

A NEW
EXERCISE,

To be observed by His Majesty's Troops on the Establishment

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2 Lt. Grenadiers.

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Front of the BATTALION.

Rear of the BATTALION.

His MAJESTY having been pleased to direct, That whenever a REGIMENT or BATTALION is form'd for Firing, the CAPTAINS and *Subaltern Officers* shall be distributed proportionably to the several Parts of the REGIMENT: It is His Royal Highness the DUKE's Orders, That the several OFFICERS of a Regiment or Battalion, take Post on such Occasions as in the following SCHEME, and that the *Serjeants* be likewise divided as therein mentioned.

| OFFICERS. | Platoons. | Sub Divisions. | Grand Divisions. | N. B. The Grand and Sub Divisions are number'd from the Right to the Left of the Battalion. |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| 1 Colonel | - - - | - - - | - - - | Advanced before the Reserve. |
| 2 Lt. Colonel | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Fr. Rank of the Reserve. |
| 3 Major | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear of the 1st G. Division, but to attend to the R. Wing. |
| 4 Adjutant | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear of the 4th G. Division to attend to the L. Wing. |
| 5 1st Captain | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear behind the Reserve. |
| 6 2d Captain | 1st of 1st | - - - | Rt. of 1st G. D. | |
| 7 3d Captain | 2d of 1st | - - - | L. of 4th G. D. | |
| 8 4th Captain | 3d of 3d | - - - | Rt. of 2d G. D. | |
| 9 5th Captain | 4th of 3d | - - - | L. of 3d G. D. | |
| 10 6th Captain | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear behind the Interval of the 1st and 2d G. Divisions. |
| 11 Capt. Lieut. | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear behind the Interval of the 3d and 4th G. Divisions. |
| 12 1st Lieut. | 3d of 1st | Rt. of 2d S. D. | - - - | |
| 13 2d Ditto | 4th of 1st | Lt. of 7th S. D. | - - - | |
| 14 3d Ditto | 5th of 2d | Rt. of 4th S. D. | - - - | |
| 15 4th Ditto | 6th of 2d | Lt. of 5th S. D. | - - - | |
| 16 5th Ditto | 1st of 2d | - - - | - - - | |
| 17 6th Ditto | 2d of 2d | - - - | - - - | |
| 18 7th Ditto | 5th of 1st | - - - | - - - | |
| 19 1st Ensign | - - - | - - - | - - - | } With the Colours which are to be in the Center Rank separated by the Serjeant who covers the Lieut. Colonel. |
| 20 2d Ditto | - - - | - - - | - - - | |
| 21 3d Ditto | 6th of 1st | - - - | - - - | |
| 22 4th Ditto | 3d of 2d | - - - | - - - | |
| 23 5th Ditto | 4th of 2d | - - - | - - - | |
| 24 6th Ditto | 5th of 3d | - - - | - - - | |
| 25 7th Ditto | 6th of 3d | - - - | - - - | |
| 26 8th Ditto | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear behind the Center of the 2d Grand Division. |
| 27 9th Ditto. | - - - | - - - | - - - | In the Rear behind the Center of the 3d Grand Division. |

The Officers of Grenadiers with their own Men as usual.
The Adjutant is here supposed to be a Lieut. if he should be an Ensign there will be one more Platoon commanded by a Lieut. and one less by an Ensign.

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The SERJEANTS posted to a Battalion prepared for the Charge.

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| The Serjeant Major in the Rear chiefly about the Center | - | 1 |
| In the Rear behind the Officers that command Platoons | - | 16 |
| In the Center of the Center and Rear Ranks---to compleat the Lieut. Colonel's Files | } - | 2 |
| In the Center Rank on the Flanks to compleat the 2d and 3d Captain's Files | } - | 2 |
| In the Center Rank to compleat the 4th and 5th Captain's Files, | - | 2 |
| In the Center Rank to compleat the 1st and 2d Lieutenant's Files, | | 2 |
| In the Center Rank to compleat the 3d and 4th Lieutenant's Files, | | 2 |
| With the Grenadiers, | - | 3 |
| | ----- | |
| | Total, | 30 |
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By the above Scheme the Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel are in the Front, and the eldest Captain in the Center of the Rear; a Captain commands each Grand Division, the Senior Lieutenants command every other Sub-Division, and the remaining eight Platoons are commanded by Lieutenants and Ensigns. The Major and Adjutant are in the Rear, whenever their Presence may be necessary, the Serjeants compleat the Files of the Officers as far as their Number will permit.

If the Colonel should not be present, the Lieutenant Colonel is to take his Post, the eldest Captain to come into the Front Rank, and the next senior Captain is to be in the Rear of the Reserve.

