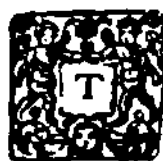




C H A P. XXII.

*Part of the Exercise for the Troops of Light
Dragoons.*

TH E Light Troops of Dragoons are to form seperately on the right of the Regiment; and, when dismounted, are to be drawn up as the Company of Grenadiers of the infantry; covering the flanks of the Battalion when it is to go through the firings as in the foot; the Platoon Exercise is therefore to be the same as that of the Dragoons.—The dismounting and mounting is to be done by the usual words of command given to the Regiment; the Major giving time to the light Troops, when they are exercised with the Regiment, to do the motions which are peculiar to them. The following are the words of command for the light Troops when exercised seperately from the Regiment, with the number of motions contained in each, and an explanation of such, as are different from what is practised by the other Troops of Dragoons.

Words of command for the carbine when the light Troop is exercised seperately from the Regiment.

Return your swords!

Files, to the right double!

March! (pull off gloves)

Note, When no explanations follow a word of command, the motions contained in it, are to be done as is above directed in the Horse Exercise.

make ready your carbines! 4 motions.

At the fourth motion of the firelock exercise, drop your carbine by your right side.

Throw back your carbines! 3 motions.

Seize the carbine with a full hand a little above the guard.

2d, Bring the butt and muzzle in a line, by raising your wrist and elbow square, pointing your muzzle directly forwards.

3d, Throw it cross behind with life, the butt to the near side, quitting your hand.

Make ready your links!

The links are briskly unfixed, and dropped on the horses neck; and the bridle reins immediately taken up, without any distinct motions.

Quit your right stirrups!

Dismount!

Immediately after the last motion, take the sword and scabbard out of the sword belt, by clearing the hook with the thumb and forefinger of the right hand from the loop of the belt; with the same hand seize the sword below the hilt, the thumb downwards, and the back of the hand turned outwards; pull the sword and scabbard briskly out of the belt, turning the palm of the hand upwards, which will bring the point of the sword to the near cloak strap up; fix it in the loop with the right hand, and strap the hilt betwixt the holsters with the carbine strap.

Face to the left!

Files that doubled, as you were!

March!

To the right about!

Link your horses!

To the right about!

Move

*Move clear of your horses !**March !**Unspring your carbines !* 3 motions.

1st, Seize your carbine with the right hand at the lowest pipe, the palm upon the barrel.

2d, Bring up your carbine upon the right side, seizing it with the left hand above the feather spring.

3d, Bring your right hand to the swivel, and loosen it from the ring, holding the carbine with the left hand.

Poise your carbines ! 3 motions.

1st, Throw back the swivel with your right hand.

2d, Seize the carbine under the hammer with your right hand, bringing it before your breast with both hands.

3d, Come to a poise.

Shoulder your carbines !

After the Dragoons have gone through the Foot Exercise, and are ordered back to their horses.

*Poise your carbines !**Spring your carbines !* 2 motions.

1st, Throw back your carbine to the right side as for ordering, seizing it with the left hand above the feather spring.

2d, Seize your swivel with your right hand and put it in the ring.

Sling your carbines ! 3 motions.

1st, Seize your carbine with the palm of your right hand upon the rammer between the second and third pipe.

2d, Throw back the muzzle with your right hand, and seize your shoulder-belt with your left; your thumb under, and fingers above.

3d, Draw your shoulder belt round with your left hand, throwing behind, with your right hand, the carbine.

*To the right-about !
 Move to your horses !
 March !*

*Unlink your horses !
 Files, to the right-about !
 March !*

Fix your links ! 2 motions.

1st, Step with the left heel, in a line with the horses fore feet.

2^d, Face to the left on the left heel, and fix your links, putting your swords into the sword belts as quick as possible.

Make ready to mount !

Take your left stirrups ! 2 motions.

1st, Seize the stirrup, taking a large step to the rear with the right foot.

2^d, Put the foot in the stirrup, bringing the right hand back to the carbine.

Mount !

As soon as mounted, bring the carbine over the sword with the left hand, holding it there, back of the hand to the rear.

Handle your carbines ! 3 motions.

1st, Bring up the carbine with the left hand level over the cloak, seizing it at the last pipe with the right hand, back of the hand to the rear.

2^d, Quitting the left hand, bring the carbine upright with the right hand, the guard opposite to the outside of the right thigh.

3^d, Let the carbine drop by the right side behind the leg, catching it again with the right hand as it drops, to ease the swivel, quitting it immediately after.

Return

Return your carbines! 3-motions.

1st, Seize the carbine with your right hand, the palm upon the barrel.

2d, Bring it forwards, the butt to the side of the holster, turning the barrel upwards.

3d, Strike it strong into the bucket.



Evolutions for the Light Dragoons.

I. Fire carbines to the front by whole ranks, wheeling outwards by two divisions to the rear.

Make ready, present and fire to each rank, each rank wheeling off immediately after firing, with recovered carbines (*viz.* as in the position of the last motion of making ready) to form behind the rear rank and load.

II. Fire carbines to the front by half ranks, each half rank, wheeling outwards to the rear, after firing.

III. Fire carbines to the front by whole ranks, wheeling by fours to the right, to form before the right interval of their own Squadron.

IV. Fire carbines by whole ranks, file from right and left to fire pistols on the enemy's flanks, returning immediately to the right-about.

V. Fire carbines by whole ranks, file to fire pistols on one flank, charging afterwards with swords drawn.

The front and center rank to charge the same flank they fire on; the one the right, the other the left flank.

The rear rank to charge the rear, after firing. Each rank, after charging, files off from the flank that led, to join the division.

VI. File by half ranks from right to left across the enemy's front, firing carbines.

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The front and center, after firing carbines, will immediately return to the rear of their division.

The rear rank fire sentire; and after firing, files round the enemy's rear, forms, fires pistols, and follows with swords drawn.

VII. File by whole ranks, fire carbines on the flanks, pistols in the rear, and charge the other flank with swords drawn.

The front rank files from the right.

The center from the left.

The rear from the right.—And, after firing carbines, forms in the enemies rear, fires pistols, and follows with swords drawn.

VIII. Street firing, advancing.

IX. Street firing, retreating.

X. Incline in the front of the Squadron, and, when there, form a rank entire to the front, fire carbines, file from right and left, fire pistols, returning to the right-about, immediately.

XI. Fire carbines and pistols in a rank entire, following with swords drawn.

XII. When the heavy Squadron charges, the division of light Dragoons to form two deep on its right (at the time the Squadrons shock) ready to fire, and when the enemies Squadron retreats, they will form a rank entire to the front, fire pistols, and pursue with swords drawn, forming in the rear of the heavy Squadron at assembly-beating.

XIII. And if ordered to assist the heavy Squadron in the charge, and support in their retreat, they will form on the flank, at the charge beating, and fire carbines by whole ranks, as the enemy is about joining the Squadron.

And the Squadron being obliged to retreat, they will fire pistols on the enemies flank and rear, charge in on both immediately after, and form in the rear of their own Squadron at the word, to the right-about.

XIV. When the detachments of light Dragoons are advanced before their respective Squadrons of the line, as soon as the lines advance to charge, the detachments must immediately file by ranks from the right, and form in the rear.

XV. Charge two deep, and detach flanks to pursue.

XVI. Retreat, and fire flanks.

XVII. Charge, and the whole pursue.

