

## **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

“Load,” and they will perform the first three motions of the ready, when the word “Ready” is given, the magazine being partially or entirely full of cartridges, they will perform the fourth motion of the “Ready.”

*Present.*

Bring the carbine smartly to the shoulder (carry it to the front so as to clear the body in doing so), pointing the muzzle a few inches below the object on which the right eye is fixed, and place the forefinger round the trigger like a hook, but without pressing it, that part between the first and second joints to rest on it. The centre of the butt to be pressed firmly to the shoulder with the left hand—the top of the butt to be even with the top of the shoulder—the left elbow to be well under the carbine as a support, the right elbow to be raised nearly square with (but not too high) and well in front of the right shoulder to form a bed for the butt, the right hand to hold the small of the butt lightly, the left eye to be closed. This motion is to be performed without moving the left hand from its grasp, or bending the body, or raising the heels.

*Two.*

Raise the muzzle steadily until the top of the foresight is brought in line with the object through the notch of the back sight, pressing the trigger at the same time without the least motion of the hand, eye or arm, until the hammer falls, still keeping the fixed on the object.

*Three.*

Bring the carbine to the horizontal position at the right side, shut down the flap of the back sight, if raised, without moving the sliding bar, unbutton the lever, force it down, throwing out the empty cartridge case, close the lever and fasten it by turning the button, and carry the hand back to the small of the butt, as in the “Ready” position.

The command “Ease Springs” must never be given when a cartridge is in the chamber.

As the first motion of the “Present “ will not be learned without practice and much care, the instructor will frequently give the command” As You Were.” when the recruit will bring the rifle back to the “Ready,” without moving his body, or his eyes from the object to be aimed at.

Particular attention must be given to each man’s position when at the “Present;” more especially to see that the body is firm and erect, that the sights are upright, that the carbine is pressed firmly to the shoulder with the left hand so as to resist the recoil; that the trigger is pressed without any motion of the hand, eye or arm, until the spring is released and that the aim is maintained during and after snapping.

The position of the head with reference to the butt, when taking aim, must depend entirely on the elevation used. With small elevation, the butt must be brought to the head by raising the shoulder, or the cheek must be so placed on the butt, by bending the head a little forward, not sideways, so as to get the eye fixed on the object through the notch of the back sight; as the distance increases, the head must be raised or the shoulder lowered.

To much pains cannot be taken to ensure that the recruit takes a deliberate aim at some object whenever he brings the carbine to the "Present;" for this purpose small bull's-eyes should be marked on the barrack walls.

## **2. To Order Arms from the Third Position of the "Present" Standing**

### *Order Arms.*

Turn on the right heel to the front, and bring the left heel back to the right; at the same time seize the carbine with the right hand close in front of the left, and come to "the order."

## **3. To Unload Arms**

### *Unload Arms.*

Release the lever by turning the button, press the lever down to its full extent and immediately close it again, but with only sufficient strength to withdraw the cartridge from the chamber. Return the cartridge to the belt and "Ease Springs" as directed in the latter part of "Examine Arms."

## **4. To Load and Fire in Quick Time, Standing**

The recruit having thoroughly learned the firing exercise by numbers, standing, will next be taught it in quick time, the motions being executed as before detailed, resting a pause of quick time between each.

### ***Caution-Firing Exercise Standing.***

*At \_\_\_ Yards, Ready.*

In four motions.

*Present.*

In three motions.

*Order Arms.*

In one motion.

## **Firing Exercise-Enfield Revolver**

### **By Numbers**

The squad must be formed in single rank at half interval.

#### ***Prepare to Load.***

With the right hand draw the revolver carefully from its holster, and lay it on the palm of the left hand, which is to be as high as the waist, muzzle downwards to the left front, right side uppermost, the right hand retaining its hold of the butt.

#### ***Load.***

Open the shield with the thumb of the right hand, revolve the cylinder from left to right, inserting a cartridge in each chamber in succession, as they get opposite the cartridge "lead" cut in the body of the revolver; then carry the right hand to the butt.

