

Dismounted Firing Exercise -Winchester Carbine

1. To Load and Fire Standing by Numbers from "The Order."

Caution - Firing Exercise by Numbers.

At _____ Yards, Ready.

Turn on both heels half right, carrying the carbine round with the body, the right foot to point to the right, the left to the front; eyes to look to the front.

Two.

Advance the left foot, moving the body with it ten inches to the left front (viz. six inches to the front and eight inches to the left); at the same time bring the carbine to an almost horizontal position at the right side, with the small of the butt just in front of the hip, grasping the stock with the left hand beneath the back sight, thumb between stock and barrel, right hand grasping the carbine at the small of the butt lightly, with the elbow to the rear. The left elbow to be kept close to the body as a support for the carbine.

Three.

Turn the carbine slightly on its side, trigger guard to the right, holding it firmly with the left hand. With the forefinger and thumb of the right hand take a cartridge from the waist belt and insert it carefully in the magazine, release the lever by turning the button, turn the carbine back to its former position, barrel uppermost.

Four.

Insert the thumb of the right hand in the lower end of the loop of the lever, and, by a steady pressure, force the lever down to its full extent, and at once pull the lever back and fasten it by turning the button. Adjust the back sight, carry back the right hand to the small of the butt, holding it lightly, finger in the loop of the lever, thumb pointing to the muzzle, and fix the eyes steadfastly on some object in front.

This is termed the "Ready" position.

When the feet are at right angles, as detailed in the second motion, care must be taken not to increase the angle by turning the toes of the right foot to the rear, which might alter the proper position of the right shoulder in firing.

The back sight will be adjusted as follows: with the forefinger and thumb of the right hand move the sliding bar until the top is even with the line, or at the place of the flanges showing the distance named; then, if necessary, raise the flap carefully, preventing it from springing up with a jerk, and afterwards carry the hand back to the small of the butt.

When the men are required simply to load (the magazine being empty), the command will be

