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To insure uniformity of practice in the Manual of Arms with the rifle, caliber .30, recently adopted, the following modifications in the Manual of Arms, and of the Infantry Drill Regulations otherwise, and in the Manual of Guard Duty, to conform to changes made in the Manual of Arms, or deemed advisable in connection therewith, are established provisionally and published for the government of the Army pending a complete revision of the Infantry Drill Regulations.

DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.



INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION WITH ARMS.

1. The recruit should, as soon as possible, be taught the use of his rifle, its care and preservation.

When fair progress has been made in the Individual Instruction without Arms, the recruit will be taught the manual of arms; instruction without arms and that with arms alternating.

Part of each drill with arms should be devoted to marching.

2. The manual of arms is explained for double rank, but for the instruction of recruits it is first executed in single rank, omitting reference to the rear rank.

At the command *fall in* the recruits, usually not exceeding four, assemble (Par. 20, D. R.) pieces at order arms.

The piece shall not be carried loaded, nor with cartridges in the magazine except when specially ordered.

3. To prevent accidents, the chamber will be opened and the magazine will be examined (Par. 12) whenever the squad is first formed, and again just before being dismissed. *This rule is general.*

4. The cadence of the motions is that of quick time; the recruits will at first be required to give their whole attention to the details of the motions, the cadence being gradually acquired as they become accustomed to handling their arms.

Before requiring recruits to take a position or execute a motion for the first time, the instructor will execute the same for illustration; after which he will cause them to execute it by themselves, then to execute it together at command.

The movements relative to the cartridge, fixing and unfixing bayonet, adjusting sight, breaking and forming stack, are executed with promptness and regularity, but not in cadence.

5. Being at a halt, the movements are, for the purpose of instruction, divided into motions and executed in detail; in this case the command of execution determines the prompt execution of the first motion, and the commands, **TWO, THREE**, etc., that of the other motions.

To execute the movements in detail, the instructor first cautions: *By the numbers*; all movements divided into motions are then executed as above explained until he cautions: *Without the numbers*; or commands movements other than those in the manual of arms.

MANUAL OF ARMS.

GENERAL RULES.

1. *First.*—In all positions of the left hand at the balance (center of gravity, bayonet unfixed) the thumb clasps the piece except in *present arms* and *load*, in which two positions the thumb is extended along the stock; the sling is included in the grasp of the hand.

Second.—In all positions of the piece "diagonally across the body," the positions of the piece, left arm, and hand, are the same as in *port arms*.

Third.—In resuming the *order* from any position in the manual, the motion next to the last concludes with the butt of the piece about three inches from the ground, the left hand above and near the right, steadying the piece, fingers extended and joined, forearm and wrist straight and inclined downward.

Fourth.—When the bolt is closed upon an empty chamber the trigger should be pulled to relieve the main-spring from compression.

Fifth.—The "cut off" will be kept turned up except when loading from the magazine.

Sixth.—When the piece is carried with a cartridge in the chamber it should be locked, that is, with the *safety lock* turned fully to the right.

2. The recruit being in the position of the soldier, the instructor will first cause him to place his piece in the following position :

Position of Order Arms.

The butt rests evenly on the ground, barrel to the rear, the toe of the butt on a line with and touching the toe of