

ways have a drum in readiness behind its colours, for the purpose of giving such signal when so ordered.

Signals.

13. In the exercise of a brigade or line of infantry or cavalry, no signal of the drum, or bugle, or trumpet, are to be given or repeated by individual corps. They alone come from the battalion or squadron of direction, where the Commander himself is, as warnings to the Commandants of corps. The only exceptions are signals to cease firing, which can never, when given, produce inconvenience, as it can immediately be ordered to proceed if necessary.

Commanding Officers

14. Commanding Officers of regiments, brigades, or larger bodies, are moveable according to circumstances, and should by no means consider the centre of such bodies as their general post in exercise or movements or expect by the exertion of one voice, from one fixed situation, to command and direct the whole; their presence is more frequently required near one or the other flank; in general, they should be at the *beginning* and *conducting point* of movement or formation, and to that address their orders by voice or message; for if that point is led or placed in the direction it should take, there is little danger of the other parts of the body not properly and successively conforming to it.

Commanding Officers

15. If several regiments exercise or manœuvre together the Commanding Officer of the line or column gives, when necessary, his *short* orders of caution or execution to the Commander of the regulating battalion of the line, or of the head of the *column*, where he himself generally is, and sometimes to the Commander of the battalion, to which he is then nearest; and each battalion Commander repeats them loud without delay. When any complicated or combined movement is to be made which requires previous explanation, it must be communicated clearly to the Commander of corps by detached Officers, before its execution can be ordered to commence. The several Chiefs of Brigades, &c. watch over and direct the interior movements of their respective bodies; they repeat the general orders of execution given, if they see that it is necessary, and announce such preparatory ones as are verbally sent to them.

Commander.

16. The Commander of a line or column will always himself loudly announce his commands of execution, as *march* or *halt*, and be assisted in so doing by those that surround him; and the motion of the hat or sword will at the same time greatly aid. Commanders of battalions will, without waiting