

C H A P. XXIII.

A R T I C L E L

Rules for the reception of a General Officer, who comes to review the Regiment, or see the Exercise performed.

WHEN the General comes in view, the Field-Officers are to post themselves on the front of their Squadrons, a horse's length before the rank of Officers, in a direct line with the Standards. The Colonel on the right, the Lieutenant-Colonel on the left Squadron, and the Major on the center: But if the Regiment consists only of two Squadrons, the Major is to post himself a little to the left of the Colonel on the first Squadron, and about half a horse's length further back. The Cornets are at the same time to take the Standards, and to fall into the center of the front rank, and dress with the men, unless they are to salute, and then they are to be half a horse's length before them, for the easier performing it.

As soon as the General comes near the right flank of the first Squadron, the Colonel is to order the swords to be drawn, at which time the Trumpets are to sound, or Drums beat, a *March*; and, as the General passes along the front, the Officers are to salute him with their swords. If he is to be saluted with the Standard, the Cornet is to do it, when the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Squadron salutes, and to keep it down till he is past him.

When he approaches the center Squadron, it is to do the same as the first, and so with the left Squadron, they being not to draw their Swords, or beat a *March* till he comes

comes near them, each Squadron being then a distinct body.

When the General has reviewed them standing, it is usual, if time permits, to see the Exercise performed; after which, to review them marching, either by entire Squadrons, single Troops, by fours, or by ranking off singly, as he shall be pleased to order.

If by entire Squadrons (as soon as the General has taken his place) the center and rear ranks are to move up to order, and the Kettle-Drummer and Trumpets, or Drums, are to place themselves in the front of the Colonel, or Officer commanding the Squadron, and to march in that order by the General, leaving but two or three paces between the right flank of the Squadron and him. When the Commanding Officer comes within a proper distance of the General, he is to salute him; and when the rank of Officers comes upon the same Ground they are to salute together; as is also the Cornet with the Standard (if ordered to salute) when he comes to the same place. When the Squadrons have passed the General, they are to wheel and march back, and draw up on their former ground.

If by single Troops, the ranks are to close to order, the Officers and Trumpets, or Drums, ordered to their Troops, and the Standards to the center of the front rank of the eldest Troop in each Squadron. When this is done they are to march in Squadron, till they come within twenty or thirty paces of the General, and then the Troops on the left and center halt, but the Troop on the right marches on, and the other Troops (as soon as it is passed them) pass to the right, till they come to the same ground, and then march forward, keeping directly in the rear of one another. In this position, the Captain is to be in the center, the Lieutenant on his right, and the Cornet on his left, but the Captain half a horse's length before them. In those Troops that have the Standards, the Cornets are to remain in the front rank of men, and march and dress with them, unless they are to salute, and then they are to be half a horse's length

advanced before them for the conveniency of performing it. In this case, the Lieutenant is to be on the left of the Captain, but not so far advanced. The Trumpets or Drums are to march before the Captains, and the Quarter Masters in the rear of the Troops.

If they are to halt thus by the General, the Officers are to stand together, but as it is more usual when they are in single Troops, to rank off singly, I will set down the directions accordingly.

The Squadrons being reduced into Troops, as soon as the first Troop comes within ten paces of the General, it is to halt, but the Trumpets or Drums keep moving on, and the Captain follows, then the Lieutenant, and next the Cornet (unless he carries the Standard, and then he remains in the front rank, till the men on his right are marched off before him) then the right hand man of the front rank follows him, and the rest of that rank passages to the right, and when the men come upon the ground where the right hand man stood, they are to move out, and march directly in the rear of one another. When the front rank is marched off, the center moves up into their Ground, and marches off singly as the first did, and the rear rank moves up at the same time to the ground on which the center rank stood, and then halt, till that rank is marched off, and then it moves up, and ranks off singly, as the others.

The other Troops are to pass by the General in the same manner, and not rank off till they come upon the same ground.

When the men have got about twenty paces beyond the General, they are to rank up, and the Troop is to march about twenty paces more, when it is to halt, till the other Troops join; and when the Squadron is again formed, it is to march and draw up on the former ground.

The other Squadrons are to follow the same directions. When the Squadrons are to march by fours, the ranks are to be closed to order, and the Officers ordered to the front of the first four men on the right, the Captains placing

placing themselves by seniority in one rank, the Lieutenants in another in the rear of the Captains, and the Cornets in the rear of the Lieutenants, (except the Cornet that carries the Standard, who remains in the front rank of men, and is to march in the center of the rank of fours he is then placed in) and the Quarter-Masters to march in the rear of their respective Squadrons. The Commanding Officer of each Squadron is to march before the Captains, and the Kettle-Drummer and Trumpets, or Drums, before him. All things being thus disposed, the Commanding Officer is to give the word; *March!* at which the Officers, and the first four men on the right of the front rank, are to march straight forward, and the rest of the front rank are to wheel to the right by fours, and march till they come to the ground where the first rank of fours stood, and then wheel to the left, taking care to keep their proper distance, and to cover the rank before them.

As soon as the last four men of the front rank are come to the ground where the right stood, the center rank is to move up to the ground of the front rank, and the rear rank up to the ground of the center, and then halt till the center rank is marched off, which they are to do in the same manner as the front rank did. The same rule is to be observed by the rear rank as soon as the center is marched off.

