

Section 7. Formation of Company Square.

**FORM
CLOSE
COLUMN
OF
SECTIONS.** { On the word *sections*, the rear rank of the second section will take a pace of 24 inches to the front; the first section will face to the left, the leading files disengaging to the front; the third and fourth sections will face to the right, their leading files disengaging to the rear,

**QUICK-
MARCH.** { On the word *march*, the second sections will fix bayonets, and the remaining sections will step off and form close column on the second section, the rear rank closing on the front ranks during the march; each of these sections will halt front and fix bayonets without word of command as it arrives in column; the distance between sections will be one pace.

**PREPARE
FOR
CAVALRY.** { On the word *Prepare for Cavalry*, the officers and non-commissioned officers will move into the centre of the column; the men will then face outwards, so as to show a front of equal strength in every direction.

READY. { On the word *Ready*, the men will proceed as directed in the rallying square.

The company will be re-formed as follows:

**RE-FORM
COLUMN.** { On the word *Column*, the men will face to their proper front in column, the captain and supernumeraries will move out to their places on the flanks.

**RE-FORM
COMPANY.** { On the word *Company*, the first section will face to the right, the third and fourth to the left.

**QUICK-
MARCH.** { On the word *March*, they will move out, the right section will turn to the rear when clear of the second section, will halt, front, and dress upon it; the third and fourth sections will turn to the front in succession, when clear, and dress up into the line with the second section without word of command, the rear-rank resuming its proper distance.

If the men count the number of paces that take them into column, by taking the same number when re-forming company, they will be able to turn together. The bayonets will be unfixed by word of command.

A close column of subdivisions will be formed in the same manner as a close column of sections, the left subdivision moving in rear of the right.

Section 8. Dismissing a Company,

**TO THE
RIGHT
FACE.** { As described in Section 11 of the First Drill.

**LODGE-
ARMS.** { At this word the men will port arms, and in so doing the front rank will take a side pace to the left, and the rear-rank will take a side pace to the right, and after a pause the company will break off, and quit the parades without notice.

A company without arms will be dismissed in the same manner as a squad, see Section 11 of the First Drill, excepting that the rear-rank will take a side pace to the right.

NINTH DRILL.

**Section 1. The Company Extending.
Closing, &c.**

The company must be practised in extending and closing from the halt and on the march, advancing and retiring, inclining to the right and left, and changing front, as already described.

The volunteers should also be instructed to form close column of sections from extended order on any section; but their usual formation will be on the second, that section closing on its left file. They should also be practised in forming rallying square or squares, as already described.

One subdivision should also be taught to extend while the other remains at 150 or 200 paces in rear of its centre to support it; when two companies are moving together, one will support the other.

**Section 2. The Alarm, or Look out for
Cavalry.**

When skirmishers are unexpectedly attacked by cavalry, the bugle will sound the *alarm*, or the words *look out for cavalry* will be given, on which the skirmishers will at once form close column of sections, and prepare for cavalry, unless in disorder or scattered, in which case they will form rallying squares, which may be signified for parade purposes by the double being sounded after the *alarm*. The supports will form close columns of sections and advance by command of their captains. If one subdivision only is skirmishing, support-