



A SEMINAR ON CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

FORMATION OF INFANTRY IN ORDER OF BATTLE

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Title I, Article I

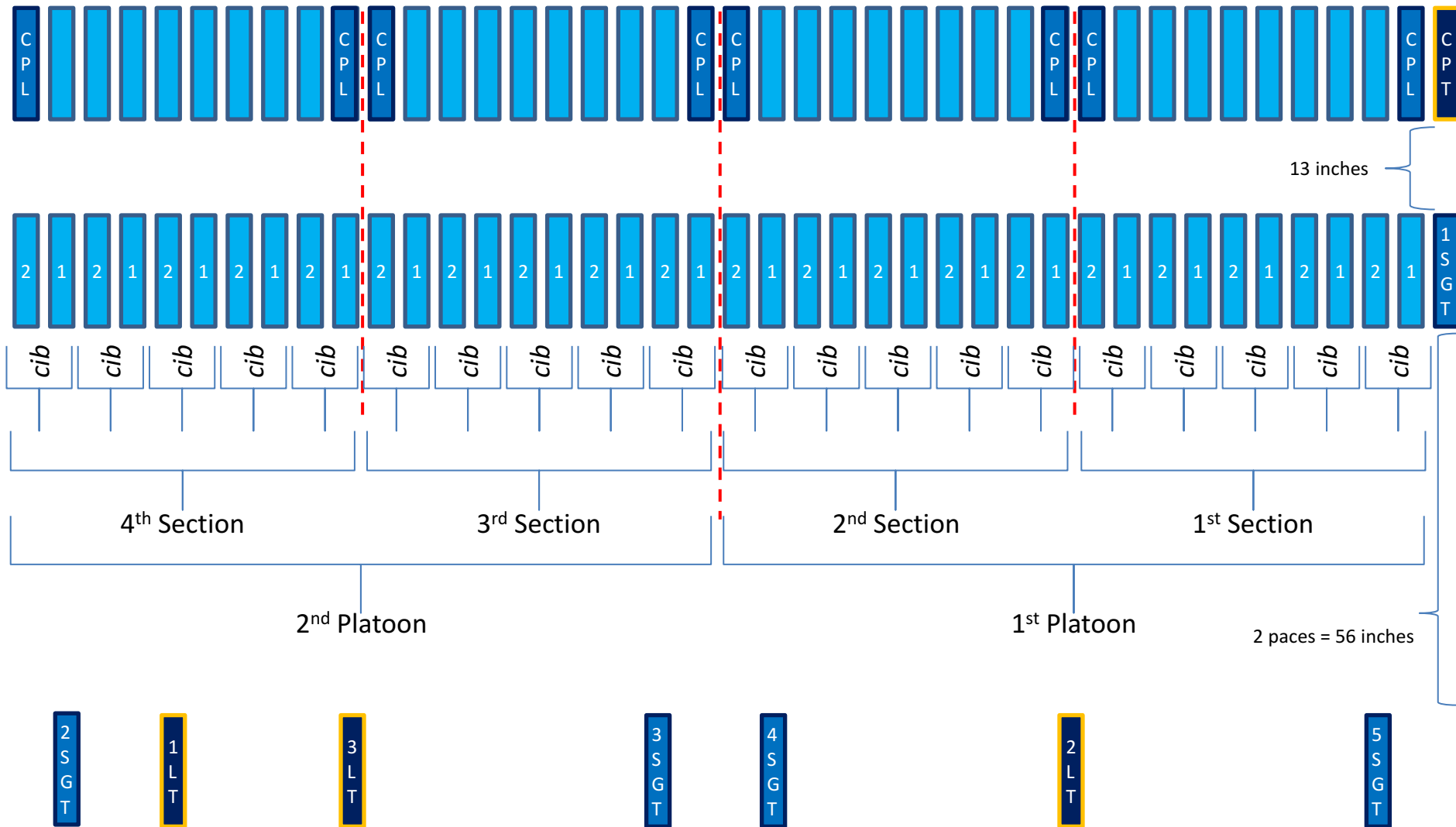
Formation of Infantry in Order of Battle

