



A SEMINAR ON
CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

FACE BY THE REAR/FRONT RANK

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To Fire by the Rear-Rank

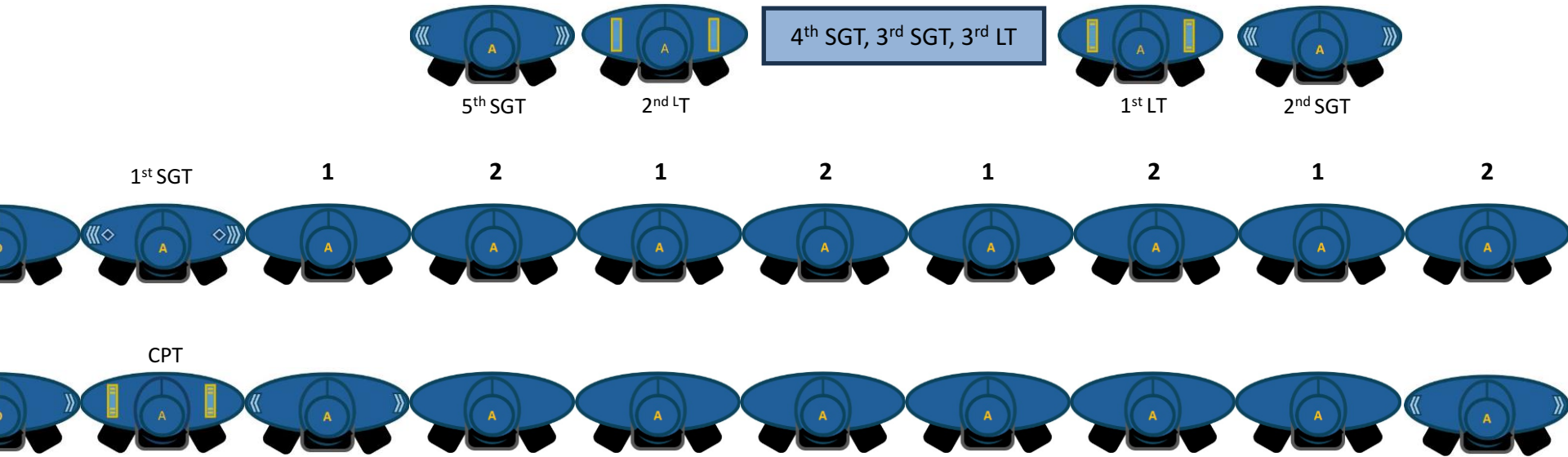
- Early in the School of the Company, the Officers, NCOs, and Privates are taught how to fire by both the Front-Rank and the Rear-Rank.
- If the Company is simply commanded to Face About:
 - The Closers would be in the line of fire
 - The 1st Sgt would be in the Rear-Rank (now in the front)
 - The Captain would be in the Front-Rank (now in the rear)
- There are specific commands and movements required for the Officers and Sergeants to take their proper positions and clear the line of fire.
- To position the Company to fire by the Rear-Rank, the command is:
 - *Face by the rear rank, Company, About* - FACE
- To return the Company to fire by the Front-Rank, the command is:
 - *Face by the front rank, Company, About* - FACE
- It takes time for the Company Officers and NCOs to execute their maneuvers, so Commanding Officers must wait until the closers have cleared the Captain's interval before issuing the next commands in the sequence.

Face by the Rear-Rank

- S.C. 68. The instructor will cause the several fires to be executed to the rear, that is, by the rear-rank. To effect this, he will command:
 - 1. *Face by the rear rank.* 2. *Company.* 3. *About—FACE.*
- S.C. 69. At the first command, the captain will step out, and place himself sixteen inches from, and facing the right file of his company; the covering sergeant, and file closers, will pass quickly through the captain's interval, and place them selves faced to the rear, the covering sergeant a pace behind the captain, and the file closers two paces from the front-rank opposite to their places in line, each passing behind the covering sergeant.
- S.C. 70. At the third command, which will be given at the instant the last file closer shall have passed through the interval, the company will face about; the captain will place himself in his interval in the rear-rank, now become the front, and the covering sergeant will cover him in the front-rank, now become the rear.

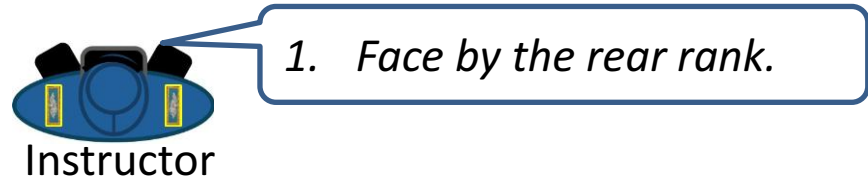
To better illustrate the purpose of the interval created by the movement of the Captain and the 1st SGT, the following illustrations are set in the context of a Company positioned in a Battalion Line of Battle

