



A SEMINAR ON CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

BY COMPANY INTO LINE

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School of the Company
Lesson Fourth, Article V
By Company, Into Line

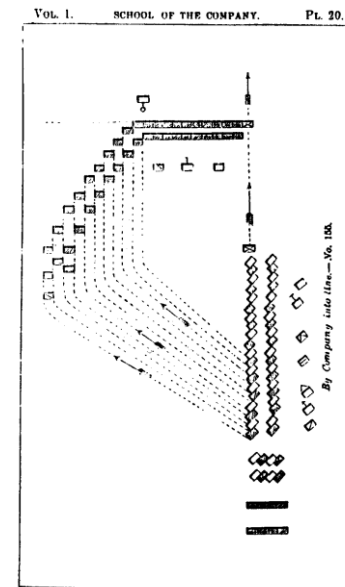
- 1. *By company, into line.* 2. MARCH.
- This maneuver is typically one of the most chaotic and confusing maneuvers that we perform. The instruction states:
 - **S.C. 156.** At the command march, the covering sergeant will continue to march straightforward; the men will advance the right shoulder take the double quick step, and move into line by the shortest route, taking care to undouble the files, and to come on the line one after the other.
- Many soldiers focus on the part of the instruction that states:
 - “take the double quick step, and move into line by the shortest route”.
- What they fail to observe is the part of the instruction that states:
 - “taking care to undouble the files, and to come on the line one after the other.”
- Focusing on the 1st phrase and ignoring the 2nd results in the chaos.
 - But it doesn’t need to be so confusing!
- They also fail to observe the part of the instruction regarding the condition when being faced about:
 - **S.C. 159.** If the company, marching either by the right or left flank, be faced about previous to forming line, the men will come into line by twos, and according to the means as above indicated, taking care to undouble files, the two front-rank men taking their places in the line at the same time, to be covered by their rear-rank men taking an oblique step.
- Like all maneuvers in this manual, there is a method to the madness.

Marching by the Flank

- When marching by flank, there are four possible ways the troops can be arranged:
 - Marching by the Right Flank
 - Marching by the Left Flank
 - Marching by the Right Flank and Faced About
 - Marching by the Left Flank and Faced About
- When marching by either the right or left flank
 - The ones and twos are not in proper battle-line alignment.
 - The two is closest to the Company Right Guide.
 - The men must undouble files and come online individually, so that the one is closest to the Company Right Guide
- When marching by either the right or left flank, AND faced about
 - The ones and twos are already in proper battle-line alignment.
 - The one is closest to the Company Right Guide
 - The men do not undouble files, rather they come online in pairs marching abreast
- Be aware of who is the guide!
 - Deploy to the left of the First Sergeant
 - Deploy to the right of the Second Sergeant

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- If you look carefully at the diagram in Casey's (PL 20), you can see indications of the progression of steps to come online.
- The Company marching by the Flank (in a column of fours)
 - The covering sergeant continues straight forward maintaining cadence and step
 - The soldiers of the Front Rank
 - Go to Double Quick time
 - March at the Oblique
 - Quickly undouble files
 - Oblique to the front once he has reached his interval
 - Successively come online and take the step from the guide
 - Each Rear rank man will follow the lead of their file partner, "but without endeavoring to arrive in line at the same time with the latter".
 - This will enable the front rank to come online and regain their alignment without getting mixed in with overzealous rear rank soldiers.
- The method to come online in two's is not illustrated in the manual
 - I have created those illustrations here.
 - Note the phrase "the two front-rank men taking their places in the line at the same time"



S.C. 155. The company being in march by the right flank, the instructor will order the captain to form it into line; the captain will immediately command:

1. By company, into line. 2. MARCH.

S.C. 156. At the command march, the covering sergeant will continue to march straightforward; the men will advance the right shoulder take the double quick step, and move into line by the shortest route, taking care to undouble the files, and to come on the line one after the other.

S.C. 157. As the front-rank men successively arrive in line with the covering sergeant, they will take from him the step, and then turn their eyes to the front.

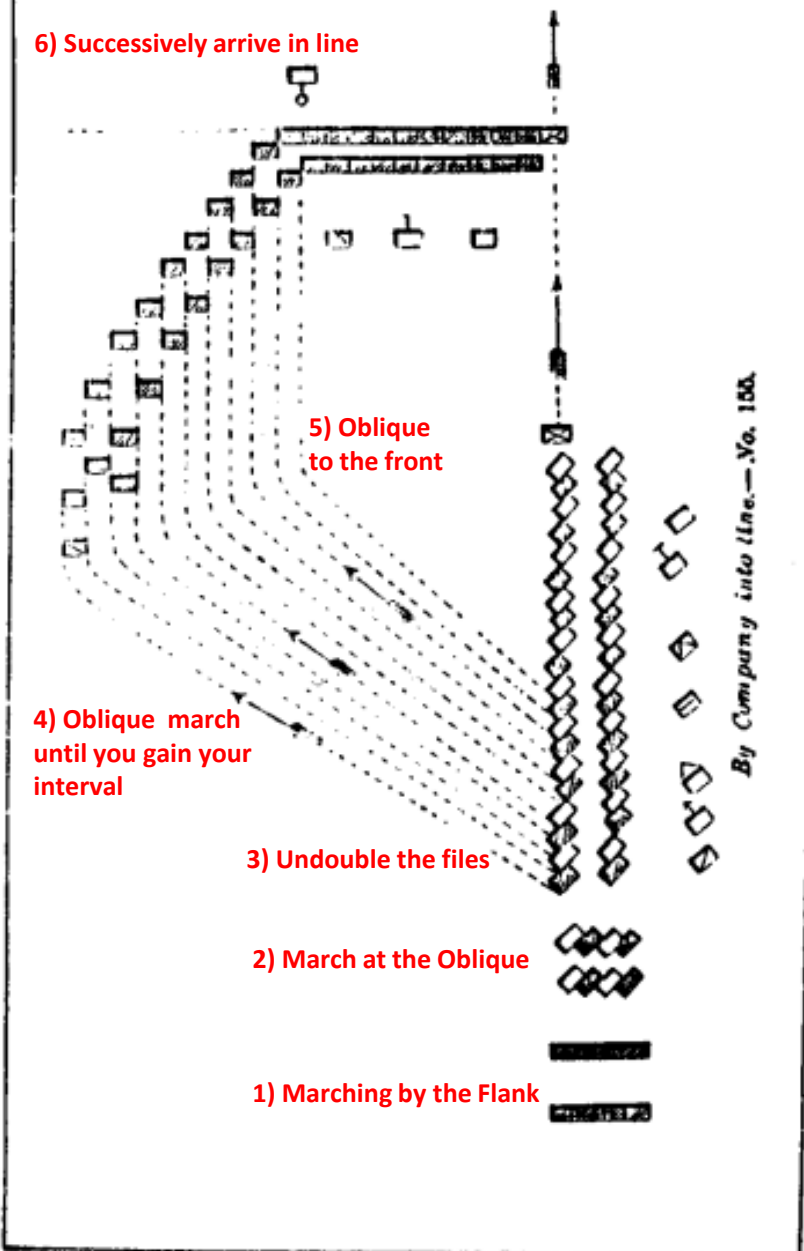
S.C. 158. The men of the rear-rank will conform to the movements of their respective file leaders, but without endeavoring to arrive in line at the same time with the latter.

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S.C. 160. At the instant the movement begins, the captain will face to his company in order to follow up the execution; and, as soon as the company is formed, he will command, guide left, place himself two paces before the centre, face to the front, and take the step of the company.

S.C. 161. At the command guide left, the second sergeant will promptly place himself in the front-rank, on the left, to serve as guide, and the covering sergeant who is on the opposite flank will remain there.

S.C. 162. When the company marches by the left flank, this movement will be executed by the same commands, and according to the same principles; the company being formed, the captain will command guide right, and place himself in front of his company as above; the covering sergeant who is on the right of the front-rank will serve as guide, and the second sergeant placed on the left flank will remain there.



Details for Doubling can be found in the lesson titled:

“Facings & Flanking – Doubling And Undoubling”

Relevant for this lesson are the sections that illustrate:

- A Company faced to the Company Front and then marching by the Company Right/Left Flank
- A Company faced to the Company Rear and then marching by the Company Right/Left Flank

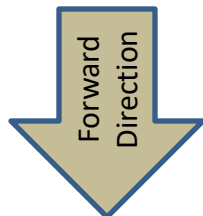
By Company, Into Line

**THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES START
WITH THE COMPANY FACED TO THE
COMPANY FRONT**

By Company, Into Line

**COMPANY FACED TO THE COMPANY FRONT
MARCHING BY THE COMPANY RIGHT FLANK**

NOTE: When faced to the Company Front, the men-in-the-rear are the Company Rear Rank.



