

- ◇ At the *first* command, the corporal on the right will face to the right (rear) and take one step forward.
- ◇ At the *second* command the whole of the rank will step off together, the second man taking one step forward, then turn to the right and cover No. 1, (the first corporal);
- ◇ The third man will turn off the line so as to bring himself beside No. 1;
- ◇ No. 4, will cover No. 3, and so on throughout the formation in two ranks.
- ◇ No. 2, will be careful to take thirteen inches distance from his breast to the back of the corporal in front of him, and each man as he successively forms on either of these two, will turn his head to that side and dress, and then resume his proper front.
- ◇ When four or five files have formed in this manner, Nos. 1 and 2 will change places.

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 1. In two ranks, form Company.
 2. MARCH.
3. The first sergeant will station himself near the right and carefully observe the line of shoulders of the men as they successively fall in, correcting any irregularity that may exist; for this purpose, he may move himself anywhere along the line, being careful to remain always on the *left side* of the men who are in the rank - but to judge of the shoulders, or to see that the men accurately cover each other, he should be on the right (in front) of the rank.
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FORMING THE COMPANY.

1. THE whole Company being assembled on its own ground, the first sergeant, by the command **FALL IN**, will cause the rank and file, (corporals and privates,) to form in one rank, faced to the right, and in order of height from right to left: (front to rear,) the tallest man on the right, (now head of the rank,) the next tallest man immediately covering, (behind) the first, and so on to the left or rear of the rank, in which position the shortest man will be thus placed.

2. Before the command **FALL IN** is given, the first sergeant should place the tallest corporal in position upon the ground designed where the right of the Company should rest; at the command **FALL IN**, all the rest of the rank and file will pass around the right of this corporal, size themselves as they pass down the rank (the height of shoulders will be the point to measure by). —

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2. If at parade rest, the company comes immediately to attention. If under arms, the sergeant adds: *Support -- ARMS.*
3. The roll is then called, beginning with sergeants, in order of rank, followed by corporals, musicians, and privates, in alphabetical order. As his name is called, each soldier answers "PRESENT", and then immediately brings his musket (if under arms) first to shoulder arms, then to order arms.
4. After the roll is called, the First Sergeant turns to the superintending officer and reports the result, including absentees by name. If no one is absent without proper authority, he reports "All present or accounted for." He then takes his position as right guide of the company.

Attention to Roll Call!

1. Once the company has been formed, sized, and counted, the First Sergeant takes a position six to eight paces to the front and center of the company, facing it. He then commands:

THE PROPER EXECUTION OF TAKING THE ROLL.

8. The Company is now formed and counted and the First Sergeant shall present it to the superintending officer, after which he takes his place as the right guide of the company, unless a roll is to be called, to wit:

at which the men count in each rank, right to left, pronouncing in a loud and distinct voice, without hurry and WITTHOUT turning the head, *one, two, one, two*, according to the place which each occupies.

In each rank - Count TWOS!

7. The First Sergeant will then cause the men to be counted, so will command: the front rank, he constitutes also the first file.
6. Corporals will *not* be placed in order according to their rank, (1st, 2d, 3d, &c.), but as their height would bring them in line—the tallest on the right, and the shortest on the left; the tallest corporal will be placed on the right of proper places.
5. When the Company is thus formed in two ranks, the sergeant will command: *1. Company. 2. ABOUT-FACE.*

TO PASS FROM TWO RANKS INTO ONE RANK, AND RECIPROCALLY.

1. *In one Rank, form Company.*
2. MARCH.

1. At the first command the left guide will place himself on the left of the front rank. *Faced to the left*, at the same time the front rank man of the extreme left file, will face to the left and cover him. At the command:—MARCH, these two men, Nos. 1 and 2, (the guide and corporal, and the rear-rank man of this file, No. 3, will step off with the left foot, the guide marching in a prolongation of the front rank, the corporal following him. The rear-rank man of this file stepping into the front rank and filing, so as to follow his file-leader, No. 2. At the instant the corporal, No. 2, makes his *first step*, the man next to him, No. 4, will flank to the left, and when No. 3 turns to follow his file-leader, No. 4 will follow No. 3, and in the same manner each file will move until all have passed into one rank.

2. If instead of halting and facing to the front, you wish to reform in *two ranks*, you will command:—

1. *In two Ranks, form Company.*
2. MARCH.

3. The Company in one rank is supposed to be on the march, when without halting at the command :—MARCH. The guide and the man next to him will face to the front and stand fast. No. 3, will step behind No. 2, at the distance of thirteen inches from his back. No. 4, will turn to the front and with his left elbow, touch the right elbow of No. 2, turn his head to the left, dress, and resume his front, and so on continue until all are reformed in two ranks. The formation from one into two ranks may take place on either flank, the principle being the same, except if it be by the right flank, at the command MARCH the sergeant who is on the direction will, after halting, face to the rear, and when all are formed into two ranks, the Company will be *faced about*.