

# ARTICLE XXX.

## INSPECTIONS OF THE TROOPS.

*As Adapted for use in the field.*

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### FORM OF INSPECTION.

1. The present example embraces a battalion of infantry. The inspecting officer and the field and staff officers will be on foot.
2. The battalion being in the order of battle, the Colonel will cause it to break into open column of companies, right in front. He will next order the flanks to be opened, when the color-rank and color-guard, under the direction of the Adjutant, will take post ten paces in front, and the band ten paces in rear of the column.
3. The Colonel, seeing the ranks aligned, will command,  
*Officers and Sergeants, to the front of your companies. 2. MARCH !*

The officers will form in one rank, eight paces, and the non-commissioned officers in one rank, six paces, in advance, along the whole fronts of their respective companies, from right to left, order of seniority.

4. The Colonel will next command,  
*Field and staff, to the front--MARCH !*

The commissioned officers thus designated will form themselves in one rank; six paces in front of the color, from right to left, in the order of seniority; and the non-commissioned staff, in a similar manner, two paces in rear of the preceding rank.

The Colonel, seeing the movement executed, will take post on the right and wait the approach of the inspecting officer.

5. The Inspector will commence in front. After inspecting the dress and general appearance of the field and commissioned staff under arms, the Inspector, accompanied by these officers, will pass down the open column, looking at every rank in front and rear.

6. The Colonel will now command,

1. *Order Arms. 2. REST!*

When the Inspector will proceed to make a minute inspection of the several ranks or divisions, in succession, commencing in front.

The inspecting officer will then go through the whole company, and minutely inspect the arms, accoutrements, and dress of each soldier. After this is done, the Captain will command,

*Open-BOXES!*

when the ammunition and the boxes will be examined.

9. The Captain will then command:

1. *Shoulder-ARMS!*
2. *Close order*
3. *MARCH !*
4. *Order-ARMS!*
5. *Stack-ARMS!*
6. *To the rear, open order.*
7. *MARCH!*
8. *Front rank-About-FACE!*
9. *Unsing-Knapsacks.*
10. *Open-Knapsacks.*

10. The Sergeants will face inward at the 2d command, and close upon the center at the 3d, and stack their arms at the 5th command; at the 6th the ranks are closed, preparatory to *take arms*, the Sergeants will also close upon the center, and at the word, take their arms and resume their places.

11. The knapsacks will be placed at the feet of the men, the flaps from them, with the great-coats on the flaps, and the knapsacks leaning on the great-coats. In this position the Inspector will examine their contents, or so many of them as he may think necessary, commencing with the non-commissioned officers, the men standing at attention.

12. When the Inspector has passed through the company, the Captain will command,

*Repack - Knapsacks;*

when each soldier will repack and buckle up his knapsack, leaving it on the ground, the number upward, turned from him, and then stand at rest.

13. The Captain will then command,

1. *Attention. 2. Company. 3. Sling-Knapsacks.*

At the word *sling*, each soldier will take his knapsack, holding it by the inner straps, and stand erect; at the last word he will replace it on his back. The Captain will continue,

4. *Front rank-ABOUT-FACE!*
5. *Close order.*
6. *MARCH!*
7. *Take---ARMS!*
8. *Shoulder-ARMS!*
9. *Officers and Sergeants, to your posts.*
10. *MARCH!*

and will cause the company to file off to their tents or quarters, except the company that is to re-escort the colors, which will await the further orders of the Colonel.

14. In an extensive column, some of the rearmost companies may, after the inspection of dress and general appearance, be permitted to stack *arms* until just before the Inspector approaches them, when they will be directed to *take arms* and resume their position.

15. The inspection of cavalry and artillery will conform to the principles laid down in the foregoing paragraphs, regard being had to the System of instruction for those arms of service respectively.