As soon therefore as the Major shall have given the Caution, *Take Care to prepare for the Charge*, all the Officers and Serjeants are to advance *Their Arms together*, on the Words *Grenadiers cover the Flanks*, the Officers face to the Right and Left upon their right Heels stepping off (when the Word *March* is given) with the Right Feet, and taking their Posts as directed in the foregoing Scheme, facing as the Men do, till the Word *Halt*, when they are to face to the Front, keeping their Arms advanced.

WHEN the Firing is over, and the Grenadiers take their Post on the Right of the Battalion, the Officers return to their former Posts in the Front of the Battalion, and order their Arms together, as the Serjeants do likewise in the Rear, and upon all Occasions except the Firings, the Officers are to take Post according to their Rank and Seniority, as formerly.

THE Drummers are to be divided into four Divisions, and take Post behind the Center of each Grand Division, and two orderly Drummers remaining in the Front with the commanding Officer.

WHEN the Battalion marches in Grand Divisions, the Drummers are to move up to the Right or Left of their respective Grand Divisions, dressing with the Front Rank; when the Battalion marches by Sub-Divisions or Platoons, they are to be divided to each Sub-Division, and move up as directed for the Grand Divisions; and whenever the Divisions wheel to the Right or Left,

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to form the Battalion, the Drummers are to fall back behind their Divisions: In all the Beatings when the Battalion is formed for Firing, the orderly Drummers are to beat very loud, and the other Drummers are to beat low, taking the beating from the orderly Drummers, to whom they must be very attentive.

His Royal Highness the DUKE, has been pleased to order likewise, that the following Platoon Exercise be observed by all the Troops; strictly forbidding any Commanding Officer or Major to make the least Alteration in or Deviation from it; and that the Officers and Men may be the better instructed in this Exercise, the Major is to Teach and Practise them in it, at open Ranks and close Files, first going through the Exercise of the front Ranks, then that of the Center, and then that of the rear Rank, that every Officer and Man may know and be perfect in the Motions and Attitudes of each Rank; he will then make them do it with Bayonets fixed, and closed Ranks, counting the Motions occasionally, and will at Times countermarch the Ranks to see they are all perfectly instructed.

The Platoon Exercise.

THE Ranks are to be at two Feet asunder from Heel to Heel, the Files take up about twenty one Inches, when their Elbows touch, each Man keeping his Arms close to his Sides. Each Man stands with his Heels four Inches asunder, his Toes turned out; the Firelocks (in this Exercise) are carried with the left Hand under the Butt, the left Arm a little bent, but at all other Times are to be carried as usual.

Words of Command given by each Officer who Commands a Division, or Platoon when Firing.

Words of Command to be given when instructing the Men in the Platoon Exercise

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

A perfect Silence, the utmost Attention and Steadiness, are absolutely necessary to be observed both by Officers and Men at all Times when under Arms, but more especially when they are formed for going through the Firings, not the least Motion of Head, Body, or Limbs is to be made, but what is directed in Consequence of the several Words of Command. This Therefore cannot be too strongly enforced on young Soldiers particularly,

Words

First Part
1. Take Care.

Words of Command to be given by each Officer who Commands a Division, or

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The NEW EXERCISE.

Words of Command to be given by each Officer who Commands a Division, or Platoon, when Firing.

Words of Command to be given when Instructing the Men in the Platoon Exercise.

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EXPLANATION.

2. Fix your Bayonet.

2. Join your right Hand to your Firelock.
3. Poise your Firelock.
4. Rest on your Arms.
5. Draw your Bayonets.
6. Fix your Bayonets.
7. Poise your Firelock.
8. Shoulder.

2.

The Firelock being carried in the usual Way [till after the Bayonets are fixed] this is performed according to the Directions of the Manual Exercise.

As in the Manual.

Turning your Firelocks with the right Hand, bring it opposite to your left Shoulder, the Barrel outwards, and place the Butt in your left Hand so as your Thumb and Fore-finger may be above the Swell of it, and the three Fingers under the Butt, the Piece upright, but sunk so as to bring the Guard a little lower than the left Breast.

2d, Let the Firelock fall upon the left Shoulder, throwing back the right Arm so as it may hang straight along the right Side, the Bottom of the Butt being then just above the Hip-bone.

9. Join your right Hand to your Firelock.
10. Recover your Arms.

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As in the Manual.

Raise the Firelock with your right (as if to Poise it,) at the same Time turning the Barrel inwards, and seizing it with the left Hand just above the Feather-spring, the Elbows raised, and the Hammer about the Height of the Breast.

