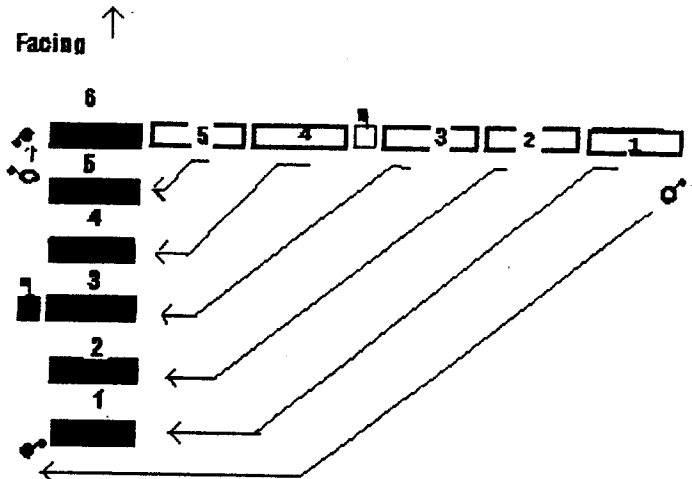


Close Column by Company, Left in Front:

This maneuver, shown at right, is basically the same as "right in front" with the exception being that the 6th company stands fast while the 5th thru 1st companies execute LEFT Face and march to their positions behind the 6th. Thus the left of the line is to the front.

The Colonel Commands:

1. Preparatory: "Close Column by Company"
2. Preparatory: "On the 6th Company, (whichever number is on the left), Left in Front"
3. Execute: "Battalion, Left, FACE" (6th company stands fast)
4. Execute: "MARCH"



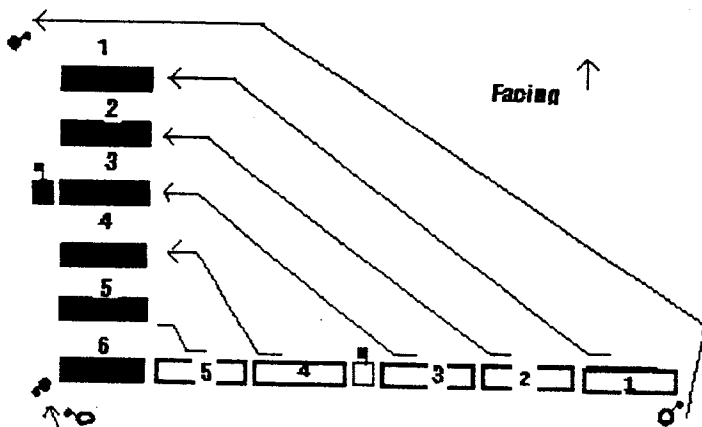
NOTE: Depending on terrain, enemy positions, etc., the Colonel may desire to close column on another company or to the left with the right in front.

Pictured at left is one example of this. In order to accomplish this maneuver the Colonel Commands:

1. Preparatory: "Close Column by Company"
2. Preparatory: "On the 6th Company, RIGHT in FRONT"
3. Execute: "Battalion LEFT, FACE"
4. Execute: "MARCH"

The battalion may also close on any of the companies on line simply by the colonel commanding the number of the company to close on and "INWARDS, FACE" instead of left or right face in the 3rd order.

The company named to close on always stands fast.



BATTALION LINE OF BATTLE

CHANGING FRONT to the RIGHT or LEFT from Line of Battle:

References: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part V, Article XII, para's 830 to 873, pgs: 187 thru 195.
Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part V, Article Twelfth, para's 743 thru 775, pgs 165 thru 172.

A. CHANGE FRONT FORWARD (TO THE RIGHT)

If the Battalion is in Line of Battle and the Colonel wishes to Change front to the Right he sets two markers and directs the Captain of the first company to immediately set his company on the new line.

Once accomplished the Commands to the rest of the Battalion are:

1. Preparatory:

"Change Front Forward on the First Company"

- Each Captain steps front and center on his company.

2. Preparatory: "By Company, Right Half Wheel"

3. Execution: "March"

- The remaining companies execute a right half wheel and -

NOTE: When the Colonel sees that each company has executed this maneuver HE Commands:

4. Preparatory: "Forward"

5. Execute: "March"

- The companies cease wheeling and move straight ahead.

6. Direction: "Guide Right"

- Each soldier will touch elbows to the right.

NOTE: As each company arrives at the left file of the company to its right the Captain will order it to execute a "Right Turn" and guide his company into line on the new facing.

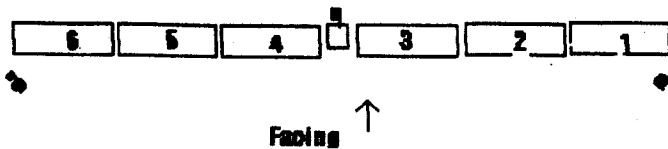
Seeing this done the Colonel Commands:

7. Execute: "Guides - Post"

- All company and general guides return to their post within the company in Line of Battle.

NOTE: While this maneuver may seem a little complicated at first. IT IS QUICKER AND EASIER TO PERFORM THAN TRYING TO KEEP YOUR ALIGNMENT WHILE EXECUTING A BATTALION "WHEEL".

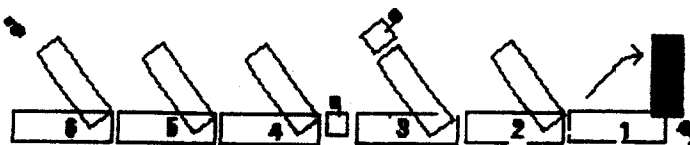
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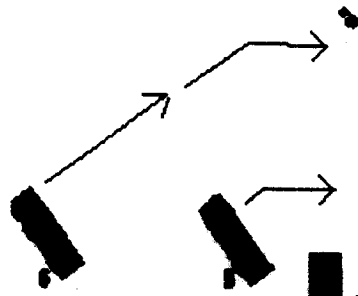
ABOVE: Battalion in Line of Battle.

BELOW: New front is set and Battalion has completed the "Right Half Wheel" The Col. now orders "Forward, March"

Right Half Wheel facing



1st Company wheels right to establish the line.



Shown at left:

Company commanders guide their companies forward and right turn into the line as they pass the left file of the company to their right.



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B. CHANGE FRONT FORWARD (TO THE LEFT)

If the Battalion is in Line of Battle and the Colonel wishes to Change front to the Left he sets two markers and directs the Captain of the left flank company to immediately set his company on the new line.

Once accomplished the Commands to the rest of the Battalion are:

1. Preparatory:

"Change Front Forward on the Tenth Company"

- Each Captain steps front and center on his company.

2. Preparatory: "By Company, Left Half Wheel"

3. Execution: "March"

- The remaining companies execute a left half wheel and -

NOTE: When the Colonel sees that each company has executed this maneuver HE Commands:

4. Preparatory: "Forward"

5. Execute: "March"

- The companies cease wheeling and move straight ahead.

6. Direction: "Guide Left"

- Each soldier will touch elbows to the left.

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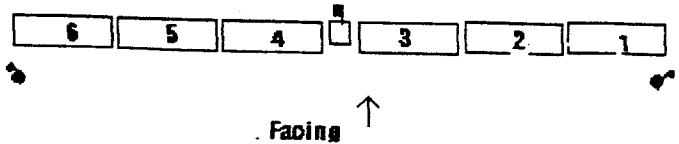
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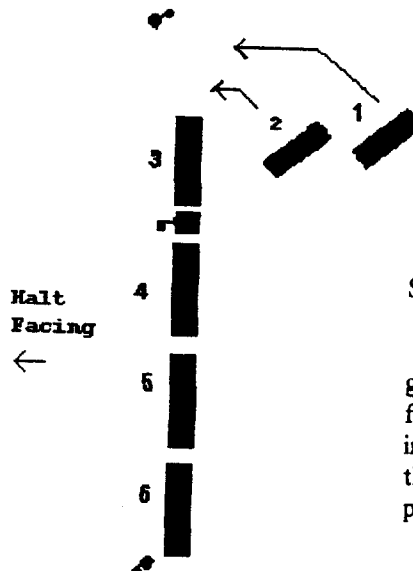


ABOVE: Battalion in Line of Battle.

BELOW: The Colonel has set his line and ordered the battalion "Change Front Forward, On the 6th Company" "By Company, Left Half Wheel" "March"



Left Flank Company wheels to establish line. All others execute Left Half Wheel and halt.



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Once accomplished the Commands to the rest of the Battalion are:

1. Preparatory:

"Change Front To the Rear on the First Company"

- Each Captain steps front and center on his company.

2. Execution: "Battalion, about - FACE"

- On this command all companies (except the first which is already in position) face about.

3. Preparatory: "By Company, Left Half Wheel"

- On this command the captains of the companies which have faced about go 2 paces and centered on the rear of their companies. (The front rank now being the rear rank.)

4. Execution: "March"

- The companies execute a left half wheel and -

NOTE: When the Colonel sees that each company has executed this maneuver HE Commands:

4. Preparatory: "Forward"

5. Execute: "March"

- The companies cease wheeling and move straight ahead.

6. Direction: "Guide Left"

- Each soldier will touch elbows to the left.

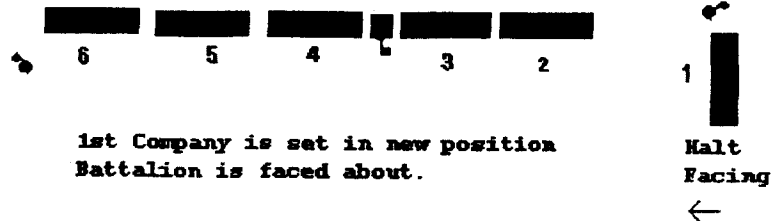
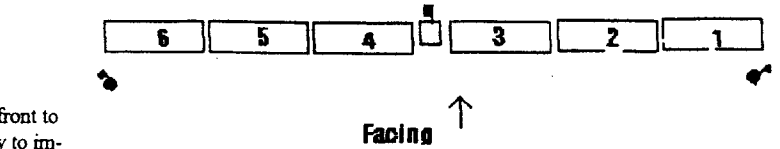
NOTE: As each company arrives at the left file of the company to its left (in the direction of march) the Captain will order it to execute a "Left Turn" and guide his company 3 paces past the front rank of the new line then order "Halt, About Face" and align his company (Right Dress) into line on the new facing.

Seeing this done the Colonel Commands:

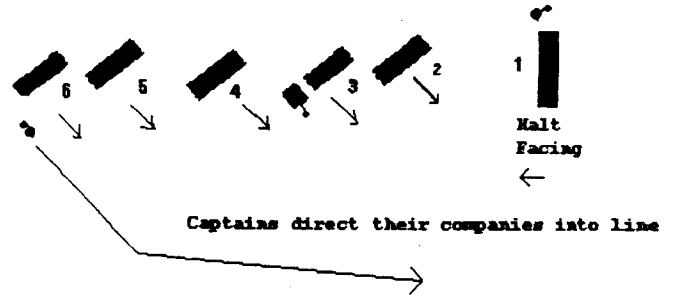
7. Execute: "Guides - Post"

- All company and general guides return to their post within the company in Line of Battle.

NOTE: While this maneuver may seem a little complicated at first. IT IS QUICKER AND EASIER TO PERFORM THAN TRYING TO KEEP YOUR ALIGNMENT WHILE EXECUTING A BATTALION "WHEEL".

