



“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.

*Order Lance.*

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.

## **Mounting with the Lance**

### *Stand to your Horse.*

The lancer stands square to the front, in line with his horse's fore feet, holding the bridoon rein with the right hand near the bit, and the lance at the carry in the left hand.

### *Prepare to Mount.*

As directed in the system of equitation. The lance to be grasped at the balance by the left hand, with the reins and mane.

### *Mount.*

As usual, keeping the point of the lance well up, to prevent it from touching the men or horses near it in the ranks. As soon as the lancer is seated in his saddle, the lance is grasped by the right hand, below the balance under the bridle hand.

### *Two.*

The lance is brought smartly up, and held perpendicular for a moment, with the right hand in front of the face, and the butt of the lance on a line with the elbow; it is then lowered carefully into the bucket and brought to the position of "Carry Lance."

### *Prepare to Dismount.*

The right hand slides down the pole of the lance to the extent of the right arm.

### *Two.*

The lance is brought up and held perpendicular for a moment; then lowered under the bridle arm, and grasped at the balance by the left hand with the reins and mane.

### *Dismount.*

As usual. The hand should press on the butt end of the pole, and keep the point well raised (to prevent accident) until the lancer "stands to his horse," with the lance at the "Carry" in the left hand.

Royal escorts, and orderlies attending royal personages, or general and other officers on duty, "Trail lance."- Orderlies carrying despatches or returning, and detached men, "Sling lance;" except when passing guards, armed parties, and officers and others entitled to salutes, when they "Carry lance."

On the line of march, or on any other occasion when "Riding at Ease" the lance is slung, but on parade when a regiment is required to "Sit at Ease" the lance is slung, the word of command is "Order lance, Sit at Ease."-In the former instance the leaders and serrifiles return swords, but in the latter they do not, but sit at ease as laid down in the instructions for the Sword Exercise.

*"Carry Lance."*

The lance is to rest with the butt end in the bucket, and to be kept upright by the right hand, which is to grasp the lance as high as the shoulder, back of the hand to the front, elbow down.

*"Order Lance."*

The lance falls against the hollow of the right shoulder, and the right arm extends down the shaft as on foot.

*"Trail Lance."*

Raise the lance out of the bucket, lower the point to the left front, in the direction of the horse's near ear, the hand resting on the thigh, and the point as high as the peak of the shako.

*"Left Arm Sling Lance."*

The right hand slides down the pole of the lance to the extent of the arm.

*"Two."*

The lance is brought smartly up as high as the face, held perpendicular for an instant, then placed in the left bucket outside the bridle arm.

*"Three."*

The right hand then slides down the lance until it touches the bridle hand; when holding the lance between thumb and forefinger, the remaining fingers of the right hand are passed over the reins which are held by them, with the back of the hand up; the left hand thus disengaged is passed through the sling and again resumes the reins.

*"Carry Lance."*

The right hand takes the reins with the back of the hand up, and the left hand drops down to the full extend of the arm, taking hold of the lance.

*"Two."*

The left arm sweeps the lance to the front, and disengaging the arm from the sling allows the lance to fall against the left shoulder, and immediately takes the reins.

*"Three."*

The right hand then drops down to the full extent of the arm under the bridle hand, taking hold of the lance and bringing it smartly up, hand as high as the face, where it is held perpendicular for a moment and dropped into the bucket.

*"Dressing."*

As usual. The lance is brought to the position of "Order lance." As soon as the dressing is completed and the command "Eyes front" given, the position of "Carry lance" is resumed.

### **Proving Distance for Lance Exercise at the Halt.**

*“Engage.”*

As directed in the “Lance Exercise.”

*“Right, prove distance.”*

Carry the point of the lance to the right, turning the body in the same direction.

*“Two.”*

Extend the right arm cautiously with the lance, and should the distance be insufficient, “passage” to the left.

*“Three.”*

Withdraw the lance, bringing the hand close to the body.

*“Four.”*

Carry the point of the lance to the “Engage,” turning the body to the front.

*“Front, prove distance.”*

Extend the arm cautiously with the lance to the front, and should the distance be insufficient “rein back.”

*“Two.”*

Withdraw the lance to the “Engage.”