Cpt

If Halted: *Right FACE*
If Marching: *By the right flank, MARCH*

Key

R1 = Rear Rank 1

R2 = Rear Rank 2

F1 = Front Rank 1

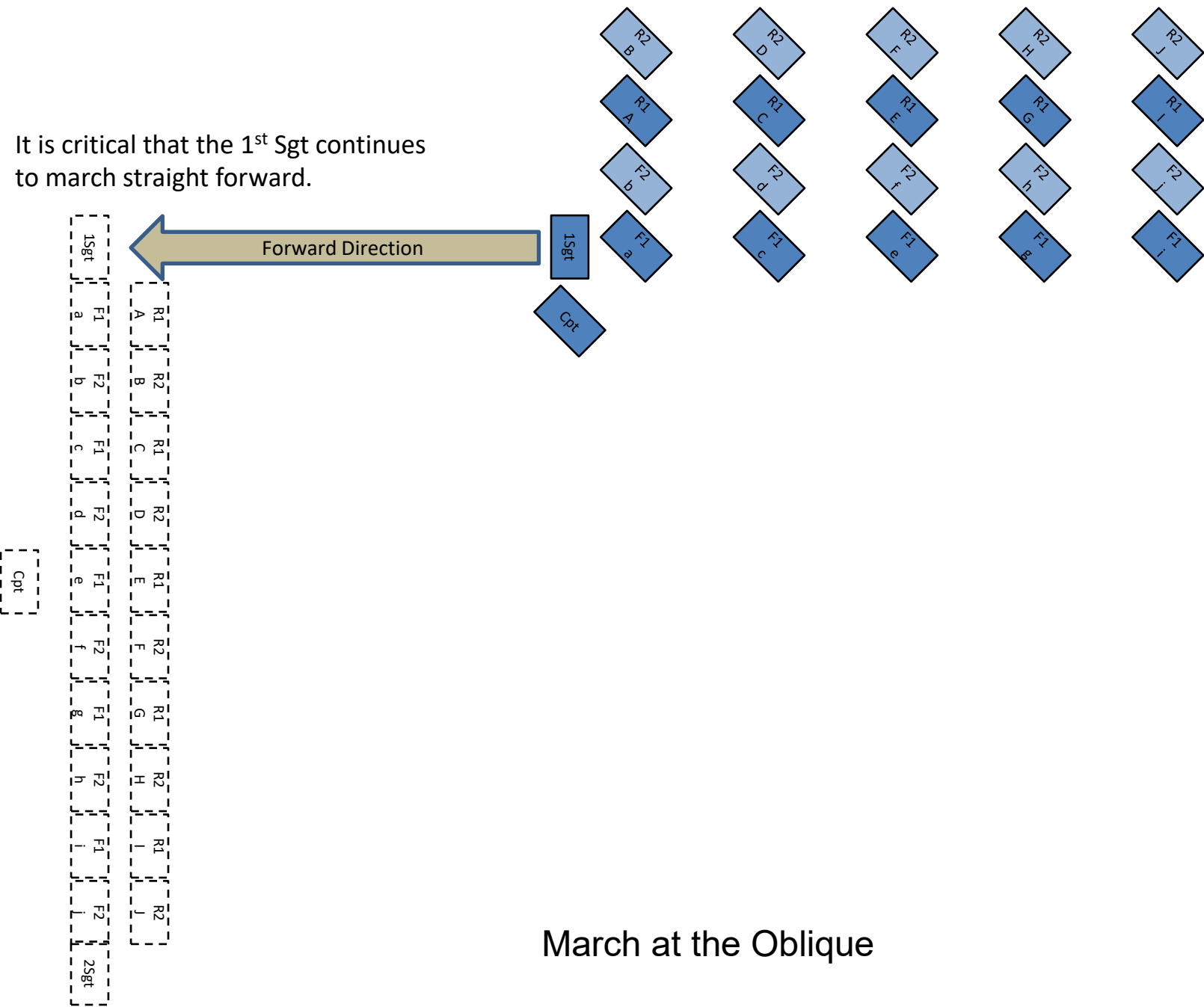
F2 = Front Rank 2

a, b, c, ..., j = Front Rank File Intervals

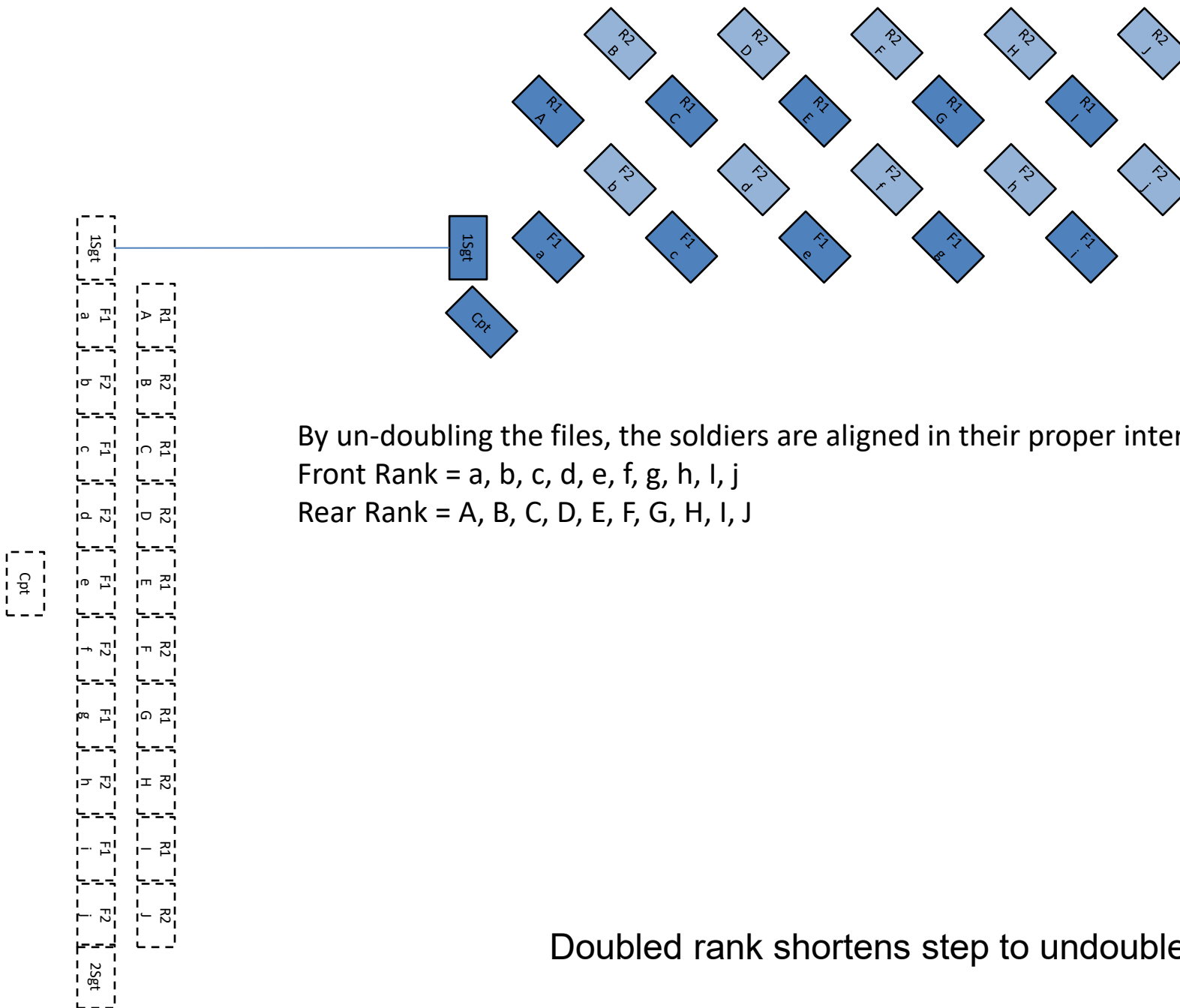
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Company formed
Faced to the Company Front

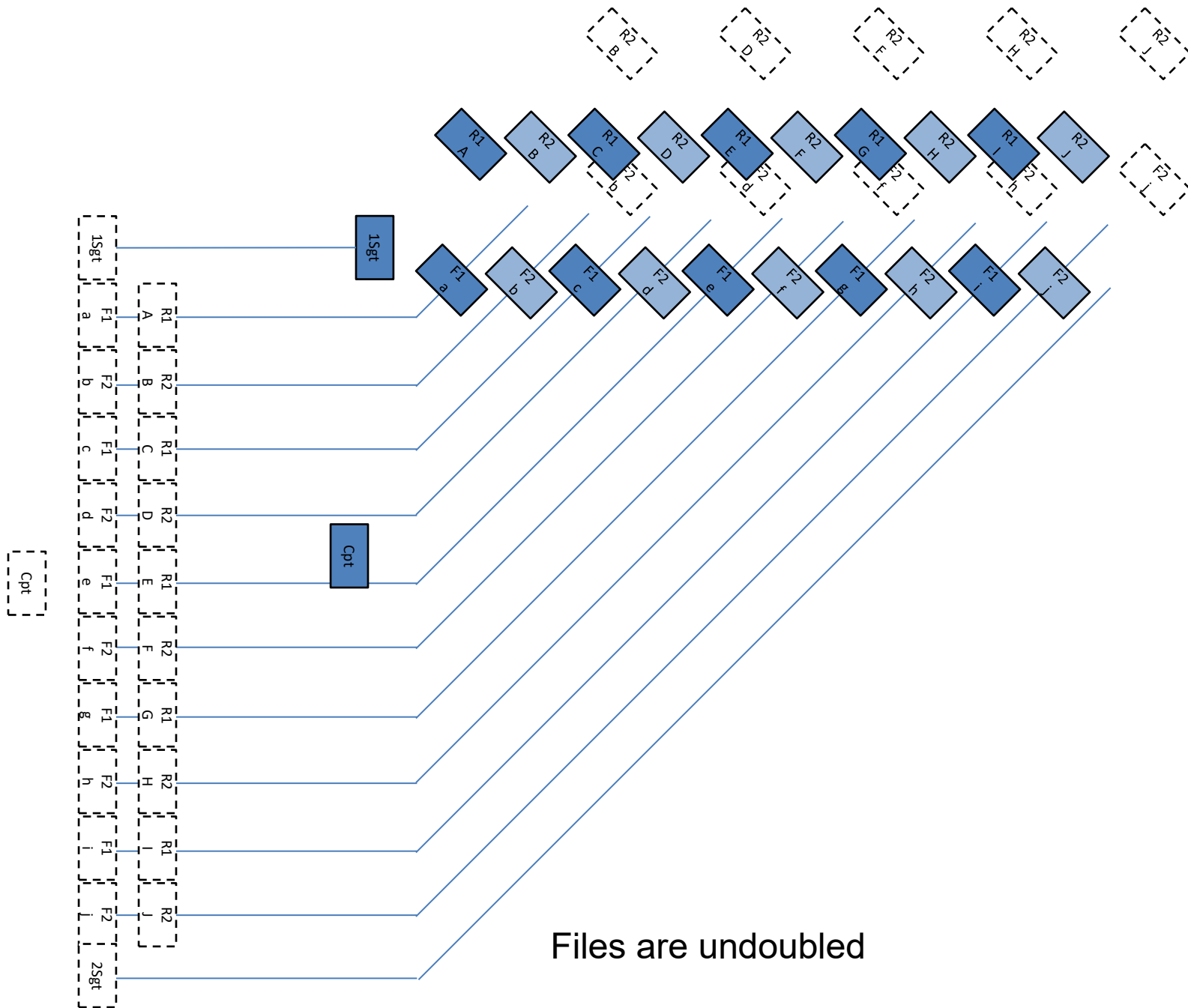
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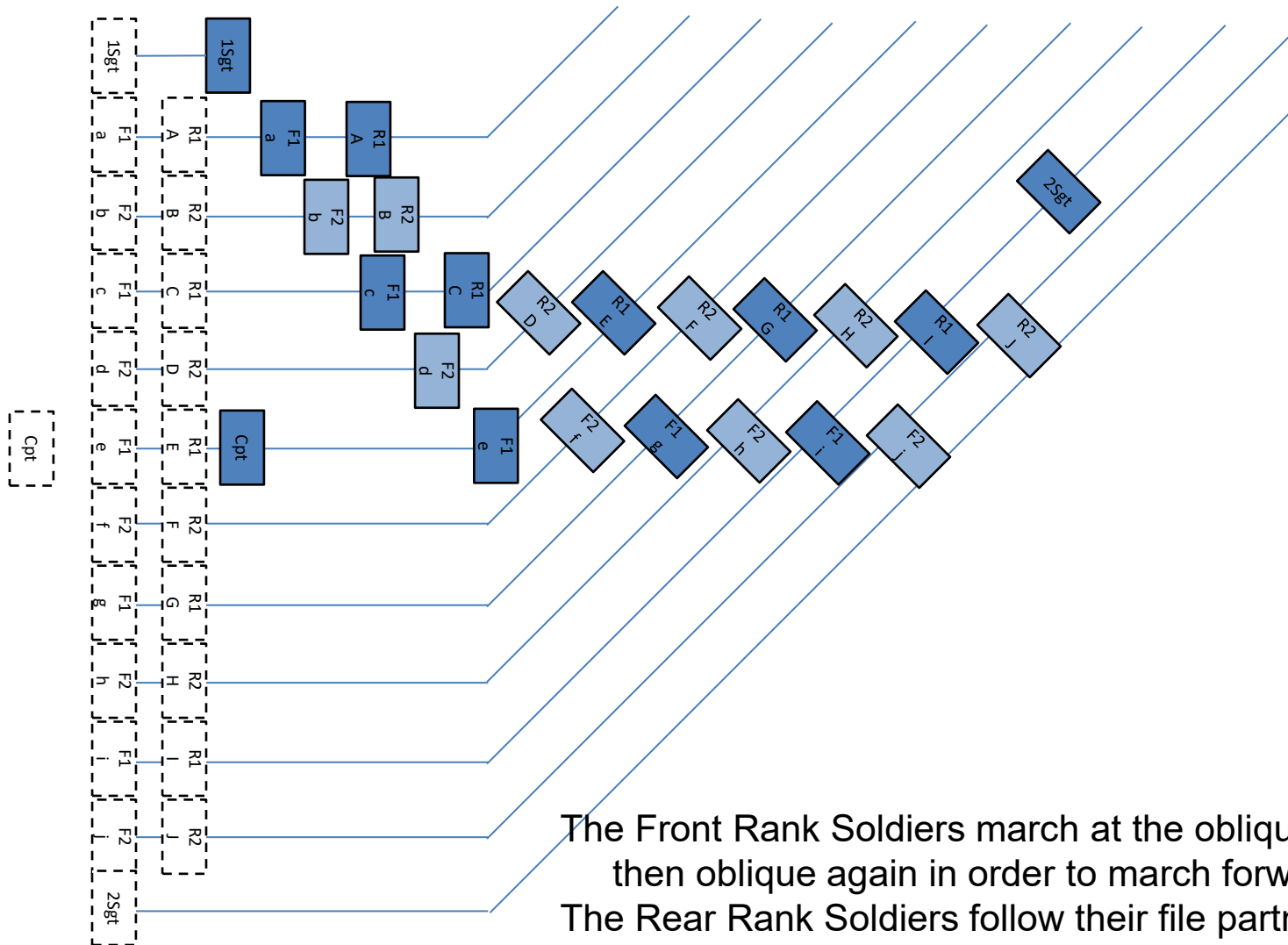