11. Handle your Cartridge.

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1st. Step back with the right Foot so as to bring that Heel four Inches behind the left Heel, facing full to the Right, at the same Time bring back the Firelock almost level, the Butt under the right Breast, resting it on the bend of the left Arm and in

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mand to be given
by each Officer
who Commands
a Division, or
Platoon, when
Firing.

Words of Com-
mand to be given
when instructing
the Men in the
Platoon Exer-
cise.

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

Words of Com-
mand to be given
by each Officer
who Commands
a Division, or
Platoon, when

3. Prime and Load.

12. Prime.

13. Load with
Cartridge.

14. Draw your
Rammer.

the hollow betwixt the Thumb and Fore-
finger of that Hand, the Fore-finger lying
along the Feather-spring, the Muzzle of
the Piece a little higher than the Butt.

2d, Put the Ball of the right Thumb
behind the Hammer, and force it back so
as to open the Pan.

3d, Bring down your right Hand to your
Pouch, and taking out your Cartridge with
the two Fore-fingers and Thumb, bring
the End of it into your Mouth, the right
Elbow a little raised.

4th, Bite off the top of the Cartridge
Paper a good Way down, and placing
immediately your Thumb upon the Mouth
of it, bring it opposite to the Pan, the
Cartridge being held upright.

1st, Snake carefully the Powder into
the Pan; then,

2d, Covering the Mouth of your Car-
tridge with your Thumb, bring the two
last Fingers behind the Hammer.

3d, Shut the Pan with the two last Fin-
gers, and pushing down the Butt, cast back
the Muzzle of the Piece, catching it in the
hollow of the right Hand, letting the Fire-
lock slip through the left Hand till the Butt
comes near the Ground, and opposite the
left Toe, the Piece in turning up must be
kept close to the Body, the Cartridge
(cover'd with the Thumb) close to the
Muzzle in a Line with the Barrel, the
right Elbow turned down.

1st, Put the Cartridge into the Barrel,
shaking out the Powder. And,

2d, Push the Ball into the Muzzle with
the Fore-finger, seize immediately the Butt
End of the Rammer with your Thumb and
Fore-finger.

1st, Draw out your Rammer as far as
you can, and catching it again with the
right Hand, the Thumb and Fore-finger
turned downwards.

Words

Words of Command to be given by each Officer who Commands a Division, or Platoon, when Firing.

Words of Command to be given when Instructing the Men in the Platoon Exercise.

N.º of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

Prime and Load.

15. Ram down your Cartridge.

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2d, Clear it of the Pipes, turning it immediately and placing the Butt End of it against your Breast, shorten it. And, 3d, Bring the End of it into the Muzzle upon the Cartridge.

16. Return your Rammer.

2

1st, Ram down the Cartridge quick, and with good force ; at the rebound of the Rammer catch it close at the Muzzle of the Piece, the Thumb and Fore-finger turned downwards. And, 2d, Drawing it out of the Barrel turn it, shorten it against your Breast, And, 3d, Bring the small End just into the first Pipe.

17. Shoulder:

2

1st, Push the Rammer down, through the Pipes, and immediately pressing the Muzzle of the Piece towards the Front.

2d. Raise the Firelock with your left Hand, bringing the right Hand under the Lock, the Piece then being held in both Hands, the Barrel upright.

1st, Face to the Left, bringing your right Heel within four Inches of the Left, at the same Time bring the Firelock opposite to the left Shoulder, the Barrel outwards, placing the Butt of the Firelock in the left Hand three Fingers under it, and the Fore-finger and Thumb upon the Swell, the Piece upright.

2d, Let the Firelock fall to the left Shoulder, throwing back the right Arm so as it may hang straight down the right Side, the left Arm a little bent.

N. B. The Firing quick depends chiefly upon the quick Loading, and that chiefly upon the dexterity of drawing the Rammer, the ramming down and returning the Rammer. This Part of the Exercise therefore requires great Practice and Attention.

SECOND PART.

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by each Officer
who Commands
a Division, or
Platoon, when
Firing.

Words of Com-
mand to be given
when Instructing
the Men in the
Platoon Exer-
cise.

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

Words of Com-
mand to be given
by each Officer
who Commands
a Division, or

SECOND PART.

1. Take Care.
2. Join your right Hand to your Firelock.
3. Recover your Arms.

4. Cock your Firelock.

ad. Make Ready.

The Words of Command for Firing and Loading are,

} As before.

Turn the Firelock with your right Hand, the Barrel inwards, catching it with the left Hand above the Feather-spring, and raising it from your Shoulder with both Hands bringing it before you, the Firelock being then quite upright, the right Thumb upon the Cock, the Fore-finger of the right Hand upon the Tricker, the right Elbow raised, the Hammer at the Height of the Breast.