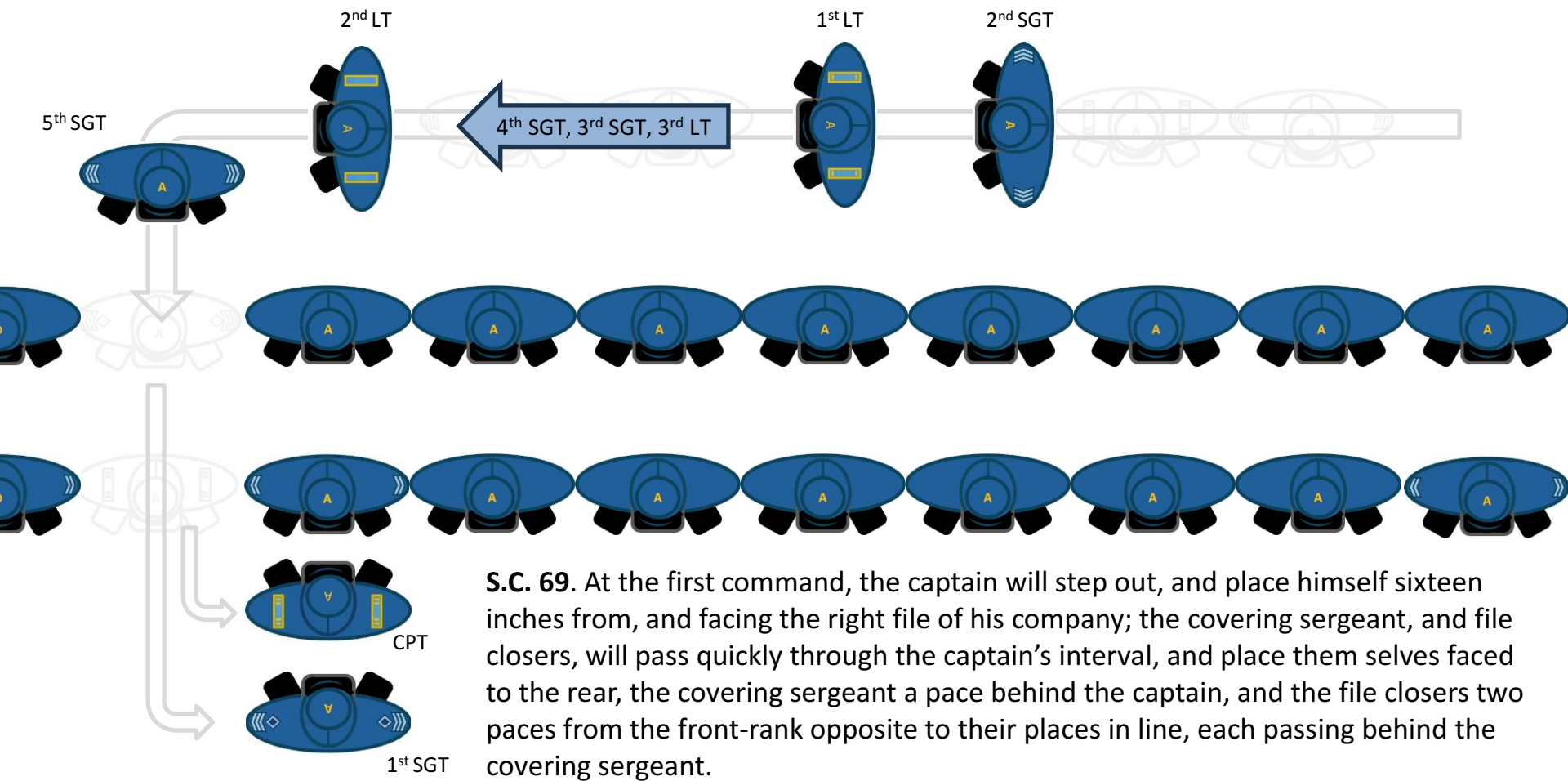
The Company Faced by the Front Rank



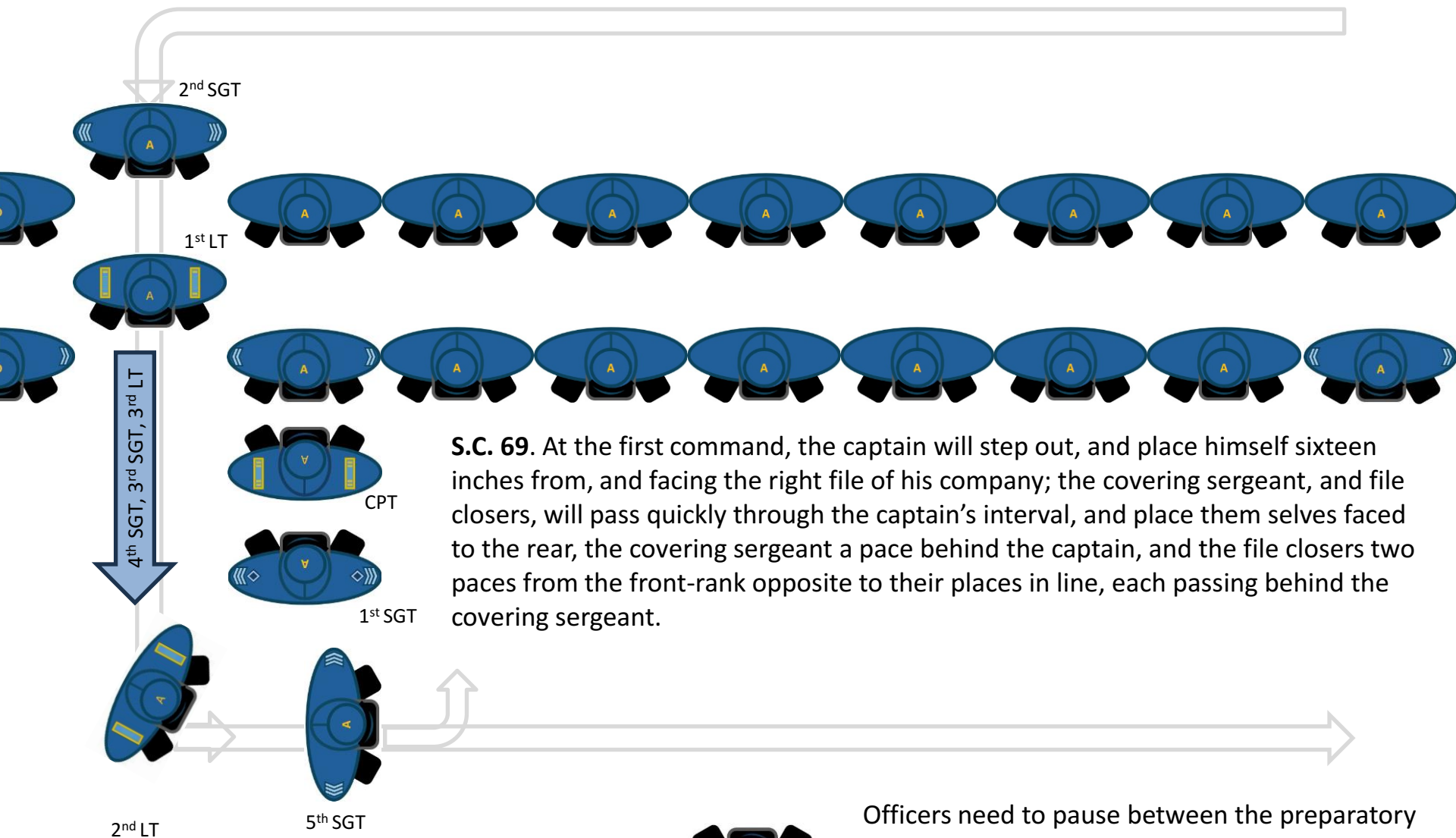