*“Carry Lance.”*

Raise the point of the lance, and place the butt in the bucket.

## Lance Exercise.

*Note.*-In performing this exercise the lancer is not to change the grasp of his weapon, but to retain the same hold throughout, as at the "Engage."

### "Engage."

The hand to slide down the lance to the balance. Raise the lance out of the bucket and lower the point to the front, placing the pole under the right arm, the point on a line with the butt, the hand holding the lance at the balance, and close to the body.

### "Round Wave."

Move the point of the lance smartly to the left.

### "Two."

Carry it on the same line to the right.

### "Three."

Again move it direct to the front.

*Note.*-The round wave to be made strong and quick, the lance level and firm under the arm, the seat steady in the saddle, moving the body from the hips upwards.

### "First Point."

Deliver the point with force at the body of the antagonist by extending the arm to the front, raising it up on a line with the shoulder, and turning the back of the hand upwards; after the point has been delivered, withdraw the lance quickly to the "Engage."

### "Right Front.-Second Point and Thrust."

Bend both knees, lower the lance and draw it back without altering the grasp, raising the elbow to the rear of the body over the hand, the body leaning forward, and the right shoulder thrown back, the point of the lance directed to the right front.

### "Two."

Deliver the point with force at the body of the antagonist by extending the arm, raising it on a line with the shoulder, and turning the back of the hand upwards; after the point has been delivered withdraw the lance quickly to the first position.

### "Three."

Carry the point of the lance to the rear, over the head, by the left front, arm extended to the rear, butt of the lance directed against cavalry.

### "Four."

Strike with the butt at the head of the adversary, leaning the upper part of the body well over to the

right front to give force to the blow; then draw back the lance to the position of thrust.

*"Parry."*

Lower the lance on the right side, holding it perpendicular, with the point over the butt, the hand on a line with and about six inches from the right shoulder, which is to be well thrown back, with the elbow raised and the arm bent.

*"Two."*

By a quick motion carry the lance to the front past the horse's shoulder, parrying forcefully with the butt, and then bring the lance back to the first position.

*Note.-*

This parry is intended to ward off a sword point or bayonet thrust aimed at the right side, and can also be used on the left side.

*"Right Rear-Third Point."*

Lower the point of the lance to the rear, raising the butt and bringing it over the horse's neck to the left, there placing it across the bridle hand, the right hand turned down close to the body, holding the lance with the point directed to the right rear, the upper part of the body turned in the same direction.

*"Two."*

Deliver the point with force at the body of the antagonist by extending the arm, and leaning the body well over, throwing back the right shoulder in doing so after the point has been delivered, withdraw the lance quickly to the first position.

*"Left Rear-Fourth Point."*

Raise the lance over the head, and by a circular motion carry the point by the rear, then lower the lance until it reaches the bridle hand, the point directed to the left rear, the right hand with the elbow well raised about eighteen inches from the left one, the body well turned on the hips to the left rear.

*"Two."*

Deliver the point with force at the body of the antagonist, by extending the arm and throwing back the left shoulder, and as the arm extends, catch the butt firmly under it close to the body; after the point has been delivered, withdraw the lance quickly to the first position.

*"Thrust."*

Raise the lance and carry the point by the rear, extend the arm upwards to the right, raising the butt as high as the forehead.

*"Two."*

Strike with the butt at the head of the adversary, leaning the upper part of the body well over to the

left to give force to the blow; then withdraw the lance to the first position.

*"Left Front-Fourth Position."*

Raise the lance over the head by a circular motion, carry the point by the rear to the left front, then lower it to the position for fourth point.

*"Two."*

As directed before in fourth point.

*"Carry Lance."*

Raise the point, bring the lance perpendicular on the right side; the butt is then placed in the bucket.

Word of Command-Lance Exercise.

Engage.

Round, Wave and First Point.

Right Front, Second Point and Thrust.

Parry.

Right Rear, Third Point.

Thrust.

Left Front, Fourth Point.

Carry Lance.

**First Division.**(Against Cavalry.)

*"Engage."*

Lower the point to the front, and bring the lance under the right arm, as directed in the "Lance Exercise."

*"Right Front, Wave, Second Point, and Thrust."*

Carry the point of the lance to the right front.

