

THE  
**Manual and Platoon Exercises**  
OF  
**RIFLEMEN.**

**THE MANUAL EXERCISE.**

**Of carrying the  
Rifle.**

THE rifle is to be carried in the right hand, at arm's length, as in advanced arms, the cock resting upon the little finger, the thumb upon the guard, and fore-finger under it, the upper part of the barrel close in the hollow of the shoulder, and the butt pressing upon the thigh.

**Present Arms.  
Three Motions.**

1st. The rifle is to be raised about two inches by the right hand, and brought forward a little from the shoulder, at the same time the left hand is brought briskly across the body, and seizes the rifle with a full grasp, even with the shoulder.

2d. The right hand brings the rifle even with the face, and opposite the left eye, grasps the small of stock, turning the lock outwards; the left hand seizes it by the stock, so that the little finger touches the hammer-spring, on a level with the chin, the left elbow close to the butt.

3d. The rifle is brought in a straight line to the present, the cock turned inwards, and even with the bottom of the waistcoat, the right foot at the same instant is drawn back, so that the hollow of it may touch the left heel, the right-hand holding the small