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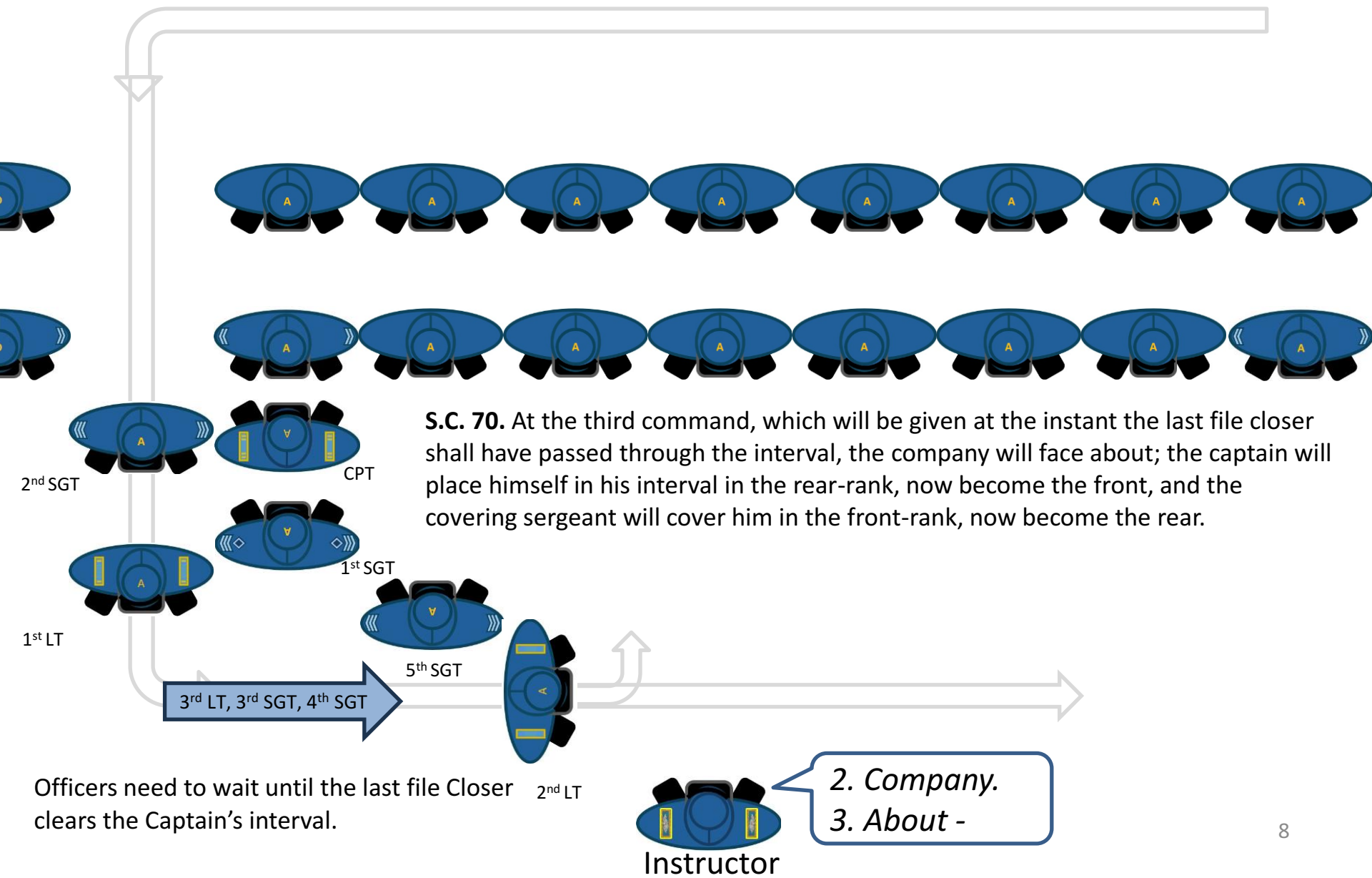
Instructor