Each rank of Officers is to salute as they come on the ground, where the Commanding Officer saluted.

When they are got to a proper distance beyond the General, they should then form into Squadron, either by ranking up, or each rank forming at once a rank entire to the left.

Ranking up, is when the second rank of fours draws up on the left of the first, the third on the left of the second, and so on through those of the front rank. The first rank of fours of the center rank draws up in the rear of the right of the front rank, leaving a proper interval between them, and the rest of that rank draws up on their left, as those of the front rank did. The rear rank observes the same rules in drawing up in the rear

of the center, as the center did in regard to the front rank. As they are drawing up, the Officers are to divide themselves on the front of the Squadron.

If you would form each rank into a rank entire at once, you must order all the ranks of fours of the front rank to wheel at once to the left, which forms them into a rank entire, and consequently forms the front of the Squadron. As soon as that is done, the Officers are immediately to divide themselves on the front, and to march forward; that the center rank may march in the rear of the front, and form a rank entire, which it is to do when the first four comes near the right of the front rank, without any word of command, and then march forward, that the rear rank may do the same. After this the Squadrons are to draw up on their former ground with their ranks at open order, and to keep their swords drawn till the General quits the field.

F I N I S.



1. Rest your firelocks! Explanation 1.
2. Order your firelocks! Explan. 2.
3. Ground your firelocks! Explan. 3.
4. Take up your firelocks! Explan. 4.
5. Rest your firelocks! Explan. 5.
6. Club your firelocks! Explan. 6.
7. Rest your firelocks! Explan. 7.
8. Secure your firelocks! Explan. 8.
9. Shoulder your firelocks! Explan. 9.
10. Poise your firelocks! Explan. 10.
11. Rest upon your arms! Explan. 11.
12. Draw your bayonets! Explan. 12.
13. Fix your bayonets! Explan. 13.
14. Poise your bayonets! Explan. 14.
15. Shoulder! Explan. 15.
16. Present your arms! Explan. 16.
17. To the right! } Explan. 17.
18. To the right! } Explan. 17.
19. To the right-about! Explan. 19.
20. To the left! } Explan. 20.
21. To the left! } Explan. 20.
22. To the left-about! Explan. 22.
23. Charge your bayonets! Explan. 23.
24. Rest your bayonets on the left arm! Explan. 24.
25. Rest your bayonets! Explan. 25.
26. Shoulder! Explan. 26.
27. Rear-half files, to the left } Explan. 27.
- double your front.
28. March! Explan. 28.
29. Prime and load! Explan. 29.
30. As front rank, make ready! Explan. 30.
31. Present! Explan. 31.
32. Fire! Explan. 32.
33. As center rank, make ready! Explan. 33.
34. Present! Explan. 34.
35. Fire! Explan. 35.
36. As rear rank, make ready! Explan. 36.
37. Present! Explan. 37.
38. Fire! Explan. 38.
39. Rear ranks close to the front! Explan. 39.
40. March! Explan. 40.
41. Make ready! Explan. 30, 33, and 36.
42. Present! Explan. 31, 34, and 37.
43. Fire! Explan. 43.
44. Charge your bayonets! Explan. 44.
45. Recover your arms! Explan. 45.
46. Rear ranks to your proper distance! Explan. 19.

47. March! Explan. 47.
48. Halt! Explan. 48.
49. Shut your pans! Explan. 49.
50. Clean your bayonets! Explan. 50.
51. Shoulder! Explan. 51.
52. Rear half files as you were! Explan. 51.
53. March! Explan. 53.
54. Halt! Explan. 48.
55. Front half files, to the right } Explan. 55.
- double your rear!
56. March! Explan. 56.
57. Halt! Explan. 57.
58. Front half files, as you were! Explan. 58.
59. March! Explan. 59.
60. Rear half files, to the left } Explan. 60.
- double your front!
61. March! Explan. 28.
62. Left hand grand divisions, by } Explan. 62.
- the side-step double your files } Explan. 62.
- to the right!
63. March! Explan. 63.
64. Halt! Explan. 64.
65. Grand divisions, to the left } Explan. 65.
- as you were!
66. March! Explan. 66.
67. Halt! Explan. 67.
68. Right hand grand divisions, } Explan. 68.
- by the side-step double your } Explan. 68.
- files to the left!
69. March! Explan. 69.
70. Halt! Explan. 70.
71. Grand divisions, to the right } Explan. 71.
- as you were!
72. March! Explan. 72.
73. Halt! Explan. 73.
74. Rear ranks close to the front! Explan. 74.
75. March! Explan. 40.
76. Upon the center, wheel to the } Explan. 76.
- right-about!
77. March! Explan. 77.
78. Halt! Explan. 78.
79. Upon the center, wheel to the } Explan. 79.
- left-about!
80. March! Explan. 80.
81. Halt! Explan. 81.
82. Rear ranks, take your proper distance! Explan. 46.
83. March! Explan. 47.
84. Halt! Explan. 48.
85. Poise your firelocks! Explan. 10

86. Rest upon your arms! Explan. 11.
87. Unfix your bayonets! Explan. 87.
88. Return your bayonets! Explan. 88.
89. Poise your firelocks! Explan. 14.
90. Shoulder! Explan. 15.
91. Rear half files, as you were! Explan. 52.
92. March! Explan. 53.
93. Halt! Explan. 54.