

firing is not immediately to follow, the mounted Officers come quickly through the front, and immediately adjust their battalions as ordered. When the march is to be resumed, or firing is ordered, they return behind the line.

24. When a new line to be marked or formed upon is taken up by Markers, Commanding Officers of Regiments, and all other persons whatever, will take care that during such operation they do not stand upon, or interfere with; the direction of that line. In general, too many Markers are thrown out: the Regulations are full and explicit on that subject, and must be strictly observed. The horse's head of a mounted Marker, and the man's breast of a foot Marker, give the line on which the troops move or form. Markers.

25. When the line advances, it is necessary that a mounted Officer, especially named for that duty, should at all times be stationed in the rear of the colours of each battalion. His office is to attend to the squareness and precision of the march of the Serjeants, who are advanced for the purpose of leading the battalion, and to assure their constant attention to the advanced Serjeants of the Battalion of direction. The duty here enjoined becomes, in the instance of the mounted Officer stationed in the rear of the battalion of direction, of the highest importance, involving in it the regularity of the advance of the whole line, and assuring the success of the movement, which will depend on the advance being made with accuracy on the given point. It is therefore essential that the Officer, to whom it is intrusted, should bestow his whole attention exclusively on this one object; and in the movement of large bodies, it may frequently be to some Officer of the General Staff that the Commander may intrust the execution of this duty. March in Line.

26. The strictest attention to the rules laid down for the march in line is to be given. It solely depends on the eye, and quickness of Commanding Officers, to prevent at any time a departure of their regiments from the general line, although the neighbouring ones to them may not be correctly in it. Any corps moving on a height commands so advantageously the general direction, that it can have no difficulty in preserving it, or lining with any correct part, thereby assisting others in less favourable situations: for the same reason can a line be formed or conducted across undulating ground, with as much facility and exactness as on a perfect plain.

27. Battalions are to a line what companies are to a bat- March—
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talion.