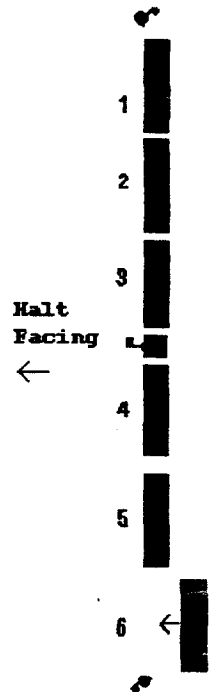


Companies execute Left half wheel then forward on command of the Colonel.



AT RIGHT:

Companies 1 thru 5 complete the maneuver and company 6 has faced about and is moving on line.



The Battalion has now "Changed Front to the Rear, On the First Company"

BATTALION LINE OF BATTLE

CHANGING FRONT to the RIGHT or LEFT from Line of Battle:

References: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part V, Article XII, para's 830 to 873, pgs: 187 thru 195.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part V, Article Twelfth, para's 743 thru 775, pgs" 165 thru 172.

B. CHANGE FRONT TO THE REAR (TO THE LEFT)

If the Battalion is in Line of Battle and the Colonel wishes to Change front to the Left he sets two markers and directs the Captain of the left flank company to immediately set his company on the new line.

Once accomplished the Commands to the rest of the Battalion are:

1. Preparatory:

"Change Front To the Rear, on the Tenth Company"

- Each Captain steps front and center on his company.

2. Execution: **"Battalion, about, FACE"**

- Each company (except the 10th already positioned) faces about.

3. Preparatory: **"By Company, Right Half Wheel"**

At this command the captains place themselves to the rear of their companies, two paces and centered from the front (now rear) rank.

4. Execution: **"March"**

- The remaining companies execute a right half wheel and -

NOTE: When the Colonel sees that each company has executed this maneuver **HE Commands:**

5. Preparatory: **"Forward"**

6. Execute: **"March"**

- The companies cease wheeling and move straight ahead.

7. Direction: **"Guide Right"**

- Each soldier will touch elbows to the right.

NOTE: As each company arrives at the right file of the company to its right (as he is facing while marching) the Captain will order it to execute a "Right Turn" and guide his company 3 paces past the new line, command his company to "Halt" "About Face" and then align it (Dress Left) on the new facing.

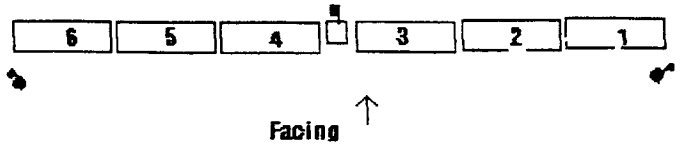
Seeing this done the Colonel Commands:

7. Execute: **"Guides - Post"**

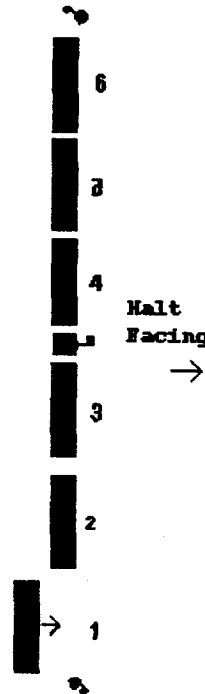
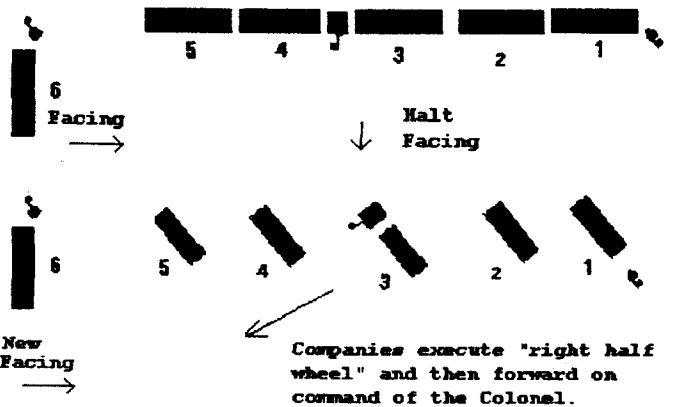
- All company and general guides return to their post within the company in Line of Battle.

NOTE: While this maneuver may seem a little complicated at first. IT IS QUICKER AND EASIER TO PERFORM THAN TRYING TO KEEP YOUR ALIGNMENT WHILE EXECUTING A BATTALION "WHEEL".

(It is also more authentic.)



Only 6 companies are used for diagram demonstrations. Pictured Below: The colonel has positioned the left flank in it's new front and the Battalion has executed "About Face".



AT Left:

Companies 2 thru 6 complete the maneuver and company 1 has faced about and is moving on line.

The Battalion has now "Changed Front to the Rear, On the Tenth (Sixth) Company"

NOTE: When maneuvering by the left flank of the Battalion the number company will be the number of the left flank company. i.e.: A 10 company Bn. is "On the 10th Company" a 7 Company Bn would be "On the 7th Company."

ADVANCING OR RETIRING BY THE LEFT OR RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

The last section of this chapter deals with moving by the right or left of companies to the front or rear **WITHOUT** going into column.

Reference: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article II, para. 135 thru 148, pages 33 to 36.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article Second, para. 105 thru 112, pages 27 and 28.

NOTE: These maneuver may be performed from at the "quick" or "double-quick" and may be executed from the halt or on the move. It is used to quickly relieve another Battalion on the firing line, advance around obstacles or retire the battalion to another position directly to the rear of the present position.

TO ADVANCE BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES TO THE FRONT."**
- 2a. Preparatory: **"BATTALION RIGHT"** 2b. Execution: **"FACE"** (Companies execute right face)
3. Execution: **"MARCH"** 4. Direction: **"GUIDE RIGHT"** (Left or Center can be used)

NOTE: The procedure here is the same as "Right of Companies to the Rear into Column" **EXCEPT:** The Company Commander break their files to the front and when the Colonel commands "March" they take their normal position beside the first sergeant and guide the company forward. **The companies keep moving until ordered to halt or move in another direction. Company Commanders do not halt their companies as in forming column.** Figures 7a. and 7b. show the maneuver.

Fig. 7a. The company executes Right Face.

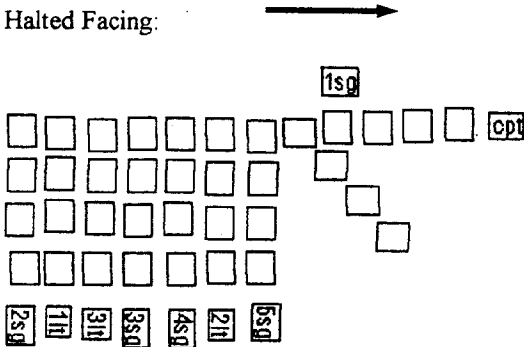
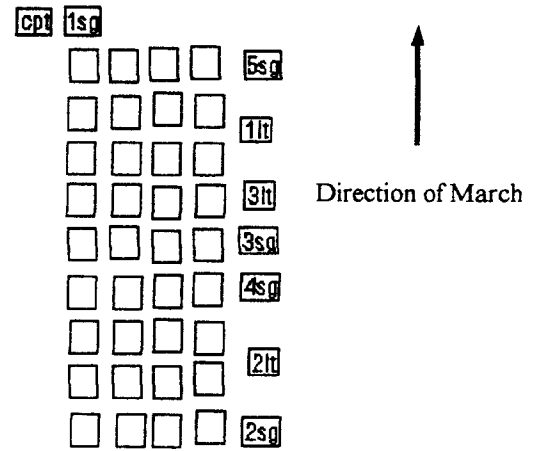


Fig. 7b. (At right) On the command "March" the company is guided forward by their commander.



TO ADVANCE BY LEFT OF COMPANIES:

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BY LEFT OF COMPANIES TO THE FRONT."**
- 2a. Preparatory: **"BATTALION LEFT"** 2b. Execution: **"FACE"** (Companies execute right face)
3. Execution: **"MARCH"** 4. Direction: **"GUIDE RIGHT"** (Left or Center can be used)

NOTE: The procedure here is the same as "Left of Companies to the Rear into Column" **EXCEPT:** The Company Commanders break their files to the front and when the Colonel commands "March" they take their position beside the second sergeant and guide the company forward. **The companies keep moving until ordered to halt or move in another direction. Company Commanders do not halt their companies as in forming column.** Figures 8a. and 8b. show the maneuver.

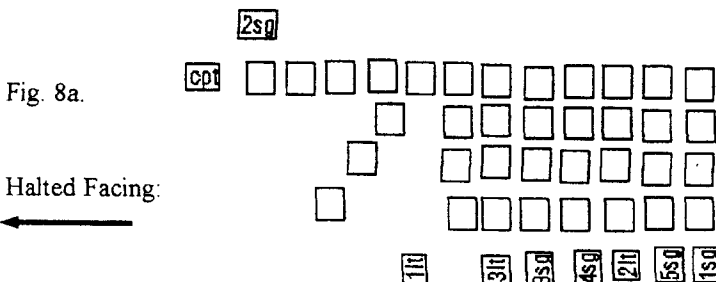
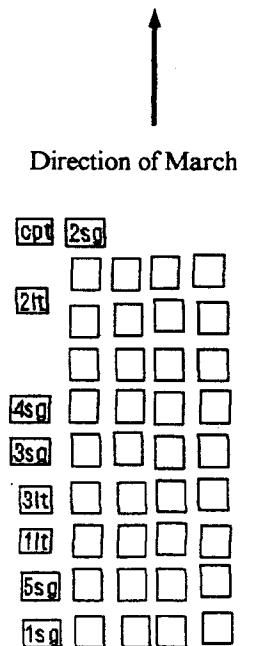


Fig. 8b. (At right) On the command "March" the company is guided forward by their commander.



ADVANCING AND RETIRING BY THE LEFT OR RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

TO RETIRE BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES TO THE REAR."**
- 2a. Preparatory: **"BATTALION RIGHT"** 2b. Execution: **"FACE"** (Companies execute right face)
3. Execution: **"MARCH"** 4. Direction: **"GUIDE RIGHT"** (Left or Center can be used)

NOTE:The procedure here is the same as "Right of Companies to the Rear into Column" (See. fig. 5, step 1 & 2) **EXCEPT:** when the Colonel commands "March" they take their normal position beside the first sergeant and guide the company to the rear. **The companies continue moving rearward until ordered to halt or move in another direction. Company Commanders do not halt their units as in forming column.**

TO RETIRE BY LEFT OF COMPANIES:

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BY LEFT OF COMPANIES TO THE REAR."**
- 2a. Preparatory: **"BATTALION LEFT"** 2b. Execution: **"FACE"** (Companies execute LEFT face)
3. Execution: **"MARCH"** 4. Direction: **"GUIDE LEFT"** (Right or Center can be used)

NOTE:The procedure here is the same as "Left of Companies to the Rear into Column" (See. fig. 6a. and 6b.) **EXCEPT:** when the Colonel commands "March" they take their normal position beside the second sergeant and guide the company to the rear. **The companies continue moving rearward until ordered to halt or move in another direction. Company Commanders do not halt their units as in forming column.**

TO DEPLOY THE BATTALION WHEN ADVANCING BY RIGHT OR LEFT OF COMPANIES:

References: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article II, para. 150, 151 and 152, pages 37 & 38.
Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article Second, para. 113, 114 and 115 pages 28 & 29.

