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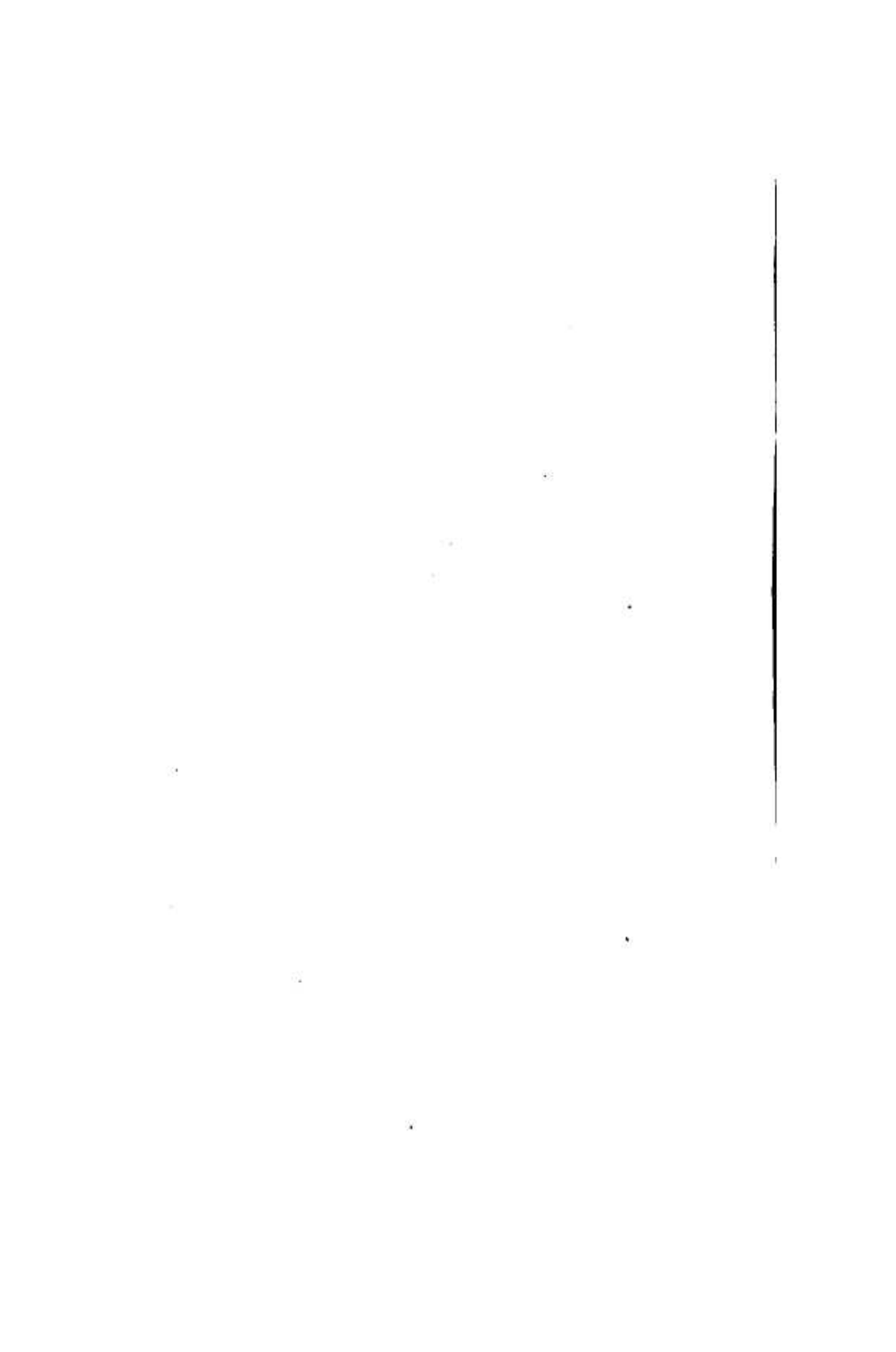
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## PREFACE.

THE present Edition has been thoroughly revised, and adapted to the new *Field Exercise*.