March at the Oblique

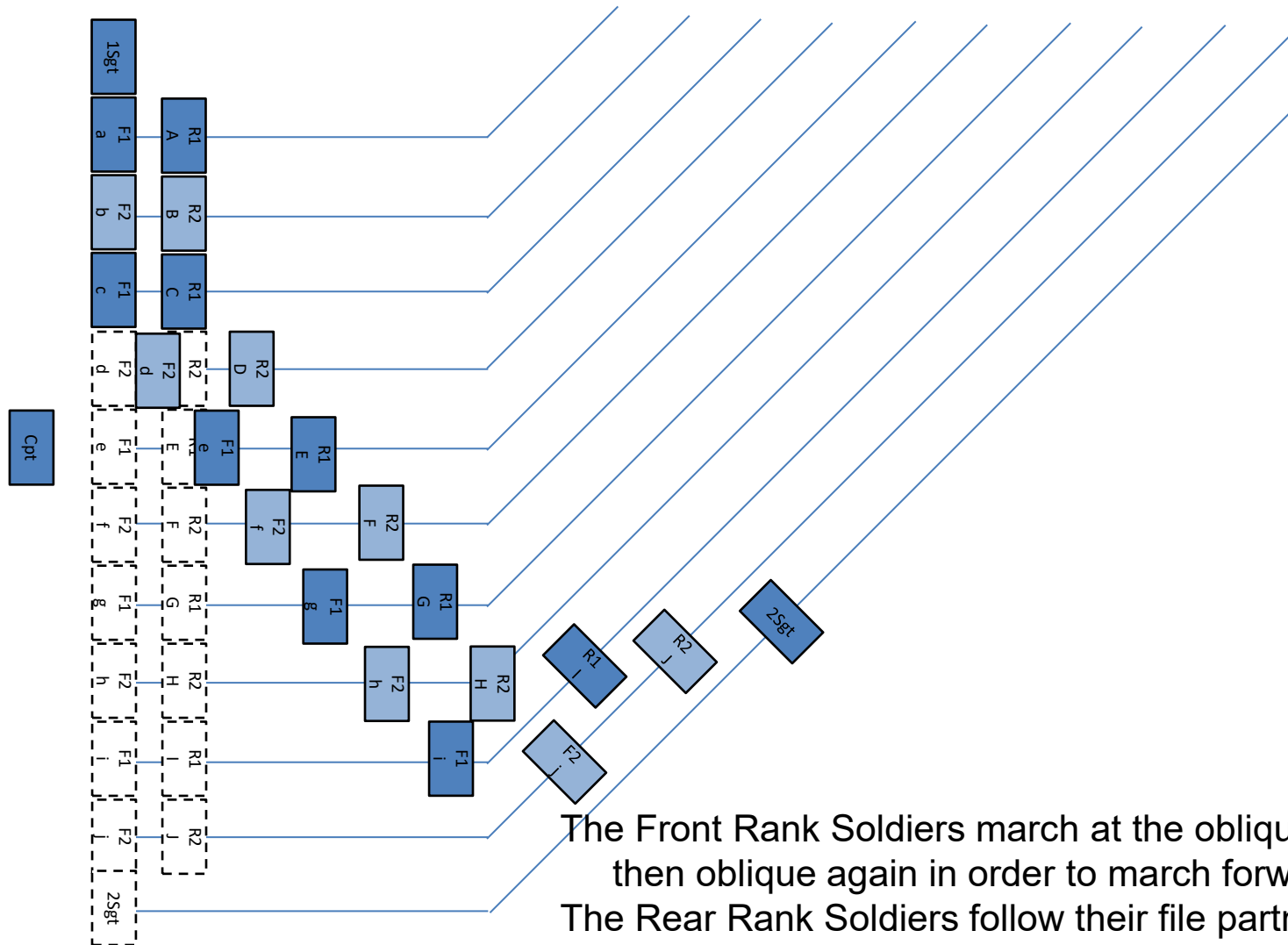


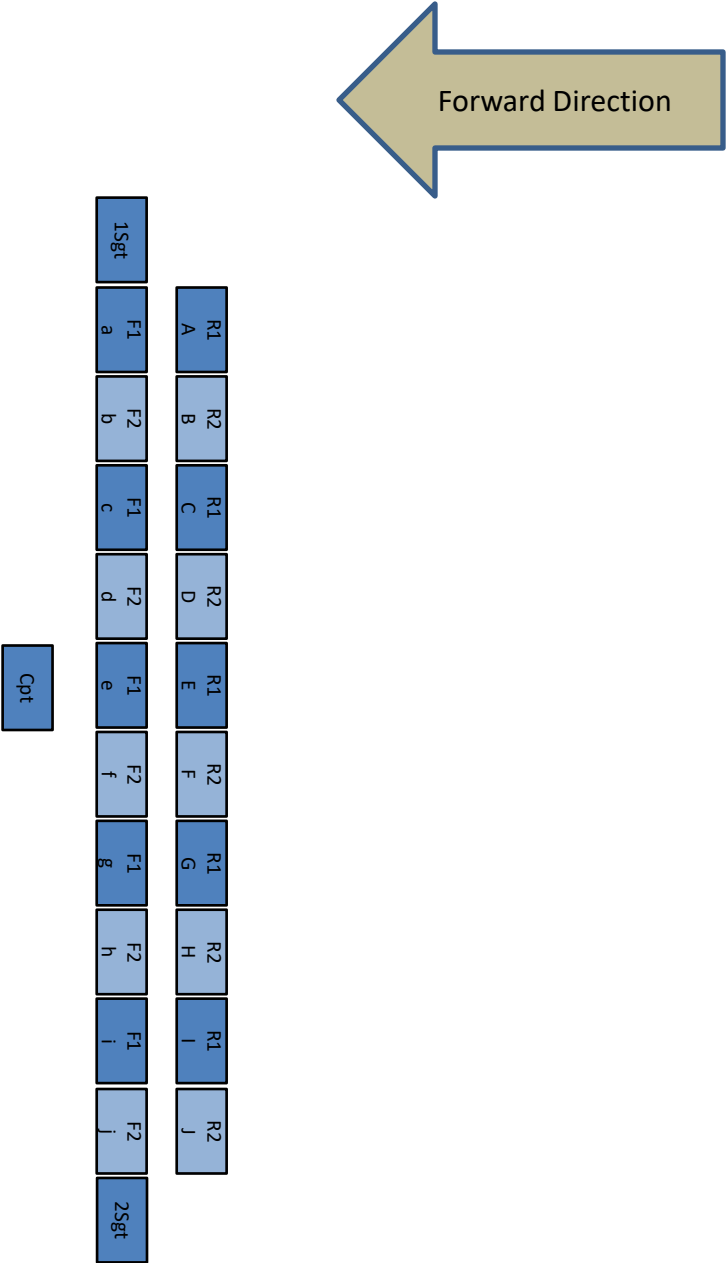
Doubled rank shortens step to undouble the files





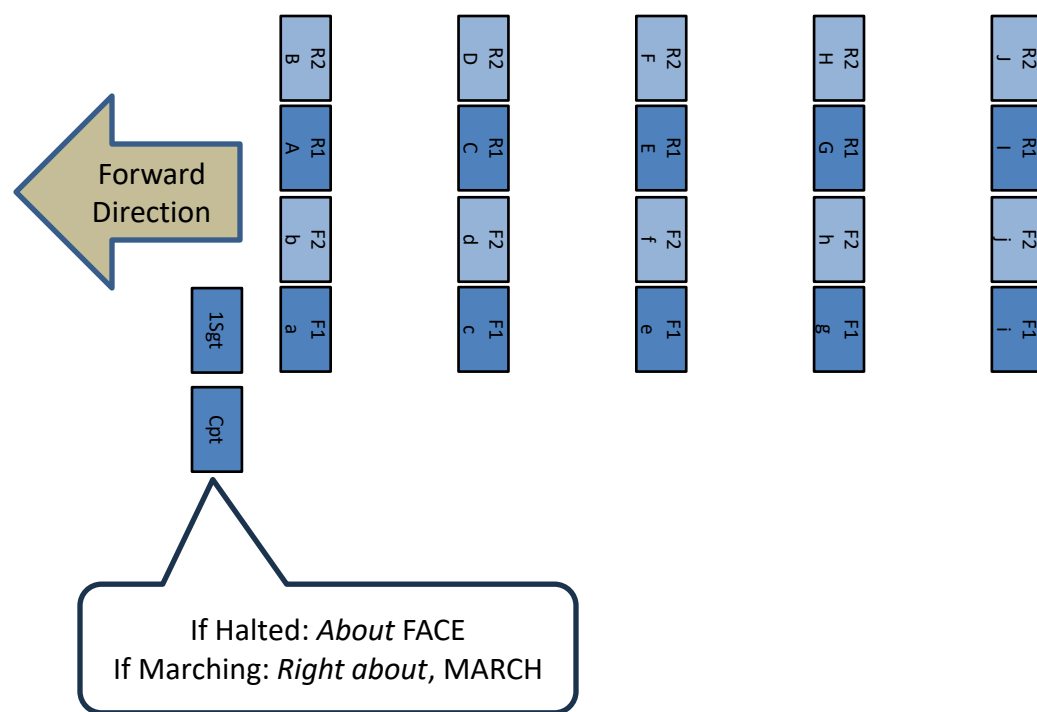
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then oblique again in order to march forward into line
The Rear Rank Soldiers follow their file partner



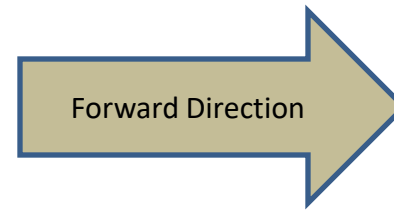
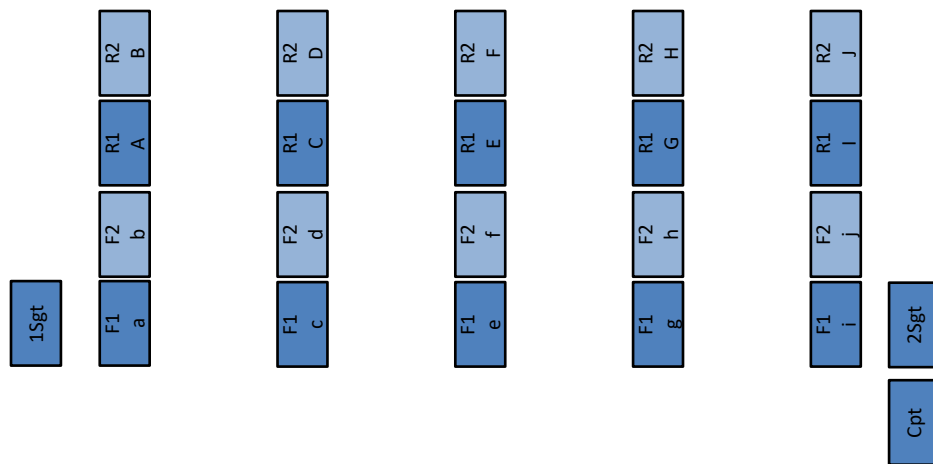


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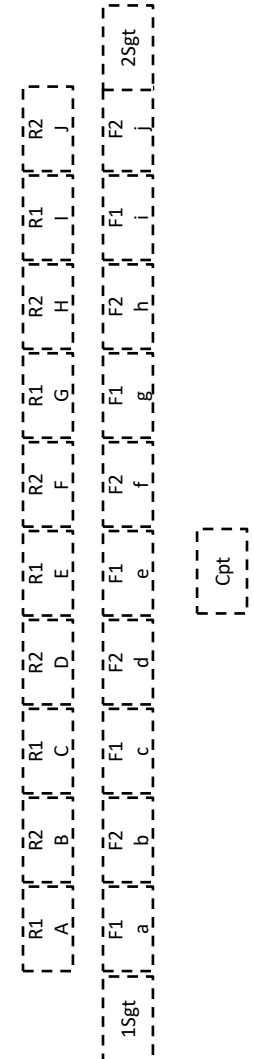
**COMPANY FACED TO THE COMPANY FRONT
MARCHING BY THE COMPANY RIGHT FLANK
&
FACED ABOUT**



Company faced to the Company Front
Marching by the Company Right Flank



*By company, into line.
MARCH.*



When faced about, the soldiers are already paired in their proper intervals, but in reverse order (i.e. the tail-end of the alphabet is leading the march)

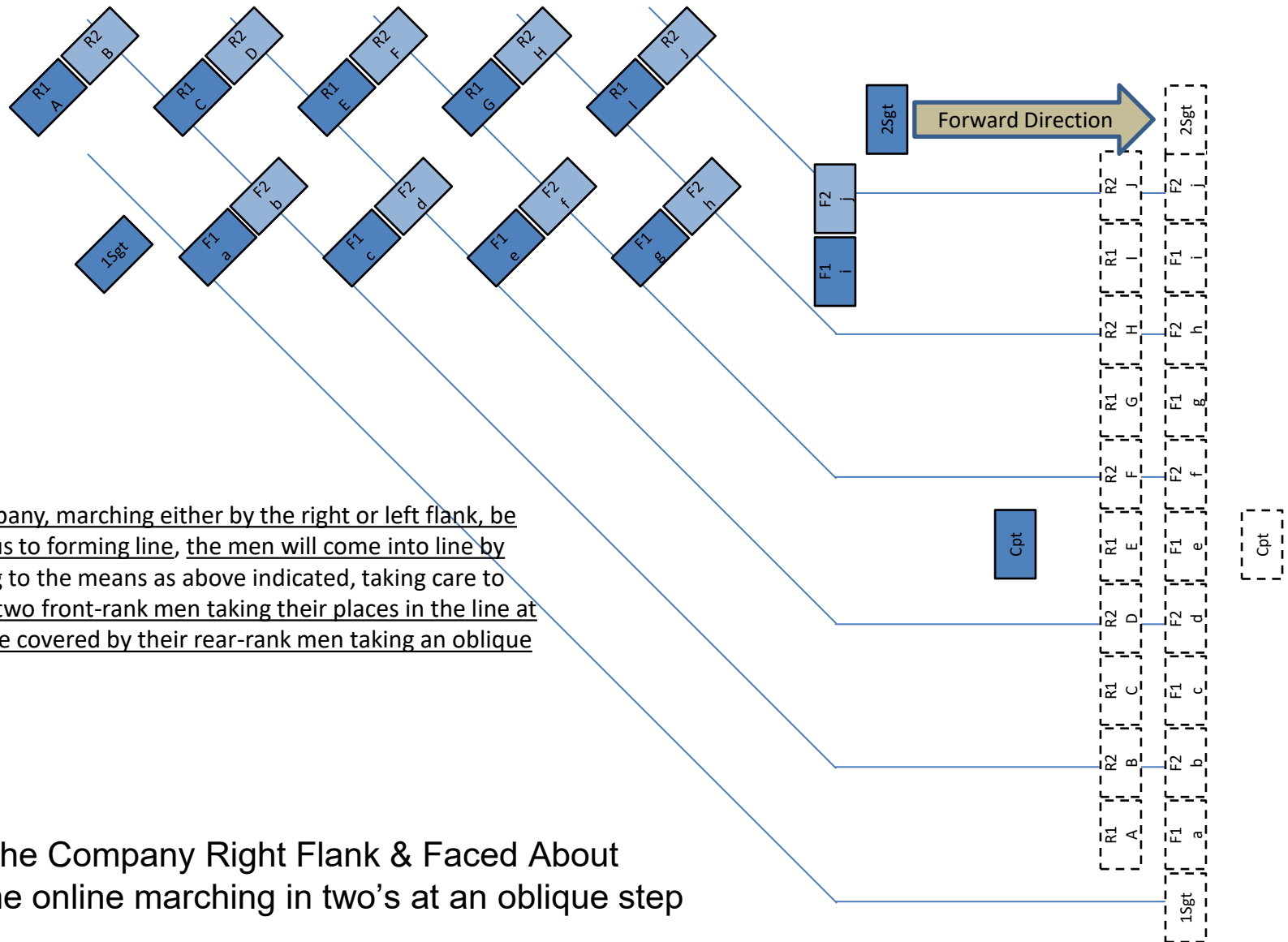
Front Rank = i-j, g-h, e-f, c-d, a-b

Rear Rank = I-J, G-H, E-F, C-D, A-B

Company faced to the Company Front
Marching by the Company Right Flank & Faced About