- 12. Each Company will be divided into two equal parts, which will be designated as the first and second platoon, counting from the right; and each platoon, in like manner, will be subdivided into two sections.
- 15. The formation of a regiment is in two ranks; and each company will be formed into two ranks, in the following manner: the corporals will be posted in the front rank, and on the right and left of platoons, according to height; the tallest corporal and the tallest man will form the first file, the next two tallest men will form the second file, and so on to the last file, which will be composed of the shortest corporal and the shortest man.
- 16. The odd and even files, numbered as one, two, in the company , from right to left, will form groups of four men, who will be designated *comrades in battle*.
- 17. The **distance from one rank to another will be thirteen inches**, measured from the breasts of the rear rank men to the backs or knapsacks of the front rank men.
- 18. For maneuvering, the companies of a battalion will always be equalized, by transferring men from the strongest to the weakest companies.

Posts of Company Officers, Sergeants and Corporals

- 19. The company officers and sergeants are nine in number, and will be posted in the following manner:
- 20. The *captain* on the right of the company touching with the left elbow.
- 21. The *first sergeant* in the rear rank, touching with the left elbow, and covering the captain. In the maneuvers he will be denominated *covering sergeant*, or *right guide* of the company.
- 22. **The remaining officers and sergeants will be posted as file closers, and two paces behind the rear rank.**
- 23. The *first lieutenant*, opposite the center of the fourth section.
- 24. The *second lieutenant*, opposite the center of the first platoon.
- 25. The *third lieutenant*, opposite the center of the second platoon.
- 26. The *second sergeant*, opposite the second file from the left of the company. In the maneuvers he will be designated *left guide* of the company.
- 27. The *third sergeant*, opposite the second file from the right of the second platoon.
- 28. The *fourth sergeant*, opposite the second file from the left of the first platoon
- 29. The *fifth sergeant*, opposite the second file from the right of the first platoon.
- 30. In the left, or eighth company of the battalion, the second sergeant will be posted in the front-rank, and on the left of the battalion.

The Company in Battalion Line



When in Battalion Line, the 2nd Sgt is NOT in the Front Rank UNLESS the Company is the Leftmost Company

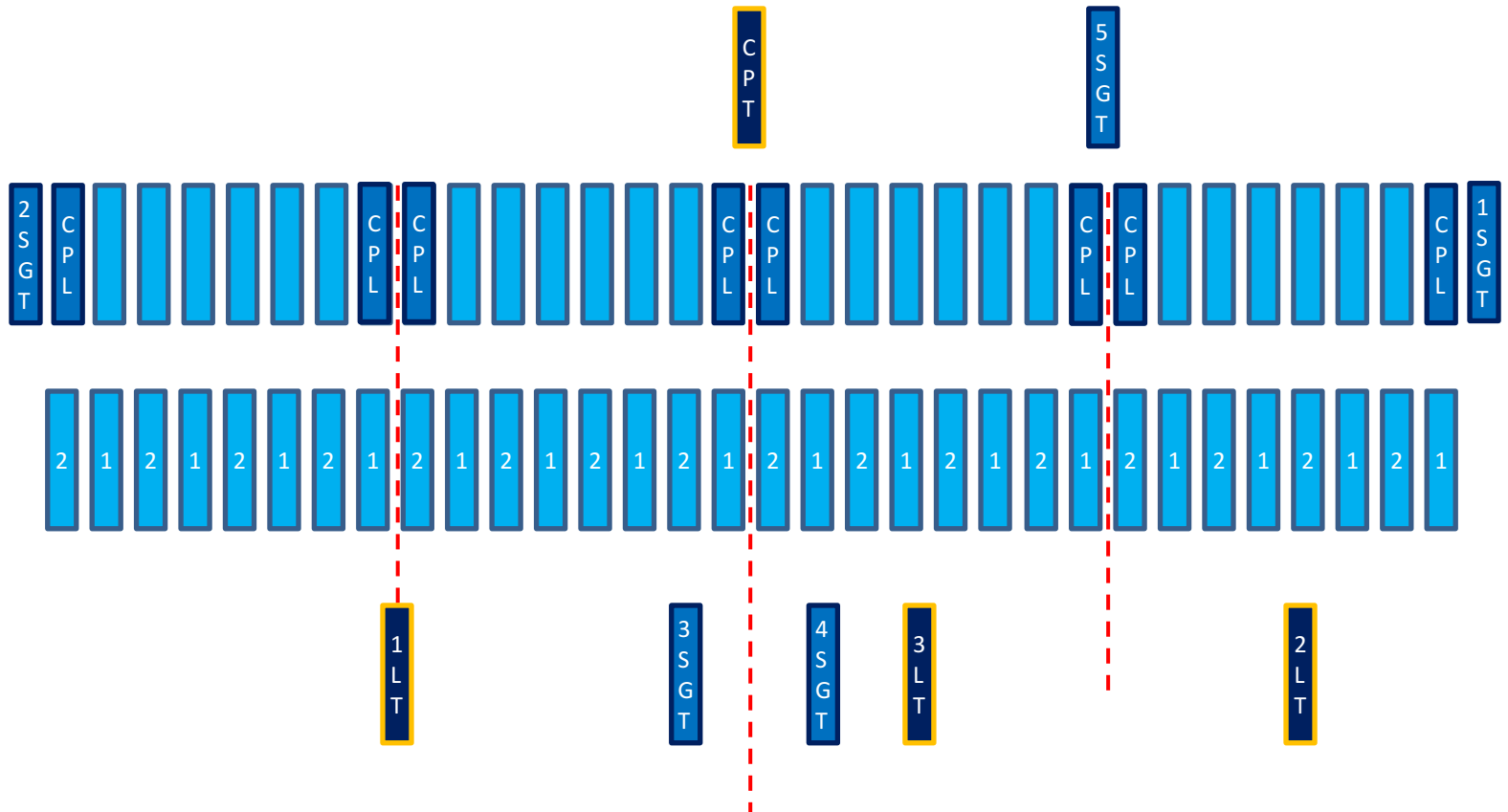
Roles of the Company Officers, Sergeants and Corporals