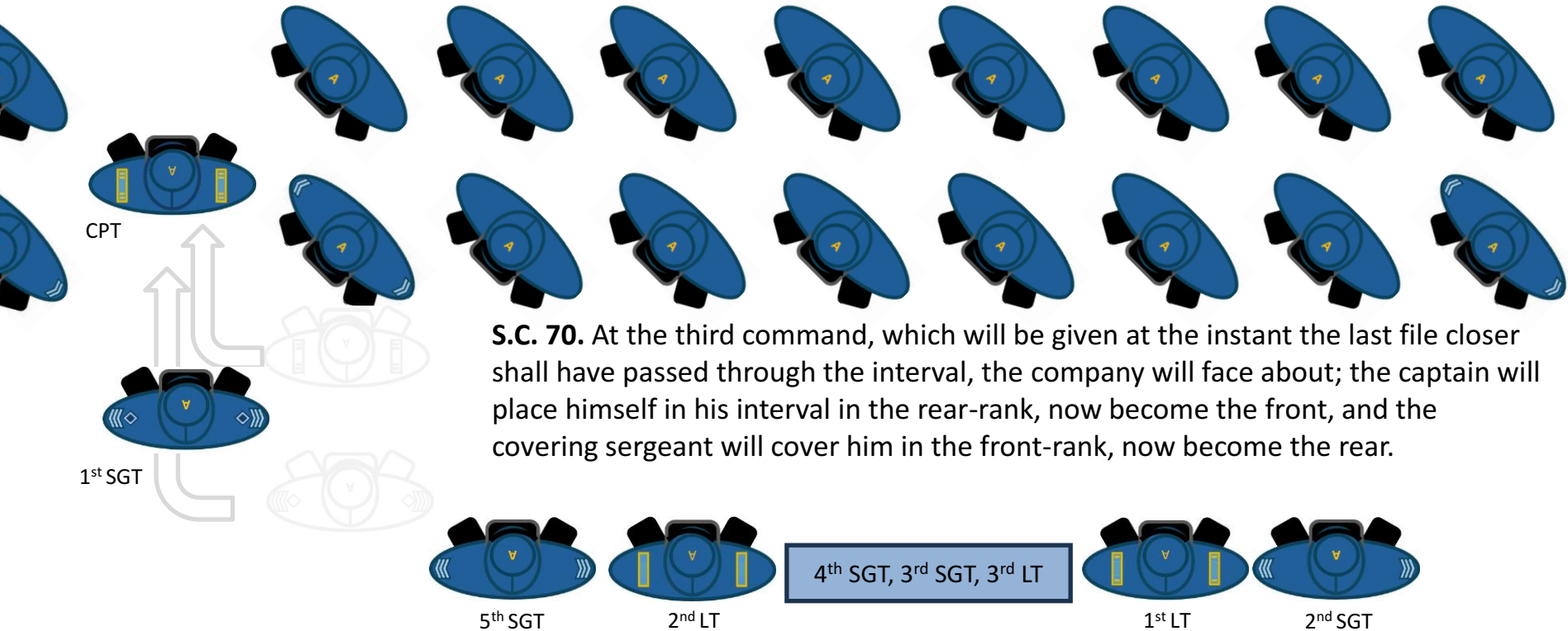


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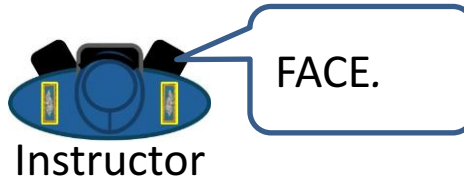
Officers need to pause between the preparatory and execution commands.
 This maneuver takes time to execute!

