

Section 53. Changing Front or Direction.

In extended order, there are, as in close order, two methods of changing front, viz., by wheeling and by file formation, though strictly speaking the former, as it is only done while on the march, is a change of direction, the latter can be done from the halt, and while on the march, but when completed the Squad will then be at the halt. Thus, for example :

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By Wheeling.

A Squad in extended order on the march on receiving the command.

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 Right—(or left)

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 Wheel.

On the word *Wheel*, the front rank man of the pivot-file, looking to the wheeling flank, will mark time and turn gradually round with the Squad, until the word *Forward*, or *Halt*, is given, covered by his rear-rank man, the remaining front-rank men, followed by their rear-rank men, will wheel gradually round in the named direction, glancing first to one flank and then to the other, and so on, keeping the interval from the pivot, and the dressing from the flanks ; the file on the wheeling flank will take the usual place, and the front-rank man looking towards the pivot flank, for the interval, the central files will regulate their length of pace according to their distance from the flanks.