The positioning of Officers and NCOs enables a Captain to deploy either the 1st Platoon forward as skirmishers, holding the 2nd Platoon in reserve, or to deploy the 2nd Platoon forward as skirmishers, holding the 1st Platoon in reserve.

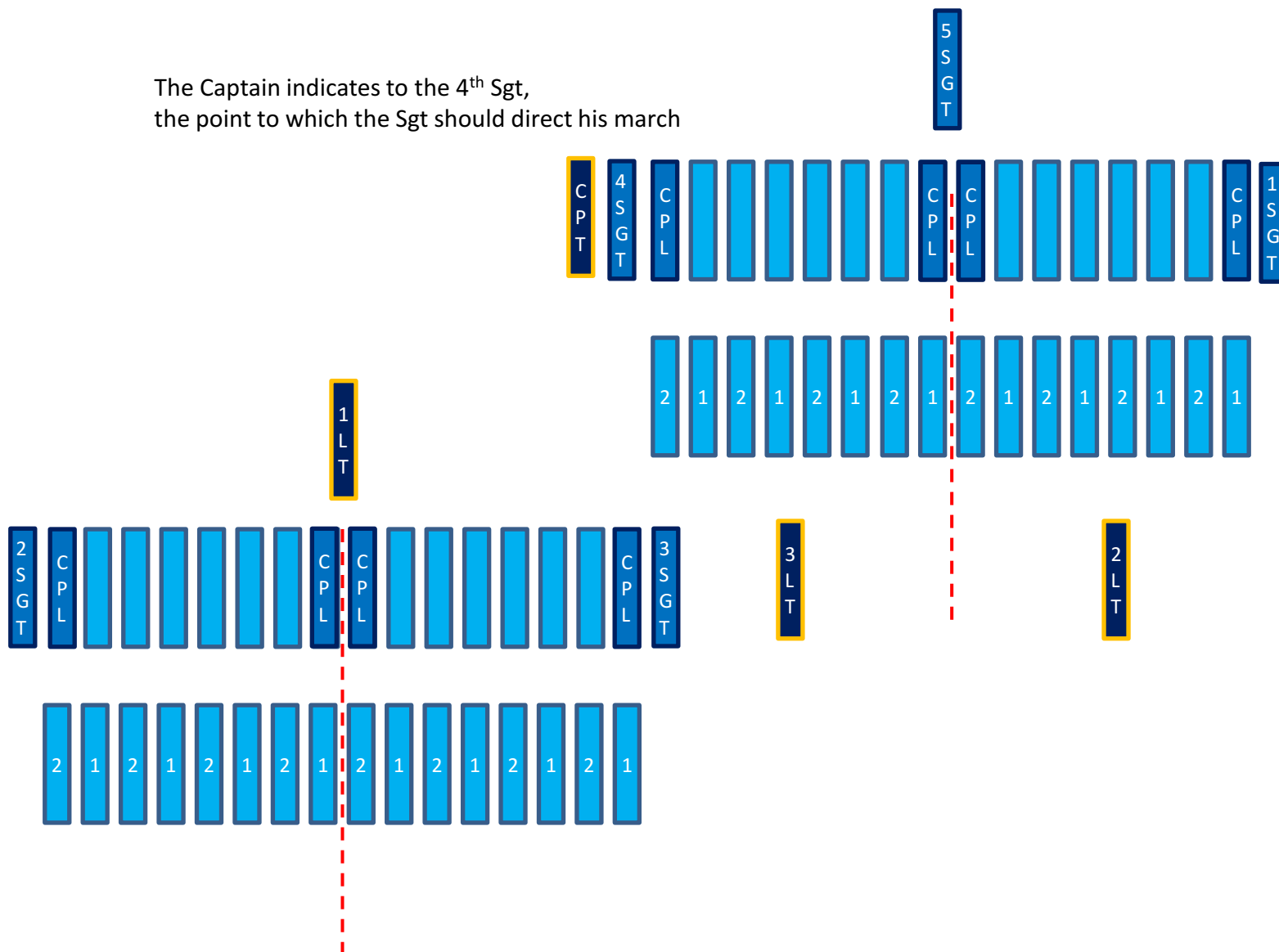
Title IV. INSTRUCTION FOR SKIRMISHERS, follows the School of the Company . It provides the instructions for the various ways that a Company can be deployed as skirmishers.

