



A SEMINAR ON CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

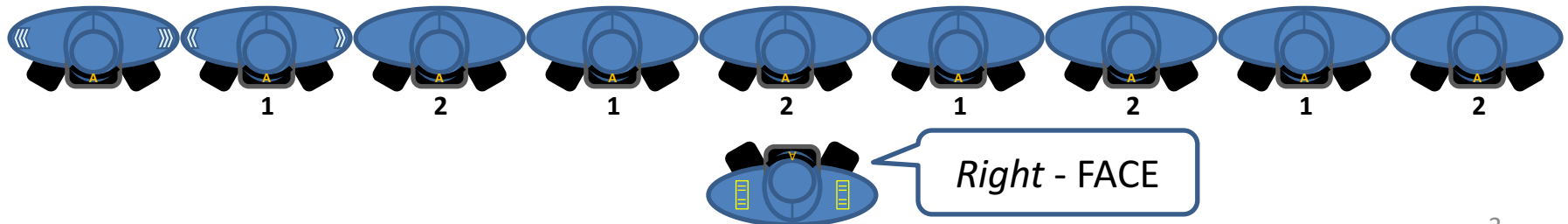
FACINGS & FLANKING – PART ONE DOUBLING – ILLUSTRATED

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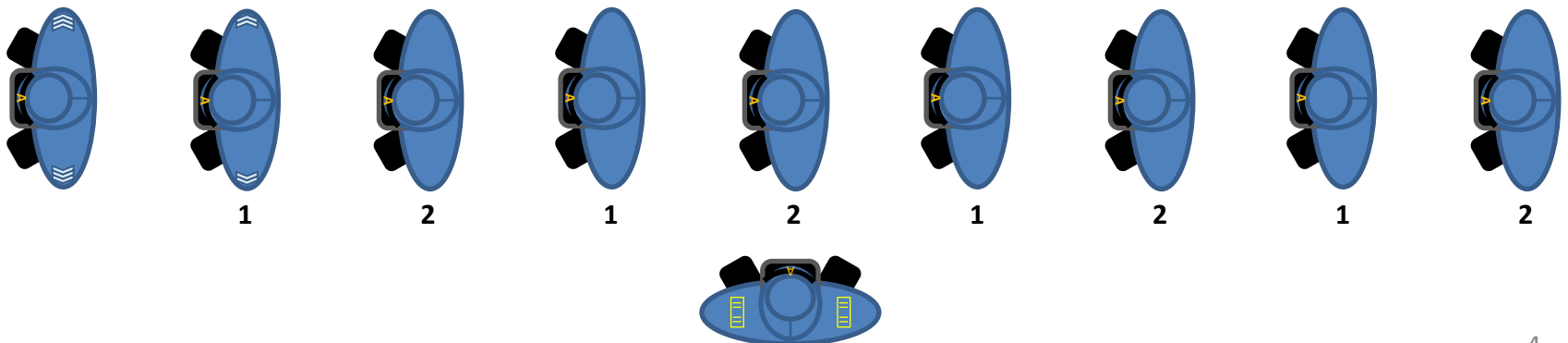
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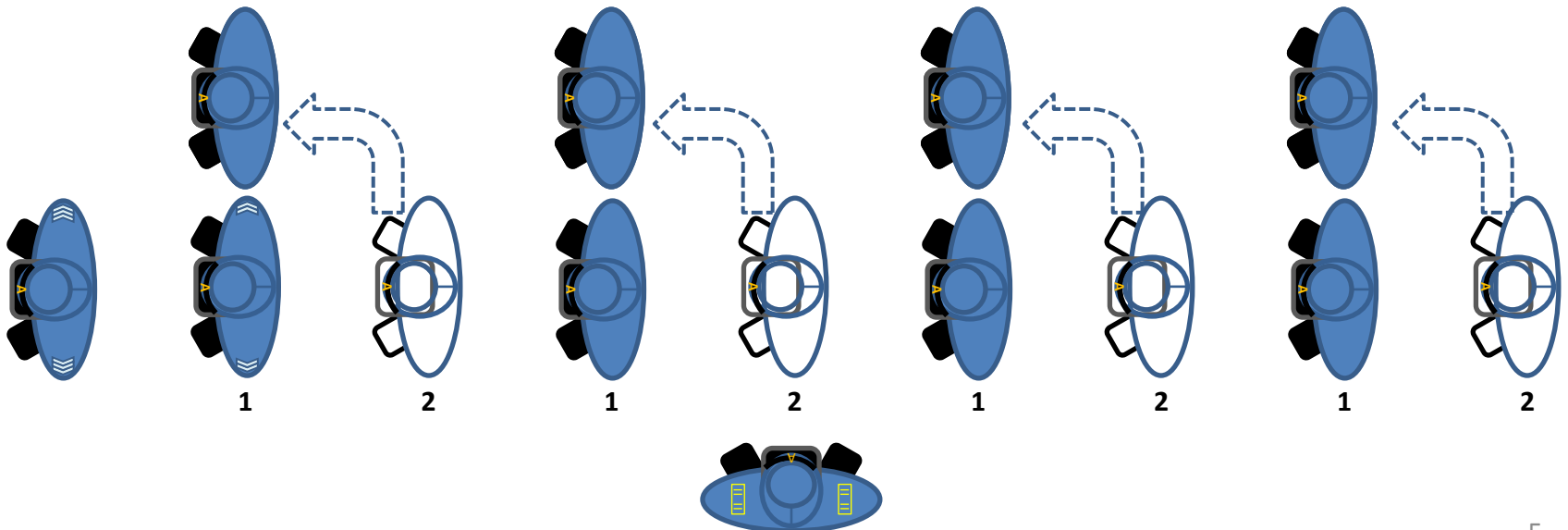
Face First



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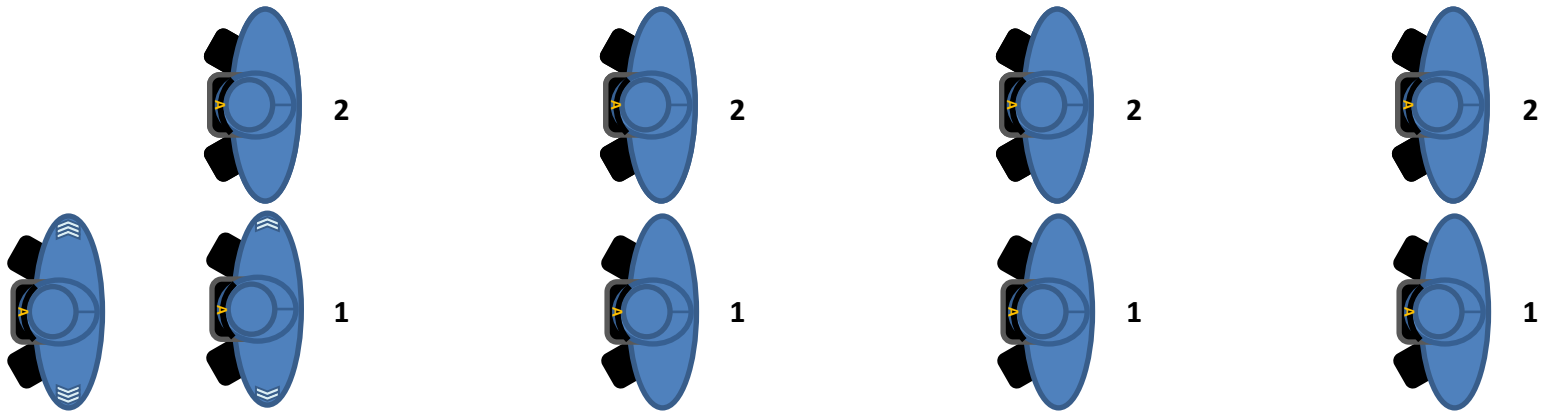
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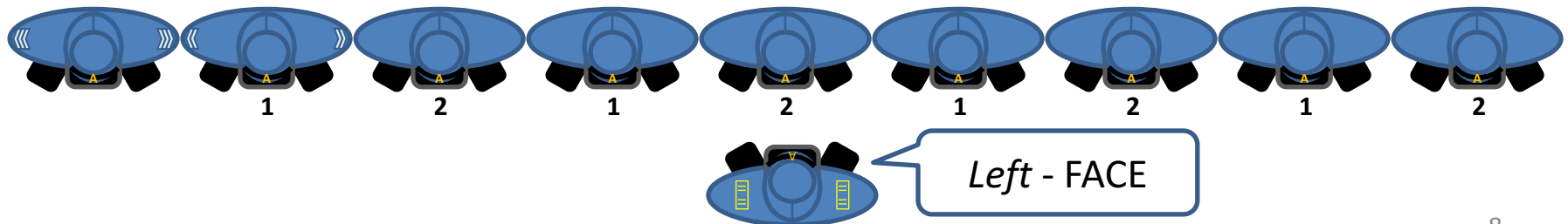
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Follow the Sequence

- This is not a race!!
- All men first execute the facing
- After completing the facing,
 - the men supposed to double, double to the direction they faced.
 - The men not supposed to double, stand fast.
 - Do not close the interval created by the man who doubled
- The pause between facing and doubling is critical to proper execution of facings and flank maneuvers when formed in two ranks.

