

6th. Behind a parapet, hedge, or abatis, the two *File firing.* first ranks only can fire, and such firing may be *file firing*, deliberate and cool, the two men of the same file always firing together: it may begin from the right or left of platoons, and should be taught in situations adapted to it, not in open ground.—Should the parapet, hedge, or abatis be but little raised, platoon firing may be used.

7th. *Oblique firing* by battalions, is advantageous *Oblique firing.* on many occasions; as when it is proper or that time does not allow to give an oblique direction to part of a line, or that their fire in this manner can be thrown against the opening of a defilé, the flanks of a column, or against cavalry or infantry that direct their attack on some particular battalion or portion of the line.

8th. As long as the fire by battalions, half battalions, *Regularity of firing.* or companies, can be kept up regular, it is highly advantageous and can be at any time stopped; but should file firing be allowed and once begun, unless troops are exceeding cool and well disciplined, it will be difficult to make it finish, and to make them advance in order.

9th. When a line halts at its points of firing, no time is to be lost in scrupulous dressing, and the firing is instantly to commence.—But a line that halts and is not to fire, or when its firing ceases after the halt, may immediately be ordered to dress from colours to colours.

10th. The attention of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the rear to the locking up of the ranks in firing, cannot be too often repeated.