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• AT THE POST OF THE GUARD.

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BRING PARAGRAPHS FROM AUTHORIZED MANUALS WITH
CHANGES IN MANUAL OF ARMS, SALUTING, ETC.,
ACCORDING TO RECENT MODIFICATIONS, AND
THEIR ADAPTATIONS TO THE SPRING-
FIELD ARM, EMBODIED,
AND NOTES.

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THE POSTING OF A RELIEF.

S', old sentinel; S², new sentinel; C', old corporal; C², new corporal. *When old corporal (C) is not present, there is no change.*

1st Stage.

Sentinel halts when relief is 15 paces away.

C²

||||
||||
C'

|S'

2d Stage.

Relief halts at 6 paces; corporal commands "No. (—);" new sentinel advances and halts 1 pace from old sentinel.

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C²
S² | | S'
C'

3d Stage.

Positions at command "Post," and while relief is passing.

C²
||||
|||
S² C' S'

4th Stage.

Relief being 6 paces away, new sentinel walks post.

C²

S²

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||||
C'



PREFACE.

The private of the National Guard, or of volunteers, often meeting with doubts and difficulties in referring to unabridged manuals for details, a handbook for his individual guidance is of considerable assistance, if not a necessity, to company commanders in the routine instruction, or quick training of their commands in fundamental duties.

An effort has here been made to place before the soldier in a convenient, compact, and economical form essential features which he must learn not only in order to perform well his present duties, but that, should he later rise to the position of non-commissioned officer or officer, his comprehension of his new duties as a subordinate and as an instructor will rest on a solid foundation. With this object in view, certain paragraphs of authorized manuals and regulations of the United States Army are presented with supplementary paragraphs added (printed in small type) where thought necessary to aid the inexperienced.

On my own responsibility, the changes in the Manual of Arms, saluting, etc., due to recent modifications (also their adaptation to the Springfield arm), have been embodied in the paragraphs from authorized manuals.

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