

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATORY OBSERVATIONS.

Battalion. A Battalion consists, generally, of between 300 and 1000 men, who are divided into 6, 8 or 10 companies.

Regiment. May consist of one or more battalions, each battalion has a distinct organization, and the whole is commanded by one Colonel.

Company. The words *Company*, *Division* and *Platoon*, have generally the same meaning.

Sub-divisions. Sub-divisions of the right, and sub-divisions of the left.

Grand divisions. Consist of two platoons; they are numbered, 1st. 2d. 3d. 4th (and 5th if there are 10 Platoons) from right to left; the grenadiers and light companies act as companies of the battalion.

Sections. Each sub-division is commonly divided into two *Sections*, so as to form four *Sections* in the company, when the platoon is not strong enough, it may be divided into three *Sections*; a *Section* should never be less than five files.

Right and left wings. That part of the battalion posted on the right of the centre (where the colours are placed) is called the *right wing*; that on the left of the centre, the *left wing*.

Right and left centre platoon. The platoon which is placed next on the right of the centre of the battalion, is named the *right centre platoon*; that on the left of the centre, the *left centre platoon*. All these denominations of the ranks, files, platoons, &c. &c. are preserved, whether the battalion is faced to the front or the rear.

Covering. In a military sense, an individual is said to *cover* another by being placed directly behind him.

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