Bring down the right Elbow briskly close to the Breast, with that motion straining down the Cock with the right Thumb at the same Time.

The front Rank steps back with the right Foot, three Feet in a direct Line to the Rear, kneels to the right Knee, the perpendicular Line of the Body falling about 12 Inches behind the left Heel, the Body by that Means being properly poised, the Butt-end of the Firelock at the same Time being placed upon the Ground in a Line with the left Heel, the center Rank steps back with the right Foot, one Foot in a direct Line to the Rear, by that means bringing their right Foot just behind the right Foot of the front Rank, the Firelock kept in the same Position as at first.

The rear Rank steps with the right Foot to the Right, till his Toe touches the hinder Part of the left Heel of the right hand Man, at the same Time bending his right Knee a little so that his Body may be opposite to the Interval of his File Leader, and the File upon his Right.

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Words of Command to be given by each Officer who Commands a Division, or Platoon, when Firing.

Words of Command to be given when instructing the men in the Platoon Exercise.

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

The Firelock in the same Attitude as that of the center Rank.

1. Bring down the Muzzle of your Piece with both Hands, throwing forward your left Hand as far as the Swell of the Stock under the Barrel, placing the Butt end in the Hollow betwixt your right Breast and Shoulder, pressing it close to you, at the same Time taking your right Thumb from the Cock, (but keeping the Fore-finger on the Tricker) both Arms close to your Body: The center Rank levels a little to the Right of the front Rank; the rear Rank levels through the Interval of his File leader and right hand File, the whole taking good Aim by leaning their Heads to the Right and looking along the Barrels.

1. Draw the Tricker briskly with your Fore-finger, and immediately upon Firing the front Rank rises, all the three Rank, bringing their right Heels four Inches distant behind their left Heels, at the same Time bring back the Firelock almost level, as in the 1st of the 11th Command in the first Part, the right Thumb upon the Cock, the right Elbow raised, the Ranks then facing full to the Right.

1. Strain the Tumbler to the half bent, with your right Thumb, bringing down your right Elbow, which by that means adds to its Force.

As in the 3d of the 11th Command of the the 1st Part.

As in the 4th of Do.

As in the 1st and 2d of the 12th Command of the 1st Part.

As in the 3d of the 12th Command of the first Part.

As in the 13th Command of the first Part.

Words

5. Present.

6. Fire.

7. Half Cock your Firelock.

8. Handle your Cartridge.

9. Uncap your Cartridge.

10. Prime.

11. Shut your Pan.

12. Load with Cartridge.

4th Fire.

THE NEW EXERCISE.

Words of Command to be given by each Officer who Commands a Division or Platoon, when Firing.

Words of Command to be given when Instructing the Men in the Platoon Exercise.

No. of Motions.

EXPLANATION.

- 13. Draw your Rammer.
- 14. Ram down your Cartridge.
- 15. Return your Rammer.
- 16. Shoulder.

As in the 14th ditto.

As in the 15th ditto.

As in the 16th ditto.

As in the 17th ditto.

THIRD PART.

After the Battalion has finished the firing, by making a general Discharge, the Arms are to be clean'd and Bayonets returned as follows :

1. Half cock your Firelock.

As in Article 7th of the 2d Part.

2. Clean your Pans.

Bring down the Firelock as in the 3d of the 11th Command of the first Part, taking the wiping Cloth out of the Pouch, bringing it up to the Pan, cleaning it, then shutting the Pan as when you held the Cartridge, and casting back the Muzzle as if to Charge.

3. Clean your Bayonet.

1st, Clean your Bayonet with your wiping Cloth, and returning the Cloth into your pouch.

2^d, Seizing the Muzzle of the Piece with your right Hand, bringing the Butt to the Ground a little advanced before the left Toe.

3^d, Face to your proper Front. And,

4th, Bring up the left Hand under the Right as when rested upon your Arms.

4. Unfix your Bayonet.

As in the Manual.

5. Return your Bayonet.

6. Poise your Firelock.

7. Shoulder.

As in ditto, the Left hand being then upon the Butt as directed in the Manual.

1st. Shut your Pan.

2^d. Return your Bayonet.

N. B. In practising the Exercise the Men should be taught to do all the Motions with great briskness, and as it were with a Spring, which not only helps to mark the Time, and distinguish the Motions, but gives Spirit to the Men themselves.

London, April 18, 1756.

By Order of His Royal Highness the DUKE.

ROBERT NAPIER, Adjutant General.