The Second Sergeant is the Guide

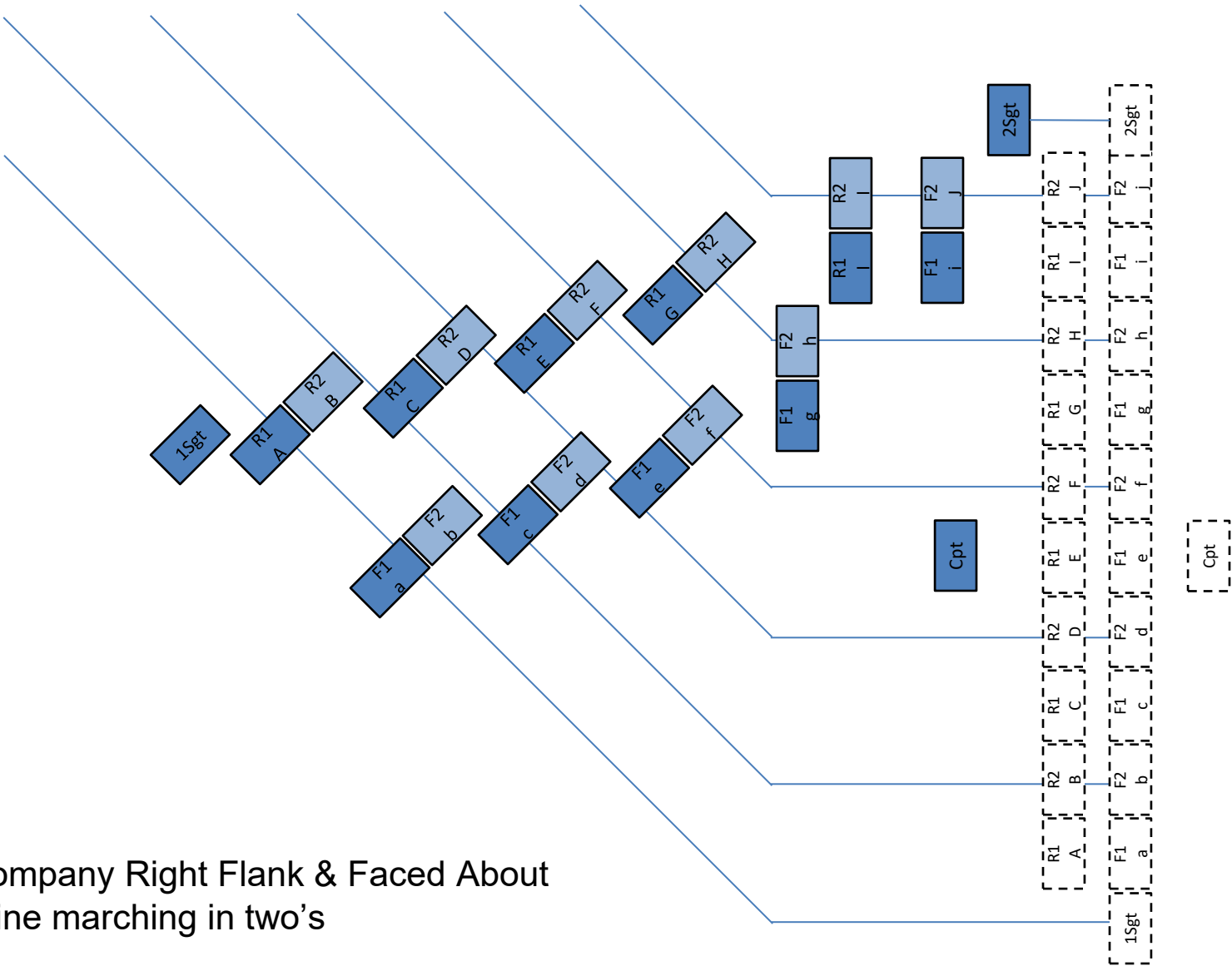
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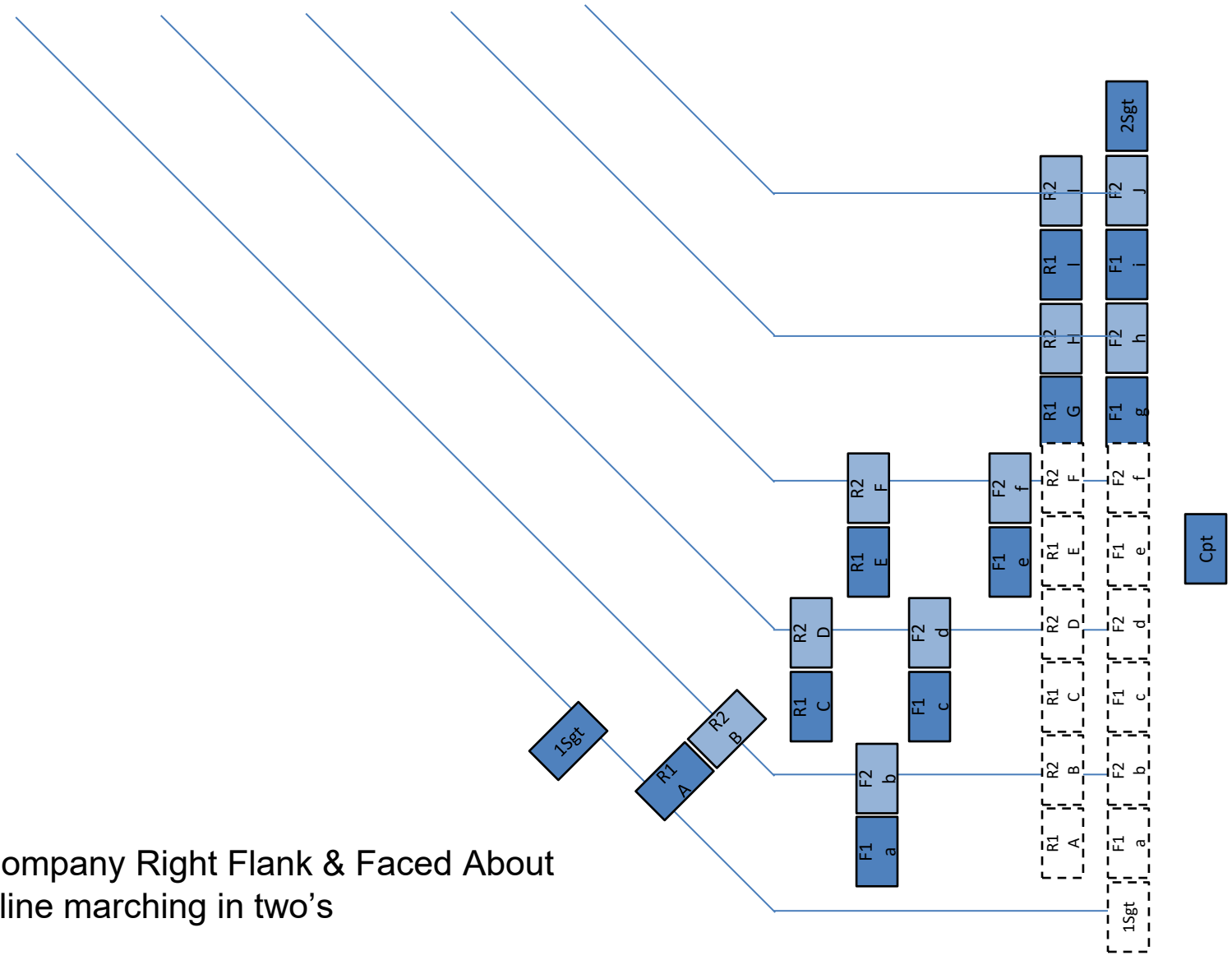
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Marching by the Company Right Flank & Faced About
The men come online marching in two's at an oblique step

Marching by the Company Right Flank & Faced About
 The men come online marching in two's



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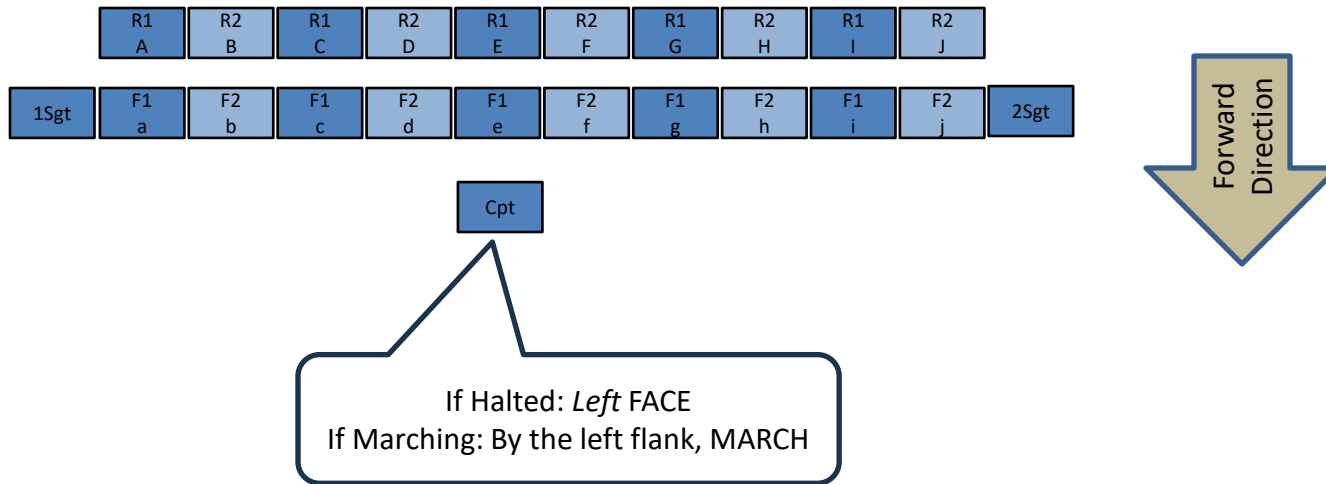


1Sgt	R1 A	R2 B	R1 C	R2 D	R1 E	R2 F	R1 G	R2 H	R1 I	R2 J	2Sgt
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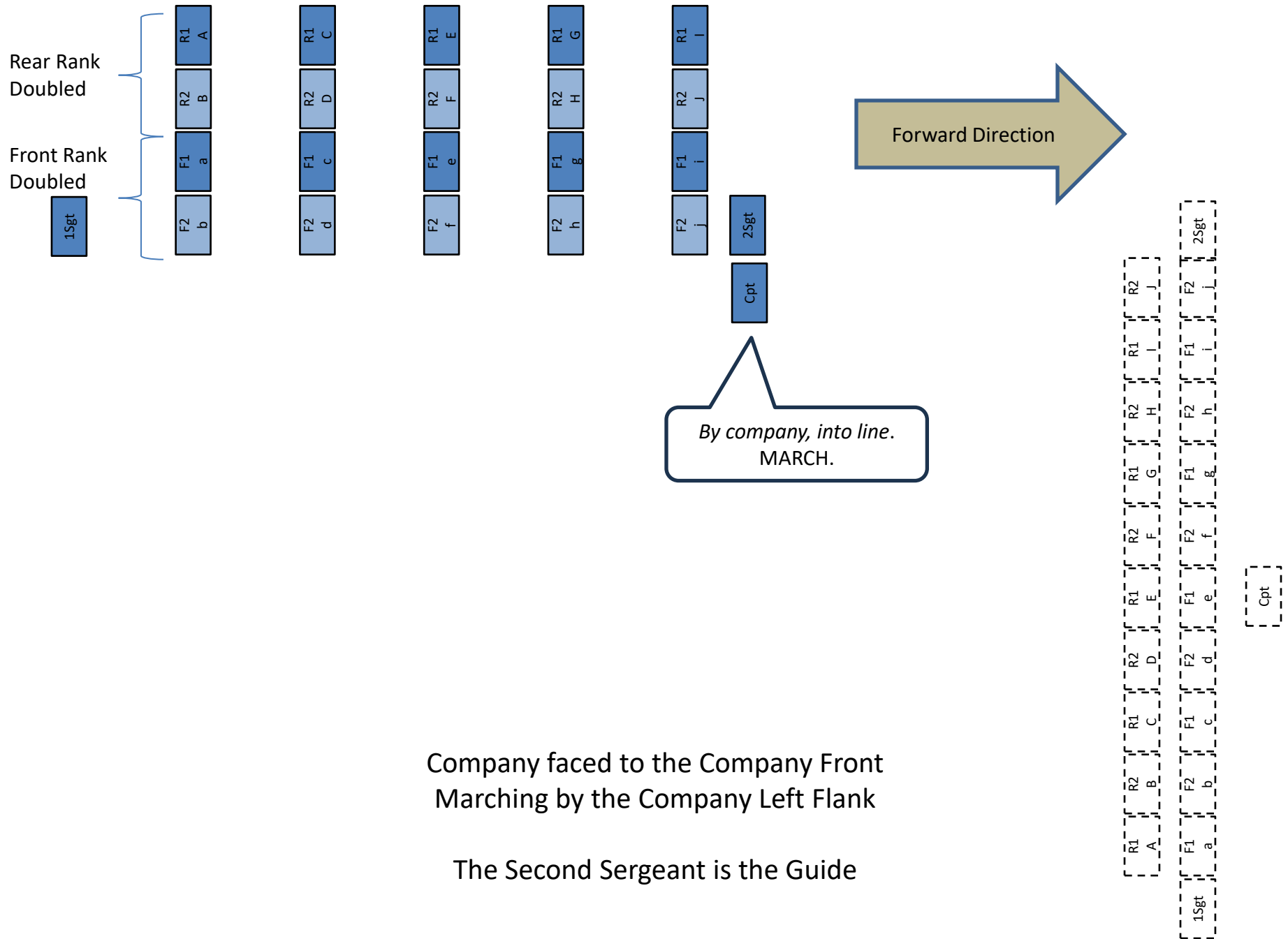
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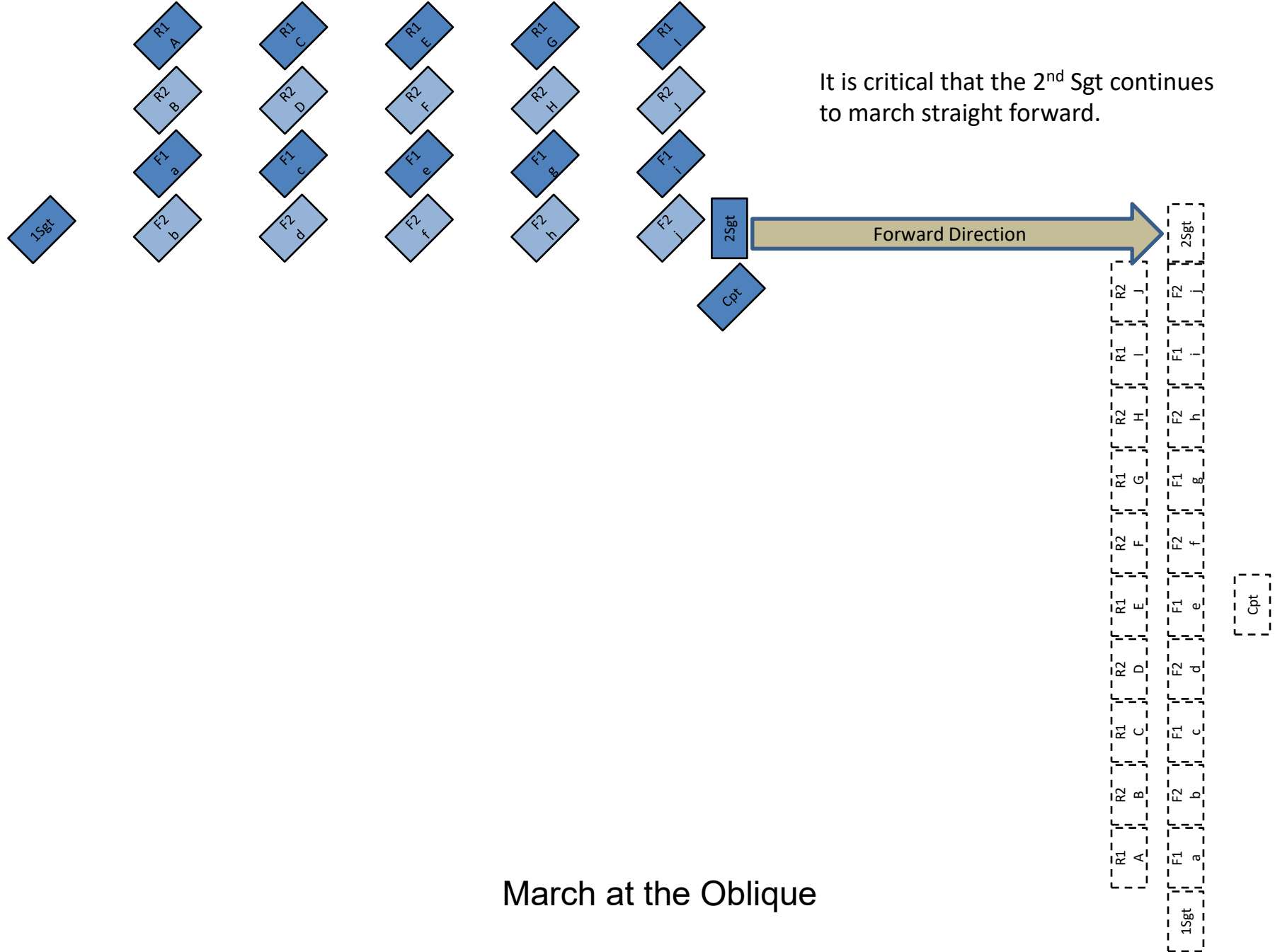
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MARCHING BY THE LEFT FLANK**

