

capacity, or may co-operate with other troops of whatever arm.

In positions secure from surprise by an enemy's cavalry the whole troop may extend in one line of skirmishers, or by divisions in echelon, as may be required.

This may seem a hazardous practice, but I do not separate the rider from his horse further than the few paces necessary for him to see the object of his fire; and I find that a smart man can, from the word **CEASE FIRING** get back 12 paces to his horse, mount, drop his rifle into the bucket, and draw his sword in 30 seconds.

The close to either flank or centre could be done as fast as the enemy's approach, and the latter coming up with their horses blown, would, if not in very superior numbers, perhaps find their match at close quarters.

Or if more prudent to recede from the attack, the enemy could be kept at a disadvantage by our volunteers retiring over a fence or two and resuming their fire before their discomfited pursuers could come up with them or get out of range, for I find that even with a muzzle loader a smart man can, from the word **SKIRMISH**, lift his rifle out of the bucket, dismount, lead up into rank entire, move out 12 paces to the front, load, adjust his sight, and come to the **READY** in 50 seconds, and can deliver three rounds in two minutes and a half, so that in either case the assailant would probably be foiled.

Extending by Fours.

Select an intelligent man as the leading file (No. 1) of each *Four*.

Tell off by *Fours* and prove in the manner laid down, page 11.

The leading files of *Fours* then number off their respective *Fours* from right to left of divisions, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

For example, if there are 48 in the rank, there are six *Fours* in each division. But if the rank is not divisible by 4, say 47, the odd files next to the *Four* on the left of the left division are blank, and the numbering runs thus: —

Left.	Right.
6, 0, 4, 3, 2, 1.	6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

The right division is in this case the stronger, and is so more frequently than not; its left *Four* (No. 6) works as