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BY COMPANY INTO LINE."**
2. Execution: **"MARCH"**

On the command "MARCH" the company commanders repeat the command and the companies form into line of battle as prescribed in the SCHOOL of the COMPANY. (Casey's para. 155, lesson IV, page 132. or Hardee's para. 154, lesson IV, page 124.)

3. Direction: **"GUIDE CENTER"** On this command the Color and Battalion General Guides move to their respective places in line of battle.

TO DEPLOY THE BATTALION WHEN RETIRING BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

References: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article II, para. 154, page 38.
Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article Second, para. 116, page 29.

THE COMMAND'S Given by the Battalion Commander ARE:

1. Preparatory: **"BATTALION"**
2. Preparatory: **"RIGHT ABOUT"**.
3. Execution: **"MARCH"**

On the command "MARCH" the companies execute a "Right About" and continue to march as prescribed in the SCHOOL of the COMPANY. (Casey's, lesson III, para 128, page 125. OR Hardee's, lesson III, para. 128, pages 116 & 117.)

The Colonel then issues the order "By Company into line" as described above.

If the Colonel wishes to turn about and not advance the commands are:

1. Preparatory: **"BATTALION"**
2. Preparatory: **"RIGHT ABOUT"**
3. Execution: **"HALT"** (All companies right about and halt!)

ADVANCING AND RETIRING BY THE LEFT OR RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

TO RELIEVE A BATTALION BY A PASSAGE OF LINES:

While this maneuver is not outlined in Casey's or Hardee's it may be accomplished using correct period commands as described in the manuals. We cannot say that units did not use this maneuver when circumstance called for it.

Casey's Evolution's of a Brigade - Part V, Article XV, para's 706 thru 716 outlines a Brigade Passage of lines. This is described latter in this handout and may be used when the situation at a given battle permits.

The maneuver outline below, while not in the manual, is accomplished by using proper period commands from the manual, and is better suited to the various site and unit strengths we deal with at reenactments.

Pictured below are two battalions formed into line. The 1st Bn. (Black) is about to be relieved by the 2nd Bn. (White)! Steps 1 thru 4 outline the procedure.



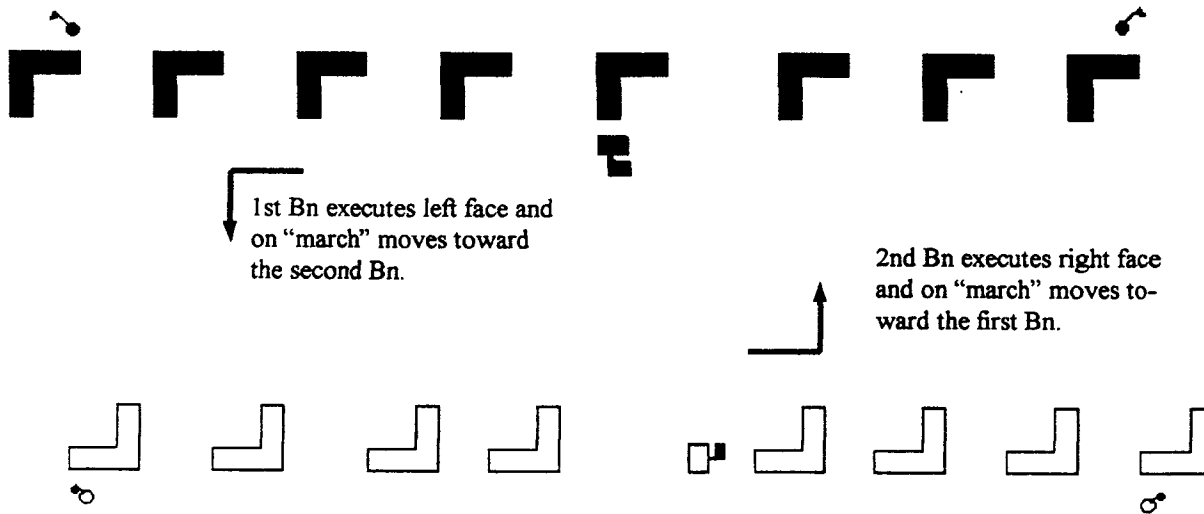
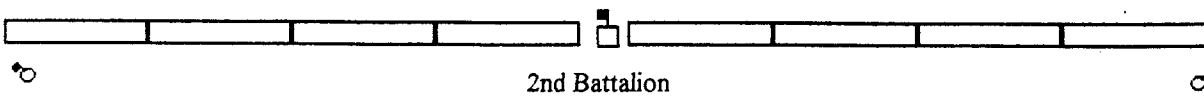
STEP 1 :

The Commander of the 1st Battalion orders:

"BY LEFT OF COMPANIES TO THE REAR, LEFT FACE, - MARCH"

The Commander of the 2nd Battalion orders:

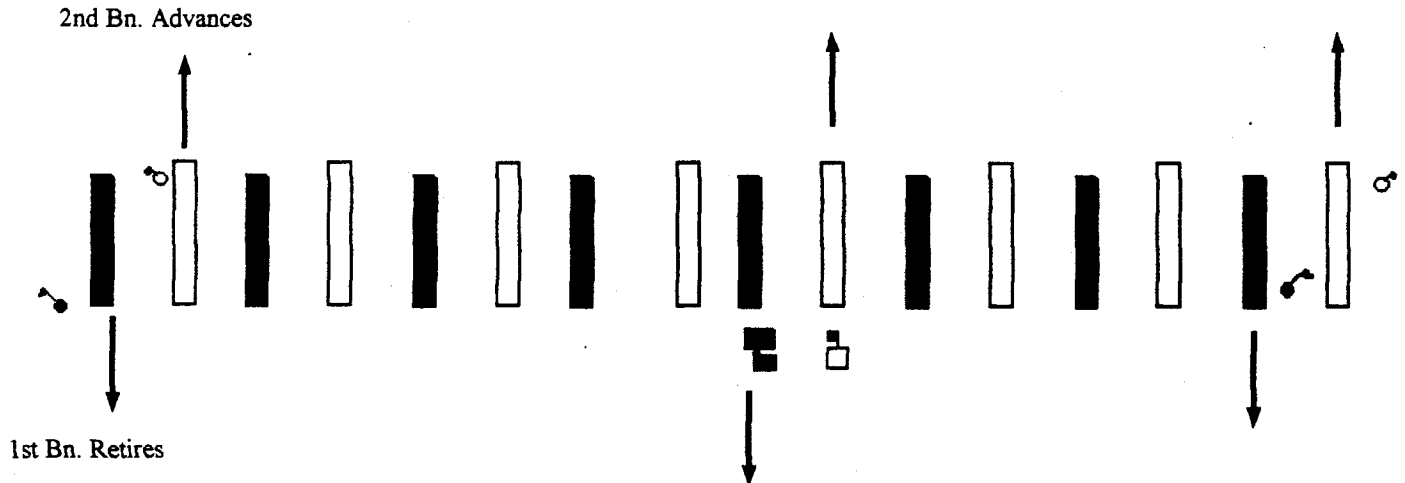
"BY RIGHT OF COMPANIES TO THE FRONT, RIGHT FACE, - MARCH"



ADVANCING AND RETIRING BY THE LEFT OR RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

TO RELIEVE A BATTALION BY A PASSAGE OF LINES:

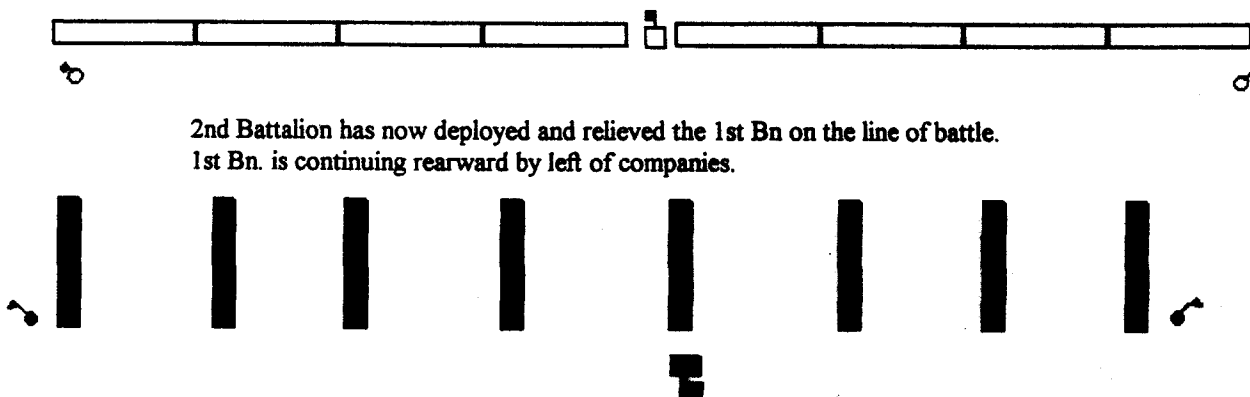
Step 2: The battalions pass each other. The 1st is going toward the rear by left of companies and the 2nd is advancing by right of companies.



TO RELIEVE A BATTALION BY A PASSAGE OF LINES:

Step 3: After the battalions pass each other. The 2nd Bn. may be deployed into line by the command:

1. Preparatory: "BY COMPANIES INTO LINE,"
2. Execution: "MARCH" (or Double Quick, March)
3. Direction: "GUIDE CENTER"



Step 4:

If the 1st Battalion Commander want to form a line facing the enemy and in the rear of the 2nd Bn. (also correcting the direction of the companies), he commands:

1. Preparatory: "RIGHT ABOUT"
2. Execute: "MARCH" (The Battalion execute a march to the rear march.) and then orders "BY COMPANIES INTO LINE, MARCH. GUIDE CENTER"

If the commander does not want to advance toward the 2nd Battalion the command is:

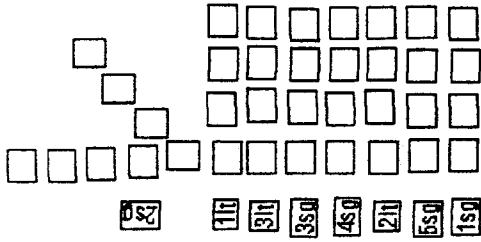
1. Preparatory: "RIGHT ABOUT"
2. Execute: "HALT" (The Battalion executes step, face, step and Halt!)

