

—The other mounted officers are behind the wings, and can assist much in preventing faults, and in correcting them.

All the battalions of a line must *halt* at the same instant in consequence of that word, repeated by commanding officers, whether they are then correct or not in line.—*Each* half battalion from its own colour, and the men looking to it, will be immediately dressed on the colours of the next adjoining battalion; by this means a general continued line will be obtained, and, at any rate, a straight one between each two colours; and if all the colours should have truly halted in one line, the whole corps will be completely formed in a straight line. But if the *halt* is not justly made, and that a better line must be obtained, the colours of the defective battalions will be brought into the general line; the platoon officers will quickly arrange themselves, eyes will be ordered to the *right*, and the men will in an instant *move* up; too much celerity cannot be used in completing this operation.

A single battalion, when it halts, is dressed on its right or left center company, and is therefore in a straight line.—Two battalions dress each from its center on each other's colours, their outward wings conforming, and are therefore in a straight line.—Three or more battalions dress from the center of each on their next colour; and therefore if all the colours halt in a line, the line of the whole will be straight: if they are not in a line, the general line will not be straight (till a special correction is made); but no flank will be thrown out of the general direction.

When a battalion retires, and *halts*, it ought never to remain in that situation, but be immediately