

general line, another field officer, or the leading officer, if no field officer is there, should instantly attend to it, that the wheeling up may not be delayed.—If, in the course of exercise and instruction, the commanding officer is not behind the center when the battalion marches in line or halts, the other field officer from that situation can immediately give every proper aid in movement, or in every case it must be evident in what manner the commanding officer can be assisted.

Wheeling
backward.

When the line is to break and wheel into open column of march, in almost all cases it is better done by wheeling *backward* than forward, for the wheel is in this manner made on the pivot flanks; and although divisions may be unequal, yet these flanks cover after the wheel, an advantage which is lost after the wheels are made forward.

Atten-
tions to
Echellon.

When a battalion makes a retired **ECHELLON**, or part of an echellon of a considerable line: the commanding officer must take great care to regulate his movements by those of the one preceding him, viz that he preserves his parallelism; his ordered distance; his proper flank interval; and when the
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