

Left Files, Proof—Flanks of Threes, Proof—Flanks of Divisions, Proof—These tellings off are proved in the same way.

When in double ranks, the front rank only tell off; but the rear rank take up and prove their tellings off with their front file leaders.

Dismounting and Mounting.

The telling off by files is chiefly used for reining back the alternate files for mounting and dismounting at close order.

When the squad is to Dismount, the command is given,

Prepare to Dismount—The left files rein back until their horse's heads are just clear of the line of their right files horses' croups; they dress to the right; and the whole then proceed with the preparatory motions.

Dismount—This is performed as directed in the preceding instructions.

When the squad is to Mount, the command is given,

Prepare to Mount—The several preparatory motions are executed in quick succession.

Mount—This is performed in the manner previously directed, and the left files move up into line without waiting for a word of command, and dress by the right files.

When the squad is in two ranks, and receives the cautionary command "*Prepare to Dismount*," the whole of the rear rank rein back one horse's length, in addition to their usual distance at close order, and halt without any command; the left files of that rank then proceed in the manner before directed for the single or front rank, and dismount by the same command.

On Mounting, the rear rank closes to its proper distance, after its left files have moved up, without any word of command.

Movements of Threes.

The squad being formed in close files in single rank, told off by files, and the tellings proved, it is to be explained to the men that, on the first sound of the word,

Threes Right—The right and left of threes cast their eyes to the centre file, who, at the last sound of the word, immediately begins turning his horse to the right, on the centre point between the fore and hind feet, which each describe a quarter circle.