

Two—Draw the carbine from the bucket, and, continuing to grasp it in the full hand, bring it to the "Advance," resting the hand upon the thigh; the barrel diagonally across the body; the muzzle a little elevated, so that it be in line with the horse's left ear.

In this position the carbine is carried by small detachments and advanced parties when near the enemy, and by videttes on service, being that from which the soldier most readily prepares to fire, and which occasions the least fatigue.

Prime and Load—Place the carbine in the priming position, that is, in the full of the left hand, at the gripe (without disturbing the position of the arm or the feeling of the bridle in the horse's mouth), keeping the carbine in the same diagonal direction as the "Advance;" place the thumb of the right hand behind the steel, or hammer, the elbow a little turned out.

Two—Open the pan.

Handle Cartridge—Carry the hand round to the pouch, and take hold of a cartridge.

Two—Draw out the cartridge, and bite off the end.

Prime—Shake a little powder into the pan.

Two—With the three last fingers shut it, then seize the small of the butt.

About—Raise the carbine with both hands (without altering the position of either upon it), clear over the hollow between the holsters and the horse's neck, and carry the butt under the bridle-reins, to the near side (called "Casting About"), letting the carbine turn in both hands, till the lock be to the left; then permitting it to slide through the left hand until the muzzle be opposite to the right breast, the right hand is brought up to the sight. In this position the carbine will be sustained principally by the swivel.

Two—Shake the powder into the barrel, and then put in the paper, or ball, and lay hold of the ramrod with the fore-finger and thumb.

Draw Ramrod—Draw out the ramrod, and put an inch of it into the muzzle.

Ram Down Cartridge—Ram down the charge.

Two—Drive it home by two distinct beats of the ramrod.

Return Ramrod—Return the ramrod, and hold it between the fore-finger and thumb.

Advance Arms—Raise the carbine up with the left hand,