ADVANCING AND RETIRING BY THE LEFT OR RIGHT OF COMPANIES:

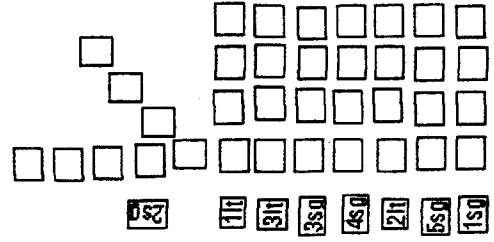
TO RELIEVE A BATTALION BY A PASSAGE OF LINES:

Pictured below are two companies from the 2nd Battalion (Bottom of page) relieving two of the 1st Battalion (Top)

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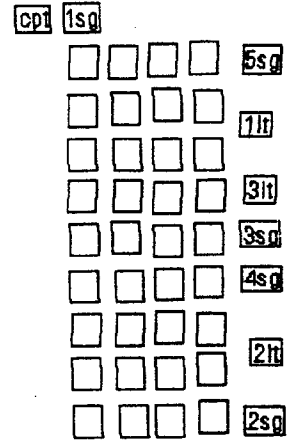
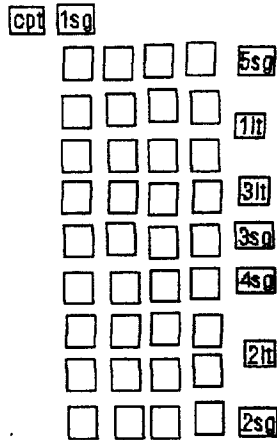
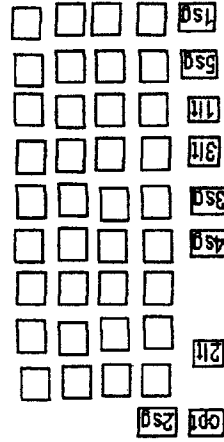
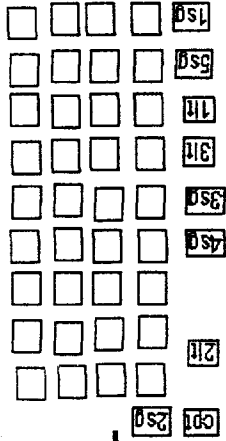


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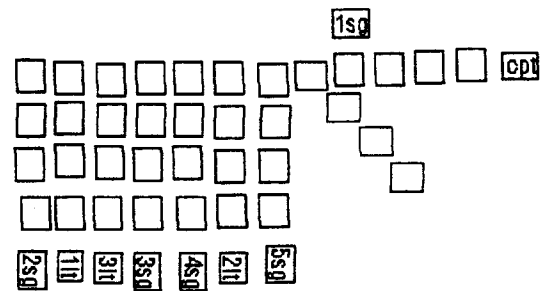
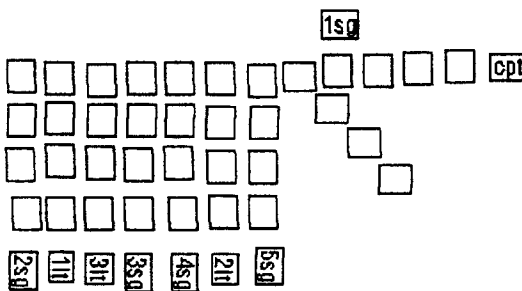
1st Bn. Companies execute:

"By left of Companies to the rear"



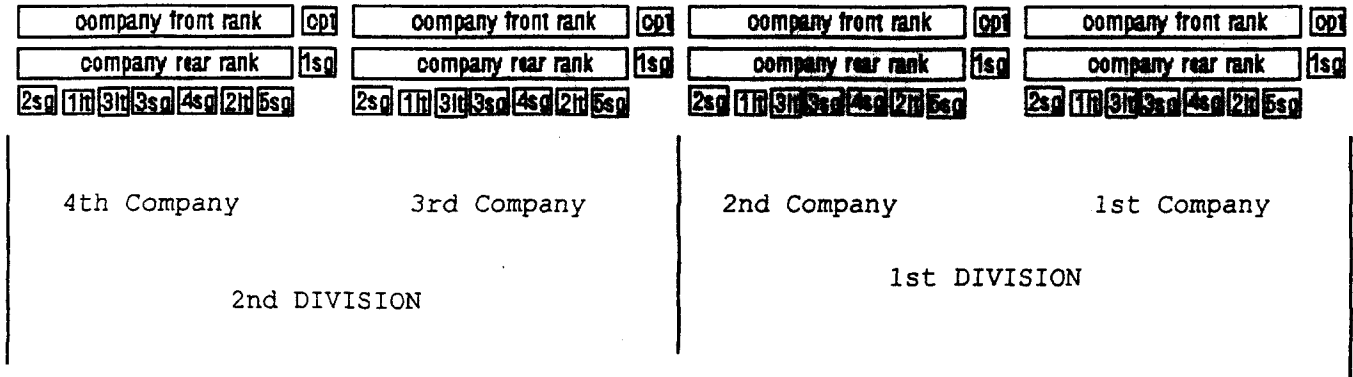
2nd Bn. Companies execute:

"By right of Companies to the front"



MANEUVER BY DIVISION

In each battalion of ten companies there is FIVE DIVISIONS. Each division consist of two companies starting from right to left along the Battalion front. The right flank Company is the first company, the next becomes the 2nd company and these are a Division for divisional maneuver with the exception of "Forming Column on the Center".



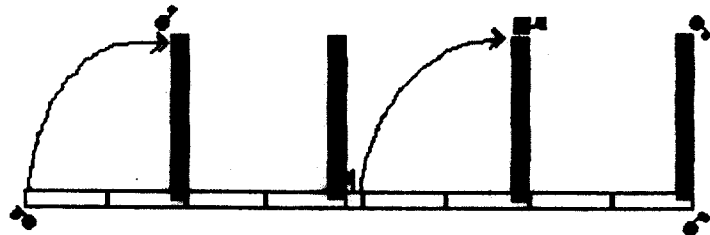
The diagram above shows only 4 companies of a regiment representing 2 Divisions. Remember that there are as many as 5 divisions, numbered 1 thru 5, from right to left, in a Battalion.

FORMING COLUMN OF DIVISIONS

Forming a column of Divisions may be executed to the right or left depending on the direction of movement required and the urgency of the situation. The diagrams below show an overview of both evolution's. The following page shows a "blow up" of one division executing a Right Wheel.

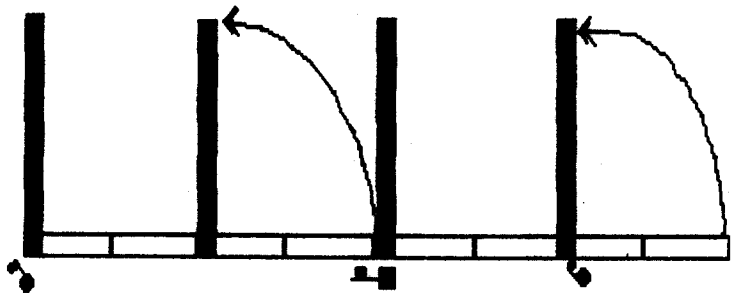
At right is a Battalion of eight companies performing "By Division, Right Wheel, MARCH. Guide is left. The General Guides of the Bn. and 2nd Sgts. of the left company in each division move to form the left guide line.

By Division, Right Wheel - March



By Division, Left Wheel - March

When forming divisions to the left the 1st Sgt. of the right company is the division right guide and the guide is right while wheeling. The General Guides remain on the left along with the color guard which wheels in place to the left.

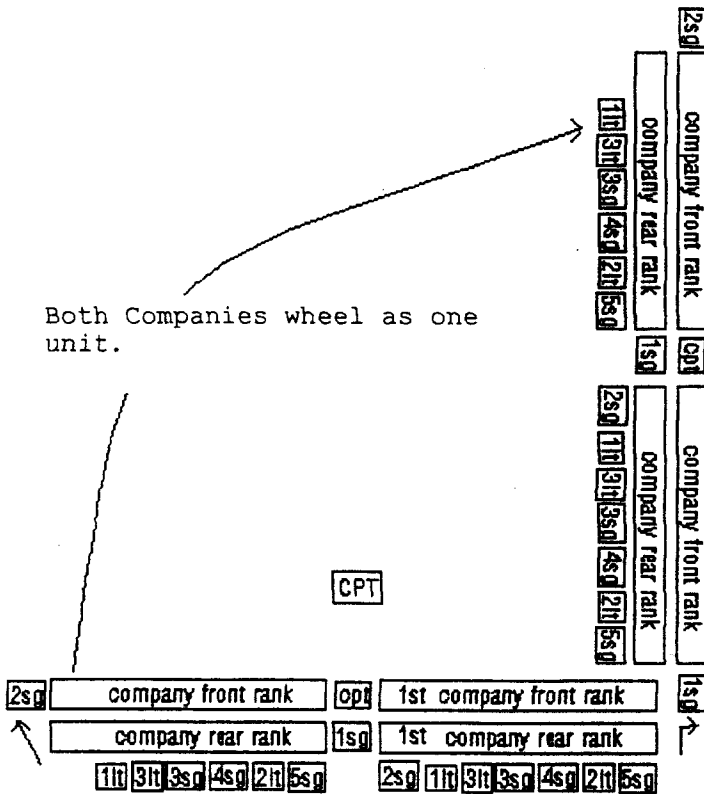


MANEUVER BY DIVISION

TO FORM DIVISIONS FROM A BATTALION IN LINE OF BATTLE:

Ref: Casey's School of Battalion,
Part II, Article I, para's 77 thru 89. Key ref. for
Division is para 87 on page 21. Para. 93 defines the
positions to be taken by the Field Grade and staff.

To Conduct a Right Wheel by Division:



The 2nd Sergeant, Left Company is the Left Guide for the division.

On the command of execution (MARCH) the senior Captain directs the wheel and halts the division on completion of the evolution.

The 1st SGT of the right Company is the Right Guide for the Division. He moves into the captains slot and faces to the right.

Senior Captain (right Company) moves two paces and centered on division at the preparatory command. The captain of the left company remains in position.

THE COMMAND'S REQUIRED TO EXECUTE THIS MANEUVER ARE:

Preparatory: "By Division, Right Wheel" -

(each company commander cautions his company that they are to execute a DIVISION right wheel.

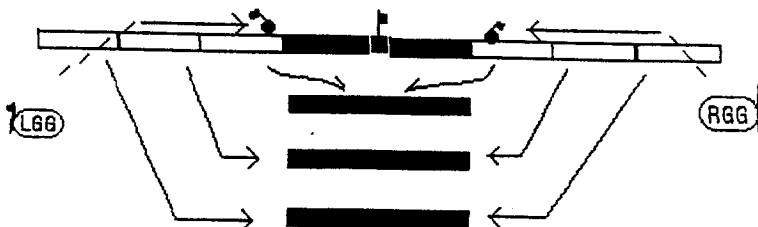
Execution: "MARCH" (Given by the Col. only! Everyone moves at the same time.)

Each Division is halted by the senior captain (right company commander) upon completion of the wheel.

MANEUVER BY DIVISION

TO FORM A COLUMN "DOUBLED" ON THE CENTER: Ref: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part V, para.874-889. pgs. 196-199.

This evolution takes the corresponding companies from the right and left of the Battalion and places them in Division which allows for a compact force which can deploy very quickly.



The commands used to execute this maneuver are:

THE Colonel SAYS:

1. Preparatory: "Double Column, at Half Distance" -(Half Distance is the normal distance between Companies in Column of Companies.)

