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Drill of a Platoon without Arms.

Formation of the Militia.

THE fundamental formation of the Militia will be in two ranks: The men should, however, be perfectly familiar with the manner of forming in three ranks, as pointed out in another part of these regulations. Each man must be placed in the ranks, so that when he stands in the proper position of a Soldier, his elbows slightly touch the elbows of his right and left hand men; but by no means so as to impede the free movement of the arms. The ranks must be in close order that is, the heels of the rear rank men, must be placed on a line one pace or thirty inches from the line of the heels of the men in the front rank; and every man in the rear rank, must exactly cover the man in his front. These distances and positions must be invariably maintained in all situations, where it is not otherwise ordered.

Formation of a Company or Platoon, two deep sized according to the height of the men.

SUPPOSING the number of Militia men to be sixty, the smallest man is to be placed at the point intended to be the centre of the line, the next in size, at his left, the next at his right, and so on, alternately. By this method the tallest men will be placed on the flanks; the company is afterwards to be divided into four sections and 2 sub-divisions. The following *caution* is then to be given, "The fifteen men on the right flank. and the fifteen on the left will form the first rank." At the word, *to the right and left inwards*, the sections of the right and left