

ing for each other, endeavour in the same moment to repeat them as in a volley. If Officers are quick, observant, firm, and decided, in their commands, such repetition will be instantaneous.

17. The Commander of a brigade, by being generally in front of his brigade, and towards its directing flank, and by frequently himself stopping in the true direction of the line, will, with a glance of the eye, see if his regiments are before or behind it, and prevent any considerable deviation taking place, by checking it in its beginning. The same directions apply to the Commander of each battalion. Commander.

18. When the general order is not heard or understood by part of a line, each battalion Commander (where the intention is obvious) will conform, as quickly as possible, to the movements which he sees executed to his right or left, according to the point from whence the movement begins. But platoon Officers execute only on the orders of their battalion Commander. Commander.

19. The Field Officers and Adjutants of the battalion must at all times be mounted, in order the more readily to give ground in movements; speedily to correct mistakes; to circulate orders; to dress and preserve pivots when they ought to cover in column in a straight line, or when entered on an alignment, on which they are to form; and especially to take care when the column halts, that they are most speedily adjusted before wheeling into line. These operations in the movements of the battalion, when connected with others in line or column, no dismounted Officer can effectually perform; nor in that situation can he see the faults, or give aids which his duty requires. The direction of lines of formation and movement must be taken and given by the mounted Field Officers and Adjutants of the infantry. Where a brigade or a considerable body is acting, camp colours are improper and insufficient for this purpose; and the horse's head is the object which the pivot flank leaders in column pass close to on their outward hand. For the accurate performance of this important point of duty, it is necessary that the horses should be steady, active, and well trained, as their riders must be alert, intelligent, and well grounded in the true principles on which the different manœuvres are executed. Mounted Officers.

20. Whenever a battalion, or several, are moving in column, and particularly so when they are entering, Mounted Officers.
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