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for the

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and the

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MANUAL EXERCISE

I.

The Order: The recruit will first fall in as directed in Section I of the Drill Regulations, the carbine will then be placed perpendicularly at his right side, the butt on the ground, its toe in line with the little toe of his right foot. The right arm to be slightly bent, the right hand to seize the carbine above the band, thumb pressed against the thigh, fingers slanting towards the ground. When the carbine has been placed properly at “the Order”, the recruit will be instructed to always fall in on parade or for drill with it at that position.

II.

Shoulder - Arms. { *The Shoulder from the the Order.* - Give the carbine a cant upwards with the right hand, catching it with the left hand, in line with the elbow; at the same time seize the guard, a the full extent of the arm, with the forefinger and thumb of the right hand, the remaining fingers extended, the forefinger to be inside the loop of the lever, and the upper part of the barrel to rest in the hollow of the shoulder.

Two. { Drop the left hand to the side.

III.

Present - Arms. { *The Present from the Shoulder.* - Seize the carbine with the left hand, little finger in line with the elbow, raising it a few inches by slightly bending the right arm, without moving the barrel from the shoulder, then slip the thumb of the right hand under the the hammer and the fingers inside the loop of the lever, slanting downwards, both arms close to the body.

Two. { Without moving the head raise the carbine with the right hand perpendicularly in front of the centre of the body, guard to the left, and at the same time place the left hand smartly on the stock, the wrist on the guard fingers pointing upwards, thumb close to the forefinger (its point in line with the mouth), the left elbow close to the butt, the right elbow and butt close to the body.

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Three. { Bring the carbine down close in front of the centre of the body, guard to the front, as low as the right hand will admit without constraint, and grasp it with the left hand in line with the elbow, thumb between stock and barrel, the right hand lightly holding the small of the butt, fingers slanting downwards; at the same time place the hollow of the right foot against the left heel, both knees straight, the weight of the carbine to be supported in the left hand.

IV.

Shoulder - Arms. { *The Shoulder from the Present.* - Bring the carbine to the right side and seize it with the right hand at the small of the stock (as in No. II.), the left hand remaining to steady it in its place, fingers straight, arm close to the body; at the same time bring the right foot to its original position.

Two. { Drop the left hand to the side.

V.

Support - Arms. { *The Support.* - Bring forward the right hand and raise it until the carbine is nearly horizontal, the barrel resting on the bend of the arm.

To stand at ease at "the Support", draw back the right foot and bend the left knee as usual; at the same time place the left hand on the right.

VI.

Shoulder - Arms. { *The shoulder from the Support.* - Bring the carbine to the shoulder, as before detailed.

VII.

Port - Arms. { *The Port.* - seize the carbine as in the first motions of "the Present" (No. III.).

Two. { Bring the carbine to a slanting position in front of the body, guard to the left and downwards, the barrel crossing opposite the point of the left shoulder, and seize it at the same time with the thumb and fingers of the right hand round the small of the butt, the thumb and fingers of the left hand round the carbine at the back sight, the left wrist to be opposite the left breast, and both elbows close to the body.

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VIII.

Shoulder - Arms. { *The Shoulder from the Port.* - Bring the carbine to the right side with the left hand and seize it with the right hand at the shoulder (No. II.), the left hand remaining in its place, fingers straight, arm close to the body.

Two. { Drop the left hand to the side.

IX.

Order - Arms. { *The Order from the Shoulder.* - Seize the carbine with the left hand at the muzzle in line with the shoulder, keeping arms and carbine close to the body.

Two. { Lower it nearly to the ground and seize it with the right hand above the band, as described in "the Order" (No. I.), and place the butt quietly on the ground, dropping the left hand at the same time to the side.

X.

Trail - Arms. { *The Trail from the Order.* - Give the carbine a smart cant upwards with the right hand, seizing it behind the back sight, and bring it to a horizontal position at the full extent of the arm, fingers and thumb round the carbine.

XI.

Shoulder - Arms. { *The Shoulder from the Trail.* - Bring the carbine to perpendicular position and seize it with the left hand in line with the elbow, at the same time raising it slightly and seizing it with the right hand, as directed in "the Shoulder" (No. II.).

Two. { Drop the left hand to the side.

XII.

Trail - Arms. { *The Trail from the Shoulder.* - Seize the carbine with the left hand in line with the right elbow, arm close to the body.

Two. { Grasp it with the right hand round the lock-plate and bring it down to "the Trail", at the same time dropping the left hand to the side.

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XIII.

Order - Arms. { *The Order from the Trail.* - Raising the muzzle, catch the carbine above the band and come to "the Order".

XIV.

Ground - Arms. { *Ground Arms.* - Turn the carbine on the heel, guard to the right, sink the body, bending both knees, and place the carbine on the ground, guard to the right, muzzle inclining to the right front, slot in line with the heels. Rise at once and come to attention.

XV.

Take Up - Arms. { *Take up Arms.* - Sink the body as in grounding arms, take up the carbine and come to the order.

XVI.

Stand at - Ease. { *Stand at Ease.* - Push the muzzle of the carbine to the front with the right hand, arms close to the side, at the same time carry back the right foot six inches and bend the left knee.

In Quick Time.

The recruit having been thoroughly instructed in the Manual Exercise by numbers, will be taught to perform it in quick time; the foregoing words of command being given without the the numbers and executed as above detailed, resting a pause in quick time between each motion.

A pause of slow time should be made between the first and last part of each command.

Review Exercise.

The review exercise will be performed in quick time. the men having been ordered to shoulder, the words of command will be as follows:

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| I. Present - Arms. | VII. Order - Arms. |
| II. Shoulder - Arms. | VIII. Trail - Arms. |
| III. Support - Arms. | IX. Trail - Arms. |
| IV. Shoulder - Arms. | X. Trail - Arms. |
| V. Port - Arms. | XI. Order - Arms. |
| VI. Shoulder - Arms. | XII. Stand at - Ease. |

Manner of Inspecting Arms on Parade.

The division having been inspected and arms shouldered, the inspecting officer will proceed as follows:

For Inspection. { When at “the Port,” with the left hand turn the guard to the front, *Port - Arms.* and with the thumb and forefinger of the right hand release the lever by turning the button, then, bring the carbine back to “the Port” with the left hand and holding it firmly therewith, full cock and carry the right hand over the stock and place the thumb inside the lower end of the loop of the lever, force the lever smartly down to its full extent and seize the small of the butt.

Examine - Arms.{ Without moving the left hand from its grasp, turn on both heels to the right, pointing the right foot to the right, and the left to the front; at the same time bring the carbine to an almost horizontal position at the right side, muzzle slightly upwards, the right hand grasping the small of the butt and pressed against the right hip, elbow well back. Each man when the inspecting officer has passed the man beyond him will close the lever with the fingers of the right hand, secure it by turning the button, close the breech slide, ease the hammer and order arms in two motions by (1st) smartly seizing the carbine with the right hand above the band and (2nd) turning both heels to the front, bringing the carbine to the position of the “the Order,” and stand at ease.

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