



"Order Lance."

Instruction with the Lance Dismounted.

Words of Command.- The several motions are explained in the instructions in terms applicable to the mounted practice; but the whole of the exercise is to be taught on foot before the recruit attempts to perform it on horseback.

On the command "Form for Lance Exercise," lances are brought to the "Shoulder," and on the command "Quick March," the right of fours of the front rank advance, extending until each has got an interval four paces from the man on his flank which is nearest to the centre of the line, the remainder follow in succession at a distance of four paces, -first the front rank and then the rear.

Note.-The centre of the line, in the case of three or four squadrons, would be the leading left flank of the second squadron. In the case of two squadrons, the leading right flank file of the second squadron, and of one squadron the right-hand man of the second troop.

The mounted position is to be retained throughout the drill, commencing with the "Engage." As the lance is brought under the arm, the right foot is carried 20 inches to the right, and the bridle hand placed as described in military equitation. At the command "Carry Lance," the right heel is brought to the left, and the left hand to the side.

Carry Lance.

The lance is to rest near the man's foot, the right hand grasping the pole as high as the shoulder, the back of the hand to the front, elbow down.

Note.- This position is, on foot, that for the salute corresponding to "Present Arms," with the

carbine.

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From the "Carry," the right hand is slid down the pole to the extent of the arm, the thumb remaining next to the body, and the fingers on the outside of the lance.

Ground Lance.

(From "Order Lance.") Seize the lance by the balance and lower the point to the front; without separating the heels, sink the body, bending the knees, and place the lance gently on the ground at the right side, the balance in line with the toes; rise at once and return to the position of "Attention."

Take up Lance.

Sink the body as in grounding lance; take up the lance by the balance, and come to the "Order."

Shoulder Lance.

(From "Order Lance.") The lance is raised about twelve inches from the ground sloping backwards over the right shoulder, the right elbow close to the hip, and the hand in line with the elbow.

Note.-On the Command "March," or on breaking into fours from the halt, when on foot, the lance is always to be brought to the "Shoulder," without any further word of command; similarly on the command "Halt" the lance is at once brought to the "Order."

Stand at Ease.

(From "Order Lance.") Come to the ordinary position of "Stand at Ease," with the lance resting against the right shoulder

Attention.

Resume the position of "Order Lance."

Support Lance.

From the "Carry" the hand to shift to the balance, with the back of the hand to the rear, the butt is raised and brought across the body to the left front, supported at the balance in the right hand with the thumb outside the pole.

Note.- This position is necessary when the soldier is on sentry with the lance.

