

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 !

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

6. The Colonel will now command,
Open column, looking at every rank in front and rear.
7. The Inspector, accompanied by these officers, will pass down the arms and general appearance of the field and commissioned staff under dress and appearance in front. After inspecting the
8. The Inspector will commence in front. After inspecting the
9. The Colonel, seeing the movement executed, will take post on the right in rear of the preceding rank.
10. The Colonel, seeing the movement executed, will take post on the right in rear of the preceding rank, in a similar manner, two paces seniority; and the non-commissioned staff, in the order of rank; six paces in front of the color, from right to left, in the order of

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

1. As the Inspector approaches the non-commissioned staff, color rank, and the color-guard, the Adjutant will give the necessary orders for the inspection of arms, boxes, and knapsacks. The colors will be planted firm in the ground, to enable the color-bearers to display the contents of their knapsacks. The non-commissioned staff may be dismissed as soon as inspected; but the color-rank and color-guard will remain until the colors are to be escorted to the place from which they were taken.
2. As the Inspector successively approaches the companies, the Captains will command,
Attention. 2. Company. 3. Inspection--ARMS!
3. 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!

4. When the ammunition and the boxes will be examined.
5. The Captain will then command,
Shoulder--ARMS!
6. *To the rear, open order.*
7. *MARCH!*
8. *Front rank--About--FACE!*
9. *Unsing--Knapsacks.*
10. *Open--Knapsacks.*

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.*

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.

commissioned officers, the men standing at attention.

many of them as he may think necessary, commencing with the non-great-coats. In this position the Inspector will examine their contents, or so them, with the great-coats on the flaps, and the knapsacks leaning on the upon the centre, and at the word, take their arms and resume their places.