

LT.-COL. BRUNEL'S NEW DRILL.

REGIMENTAL ORDER.

1st. Making reference to the Order of the 10th July, 1868, respecting the drill of this Regiment, Officers and Drill Instructors will hereafter observe and adhere to the accompanying modifications introduced during last year's drill.

2nd. The Lieut.-Colonel commanding has much satisfaction in directing attention to the Regimental Order of the 23rd inst, which was dictated by the Adjutant General, after his inspection of the Regiment on the 13th instant. The order referred to expresses his approval of the manner in which the various movements and changes of formation were then executed under the Non-Pivot system of Drill.

By Order.

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HEAD QUARTERS, 10th Royals,
Toronto, Sept. 25, 1869.

NON-PIVOT DRILL.

Page 5.—

In sec. 1. The words "formation of fours" to be erased.

In sec. 3. Sub sec. (a) to be cancelled, and the following substituted:—

The company will be divided into sub-divisions, and the men instructed in the FORMATION OF FOURS as follows:—

The men of the even files will be taught that they are always to work with and form upon the odd files that stood on their right when the company was told off, thus No. 2 will work with No. 1, No. 4 with No. 3, No. 6 with No. 5, &c. In other words they will work with the file having the odd No. next lowest to their own.

When the company is told off the then right sub-division will always be made to contain an even number of files. The original left file of the company will always be made an even file and the file next to it an odd one, thus when a company has an odd number of files a number will be omitted as in a company with 21 files. In such a company the original right sub-division will contain 10 files, the remaining files will be numbered consecutively up to 19, then a number will be omitted, and the file next to 19 will be 21, and the last or original left file of the company will be 22. Number 22 will work with and form upon 21, but there will not be any file to work with or form upon 19 which will nevertheless move in all respects as if there were.

1. To form Fours from the Halt,

FORM FOURS

On the word Fours, the men will at once form Fours deep. To do this the then rear rank will step back a pace of eighteen inches. The odd files will then stand fast. If the odd files are on the right of the even files, the latter will step back and to their right forming in rear of the men of the odd files. If the odd files are on the left of the even files, then the latter will step forward and to their left forming in front of the men of the odd files.

RIGHT OR LEFT

After forming fours deep in the manner above described, the men will be faced to the right (or left) by the commanding officer giving the command RIGHT (or left)*

2. Forming two deep from Fours—From the Halt.

RIGHT (or left.)
FORM OR
FRONT.

On the word RIGHT (or left) the men will face in the direction named. On the word FORM or FRONT, if the men of the odd files are in front of the men of the even files, then the latter will step to their left and to their front the rear rank closing up. If the men of the odd files are in rear of the men of the even files, then the latter will step to their right, the men in the then front rank of the even files stepping back, those in the then rear rank standing fast. The then rear rank men of the odd files will close up.

Forming fours on the March.

FORM FOURS

On the word Fours, the then rear rank will mark time one pace. If the odd files are on the right, the even files instead of stepping back will mark time one pace and will then step to their right. If the odd files are on the left, instead of the even files stepping forward the odd files will mark time two paces, and thus allow the men of the even files to form in front of them.

RIGHT OR LEFT.

The men will then turn to the RIGHT or LEFT as ordered.

4. Forming two deep from Fours on the March.

On the word RIGHT (or left) the whole will turn in the direction named. If the odd files are in front, the even files will move to their left, and the odd files will then mark time until in line. If the even files are in front, they will move to their right and mark time until in line. In either case the rear rank will close up.

To sub-section (b) add the following:—

In forming Companies on parade the best shots are to be selected for the flanks of sub-divisions and sections, and the men are to be taught that this selection confers as honorable a distinction as a sergeant's stripes. The telling off of companies in sections is not with a view to forming a four deep square, nor with a view to a reduction of the front, but as a means only of selecting skirmishers when acting as Light Infantry. When the company has not more than 16 files it is only to be divided into sub-divisions.

Instead of proving the company by wheeling the sub-divisions, &c., it is to be proved

*Note.—If the men are to remain in a formation four deep the command RIGHT or LEFT will be omitted.

by ordering the sub-divisions and sections alternately to shoulder, slope, and order arms. This is to be done while the company is standing to its original front. The front will then be changed to the right about, and the company again proved in the same manner. Page 6.—

The words "On the March" found on page 7, should have followed the paragraph of instructions as to "Wheeling from the halt."

Page 7.—

After the word "circle," in the fifth line, insert:—

"the command will be CHANGE DIRECTION TO THE RIGHT (or left), the wheel will then be only the eighth of a circle, and"

The last two lines in this page are to be cancelled.

Page 8.—

The rule laid down in sections 7 & 8 has no relation to the front of the Brigade or Division or to the direction in which the enemy is or is supposed to be. It relates only to the Company or Battalion, and means no more than that the Commanding Officer can at once determine his front and place his men accordingly without the delay incidental to countermarching.

Page 9.—

Sec. 14, sub-sec. (d) to be cancelled and the following inserted:

A Covering Sergeant will be placed in rear of the second file from each flank of the Company. In the absence of a sufficient number of sergeants, corporals are to be detailed for this duty.

Page 15.—

Deploying:—In the command to be given by the Captains of companies, instead of the words "Right (or left) Form," the command will be RIGHT (or left) Front. The same modification of the command is to be observed with reference to forming line, on pages 17 and 18; with reference to forming and reducing squares, on pages 22 and 23; and generally in every case when a company moving in column of fours is required to form a front to the right or left. It is at the same time to be remembered, that when a company moving in column of fours is required to form two deep for the purpose of a temporary retirement, as when a battalion in line retires by companies in rear of the right or left, the command will be RIGHT (or left) Form, as directed in pages 24 and 25, presently referred to.

Page 16.—

In forming line from open column, instead of moving by the diagonal march, the command will be to FORM FOURS RIGHT (OR LEFT) (OR OUTWARDS) &c. The officer on the leading flank of each company will then, on the command—QUICK MARCH, lead the company by the shortest line to its place in the new formation, the Captain giving the final command RIGHT (or left) Front, &c.

Page 24.—

When retiring from line in rear of any named company, instead of facing the successive companies to the right-about and retiring six paces before forming fours, the companies are to form fours at once in the required direction, the leading files disengaging to the rear. Thereafter the company will move as directed in the Book.

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When a battalion in line advances from any named company, the Captain's com-