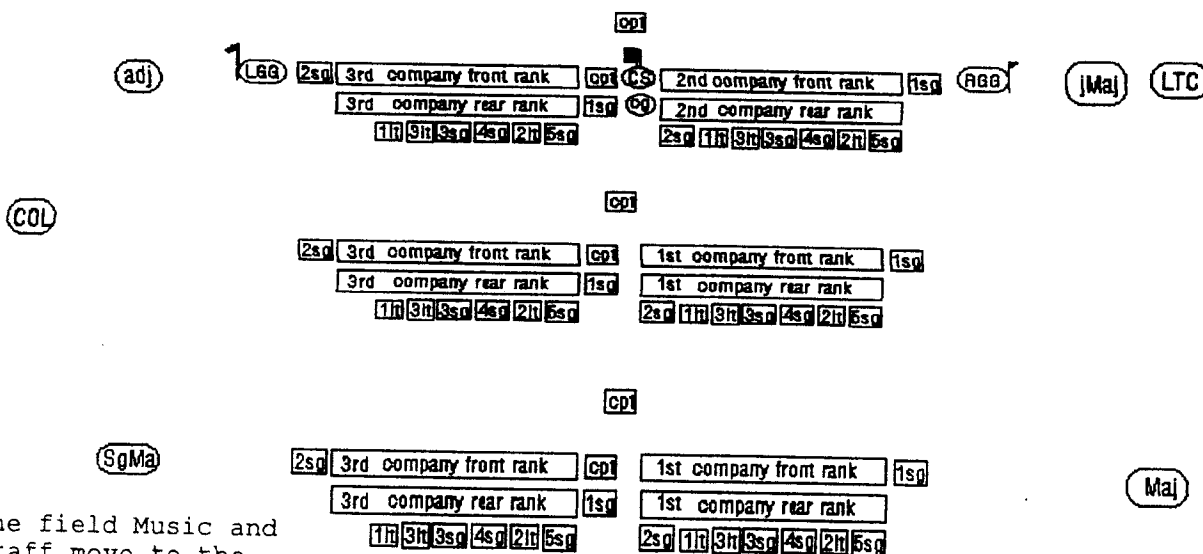
2a. Preparatory: "Battalion Inward" 2b. "Face"- (The commanders of the two center companies caution their companies to STAND FAST.) All other left wing companies face RIGHT. All other right wing companies face LEFT.

NOTE: THIS IS A NORMAL FACING MOVEMENT- The command "without doubling" IS NOT USED!

3. Execution: "MARCH" (The center companies stand fast.) The senior captain moves two paces forward and centered on the division. He will command this division to "GUIDE RIGHT" and dresses the line. These two companies are now the 1st Division.

All other companies move to align themselves behind the preceding company of their wing. Their respective company commanders halt and front their companies thus forming divisions with the company from the other wing. The senior captain of each pair of companies aligns the division.

The diagram below shows a Battalion of 6 Companies at "Doubled Column".



Note: The field Music and other staff move to the rear of the formation.

MANEUVER BY DIVISION

CHANGING FORMATIONS FROM A "DOUBLED" COLUMN:

There are three basic maneuvers we, THE USV, will use when changing formation from the "Doubled Column". They are:

1. "DEPLOY COLUMN" 2. "RIGHT INTO LINE WHEEL" 3. "LEFT INTO LINE WHEEL"

Ref: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part V, para. 946-975, pages 216 thru 223. These three maneuvers are described Below.

1. TO Deploy Column (forward) from a Column Doubled on the Center:

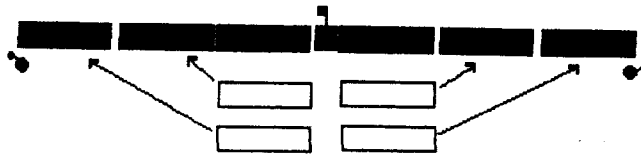
The commands are:

From the Halt:

On the move:

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| 1. Preparatory: "Deploy Column" | 1. "Deploy Column" |
| 2a. Preparatory: "Battalion, Outwards" | 2. "Battalion, By the Right and Left Flanks--" |
| 2b. EXECUTE: "FACE" (1st Div. stands fast) | 3. "MARCH" (1st Div. continues forward) |
| 3. EXECUTE: "MARCH" | |

Note: on the command "March" each company commander guides his company to their position in the line of battle. (If "Double Quick" is desired the command will be given by the Battalion Commander as "Double Quick, MARCH".)



2. TO Deploy RIGHT INTO LINE from a Column Doubled on the Center:

The commands are:

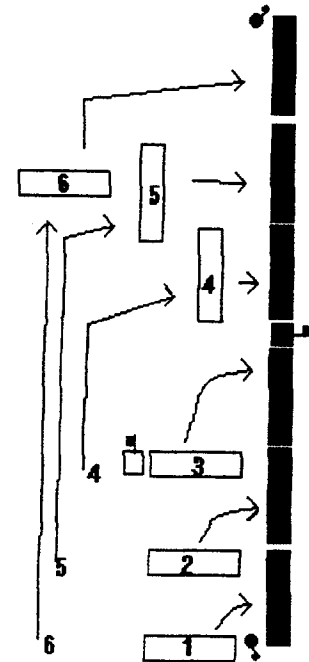
1. Preparatory: "Right into line wheel, left companies on the right into line"
2. Preparatory: "Battalion, Guide Right"
3. EXECUTE: "MARCH"

Note:

On "March" the RIGHT COMPANIES execute a RIGHT WHEEL.

The LEFT COMPANIES march forward and execute On the Right into Line as each company passes the other. (If the "Double Quick" is desired the command will be given by the Battalion Commander as "Double Quick, MARCH".)

The commands are the same from the halt or on the move with the exception of #1. Preparatory being broken into two separate commands if given on the move.



3. TO Deploy LEFT INTO LINE the Commands are:

1. Preparatory: "Left into line wheel, right companies on the left into line"
2. Preparatory: "Battalion, Guide Left"
3. EXECUTE: "MARCH"

NOTE: The LEFT COMPANIES (#s 6, 5 & 4) LEFT WHEEL and the RIGHT COMPANIES (3, 2 & 1) move forward and execute On the Left into Line as each company comes to it's place in line.

MANEUVER BY DIVISION

TO CLOSE COLUMN BY DIVISION: Ref: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part II, Article III, pages 38 thru 49, para:157 - 214.

In the following illustrations we use a 6 company Bn. (3 Div.) to demonstrate the maneuvers.

The illustration at the right center shows the Battalion executing "Close Column by Division" with the Third Division in Front.

The illustration at the bottom right shows a Bn. of 8 Companies (4 Div.) executing "Close Column by Division" with the 3rd Division as the base and forming with the "Right in Front".

If "Left in Front" were the order the 4th Division would move in front of the 3rd and the 2nd Division behind the 3rd with the 1st Division behind the 2nd.

On the command "Face"

the 3rd Div. (Co.s 5&6) stand fast.

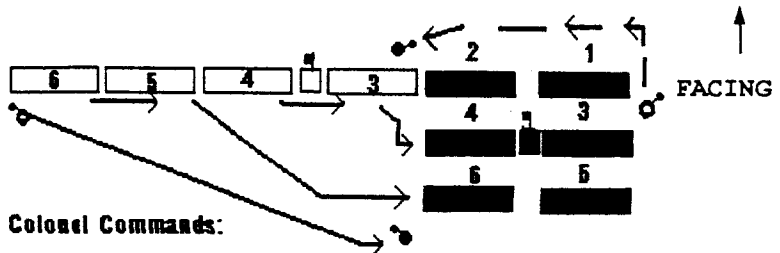
The 1st Div. (Co.s 1&2) and

2nd Div. (Co.s 3&4) Face to the LEFT.

The 4th Div. (Co.s 7&8) Faces to the RIGHT.

ON "MARCH" each division commander guides their division to the assigned position. Guide is Left unless otherwise directed by the colonel.

Close Column by Division, Right in Front:



The Colonel Commands:

1. "Close Column by Division." 2. "On the First Division, right in front."
3. "Battalion, Right" - "FACE" 4. "MARCH"

The First Division (Companies #1&2) Stand Fast.

The Second Division (Co.s 3&4) and Third Division (Co.s 5&6) execute a right face on the command "FACE" and on "MARCH" are directed to their position by the senior captain of each division who halts, fronts and dresses the division. Guide is Left.

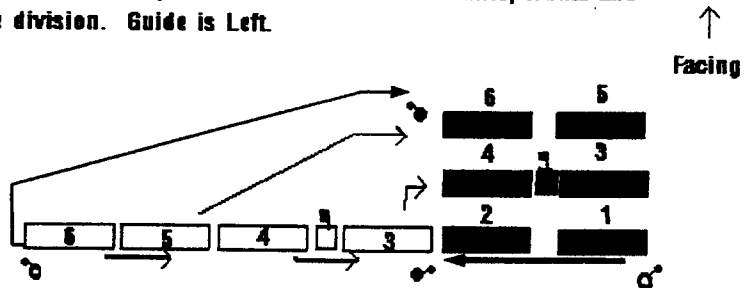
Close Column by Division, LEFT in front:

The Colonel Commands:

1. "Close Column by Division." 2. "On the First Division, Left in front"
3. "Battalion, Right" - "FACE" 4. "MARCH"

The First Division (Companies #1&2) Stand Fast.

The Second Division (Co.s 3&4) and Third Division (Co.s 5&6) execute a right face on the command "FACE" and on "MARCH" are directed to their position by the senior captain of each division who halts, fronts and dresses the division. Guide is Left.

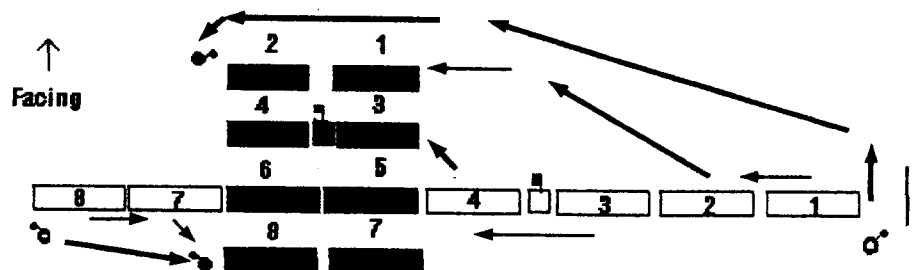


Close Column by Division, (Using division# 3,4 or 5 as a base.)

NOTE: for this diagram we are using the 3rd Division (5&6 Companies) and RIGHT in front.

The Colonel Commands:

1. "Close Column by Division" 2. "On the # Division right (or left) in front."
3. "Battalion inwards" - "FACE" 4. "MARCH"



MANEUVER BY DIVISION

REMINDER: Whenever a battalion, company, or any other size element is at a halt and it is desired to change a direction, the command of execution is "FACE" (Such as Left, FACE)

IF the unit is on the move and the commander wants to keep moving the word "FLANK" is substituted for "FACE" and "MARCH" becomes the command of execution! (Such as Left, Face becomes By The Left Flank, MARCH)

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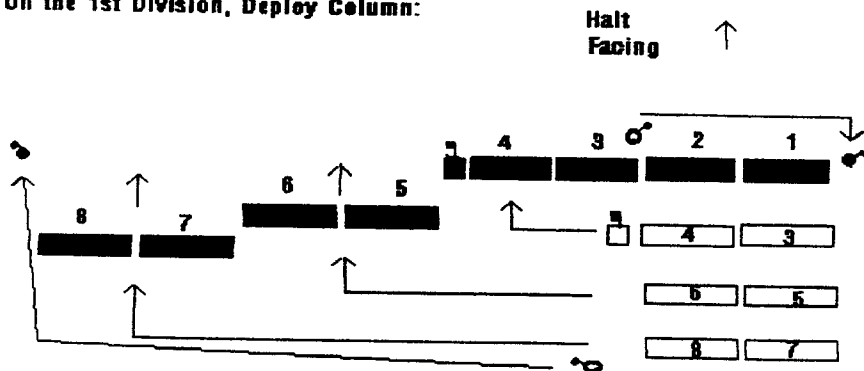
Those of you with modern military experience know that FM 22-5 has dropped the "By The" direction from these preparatory commands. If you want to give these commands correctly for the period you must include them when giving Left or Right Flanking maneuvers.