For example, when deploying the 1st Platoon forward, the Officers and Sgts act as follows:

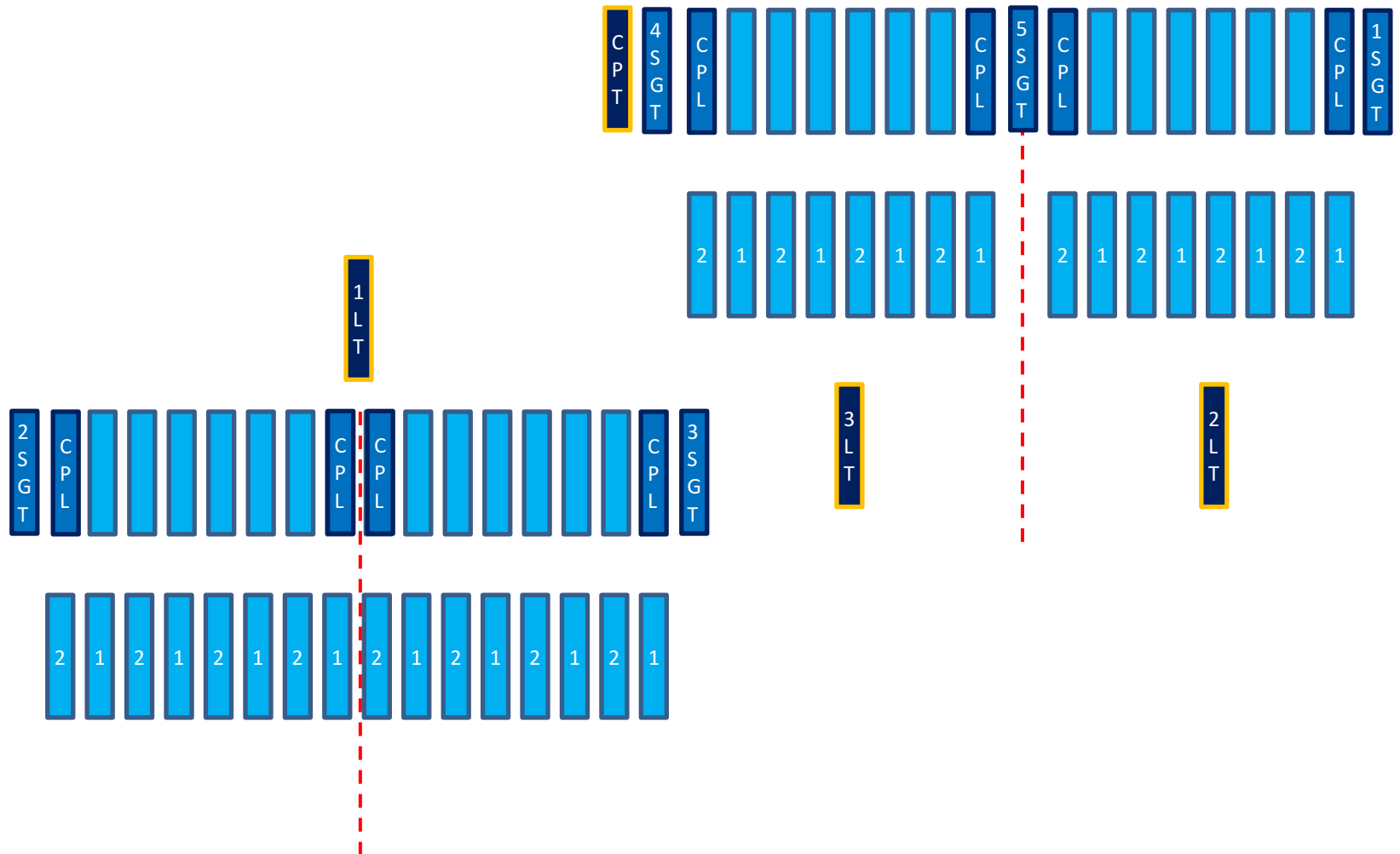
- The second lieutenant commands the right section of the first platoon;
 - The third lieutenant commands the left section of the first platoon;
 - The first sergeant remains the right guide of the first platoon
 - The fifth sergeant will move one pace in front of the centre of the first platoon, and will place himself between the two sections in the front-rank as soon as the movement begins
 - The fourth sergeant assumes the position of the left guide of the first platoon.
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- The first lieutenant commands the second platoon.
 - The second sergeant remains the left guide of the second platoon.
 - The third sergeant assumes the position of the right guide of the second platoon.