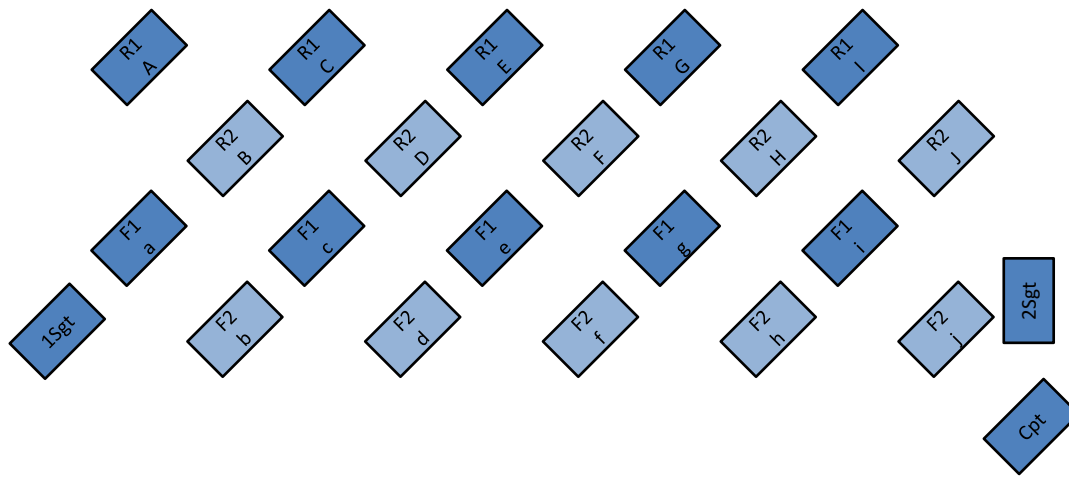
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Company formed
Faced to the Company Front



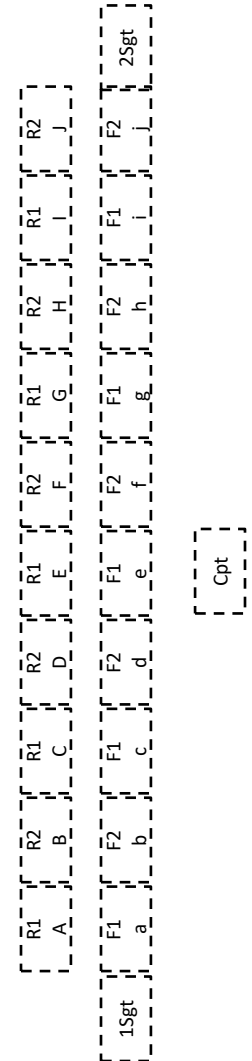




By un-doubling the files, the soldiers are aligned in their proper intervals, but in reverse order:

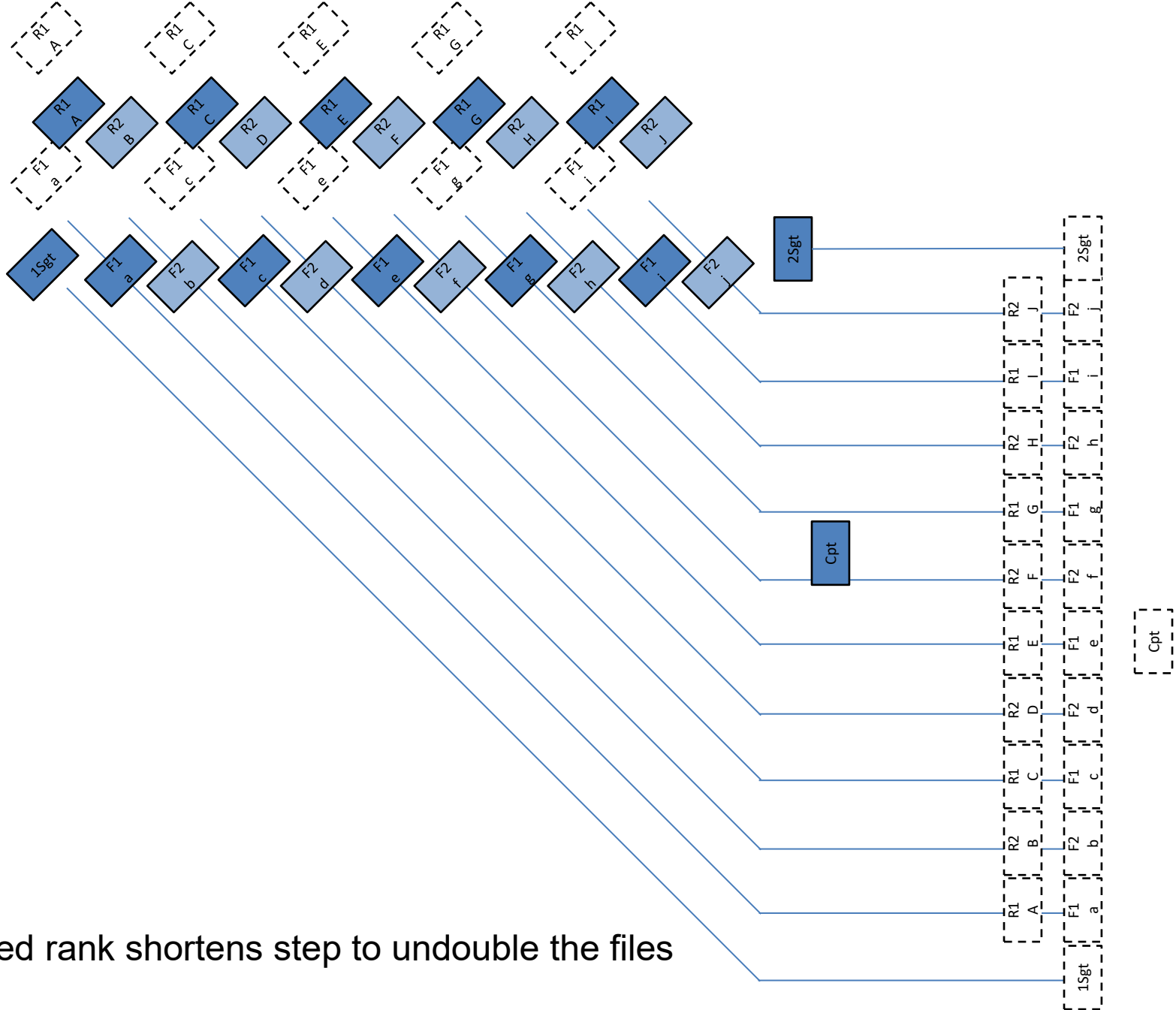
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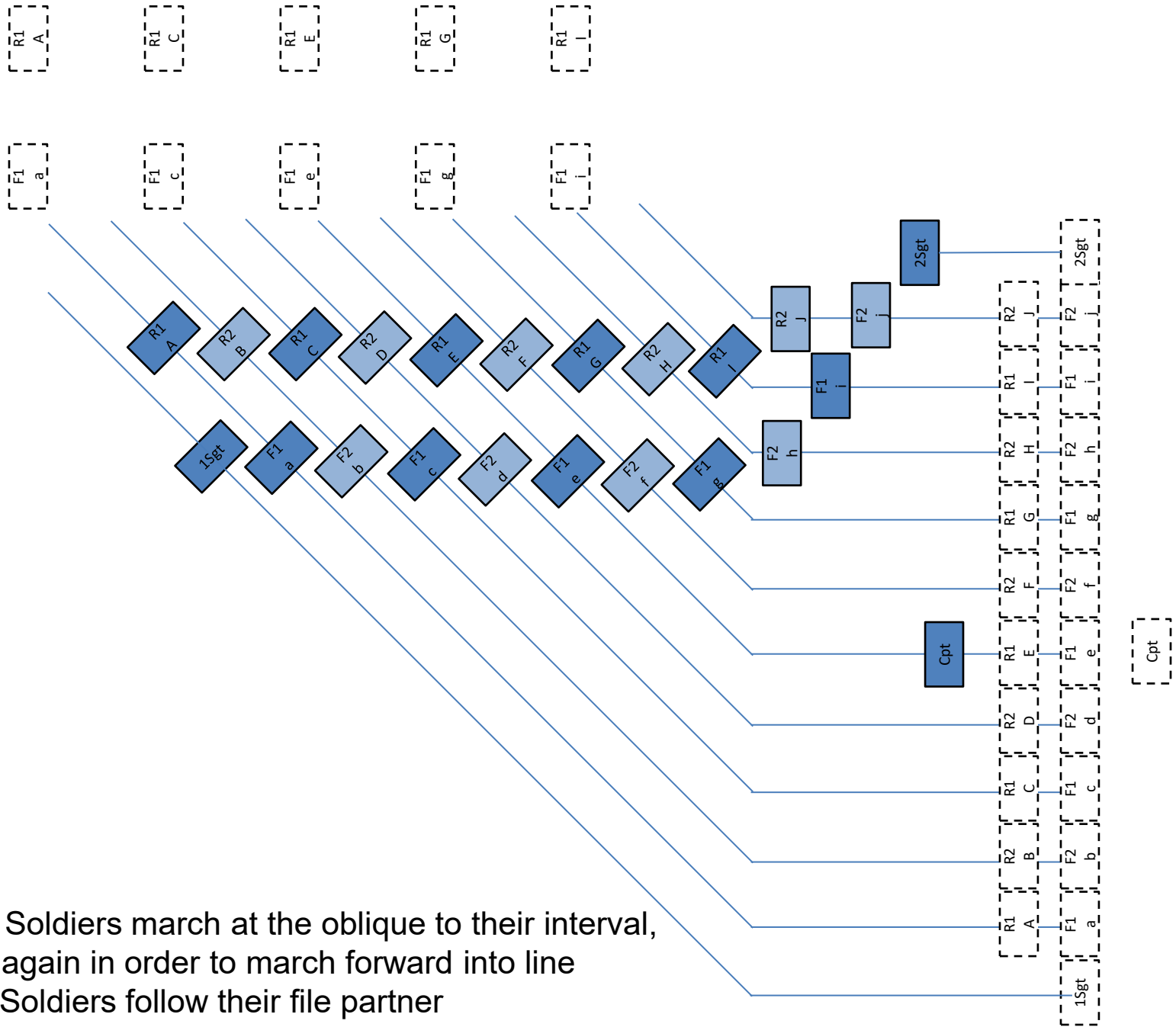
Rear Rank = J, I, H, G, F, E, D, C, B, A