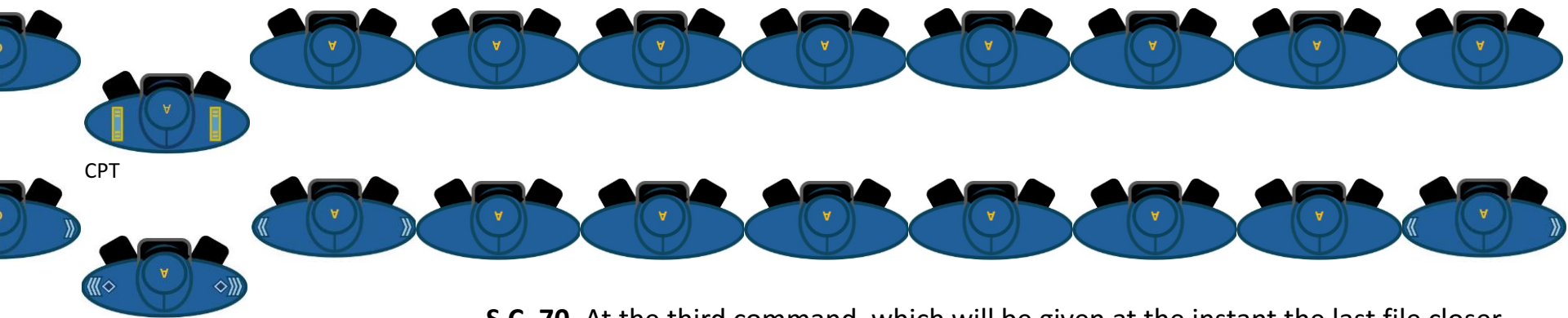






Officers need to pause between the “About” and the “Face” commands to allow the Soldiers to position their feet correctly.



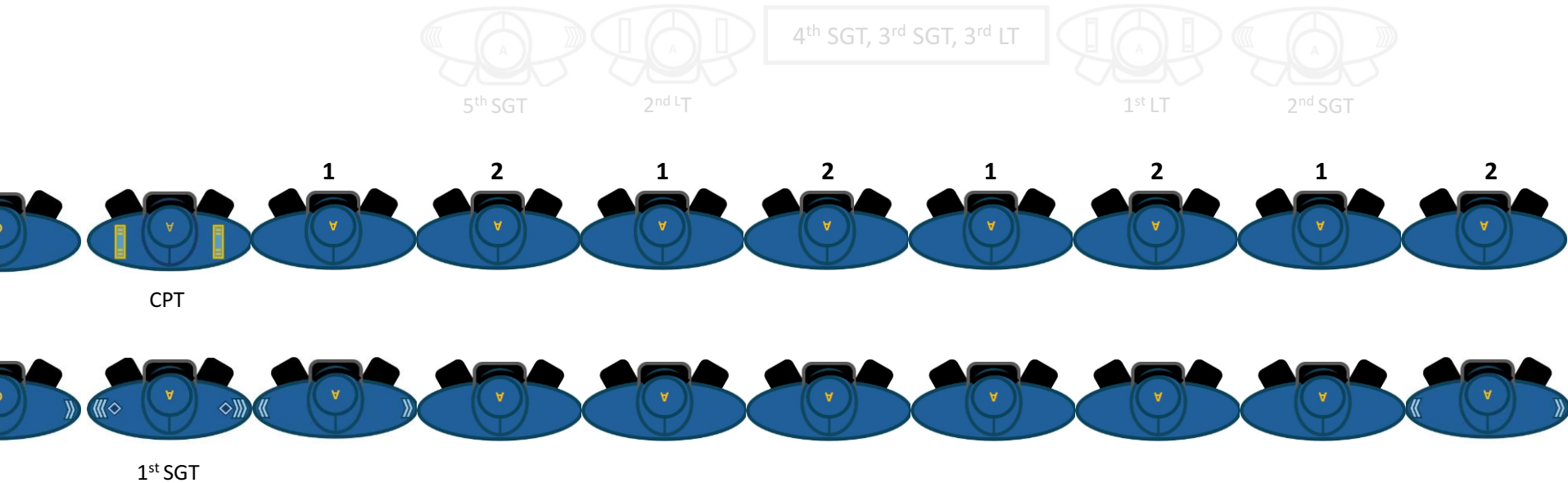


S.C. 70. At the third command, which will be given at the instant the last file closer shall have passed through the interval, the company will face about; the captain will place himself in his interval in the rear-rank, now become the front, and the covering sergeant will cover him in the front-rank, now become the rear.



Instructor

The Company Faced by the Rear Rank



The Company is positioned to Fire by the Rear Rank.