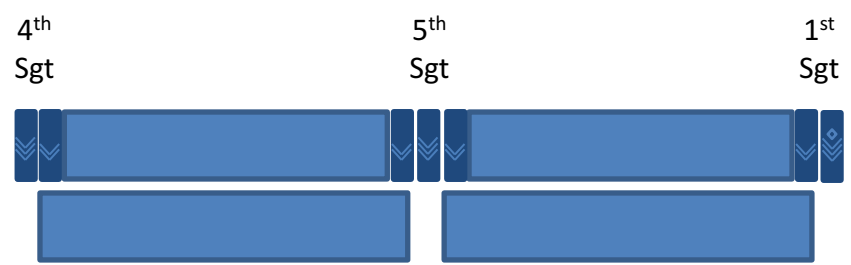


The Captain indicates to the 4th Sgt,
the point to which the Sgt should direct his march



The 5th Sgt inserts himself between the 1st and 2nd Sections.



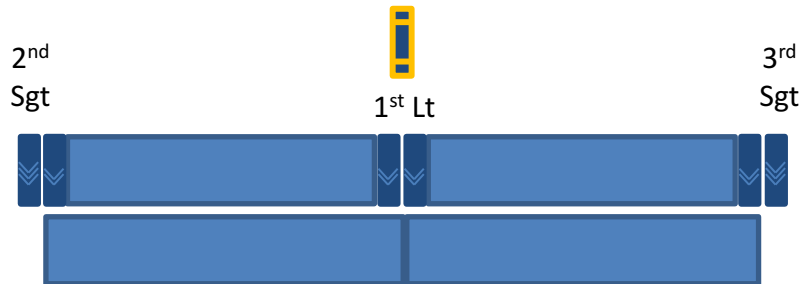


This diagram illustrates the positions of the Officers and NCOs when the 1st Platoon is being deployed forward as skirmishers

- Corporal border each of the 4 Sections.
- The first Platoon advances to the location designated by the Captain
- The first Platoon eventually deploys as Comrades In Battle.
- The second Platoon assumes their position as the reserve.



1st Platoon



2nd Platoon