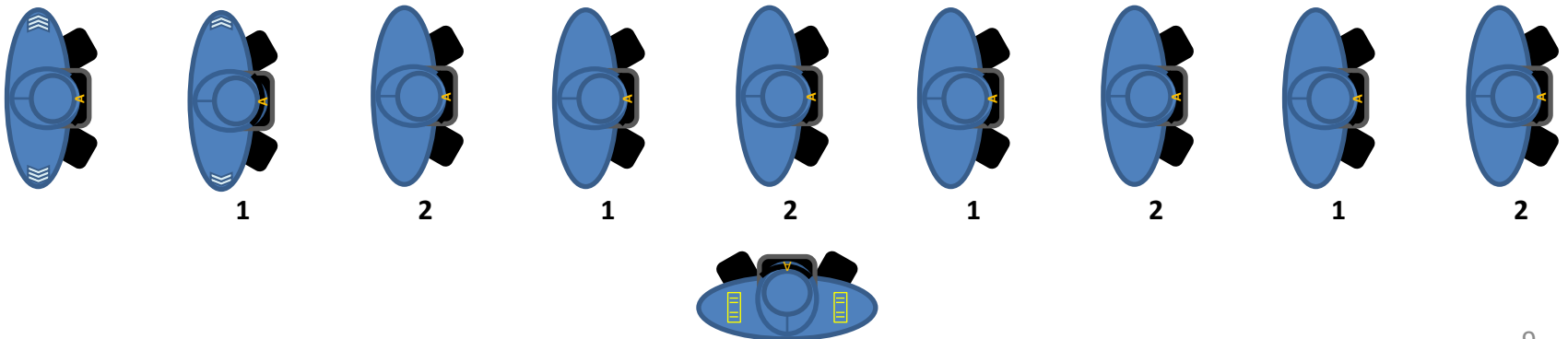
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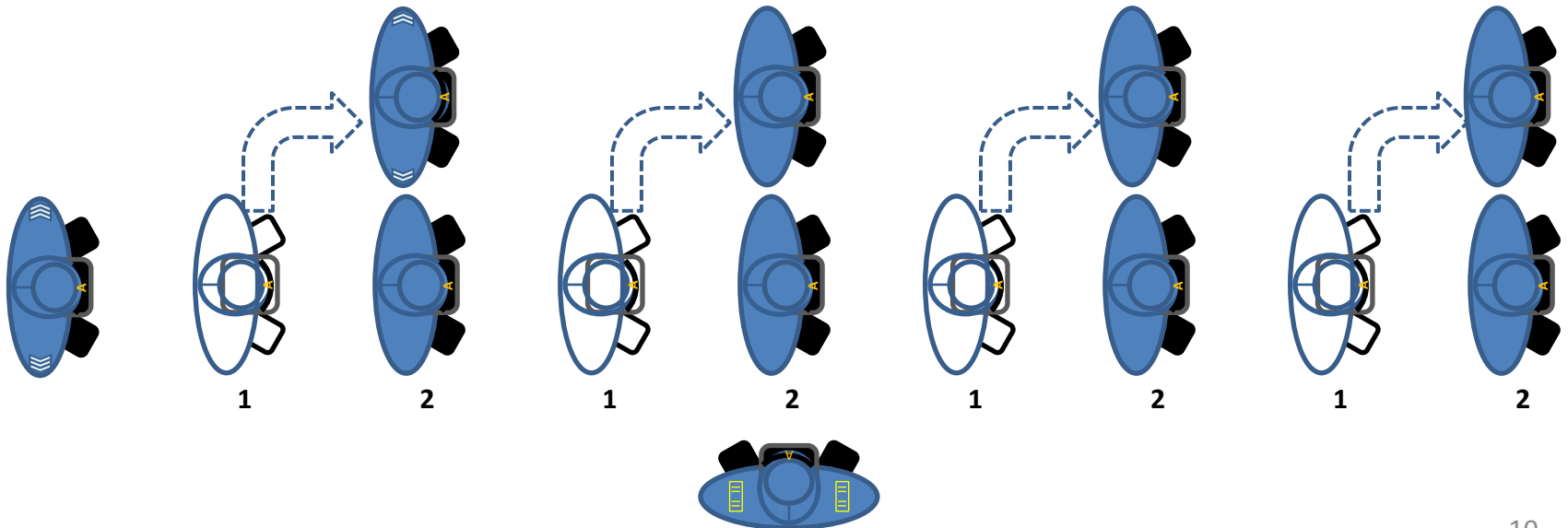
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