Doubled rank shortens step to undouble the files

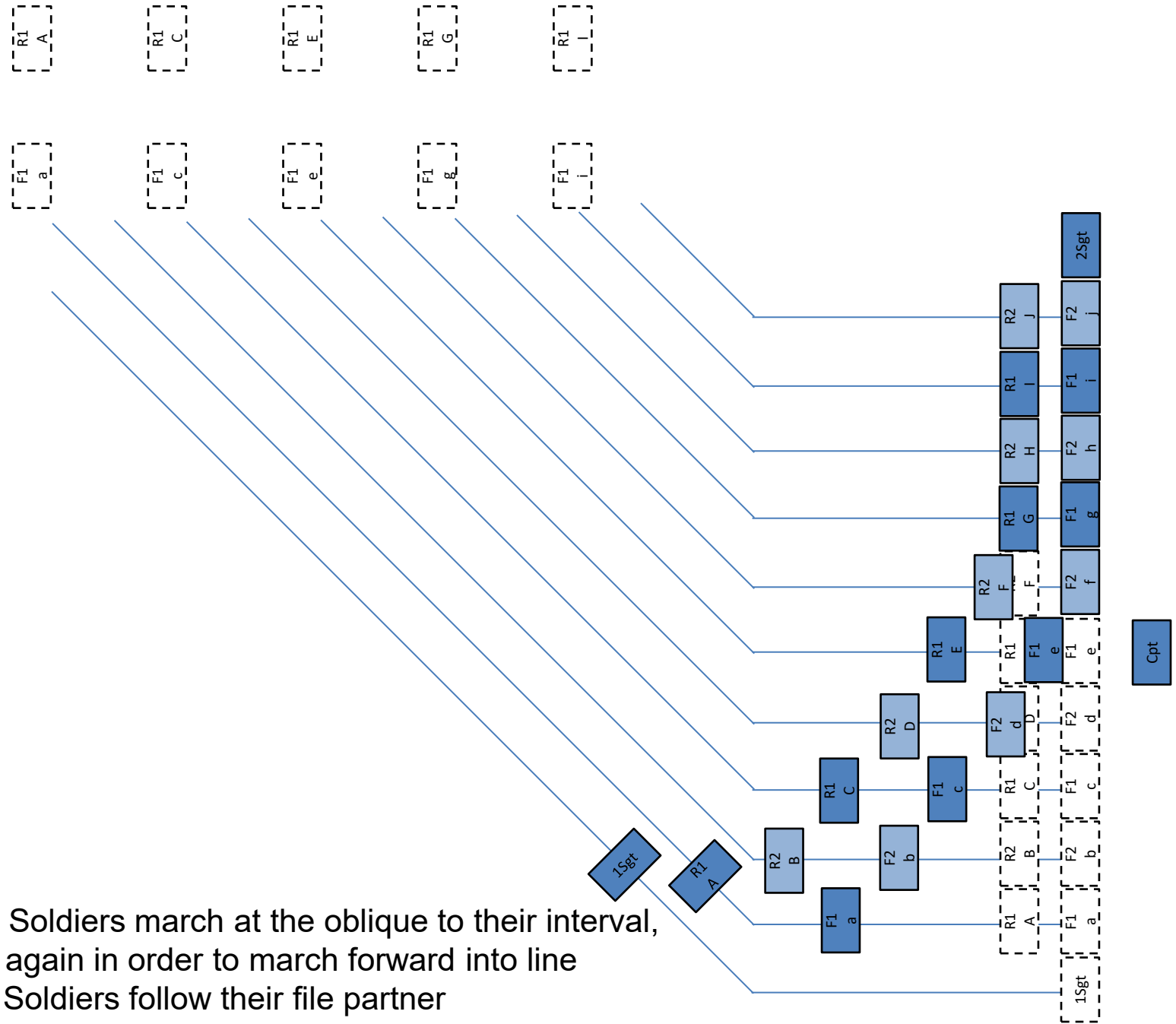
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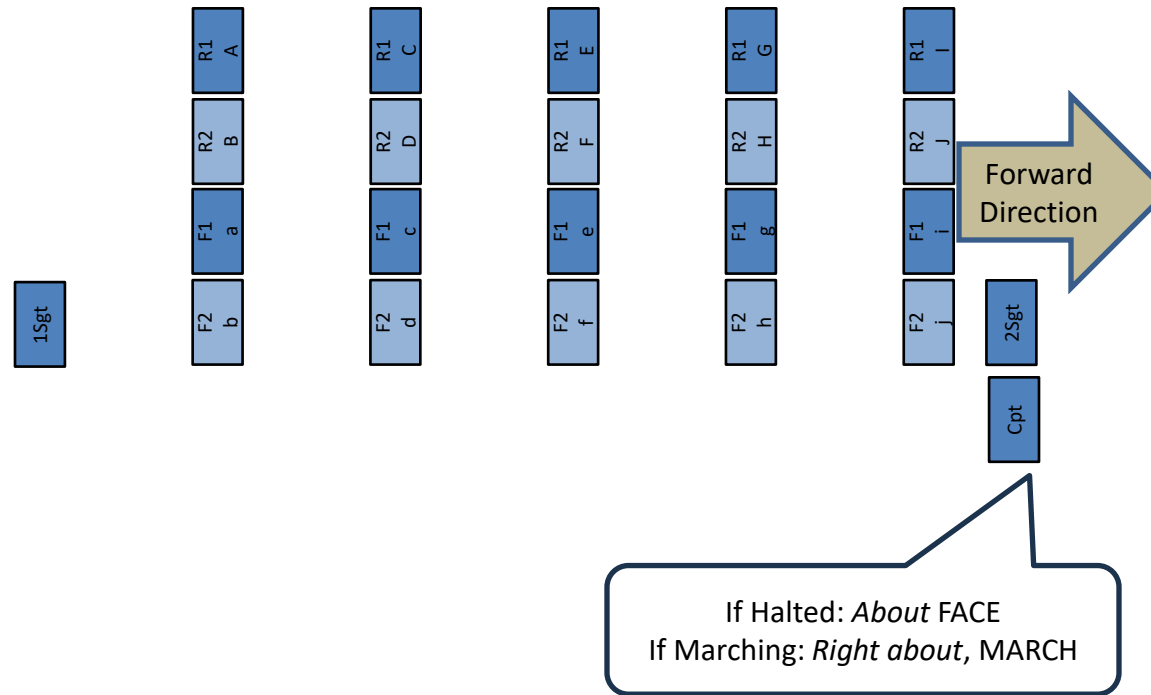




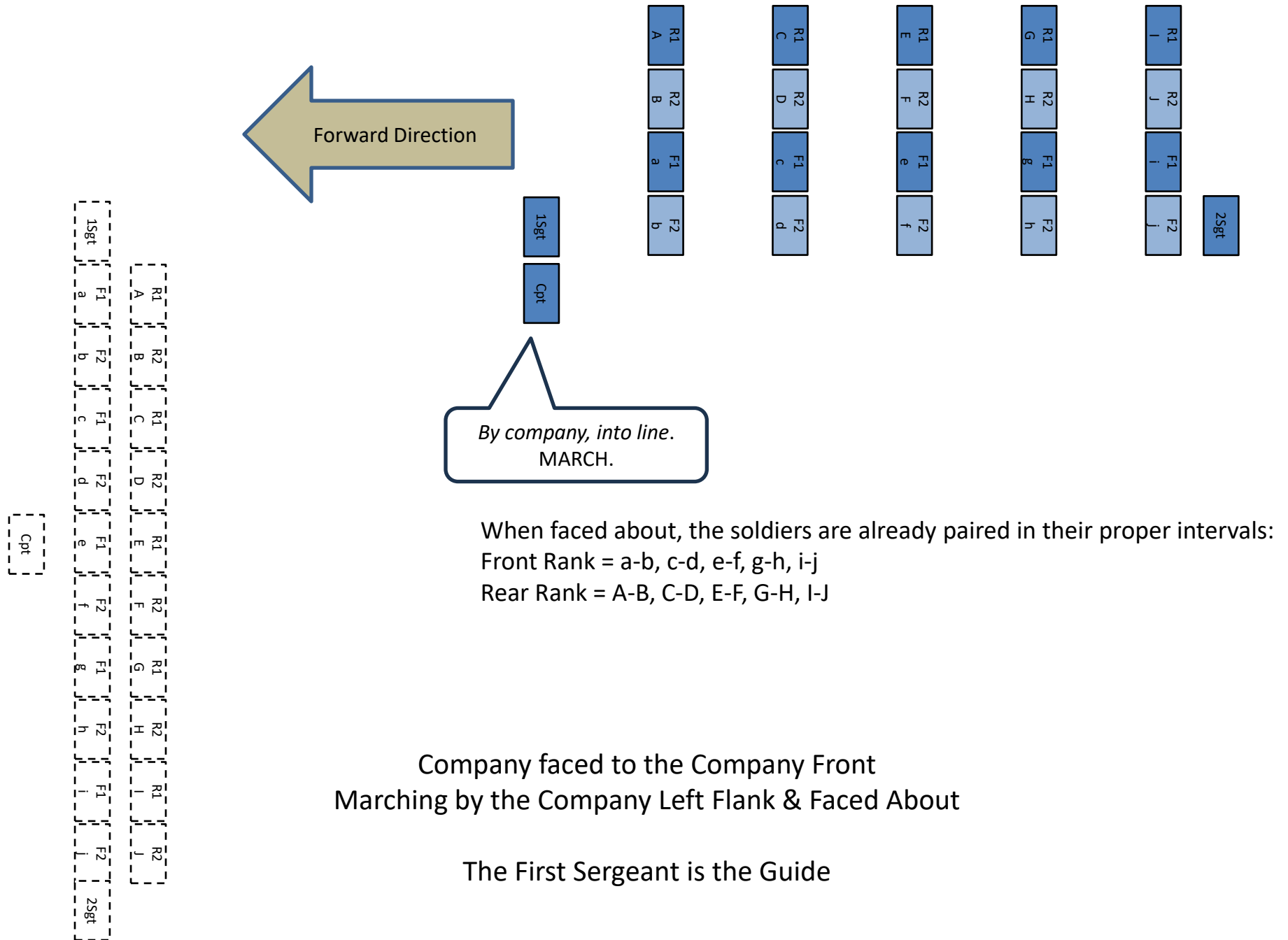
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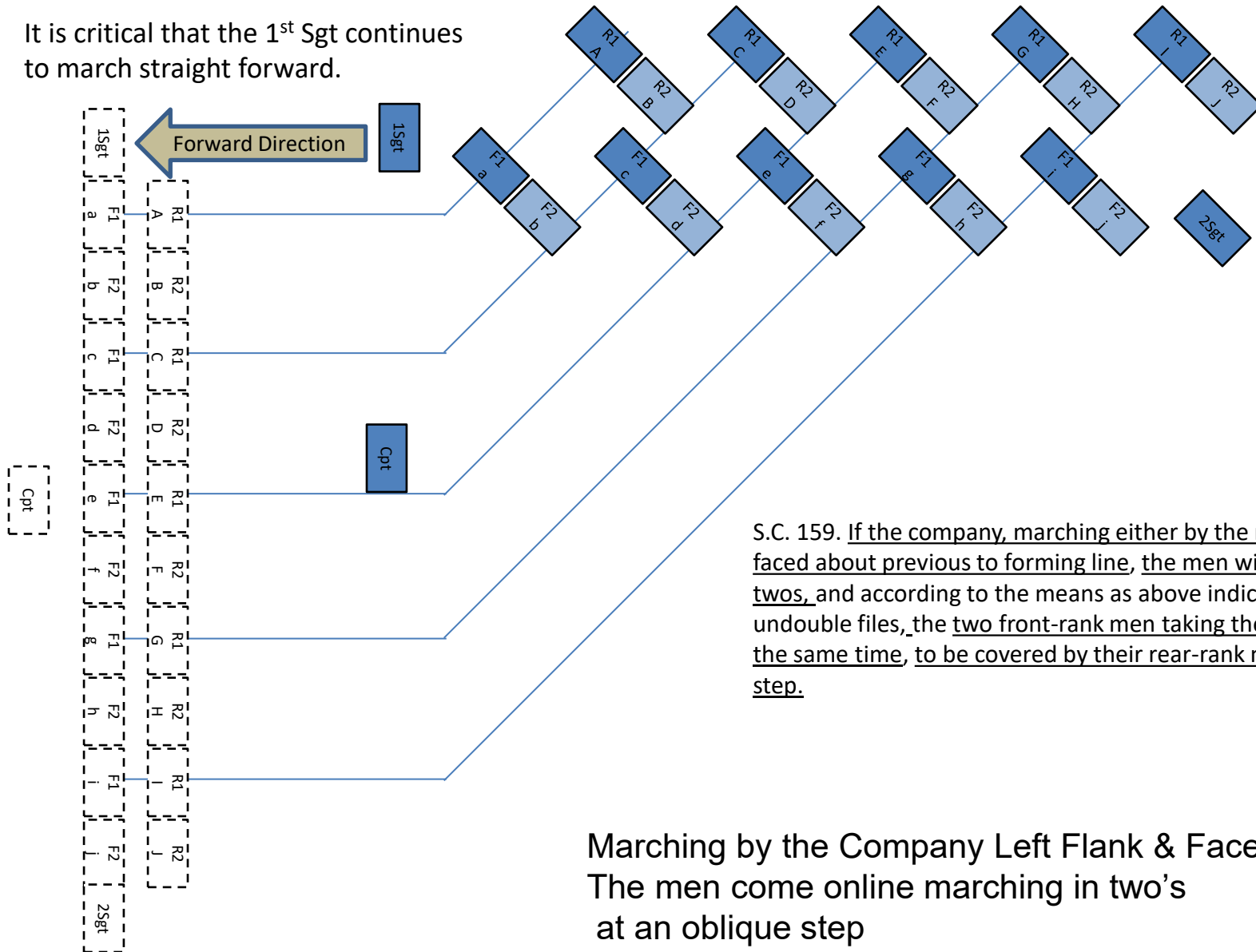
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Company faced to the Company Front
 Marching by the Company Left Flank