*"Two."*

Make the "Wave" short and quick to the right and left, about eighteen inches each way, and withdraw the lance for the second point.

*"Three."*

Deliver the point to the full extent of the arm, and quickly withdraw the lance and prepare for thrust as in lance exercise.

*"Four."*

Deliver the thrust and return to the position of thrust.



*Note.*-The motions of the wave should follow each other in quick succession, as the object is to agitate the flag and cause it to vibrate and thereby alarm the adversary's horse, and also to deceive the opponent as to the precise spot at which the point will be delivered.

In independent practice the wave may be repeated *ad libitum* without stopping between each.

*"Left Front, Wave, Fourth Point, and Thrust."*

Lower the lance to the "Engage," with the point to the left front.

*"Two."*

Make the "Wave" left and right, and withdraw the lance for the fourth point.

*"Three."*

Deliver the point and quickly withdraw the lance and prepare for thrust to the left front.

*"Four."*

Deliver the thrust and return to the position of "Thrust."

*"Right Rear, Third Point."*

Lower the point of the lance to the right rear, with the back of the hand down for the third point.

*"Two."*

Deliver the point to the full extent of the arm, and quickly withdraw the lance.

*"Left Rear, Fourth Point."*

Bring the lance smartly to the position of left rear, fourth point.

*"Two."*

Deliver the point to the full extent of the arm and quickly withdraw the lance.

*"Carry Lance,"*

Raise the point, bringing the lance perpendicular on the right side; the butt is then placed in the bucket, and the hand raised to the carry.

Words of Command-First Division (Against Cavalry.)

Right Front, Wave, Second Point, and Thrust.

Left Front, Wave, Fourth Point, and Thrust.

Right Rear, Third Point.

Left Rear, Fourth Point.

Carry Lance.

**Second Division. (Against Infantry.)**

*“Engage.”*

Lower the point to the front, and bring the lance under the right arm, as directed in the “Lance Exercise.”

*“Right Front, First Point, and Thrust.”*

Lower the point of the lance to the right front, directing it downwards against infantry.

*“Two.”*

Deliver the “First Point.” and after extending the arm withdraw the lance.

*“Three.”*

Raise the point over the left shoulder, extending the arm upwards, and the butt directed downwards for “Thrust.”

*“Four.”*

Deliver the “Thrust,” and after extending the arm as far as the grasp of the lance will admit withdraw it to the position of “Engage.”

*“Left Front, First Point, and Thrust.”*

Lower the point of the lance to the left front for first point, directing it against infantry.

*“Two.”*

Deliver the “Point,” and after extending the arm withdraw the lance.

*“Three.”*

Raise the point over the left shoulder to the right rear, extending the arm upwards, and the butt directed downwards for “Thrust.”

*“Four.”*

Deliver the “Thrust,” and after extending the arm as far as the grasp of the lance will admit, withdraw it to the position of “Thrust.”

*“Right Rear, Third Point.”*

Lower the lance, placing it across the bridle hand, the point directed downwards to the right rear for the “Third Point.”

*“Two.”*

Deliver the point to the full extend of the arm, and quickly withdraw the lance for “Fourth Point.”

*"Left Rear, Fourth Point."*

Raise the lance over the head, and by a circular motion carry it to the left rear, with the point directed downwards for "Fourth Point."

*"Two."*

Deliver the "Fourth Point," extending the arm and quickly withdraw the lance.

*"Carry Lance."*

Raise the point, bringing the lance perpendicular on the right side; the butt is then placed in the bucket.

**Note.**-The lancer in lowering the lance for the points to the right and left front, will make a sharp parry outwards, so as to parry off the point of a bayonet or other weapon.

Words of Command.-Second Division. (Against Infantry.)

Engage.

Right Front, First Point, and Thrust.

Left Front, First Point, and Thrust.

Right Rear, Third Point.

Left Rear, Fourth Point.

Carry Lance.

**Observations**

In the attack in line the lances are brought to the "Engage" at the command, "The line will attack." It is good practice to make long advances in line with the lances of the front rank at the "Engage," to steady the horses, as they are apt to become excited when the lances are brought down, if only done occasionally in the charge.

After a charge, or an attack in line, the lances are raised to the "Carry" on the command "Halt."