The illustrations on the next page describe deployment of divisions to face a enemy which may appear on your left or right flanks.

These maneuvers should not be used in a drill competition as they are not specifically described in Casey's or Hardee's but are executed using period orders and are needed to provide quick response to enemy action.

When the battalion is formed in a Column of Divisions, Right in Front (Not "Doubled on the Center") and the Colonel wishes to deploy it into "line of battle" the following procedure is used:

On the 1st Division, Deploy Column:



The Battalion Commander Orders:

1. "On the 1st Division, Deploy Column" 2. "Battalion, Left" - "FACE"
On the command FACE, the 1st Division 'stands fast'. All other execute Left Face.
3. "MARCH"

ON "MARCH" the 1st Division dresses to the right.

All other divisions step off and, on command of their respective division commander, execute "By the Right Flank - March" then advance into position on the line.

Note: If the 4th Division were in front (LEFT IN FRONT) the commands would be:

1. On the 4th Division, Deploy Column, 2. Battalion Right - Face. 3. March

MANEUVER BY DIVISION

Deploy Column of Div. "To the Right"

There is no direct method for this in Casey's, however there are several ways to accomplish this using period maneuvers. The one prescribed below is the simplest and can be accomplished with proper commands:

It is the same as deploying a column of companies as referenced in School of the Battalion, Part IV, Article III, para 500 and what follows, pages 116 - 123.

The Colonel indicates to the LTC where the right of the line will be established and the LTC takes the right General Guide of the Bn. and a file closer from the first division to mark the line for that division.

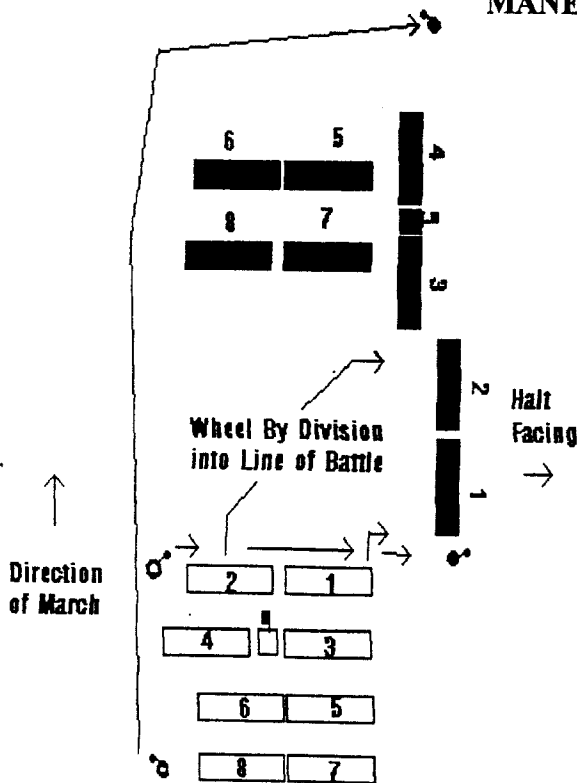
Colonel Commands:

Preparatory: "On the right into line"

Preparatory: "Battalion, Guide Right"

Execution: "March"

Division Commanders order "Right Turn" as they reach their respective spot then "Halt" and "Right Dress" when arriving on line.



Deploy Column of Div. "to the left":

As with the above this maneuver is not outline in the manuals but can be accomplished using period orders from the manuals.

In order to accomplish this deployment the divisions must have their wheeling distance between each other.

The Colonel Commands:

Preparatory: "Left into Line, Wheel"

The LTC or Major position the Left General Guide and a file closer from the 4th (or left flank division) to establish the new front.

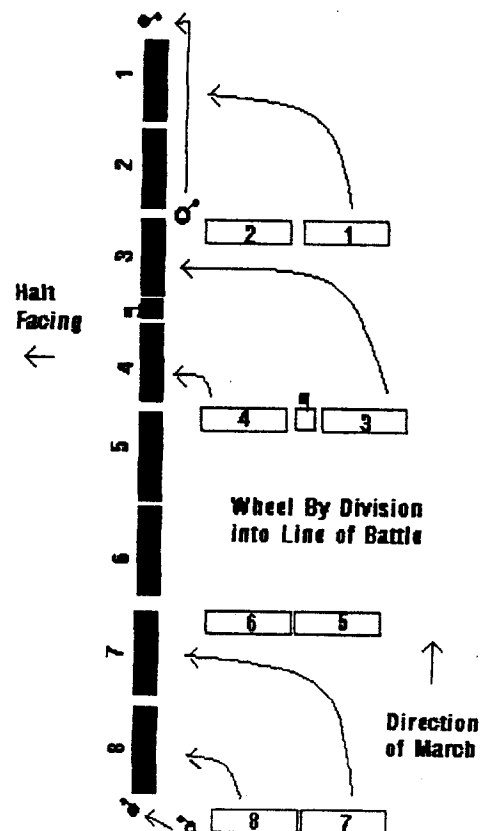
Each Division Commander cautions "Left Wheel"

Colonel Command:

Execution: "March"

The divisions all wheel left into line of battle as indicated in the drawing to the right.

On the 4th Div. Left into Line



DEPLOYING INTO LINE FROM A FLANK MARCH

REF:

Casey's School of the Battalion, Part V, Article XI, para's 820 - 828, pgs 185-186.

Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part V Article Eleventh, para's 735-742, pgs 164 -165

NOTE: There is no direct method of deploying forward into line from a flank march listed in Casey's or Hardee's manuals, HOWEVER THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE:

On page 8 of this publication we outlined the procedures for forming a column of companies while marching (or halted) by the right flank. Page 9 describes deploying a column of companies into line of battle. **These two maneuvers combined can be used to deploy a battalion, marching by the flank, into a line of battle facing there direction of march (forward).**

The orders from the Colonel would be as follows:

1. "By Companies, Into Line" 2. "MARCH" (execute as described on page 8)
4. "On the First Company, Deploy Column, 5. "Battalion Left "FACE" 6. "MARCH" (execute as described on page 9)

TO FORM THE BATTALION "ON THE RIGHT, BY FILE, INTO LINE OF BATTLE:

The Colonel determines where the deployment is to begin and the LTC sets two markers on that line. When the head of the battalion is nearly at the first marker the Colonel commands:

1. Preparatory: "On the Right, By File, Into Line." 2. Execute: "MARCH"

On the command "March" the leading company executes on the right by file into line. The following companies file past the deploying company and execute the above when at their place in line. **NOTE: The execution of this maneuver is outlined in Casey's School of the Company, No. 151 or Hardee's School of the Company No. 149.**

No Diagram is provided here because we have executed this maneuver many times in the past.

TO FORM "TO THE LEFT".

The command would be "On the Left, By File, Into Line" "MARCH"

HOWEVER: If the Battalion is very close to the desired location the fastest way to deploy facing to the left is to "HALT" and "FRONT".

BATTALION FIRINGS

Ref: Casey's School of the Battalion, Part I, Article III, para's 37 - 68, pages 12 - 18.
Hardee's School of the Battalion, Part I, Article Third, para's 31 - 61, pgs. 11 - 16.

When operating in a battalion formation the following firing can be used:

1. Fire By Company. 2. Fire by Wing. 3. Fire by Battalion. 4. Fire by File.
5. Fire by Rank. 6. Fire by the REAR Rank.

The color and color guard do not fire but on the preparatory command execute the following:

Paragraph 47 page 14 states: "The color and its guard will step back at the same time, so as to bring the front rank of the guard in line with the rear rank of the battalion. This rule is general for all firings."

When firing by Company or File the aim should always be directly to the front.
Oblique Firings are only used when firing by Battalion, Wing or Rank.

When firing by the Oblique (right or left) the caution "right (or left) oblique" is added between the commands "Ready" and "Aim".

Example:

"Fire By Wing" "Right Wing," "Ready" "Right Oblique" "Aim" "Fire" "Load"

1. Fire By Company:

The commands from the Colonel are: **"Fire By Company"- "Commence Firing"**

Each Company commander orders:

"# Company," "Ready" "Aim" "Fire" "Load"

Odd numbered companies commence firing in the following order: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Even numbers fire in order 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 after the company to their right fires. i.e.:

Co. 1 fires then Co. 2. Co. 3 fires when the captain knows that Co. 1 has fired.

THE FIRST ROUND FIRED SHOULD BE IN THIS ORDER:

Company 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

2, 4, 6, 8, 10

All firings after the first are on order of the company commander without waiting for the other companies and continues until the Colonel orders "Cease Fire".

NOTE: On the command to "CEASE FIRE" ALL officers, NCO's, Guides, Colors and Guard move to their regular position on line.

THIS RULE APPLIES TO ALL FIRINGS. (CASEY'S PARA 51, PAGE 15.)

BATTALION FIRINGS

2. FIRE BY WING:

Firing by wing is done directly on order of the battalion command and continues alternately Right Wing, then Left Wing.

NOTE: The right wing is all companies to the right of the colors and the left is all those to the left. (example: in a 6 company Battalion, companies 1,2 and 3 would be the right wing and 4,5 and 6 the left.

The Commands are:

1. "Fire By Wing" 2. "Right Wing" 3. "Ready" 4. "Aim" 5. "Fire" 6. "Load"
then- "Left Wing" etc.

NOTE: after the first firing of each wing "Ready" is dropped as each soldier is to come to the ready after loading.

The battalion will continue to fire by wing under command of the colonel or the wing commander at the colonels direction until "Cease Fire" is ordered by the Colonel.

3. FIRE BY BATTALION:

Firing by Battalion is done exactly as Fire by Wing with the exception being that the entire Battalion fires on command of the Colonel. A solid volley!

The commands are:

1. "Fire By Battalion," 2. "Battalion," 3. "Ready," 4. "Aim," 5. "Fire"

or - to fire by a oblique -

1. "Fire By Battalion," 2. "Battalion," 3. "Ready," 4. "Right (or Left Oblique)"
5. "Aim," 6. "Fire"

4. **TO FIRE BY FILE:** This is one of the most misunderstood or misused commands. This command is used by the commander of a battalion to begin independent (individual soldiers) firing.

NOTE: "Independent Fire" is not a proper command in the US Army.

The commands are:

1. "Fire By File" 2. "Battalion" 3. "Ready" 4. "COMMENCE FIRING"

On order number 4, above, each company begins firing by file from the right. Once the first round is fired each soldier fires independently of all others until the order to "Cease Fire" is given.

BATTALION FIRINGS

5. TO FIRE BY RANK:

In executing the entire Battalion fires with the REAR rank firing first.

The commands are:

1. "Fire By Rank" 2. "Battalion" 3. "Ready" 4. "Rear Rank" 5. "Aim" 6. "Fire" 7. "Load"

Seeing several of the rear rank men coming to the ready after loading again, the Colonel commands the "Front Rank" as above.

This alternate firing will continue until on order until changed or "Cease Fire" is ordered.