Note that per instruction S.C. 69, the file closers are opposite to their places in line

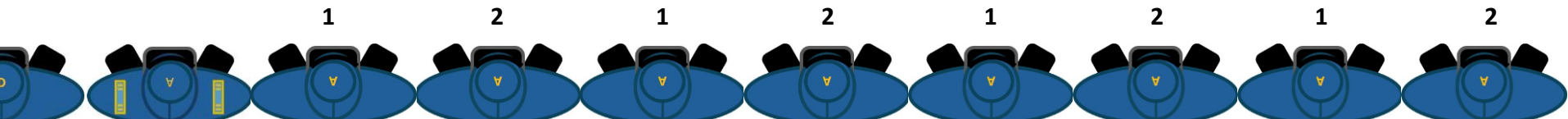


Instructor

Face by the Front-Rank

- S.C. 73. To resume the proper front, the instructor will command:
 - 1. *Face by the front rank.* 2. *Company.* 3. *About—FACE.*
- S.C. 74. At the first command, the captain, covering sergeant and file-closers will conform to what is prescribed Nos. 69 and 70.
- S.C. 75. At the third command, the company having faced about, the captain and covering sergeant will resume their places in line.

The Company Faced by the Rear Rank



CPT



1st SGT



5th SGT

2nd LT

4th SGT, 3rd SGT, 3rd LT

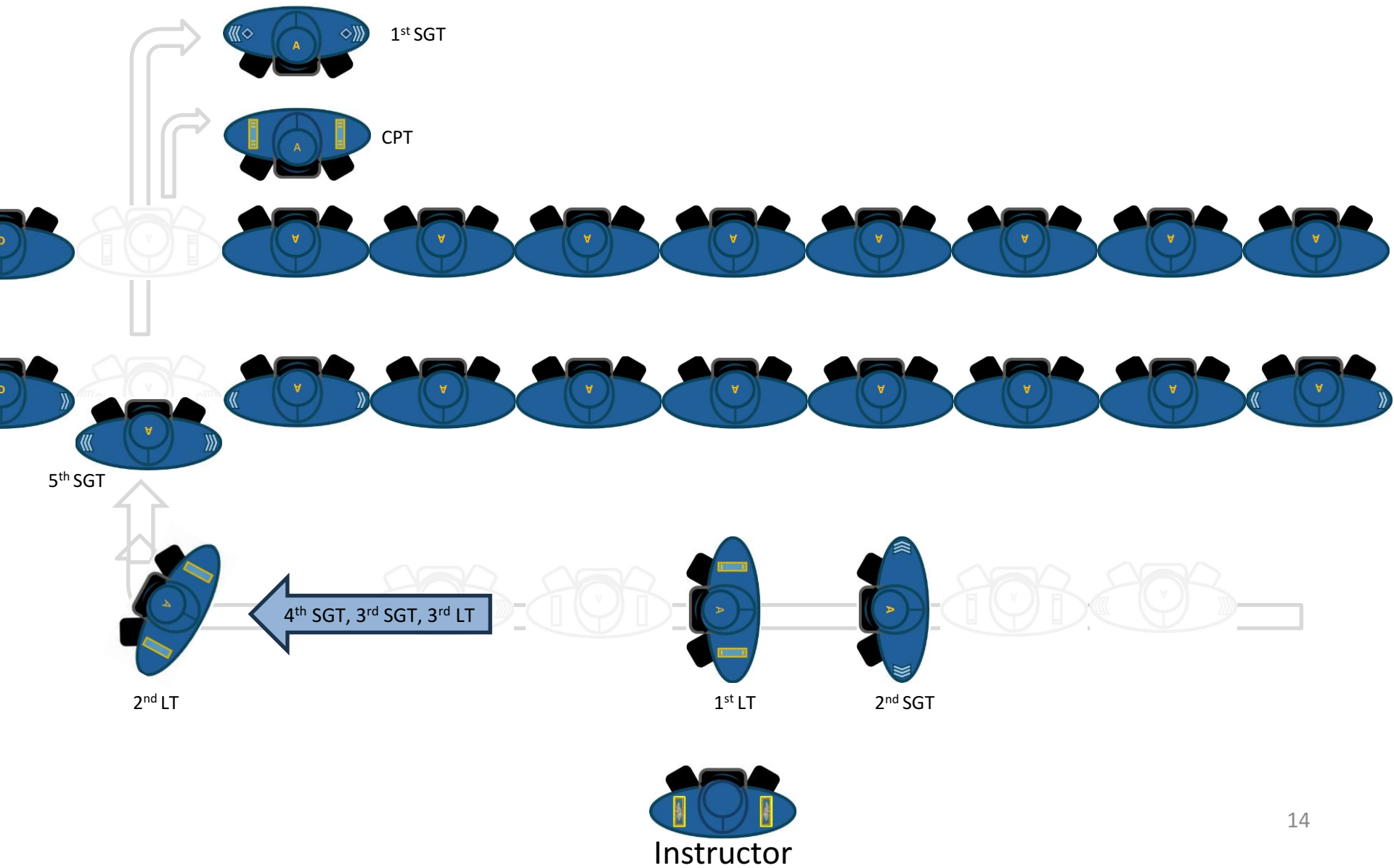
1st LT

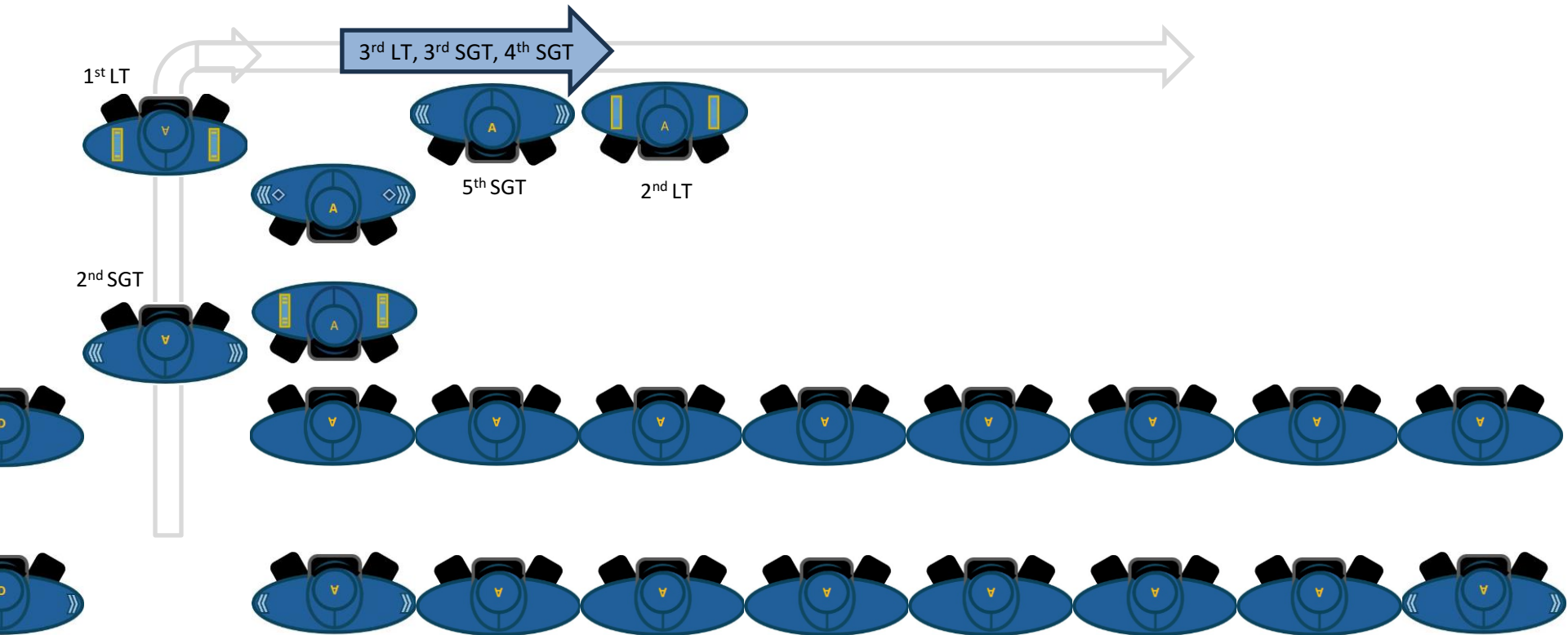
2nd SGT



Instructor

1. *Face by the front rank.*

