

be observed, and two or three men fire together by word of command; afterwards a couple of files will fire two deep, occasionally changing ranks; then the files will be increased by degrees, until the division fires together.

The rear rank men must be most particularly attended to, as they generally fire too high: this is a great fault, and every soldier must be cautioned against it. The centre part of a man, at 150 yards, is the best general rule to lay down for aim.

Ball Firing.

When the recruit has gone through the blank cartridge drill, he will, as soon as opportunity offers, practise at a target with ball.

The first target for the instruction of recruits is to be round, and the practice will commence at a distance of thirty yards, so that it will be almost impossible that the recruit should miss it. This method is intended to produce confidence in the young soldier, at the commencement of his practice; for finding that he always hits at a certain distance, confidence ensues, and he feels determined to command his object at an increased range afterwards.

The range will be increased by degrees to 50—80—100 yards, at the same target; when the recruits separately are steady at these distances, the Instructor will fire them by files, increasing the distance from 50 yards upwards, changing ranks occasionally, and then by division.

The recruit will now practise at a target of six feet by two, as the last of his drill. This target will be divided by black lines into three compartments, Upper, Centre, and Lower divisions, (the centre division having a bull's-eye of eight inches diameter in its centre, surrounded, at two inches distance, by a circle of an inch broad,) and be placed at a range of 80 yards, which distance will be increased as improvement takes place, to 100 and 150 yards.

SECTION V.

TO FIRE A FEU DE JOIE.

The line drawn up at "Order" (double distance,) with advanced arms.

With Blank Cartridge Prime and Load—(In quick time.)

*Ready—*Carbines to be brought smartly to the "priming position," and cocked.