

EXPLANATION OF THE POSITION OF EACH RANK IN THE FIRINGS, BY BATTALIONS, WINGS, OR GRAND DIVISIONS.

Front Rank, kneeling.

Bring the firelock briskly up to the *recover*, catching it in the left hand; and, without stopping, sink down with a quick motion upon the right knee, keeping the left foot fast, the butt end of the firelock, at the same moment, falling upon the ground; then cock, and instantly seize the cock and steel together in the right hand, holding the piece firm in the left, about the middle of that part which is between the lock and the swell of the stock; the point of the left thumb to be close to the swell, and pointing upwards. *Ready.*

As the body is sinking, the right knee is to be thrown so far back that the left leg may be right up and down; the right foot a little turned out; the body straight; and the head as much up as if shouldered: the firelock must be upright, and the butt about four inches to the right of the inside of the left foot.

Bring the firelock down firmly to the *present*, by sliding the left hand to the full extent of the arm, along the sling, without letting the motion tell;—the right hand at the same time springing up the butt by the cock so high against the right shoulder, that the head may not be too much lowered in taking aim; the right cheek to be close to the butt; the left eye shut, and the fore finger of the right hand on the trigger; look along the barrel with the right eye from the breech-pin to the muzzle, and remain steady. *Present.*

Pull the trigger strong with the fore finger, and, when fired, remain looking on the aim while you can count *one—two*; then spring up nimbly on the left leg keeping the body erect, and the left foot fast, bringing the right heel to the hollow of the left; at the same time drop the firelock to the priming position—Half-cock and proceed with the priming and loading motions as before directed. *Fire.*

Centre Rank.

Spring the firelock briskly to the *recover*: as soon as the left hand seizes the firelock above the lock, raise the right elbow a little, placing the thumb of that hand upon the cock, with the fingers open by the plate of the lock; and then, as quick as possible, cock the piece, by dropping the elbow, and *Make ready.*