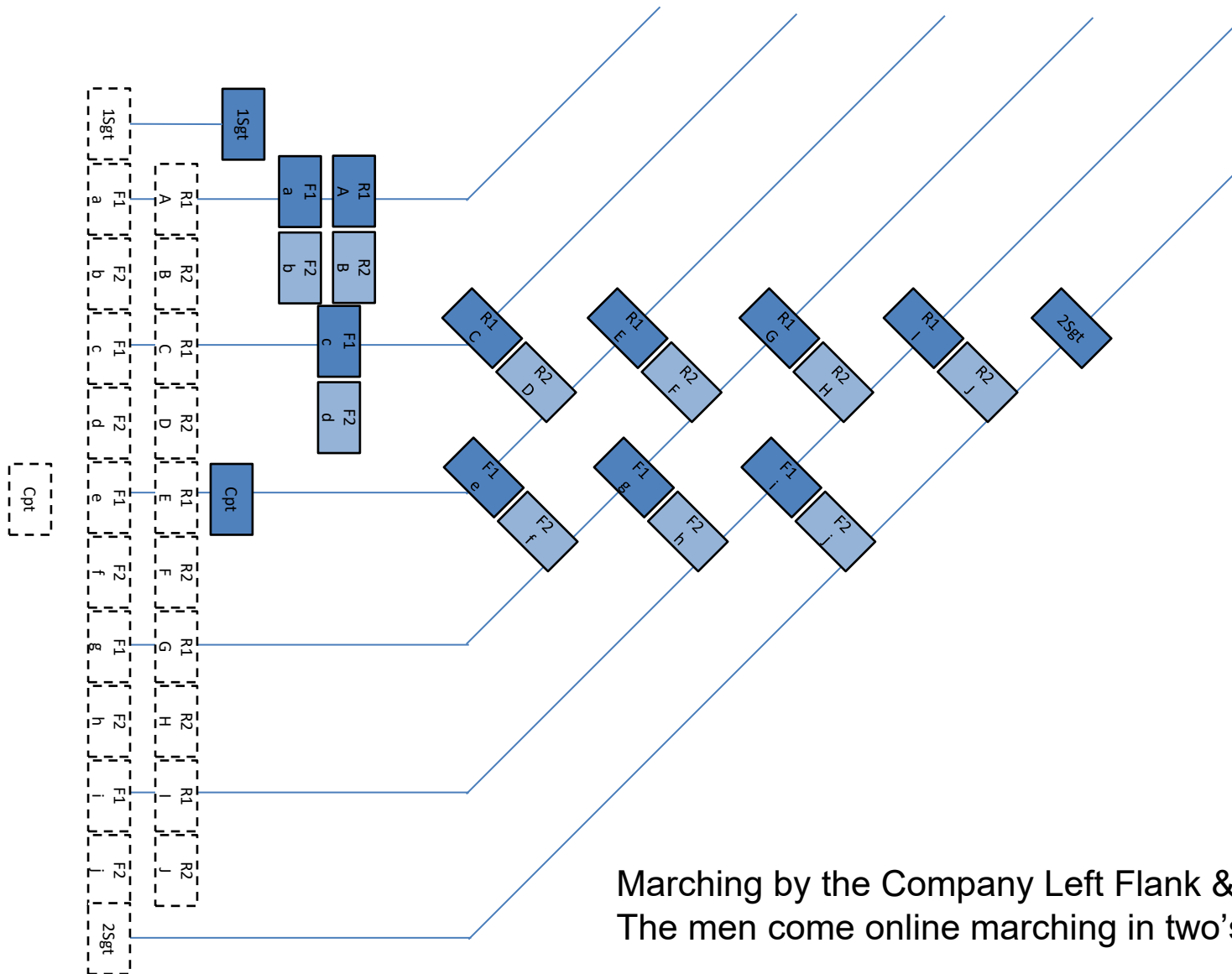


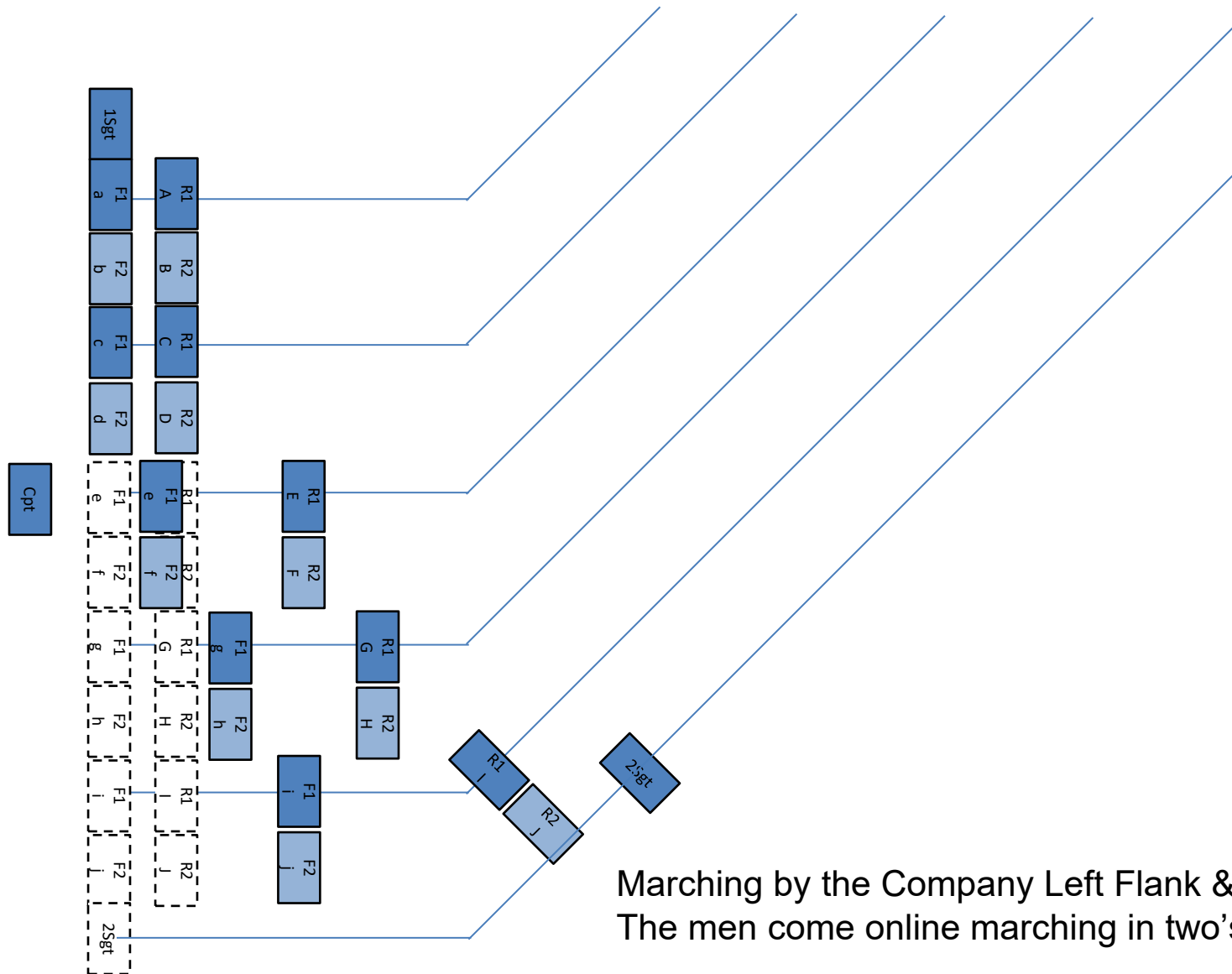
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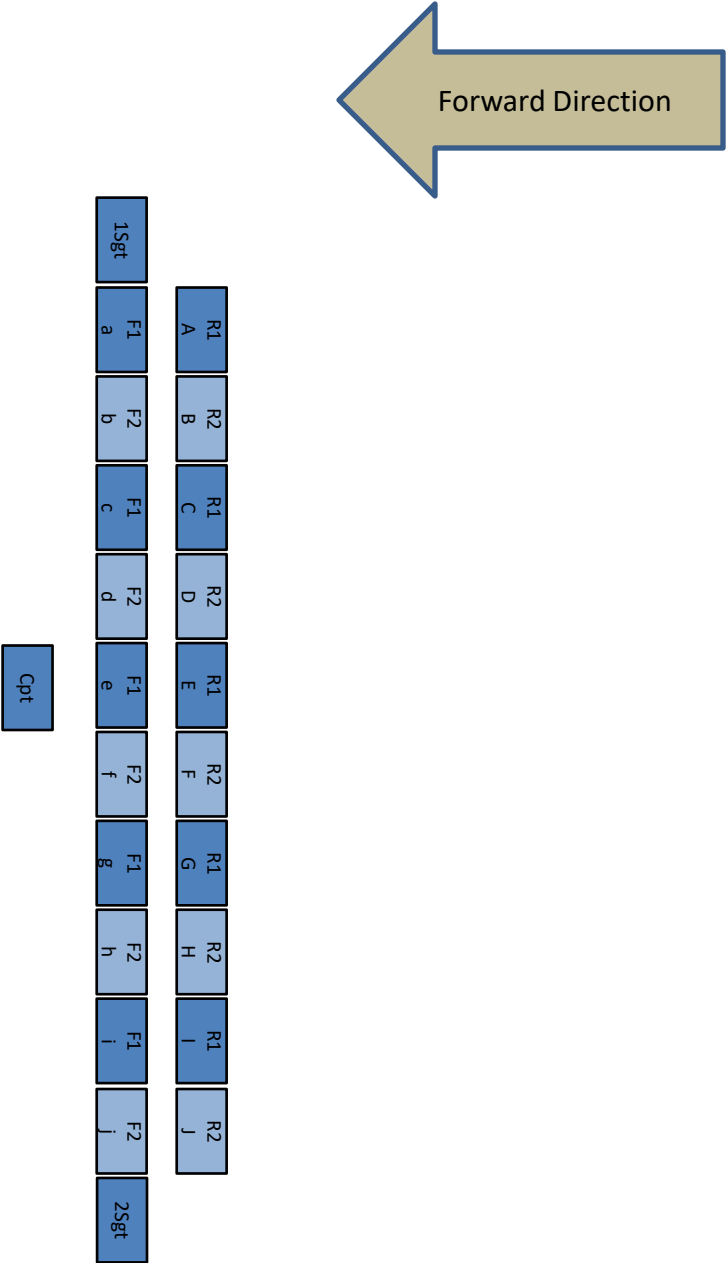
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Marching by the Company Left Flank & Faced About
The men come online marching in two's
at an oblique step





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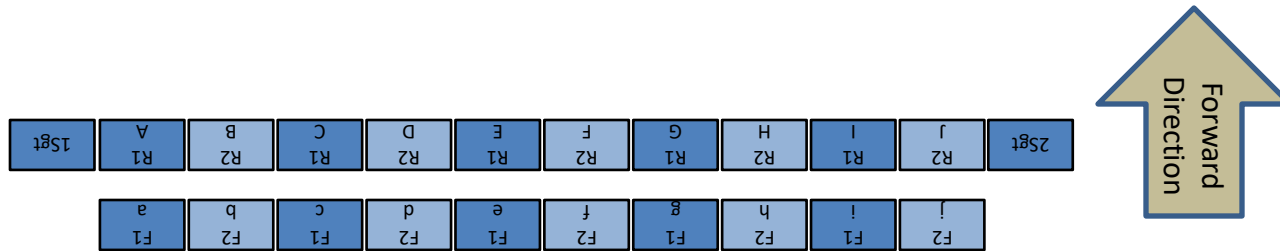


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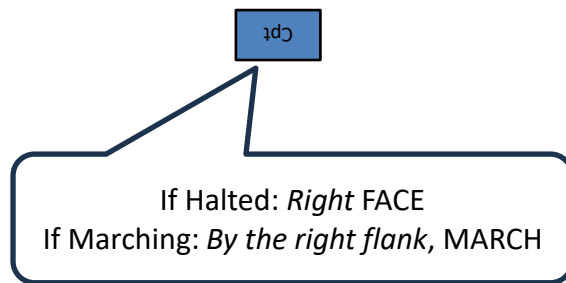
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Key

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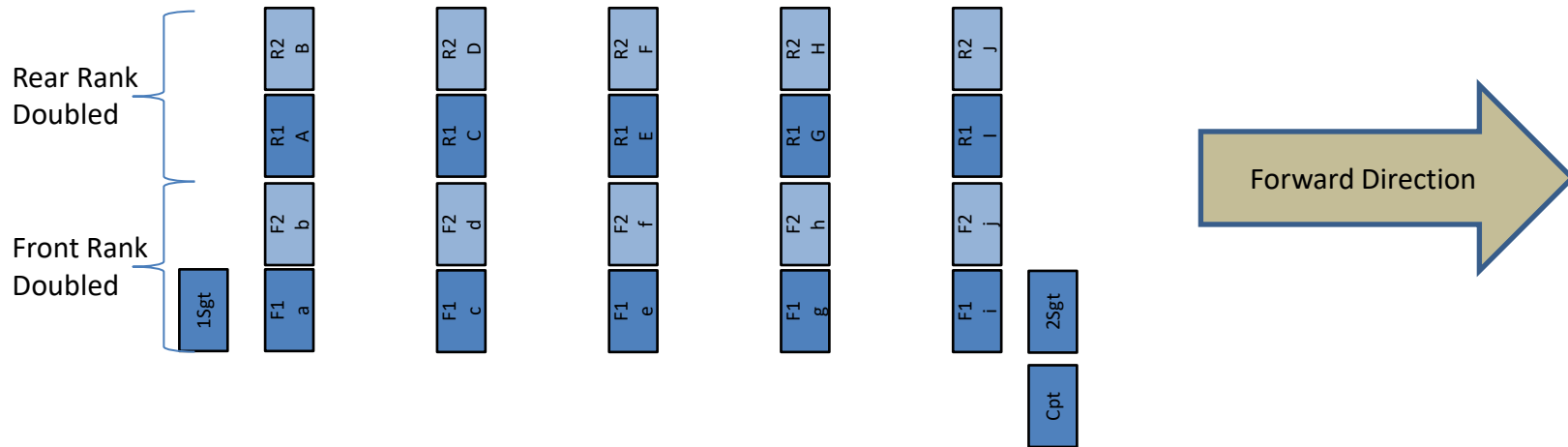
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Company formed
Faced to the Company Rear