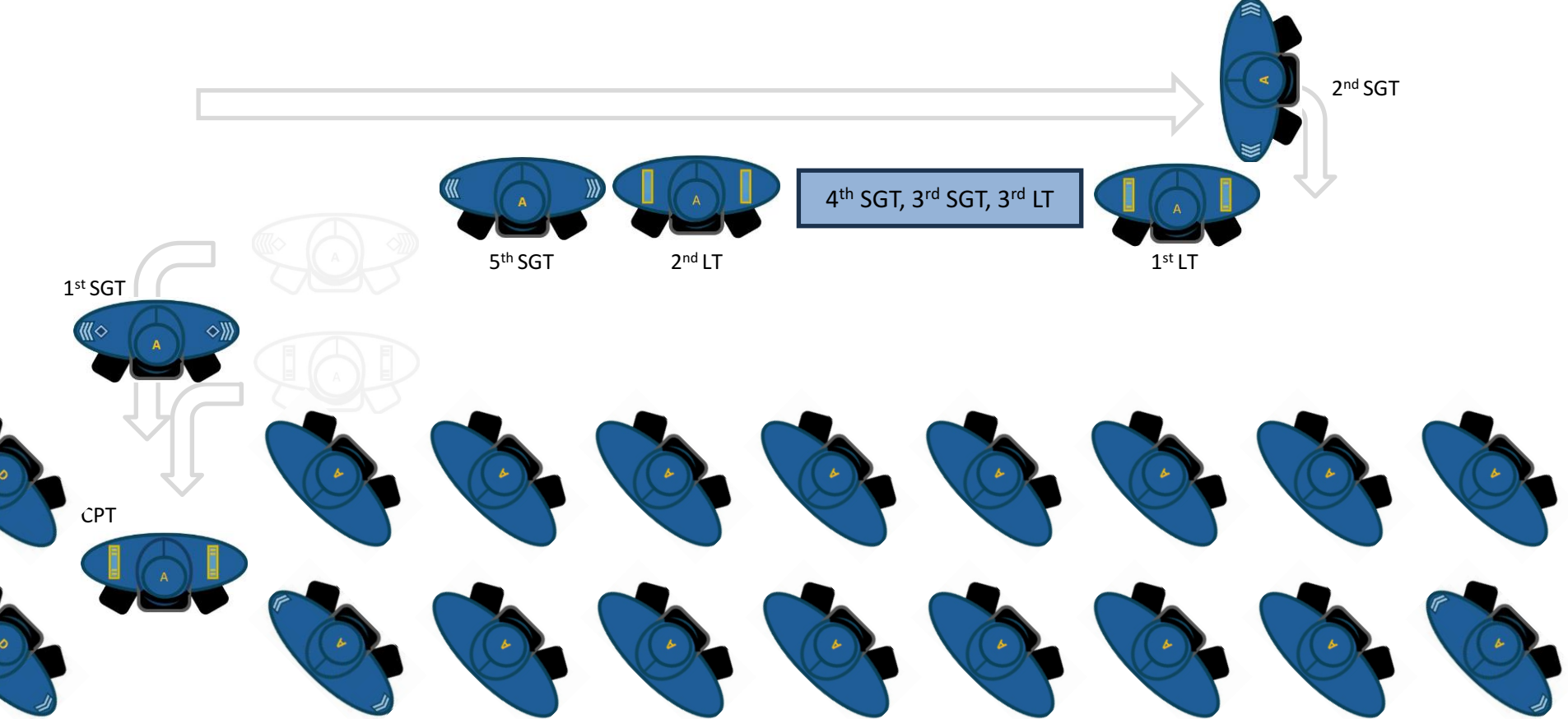




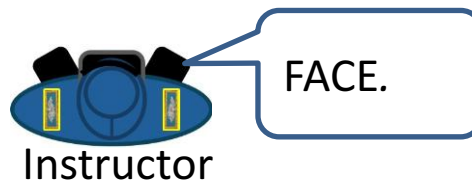
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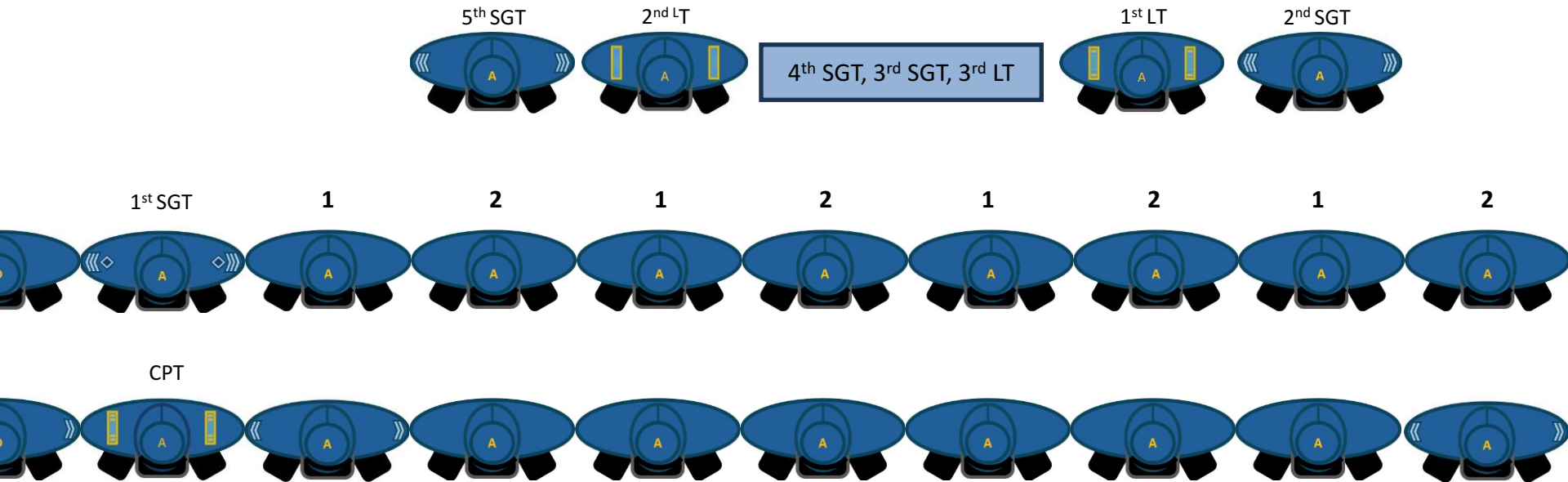
2. *Company.*
3. *About -*



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The Company Faced by the Front Rank



The Company is repositioned to Fire by the Front Rank.



Instructor

End of Lesson