(There is a stop to prevent the cylinder from rotating from right to left; each chamber will be in the proper position for loading when the cylinder is moved back to this stop).

#### ***Two.***

Close the shield and resume the grasp of the stock with the right hand, dropping the left hand to the side at the same time, and placing the forefinger along the outside of the trigger guard, remaining fingers grasping the butt. The revolver should then be brought in front of the centre of the body, muzzle pointing upwards to the left front, right elbow close to the side).

### ***Fire*      *Rounds***

#### ***Single Practice***

##### ***Ready.***

Make a half left turn, right foot pointing to the front and advanced about six inches, seize the barrel of the revolver with the left hand and full cock by pressing back the hammer with the thumb of the right hand; then drop the left hand to the side.

##### ***Present.***

Raise the revolver until the breech is in line with the right eye, foresight just below the object; the hand to lightly grasp the butt, arm to be a little bent in order that the revolver can the more easily be maintained in the line of aim.

##### ***Two.***

Place the forefinger round the trigger, but without pressing it, along the foresight on the centre of the mark through the groove on the breech; as soon as a correct aim is obtained, press the trigger until the hammer falls, and return to the "Ready" position.

##### ***Ready.***

On the command "Ready," full cock and wait for the word "Present."



Draw Pistols

For "Continuous practice" the following word of command will be given:-

***Fire \_\_ Rounds,  
Continuous Practice,  
Ready.***

As before detailed but without full cocking.

***Present.***

Raise the revolver until the breech is in line with the right eye, foresight just below the object; the hand to tightly grasp the butt, arm to be a little bent. Place the forefinger around the trigger, pressing it partly back at the same time, and align the foresight on the centre of the mark through the groove on the breech; as soon as the correct aim is obtained, press back the trigger to its full extent, and, after firing, release the trigger with the forefinger, and without full cocking continue to fire until the prescribed number of rounds is fired, afterwards returning to the "ready" position.

***Cease Fire.***

seize the barrel of the revolver with the left hand, back of the hand uppermost; press back the catch with the thumb of the right hand; break the revolver by turning both wrists smartly outwards to eject the empty cartridge cases; remove the thumb from the catch, then, by a smart turn of both wrists inwards bring the barrel back into position, drop the left hand to the side, bring the revolver to the "Advance," turn to the front on the left heel and bring back the right foot to the left.

***Return Pistols.***

carry the revolver across the body to the left side, muzzle downwards; at the same time raise the flap of the holster with the fingers of the left hand, place the revolver in the holster, button the flap and bring both hands to the sides.

**Inspection of Arms  
By Numbers**

The carbines having been first inspected, the squad will be called to attention, carbines at "the Order," the following words of command will be given.:-

***Eyes Right,  
Draw Pistols***

The men-except the right hand man, who will look to his left-will turn their heads and eyes to the right, at the same time pass the carbine with the right hand to the front of their bodies, and placing the toe of the butt on the ground between their feet, grasp the stock of the carbine between their knees, which will be slightly bent; then with the right hand unbutton the holster and seize the butt of the revolver.

***Two.***

Taking the time from the right hand man, draw the revolver carefully from the holster and bring it across the body, turning the muzzle upwards in doing so; right elbow to be close to the body, right

hand as high as the elbow, the muzzle upright, the hammer resting in the hollow between the thumb and hand, the lower fingers relaxed and extended along the butt.

This position is called the "Advance."

As the inspecting officer passes the files on his left, each man will carry the revolver across the body with the right hand to the left side, dropping the muzzle downwards at the same time; with the fingers of the left hand, elbows kept well to the rear, assist the right hand in returning the revolver to the holster and button up the same, then seize the carbine with the right hand above the band, "Order Arms" and stand at ease.

The squad having been thoroughly instructed in these exercises by numbers, will be taught to perform them in quick time; The foregoing word of command being given without numbers and executed as above detailed, resting a pause of quick time between each motion. A pause of slow time should be made between the first and last part of each command.

## **LANCE EXERCISE**