Company faced to the Company Rear
Marching by the Company Left Flank

The Second Sergeant is the Guide

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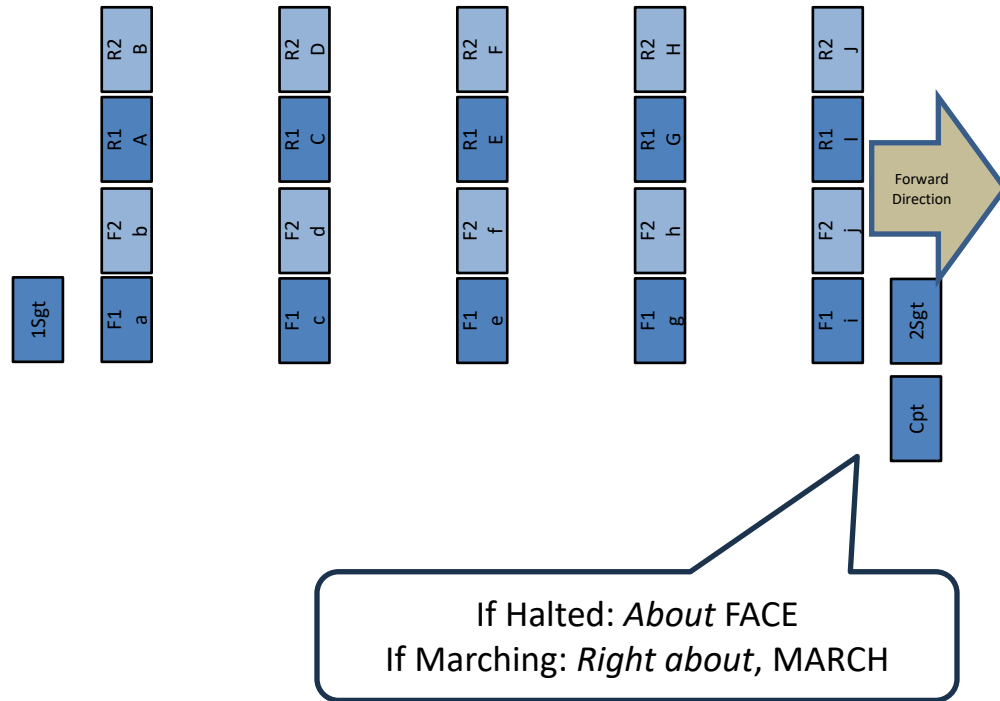
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Marching by the Company Right Flank & Faced About

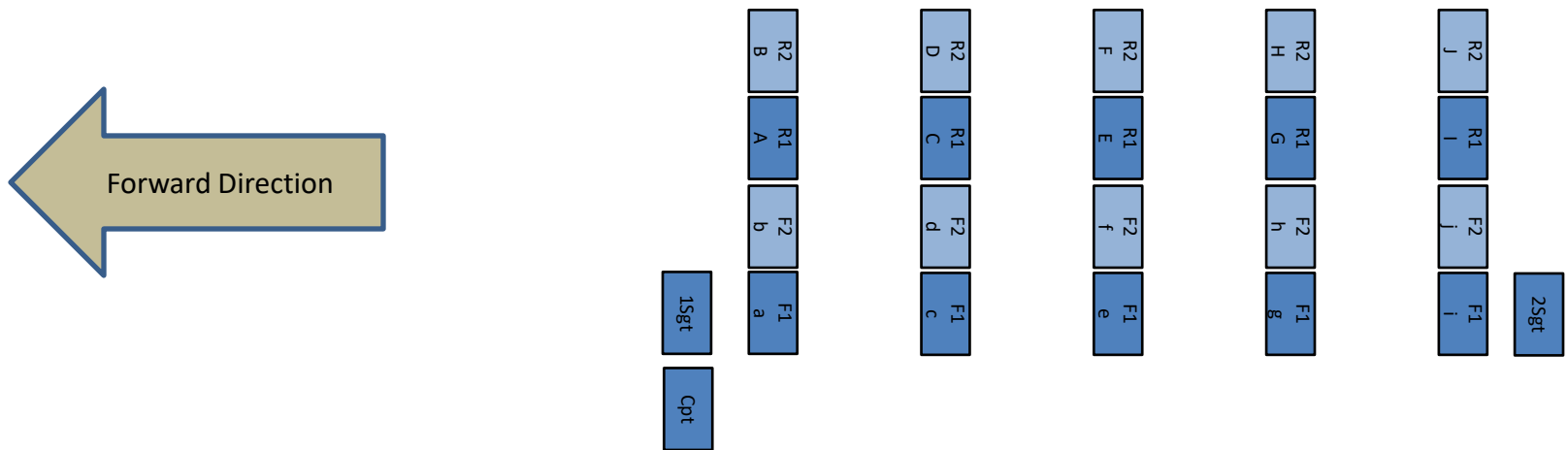
Therefore, it will execute By Company into Line in the same manner as done for that arrangement.

By Company, Into Line

**COMPANY FACED TO THE COMPANY REAR
MARCHING BY THE COMPANY LEFT FLANK
&
FACED ABOUT**

Company faced to the Company Rear
Marching by the Company Left Flank





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The First Sergeant is the Guide

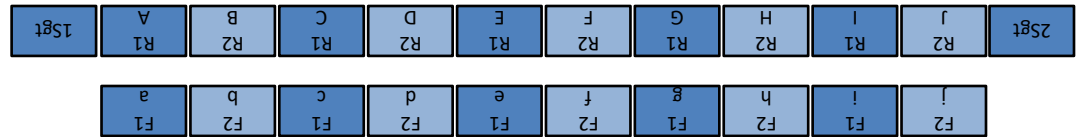
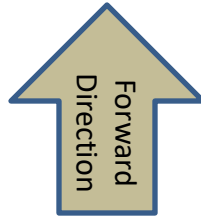
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**COMPANY FACED TO THE COMPANY REAR
MARCHING BY THE COMPANY RIGHT FLANK**



NOTE: When faced to the Company Rear, the men-in-the-rear are the Company Front Rank.

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F1 = Front Rank 1

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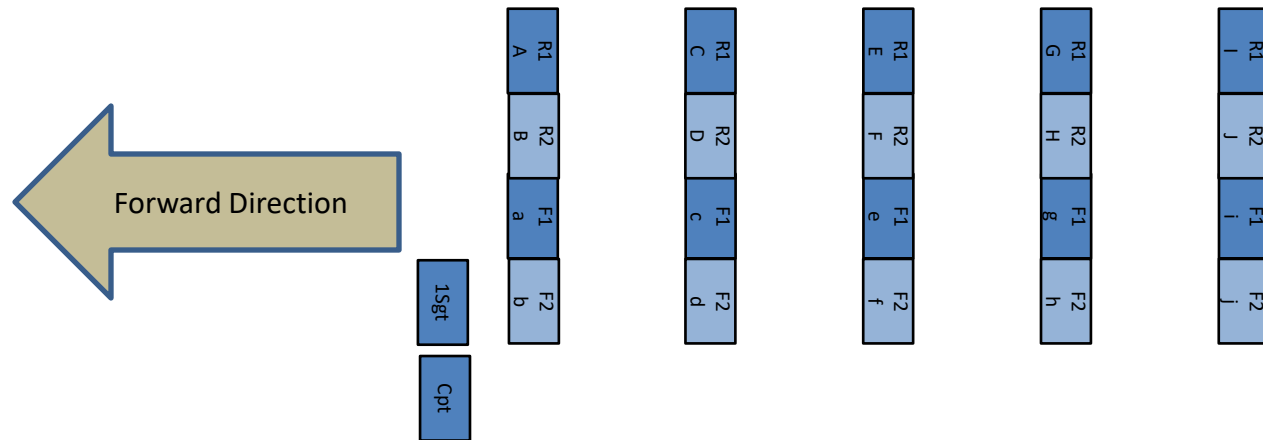
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Cpt

If Halted: *Left FACE*
If Marching: *By the left flank, MARCH*

Company formed
Faced to the Company Rear



Company faced to the Company Rear
Marching by the Company Right Flank

The First Sergeant is the Guide

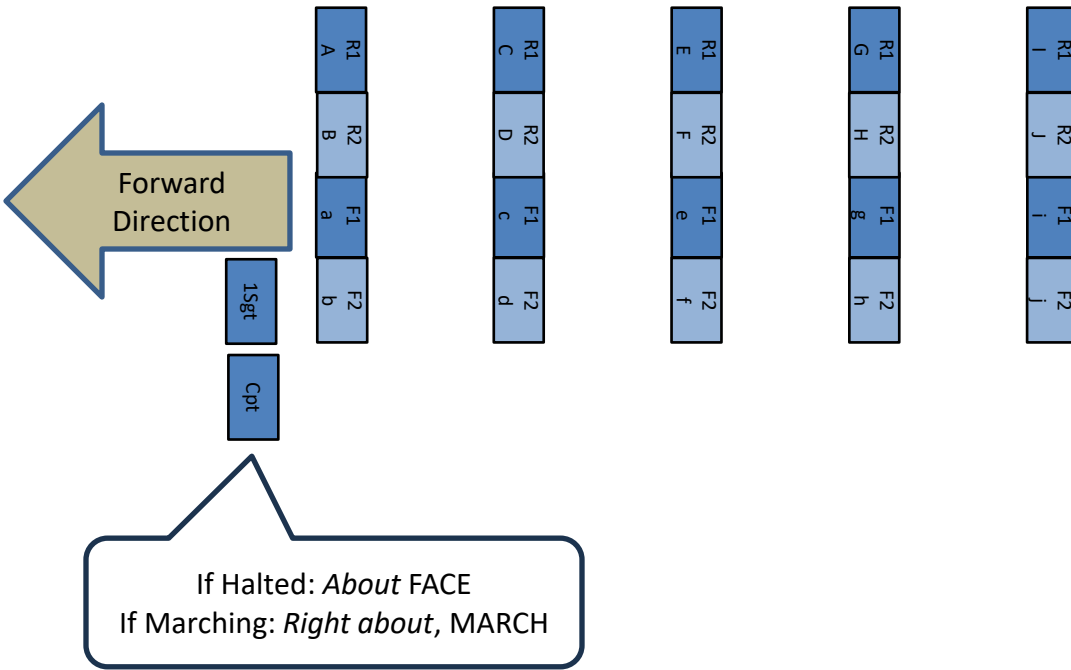
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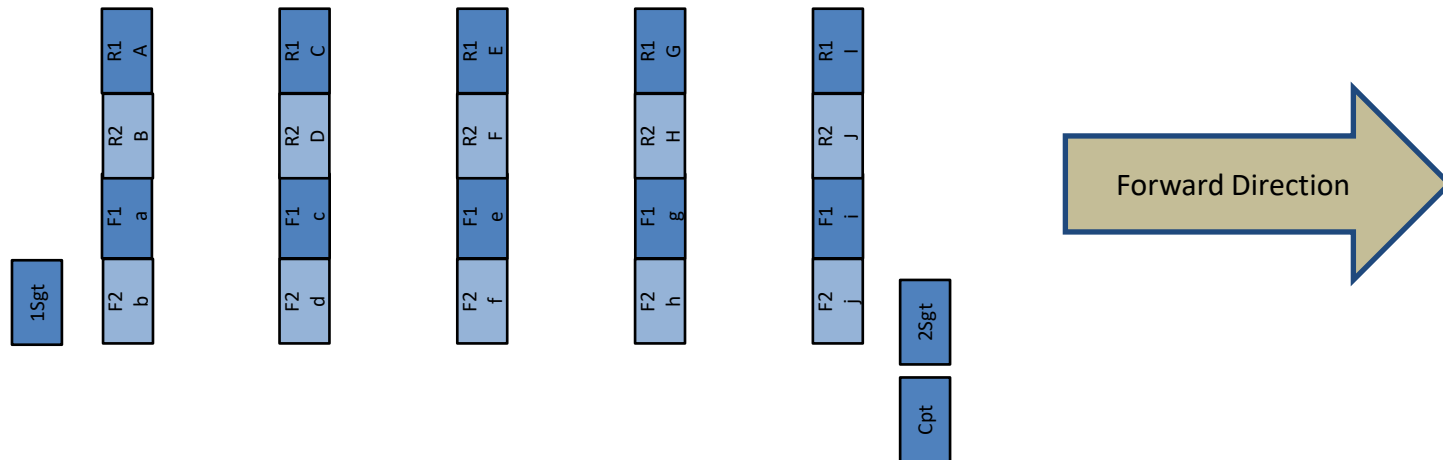
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Company faced to the Company Rear
Marching by the Company Right Flank



Company faced to the Company Rear
Marching by the Company Right Flank & Faced About

The Second Sergeant is the Guide

NOTE:

This arrangement of men is the same as the:
Company faced to the Company Front
Marching by the Company Left Flank

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Summary

- When marching by either the Company Right Flank, or by the Company Left Flank,
 - March at the oblique, then
 - Undouble the files, then
 - Come online singly in succession
- When marching by either the Company Right Flank and Faced About, or by the Company Left Flank and Faced About
 - March at the oblique in pairs, then
 - Come online in pairs marching abreast
- Be aware of who is the guide!
 - Deploy to the right of the Second Sergeant
 - Deploy to the left of the First Sergeant