

THE manual exercise is not that part of military instruction which is of the greatest importance: it has therefore been made as simple, as short and as easy as possible; but the greatest attention must be given to the marching, which is the fundamental and essential part of military instruction; because it is only by this means that a body of men is capable of manœuvring and real action. It must be considered as applicable to two objects; that of manœuvring only, and the column of route; the first requires precision and unison of movement, the second is not so much subject to these requisites.

THE present regulations contain no manœuvres, but merely the elements of which manœuvres are afterwards to be formed; this being all that is necessary for the present.