6. TO FIRE BY THE REAR RANK:

In order to fire to the rear of the Battalion facing the Colonel must first order it about. This is done using the following commands:

1. "Face By The Rear Rank" 2. "Battalion" 3. "About - FACE"

On the command "FACE" the entire Battalion executes about face and captains, covering sergeants, file closers all execute School of the Company No. 69 (Casey's and Hardee's). The color-bearer passes through the rear rank to the front rank and faces about. All field grade and staff, including music pass around the closet flank of the Battalion to the front and faces about.

The Battalion is now faced by the rear rank and ready to fire.

NOTE: While faced to the rear all companies maintain their number designation and wing designation. The 1st Company is still the 1st Company, as the 4th is still the 4th.

The left wing is still the Left wing. WE HAVE NOT CHANGED FRONT, WE'VE JUST FACED "TO THE REAR"

From this position all of the battalion firings can be executed to the rear until it is no longer needed.

When the threat to the rear is over the Colonel commands:

1. "Face By The Front Rank" 2. "Battalion" 3. "About - FACE"

On this command the entire Battalion executes about face and all personnel return to their proper stations on line.

PROCEDURES FOR DRESS PARADE

Ref: Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States, 1861; Article XXXII, Section I, paragraphs 337 - 348, pages 51 - 53.
Casey's School of the Company, Lesson I, Article I, "To open Ranks", page 102.

1. **ONE HALF HOUR** prior to **PARADE** the **adjutant** will have the beat or sound a signal.

This is to alert the companies and music. The Regimental music reports to the parade area and the companies form on their respective streets. 1st Sgts. take roll call.

2. **TEN MINUTES** after the first signal, **ADJUTANT's CALL** is given.

NOTE: The Battalion Adjutant is responsible for forming the Battalion on line and directs the "flow" of the parade. He also receives the reports from the first sergeants and reads the daily orders at parade on direction of the battalion commander. The Adjutant must be at the parade site to direct the formation of the parade.

On the sounding of "Adjutant's Call" the companies march to parade and take their position on the line, 1st company on the right. The regimental music should be playing while the companies are forming on line.

The adjutants position is two paces to the right of the first company.

The Sergeant-Major is two paces to the left of the left company. The music is formed in two ranks to the right of the adjutant on the extreme right of the battalion.

3. When the Battalion is formed on line the music stops playing and the **adjutant** gives notice to the **Captain of the First Company** who then brings his company to:
"Order Arms", **"Parade - REST"**. Each company then follows suite in order from right to left. (Company 2 then 3 etc.)

4. **AFTER** all companies have come to the order and are at parade rest the **Adjutant Commands:**
"Music, Beat OFF"

The music then troops the line and returns to their position.

5. When the music has ceased, the **ADJUTANT** steps two paces forward, executes a left face and commands:

1. **"Attention, BATTALION,"** 2. **"Shoulder, ARMS" -**

3. **"Prepare to open Ranks"** 4. **"To the rear, Open Order, MARCH"**

WHAT HAPPENS:

- a. On the preparatory Command **"To the rear, Open Order"** the 1st SGT. and Left Guide (2nd SGT.) of each company step to the rear **4 paces. File closer's stand fast.**
- b. On the command of execution **"March"** the rear rank and file closers, at the same time, step **4 paces** to the rear and the 1st Sgt. aligns the rear rank on the left guide. The front rank stands fast.
- c. The Company Commander steps **4 paces** forward of the front rank and the rest of the company officers come forward by the right of the company and take position on the left of their company commander. **Field Grade Officers** move **6 paces** to the front of the line and directly across from their position during line of battle.

PROCEDURES FOR DRESS PARADE

6. The Adjutant, after seeing that the ranks are aligned, commands:

“FRONT”

WHAT HAPPENS:

The First Sergeants return to the front rank at the right of their company.

7. The Adjutant then marches along the front of the battalion, to the center, (**his line of march is between the front rank of the companies and the company officers**) executes a right face, and marches 8 or 10 paces past the line of company officers. He then halts, faces about and commands:

“Present, ARMS”

WHAT HAPPENS:

All personnel Present Arms and Officers render a saber salute remaining at the “Present”.

8. Seeing this done, the Adjutant, faces about and salutes the commander reporting:

“Sir, The Parade is formed”

9. ON nod of head or word from the battalion commander the adjutant completes his salute and marches smartly past the commander (**to the commander’s right side**) passing 1 pace **to the commander’s rear**, executes a **right face** and marches **3 paces to the left of the commander**. The adjutant halts and faces to the right. (He is now facing the Battalion).

10. **The Battalion Commander** will then return the salute of the command by touching his hat. (Hand Salute). He then Draws his sword and commands:

“Battalion, Shoulder, ARMS”

The Battalion Commander, at his discretion, may exercise the manual of arms and upon completion command: **“Order ARMS”**, replace his sword and direct the adjutant to receive the reports.

11. The **Adjutant** now marches to the rear and right side of the commander, advances half the distance between the line of company officers and the battalion commander and commands:

“First Sergeants, To the front and center, MARCH”

WHAT HAPPENS: (page 52, Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States, 1861)

On the preparatory command **“To the front and center”** the **First Sergeant of each line company** steps **2 paces to the front and faces inward toward the center of the Battalion**.

On the command **“MARCH”** they march to the center and **HALT**.

PROCEDURES FOR DRESS PARADE

11. (Continued)

(The first sergeants are now in line at and facing toward the center of the battalion.)
The ADJUTANT then commands: **“Front FACE” and REPORT”**

On “FACE” the first sergeants face the adjutant. On “REPORT” **beginning with the 1st Company, in order from right to left**, the first sergeants **render a rifle salute** while reporting the results of the company roll call.

The ADJUTANT returns **each salute in order**, and compiles the report.

12. After all companies have reported and, **before facing the battalion commander, the adjutant commands:**

“First Sergeants, Outwards FACE, to your post, MARCH”

On “FACE” the first sergeants face left (or right depending on where their company is in the battalion line) and on “MARCH” return to their post in line and come to order arms.

13. The adjutant then faces about, **salutes the commander and reports absent officers and the battalion strength.**

14. The Battalion Commander now directs the adjutant to read the orders of the day.

WHAT HAPPENS:

The **adjutant** again faces about (now facing the battalion) and commands:

“Attention to Orders”

He now reads whatever orders or announcements there are, after which, he faces the battalion commander, **salutes and reports that the orders are read.**

15. The Battalion Commander now directs the adjutant to dismiss the parade.

WHAT HAPPENS:

The **adjutant** now faces the battalion and commands: **“Parade is Dismissed”**

He then marches to the officer line and faces about.

All the **officers** return their swords, face inwards and march to the adjutant.

When all the battalion officers have closed up on the adjutant, **the adjutant commands:**

“Front FACE, Forward MARCH”

The line of officers advance to **6 paces** from the battalion commander and the **adjutant** commands: **“HALT”**. Immediately upon halting the officers render a hand salute, waiting for the battalion commander to return it.

The battalion commander now gives information to the officers as he desires.

16. ON seeing the hand salute returned by the commander, **The FIRST SERGEANTS** close ranks and, unless otherwise directed, march their companies back to their respective areas and go about their daily duties.

Dress Parade is now complete.

BRIGADE LEVEL DRESS PARADE

NOTE: As reenactors we may never have enough troops present to display a brigade parade, however, The United States Volunteers does have the capability, should the turn out of our organization be high enough at a given event. I have added this section for such purpose and, if we ever have the space, time and a full turn out, it would be something out of the normal for a event.

1. **The Brigade is formed in line of Battalion columns, "By Division, Right in Front"** (see page 25, this manual), **at full or half distance.** (The 1st Bn. is on the right of line.) **a distance of 22 paces will be between each battalion. All mounted officers remain mounted.**

2. **Brigade command and Staff positions at start:**
The Brigade Commander is **50 paces in front, centered on and facing the Brigade** with his staff **3 paces to his rear** in one rank.
The Brigade Band (Music) is **posted on the right of the brigade, on line with the 1st Division, 1st Battalion** with the bands **left 10 paces from the right of the division.**
The Aide-in-Charge is **on the right of the 1st Division, 1st Battalion** between the division and the Band.

3. **Field Grade and Staff positions at start:**
In each Battalion:
The Battalion Commanders (Colonels) will be 6 paces from the left of their column, opposite the center. (on the left, centered between the 2nd & 3rd Divisions OR if there are 5 divisions in his battalion he will be 6 paces from the left guide, 3rd Division).
The Lieutenant- Colonels - **3 paces from the left flank of the 1st Division.**
The Major - **3 paces from the left flank of the rear Division. (4th or 5th)**
The Adjutant - **3 paces from the left flank of the 2nd Division.**
The Sergeant-Major - **3 paces from the left flank of the next to rear Division (3rd or 4th)**
Field Music (if not consolidated) will be on the right of the color division with the left of the music 3 paces from the right of the division.

4. **The Parade begins with the Brigade at "Parade Rest". The "Band" troops the line in front from right to left and back.**

5. **When the music stops playing the Aide-in-Charge (mounted) RIDES 10 paces forward, faces left and commands:**
 1. **"Attention, BATTALIONS,"**
 2. **"Shoulder, ARMS" -**
 3. **"Prepare to open Ranks"**
 4. **"To the rear, Open Order, MARCH"**

WHAT HAPPENS:

THE RANKS ARE OPENED AS WITH A BATTALION DRESS PARADE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

BRIGADE LEVEL DRESS PARADE

5. (CONTINUED)

- **The color rank** (front rank of the guard and colors) **marches to the front of each battalion and centers 3 paces forward of the first division officers.**
- **Each Battalion commander, LTC, and Major move to the front of their battalions 10 paces. The colonel is centered (7 paces in front of his color), The LTC to the right of the column and Major to the left.**

6. The Aide-in-Charge, after seeing that the ranks are aligned, commands: **“FRONT”** He then rides along the front of the brigade, **behind the field grade officers**, to the center, turns to the right, and rides 10 paces past the Colonels. He then halts, faces about and commands:

“Present, ARMS”

WHAT HAPPENS:

All personnel Present Arms and Officers render a saber salute remaining at the **“Present”**.

NOTE: If a General Officer commands the parade, the colors are dipped and the drums beat two ruffles.

7. Seeing this done, the Aide-in-Charge, faces about and salutes the commander reporting:

“Sir, The Parade is formed”

8. The salute is returned immediately. Then, on nod or direction from the brigade commander the aide-in-charge takes his position riding smartly past the commander **(to the commander’s right side)** passing **1 pace to the commander’s rear**, executes a **right face** and marches **3 paces to the left of the commander**. He then halts and faces to the right. (He is now facing the Battalion).

9. **The Brigade Commander** will then Draw his sword and commands:

“Battalion, Shoulder, ARMS”

The Battalion Commander, at his discretion, may exercise the manual of arms and upon completion command: **“Order ARMS”**, replace his sword and direct the AiC to receive the reports.

10. The AiC now marches to the rear and right side of the commander, advances half the distance between the line of colonels and the brigade commander and commands:

“Adjutants, To the front and center, MARCH”

WHAT HAPPENS:

On the preparatory command **“To the front and center”** **the adjutants of each battalion advance to the front, just in front of the officers of the 1st division and faces inward toward the center of the Brigade.**

On the command **“MARCH”** they **march to the center and face to the front.**

BRIGADE LEVEL DRESS PARADE

10. (Continued)

Seeing the adjutants in proper position the AiC then commands: **“REPORT”**

On **“REPORT”** each adjutant **beginning with the 1st Battalion, in order from right to left, will render a salute and make his report.**

The **Aide -in- Charge** returns **each salute in order**, and compiles the report.