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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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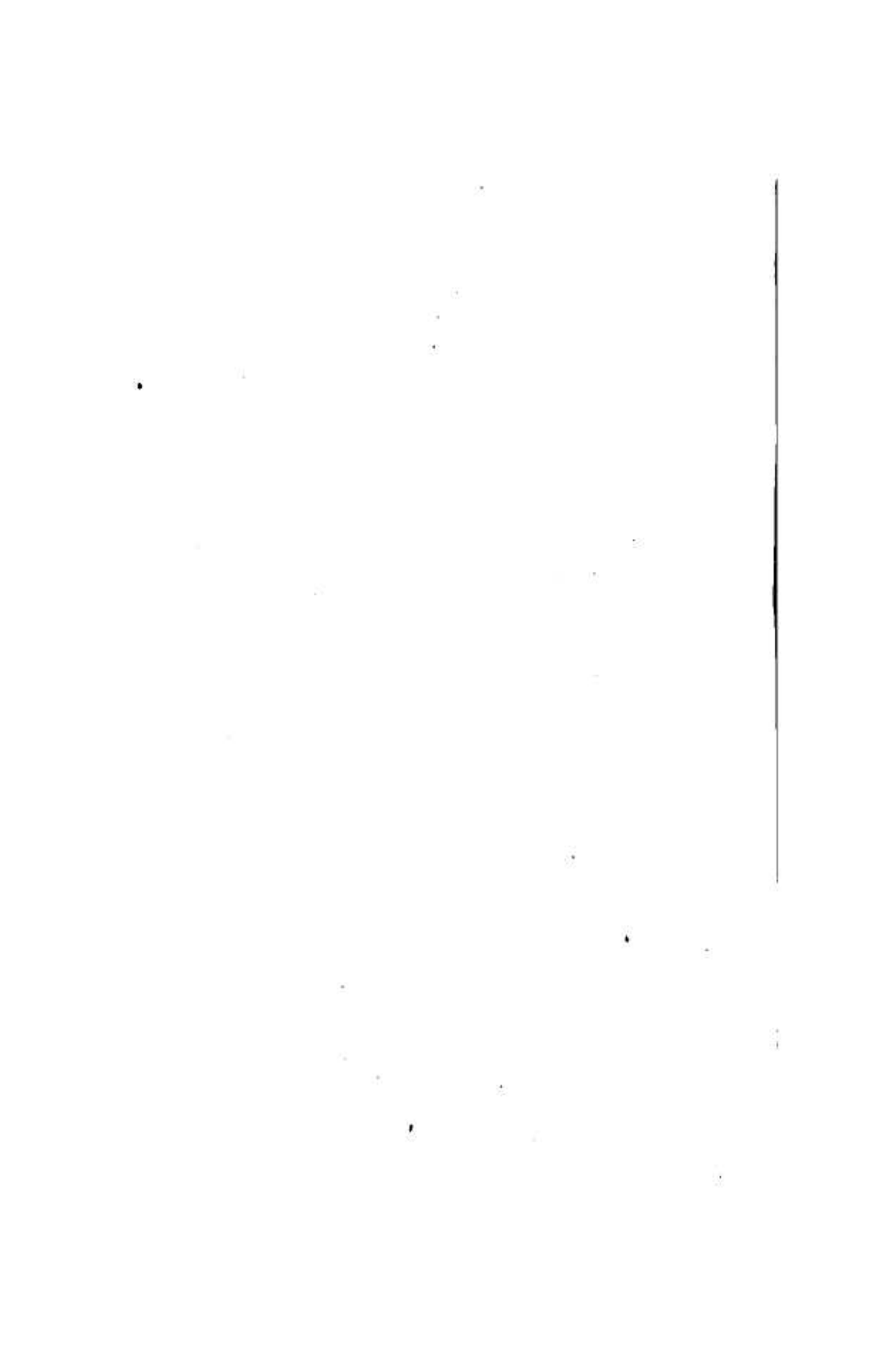
To learn by rote is, in the words of Dr. Johnson, to 'fix in the memory, without informing the understanding.'

It is scarcely necessary to say that this little book was not written with the intention of its being applied, even were it possible to apply it, to so unprofitable a use.

The Author's aim has simply been to show that it is only by constantly bearing in mind the supposed Battalion formation, and by combining the movements accordingly, that a Drill Instructor can properly carry out the system laid down in the revised *Field Exercise*, of preparing a Company on its private parade to take its place in the Battalion.

June, 1860.





## PART I.

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### A SYSTEM OF COMPANY DRILL.

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\*.\* The Drill Instructor's cautions are printed in Roman type; his executive words of command in *Italics*. The commands given by the Captain, Lieutenant, Ensign, and senior supernumerary Serjeant (who are indicated respectively by the letters C, L, E, and S) are printed in small *Italics*.

Where the strong line ——— occurs, the Company has been brought back to its original front.

PRESENT  
FORMATION.

*Line.*

As a Company in Line.

*Fix bayonets.—Shoulder Arms.*

Rear rank take open order. *March.*

*C. Steady.*

Serjeant on right of } *Rear rank, dress.—Eyes front.*  
supernumerary rank. { *Super<sup>r</sup> rank, dress.—Eyes front.*

General Salute.

*Present Arms.—Shoulder Arms.*

Rear rank take close order. *March.*

*Slope Arms.\**

F. E.

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\* The directions for sloping Arms apply only to the long rifle.

| PRESENT FORMATION.                  |   | F. E. |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| <i>Line.</i>                        | * Open column, right in front. <i>Right-about face.</i> | { 74  |
|                                     | Right wheel: <i>Quick March.</i>                        | { 261 |
| <i>Open column, right in front.</i> | C. <i>Company: Halt, front, dress.</i>                  | { 86  |
|                                     | March past in Slow time.                                | { 483 |
|                                     | <i>Slow March.</i>                                      |       |
|                                     | C. <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward.</i>                 |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward, by the right.</i>      |       |
|                                     | <i>Rear rank take open order.</i>                       |       |
|                                     | <i>Rear rank take close order.</i>                      |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward, by the left.</i>       |       |
|                                     | Break into Quick time.—                                 |       |
|                                     | <i>Quick.</i>   |       |
|                                     | C. <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward.</i>                 |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward.</i>                    |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward, by the right.</i>      |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward, by the left.</i>       |       |
|                                     | <i>Company: Left wheel.—Forward.</i>                    |       |
|                                     | Column: <i>Halt.</i>                                    |       |
|                                     | Left wheel into Line. <i>Quick March.</i>               | { 72  |
| <i>Line.</i>                        | C. <i>Company: Halt, dress.—Eyes front.</i>             | { 211 |
|                                     | <i>Order Arms. Unfix bayonets. Slope Arms.</i>          |       |
|                                     | The Line will advance. <i>Quick March.</i>              | 72    |

\* Before commencing this Movement, the Instructor will place 4 points marking the angles of an oblong of which the long sides will be 80 paces in length, the short sides 30 paces (or more, if the Company is strong); also a Saluting point, 4 paces outside the centre of the Saluting base.