11. After all adjutants have reported and, before facing the brigade commander, the AiC commands:

“Adjutants, to your post, MARCH”

On **“MARCH”** the adjutants return to their post.

12. The AiC then faces about, salutes the commander and reports absentees OR **“All Present or Accounted for.”**

13. If there is any special order or presentation it is done at this time. (NOTE: Daily orders are read at Battalion Parades.)

14. The Brigade Commander now directs the Aide-in-Charge to dismiss the parade.

WHAT HAPPENS:

The AiC now faces the brigade and commands: **“Parade is Dismissed”**

He then rides to the line of Field Grade Officer and faces about.

All the **field grade officers** return their swords, face inwards and ride to the Aide-in-Charge, facing front as they arrive.

When the officers have closed up and fronted, the AiC commands:

“Forward MARCH”

The line of officers advance to **6 paces** from the battalion commander and the **adjutant** commands: **“HALT”**. Immediately upon halting the officers render a hand salute, waiting for the brigade commander to return it.

15. ON seeing the hand salute returned by the commander, **The Battalion Commanders** then resume command of their battalions and conduct them from the field.

Brigade Dress Parade is now complete.

PASS IN REVIEW

Ref.: Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States, 1861; Article XXXII, Section II, paragraphs 349 - 374, pages 53 - 57.

1. PREPARATION OF FIELD:

A. In preparation for a review, the Adjutant will have a camp-color placed 80 - 100 paces or more, depending on the length of the line, across from and centered where the Battalion is to rest. **This color marks the position where the reviewing officer will be stationed** and, even if the reviewing officer quits his position it is the point to which all movement and formation is relative.

B. The adjutant will also have markers placed, at suitable distances, for the wheeling of divisions, so that the right flank of each division shall only be **4 paces** from the camp-color when they march past. **(remember this is where the reviewing officer will be standing.)**

2. **The Battalion will form in order of battle (not for parade).**

3. When the Battalion is formed the Colonel commands:

1. **“Battalion, Prepare for Review”** 2. **“To the Rear, Open Order”** 3. **“MARCH”**

At the word “MARCH” the Battalion opens order as at parade with the following additions:

- a. the field and staff officers dismount.
- b. The **COLOR RANK** advances **4 paces** and on line with the company officers.
- c. The **color guard** steps up into the front rank, replacing the color rank.
- d. The **Battalion Staff Officers** take position, according to rank, **3 paces** on the right of the rank of company officers and **1 pace** from each other.
- e. The **music** takes post as at parade.
- f. The **Non-commissioned Staff** takes post **3 paces** on the right of the front rank of the battalion and **1 pace** from each other.

4. When the ranks are aligned, the Colonel commands: **“FRONT”**

He then places himself **8 paces** in front of the rank of the company officers and centered on the battalion.

The **LTC and Major** take position **2 paces** in front of the rank of the company officers and opposite their places in order of battle. All are faced to the front.

PASS IN REVIEW

5. When the reviewing officer presents himself before the center of the battalion, and is **50 -60 paces** distant, the **Colonel** will face about and command:

“Present ARMS”

WHAT HAPPENS: The colonel faces about and resumes his front.

The men present arms, the officers salute, so as to drop their swords with the last motion of the rifles. **Non-commissioned Staff**, carrying swords, salute by bringing the sword to a “poise” (the hilt resting on the breast, the blade in front of the face, inclining a little outward.

The music will play and drums beat, according to the rank of the reviewing officer.

The colors only salute such persons as entitled to the honor (see article XXIX, page 40).

If the reviewing officer be of junior rank to the commandant of the parade, NO Honors are paid him. He will be received with arms carried and the officers will not salute as the column passes in review.

6. When the reviewing officer has acknowledge the salute of the line, by touching or raising his cap or hat, **the Colonel** faces the battalion and commands:

“Shoulder - ARMS”

WHAT HAPPENS:

The men shoulder arms, the officers and non-commissioned staff recover their swords with the last motion and the Colonel faces front.

7. **The REVIEWING OFFICER** then goes to the right of the battalion and passes along the front proceeding around the left flank and along the rear of the file closers back to the right.

While the reviewing officer is going round the battalion, the band will play, and will cease playing when the reviewing officer has returned to the right flank of the battalion.

The reviewing officer will then proceed to the camp-color, centered across from the battalion center and **the Colonel** will face the battalion and command:

1. “Close Order” 2. “MARCH”

ON “Close Order” the Field and Company Grade Officers will face right about.

ON “MARCH” all persons resume their positions in the order of battle.

Field and Staff Officers MOUNT.

PASS IN REVIEW

8. The Colonel, upon seeing the reviewing officer at his position by the camp-color, commands:

1. "By Company, Right Wheel." 2. "Quick - March" 3. "Pass in Review"
4. "Column, Forward" 5. "Guide Right" 6. "MARCH"

(NO ONE MOVES until the final order, No. 6, "MARCH" is given!!)

ON "MARCH" the battalion wheels into column of companies, right in front, and continues marching at common time. **The music begins to play.**

The positions of the field and staff are as follows:

The Colonel: **4 paces** in front of the captain of the 1st company.

The LTC: **6 paces from the left flank and on line with the 1st company.**

The Major: **6 paces from the left flank and on line with the rear company.**

Adjutant: **6 paces from the left flank and on line with the 2nd company.**

Sergeant-Major: **6 paces from the left flank, on line with the next to last company.**

All other staff officers are:

In one rank, by order of precedence, from the right, 4 paces in the rear of the column.

The **Music preceded by the principle musician is 6 paces** in front of the Colonel.

The pioneers march **4 paces** in front of the principle musician preceded by a corporal.

The Quartermaster Sergeant is **2 paces** from the opposite side of the general guides and on line with the pioneers.

All other officers and non-commissioned officers are positioned and march as in open column.

Guides and soldiers will keep their heads steady and facing front while passing in review.

The Color Bearer and guard will remain in ranks with the color company while passing and saluting.

After passing the reviewing officer the music wheels to the left, out of column, marches to a position opposite and facing him. The music continues to play from this position until the rear of the column has passed, when it stops and follows the rear of the battalion, unless the battalion is to pass again in "quick time". In this case the music continues to play. EACH Battalion's music replaces the other if more than one battalion is passing.

All officers salute the reviewing officer when they arrive within 6 paces of him and recover their swords when 6 paces past him. (a total of 12 paces). ALL OFFICERS when saluting will cast their eyes toward the reviewing officer.

PASS IN REVIEW

8. (Continued)

The Colonel after saluting at the head of the column will move off and join the reviewing officer. He remains there until his battalion has past, then rejoins the battalion.

The colors will salute the reviewing officer IF HE IS ENTITLED TO A SALUTE.

The Drums will beat a march or ruffles, according to the rank of the reviewer, at the same time the colors salute.

(See Honors to be paid, below, or for a more complete description page 40 US Army Regulations)

9. When the column has passed the reviewing officer, the Colonel will direct it to the ground it marched from and command **"GUIDE LEFT"** in enough time for the guides to cover.

ON arriving at the position the Colonel commands: **1. "Column" 2. "HALT"**

He then orders: **"By rear of column, LEFT INTO LINE, Wheel, MARCH"**

Each company wheels to the left forming in order of battle (see page 10).

The Colonel will then cause the ranks to be opened and present arms.

The reviewing officer will return the salute.

Pass in review is ended

HONORS TO BE PAID

NOTE: This listing is only that section which applies to receiving reviewing officers and their ranks. A complete list of "Honors" is provided in ARTICLE XXIX, paragraphs 237 - 302, pages 40-46, Revised Regulation for the Army of The United States, 1861.

- 1. The President or Vice-President:** Highest Honors -

ALL Standards and Colors dropping, Officers and Troops saluting, Drums beating, Trumpets sounding

- 2. A General, Commanding -in - chief** is to be received:

By Cavalry:

Sabers Presented, Trumpets sounding the march, ALL officers saluting, Standards Dropping.

By Infantry: Drums beating the march, colors dropping, officers saluting, and arms presented.

- 3. A Major-General** is to be received:

By Cavalry:

Sabers presented, Trumpets sounding the **Trumpet Flourish TWICE**, Officers saluting.

By Infantry: **Three Ruffles**, colors dropping, officers saluting and arms presented.

- 4. A Brigadier-General** is to be received:

By Cavalry:

Sabers presented, Trumpets sounding the **Trumpet Flourish Once**, Officers saluting.

By Infantry: **Two Ruffles**, colors dropping, officers saluting and arms presented.

- 5. AN Adjutant-General, Inspector General or any field grade officer authorized to review and inspect troops:**

By Cavalry:


Sabers presented, officers saluting.

By Infantry: Officers saluting and arms presented.

NOTE: If the reviewing officer is junior to the officer commanding the parade or review, no compliment is paid. He is received only with sabers drawn and arms shouldered.

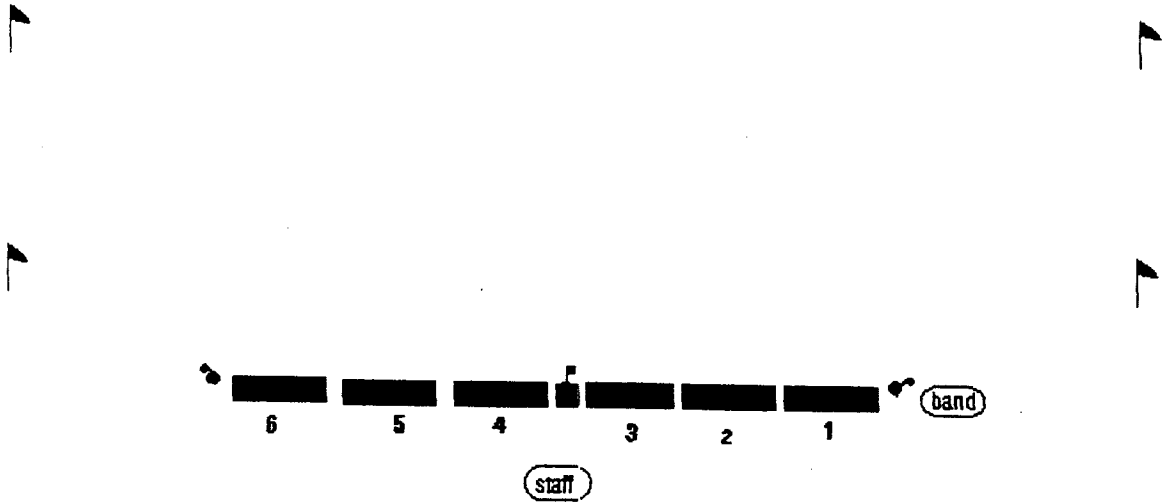
PASS IN REVIEW

A. Initial setup for Pass in review:

 camp-color (marks position of reviewer)

4 paces

The reviewer should be 4 paces from the Right flank of Bn. as they pass him.



B. Form column for Pass in review:



C. Passing the reviewer:

The Colonel passes and joins reviewer until his battalion has past.
The Music move to the left and faces the reviewer.