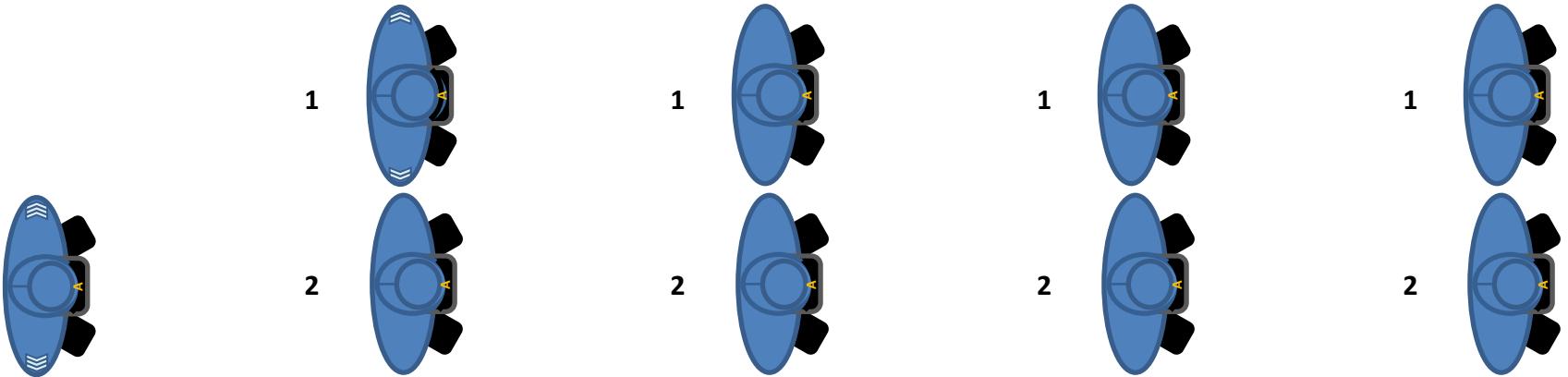
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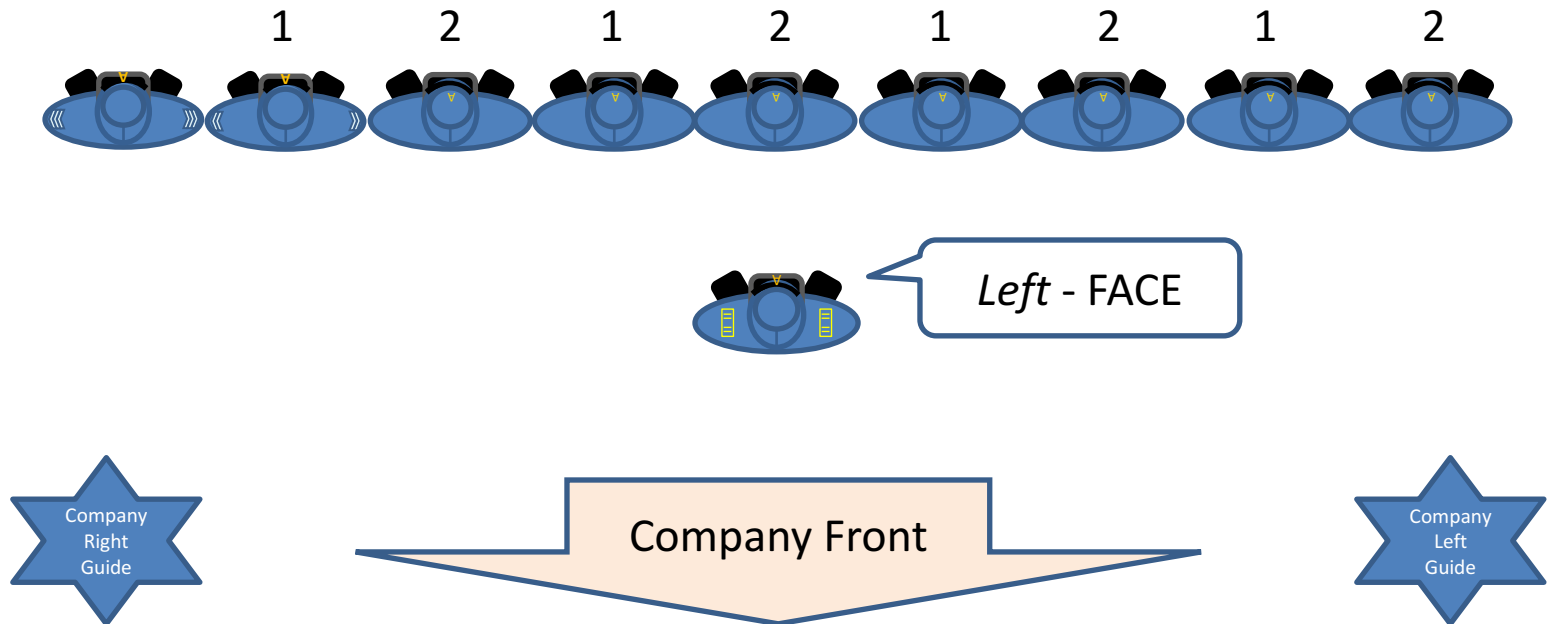
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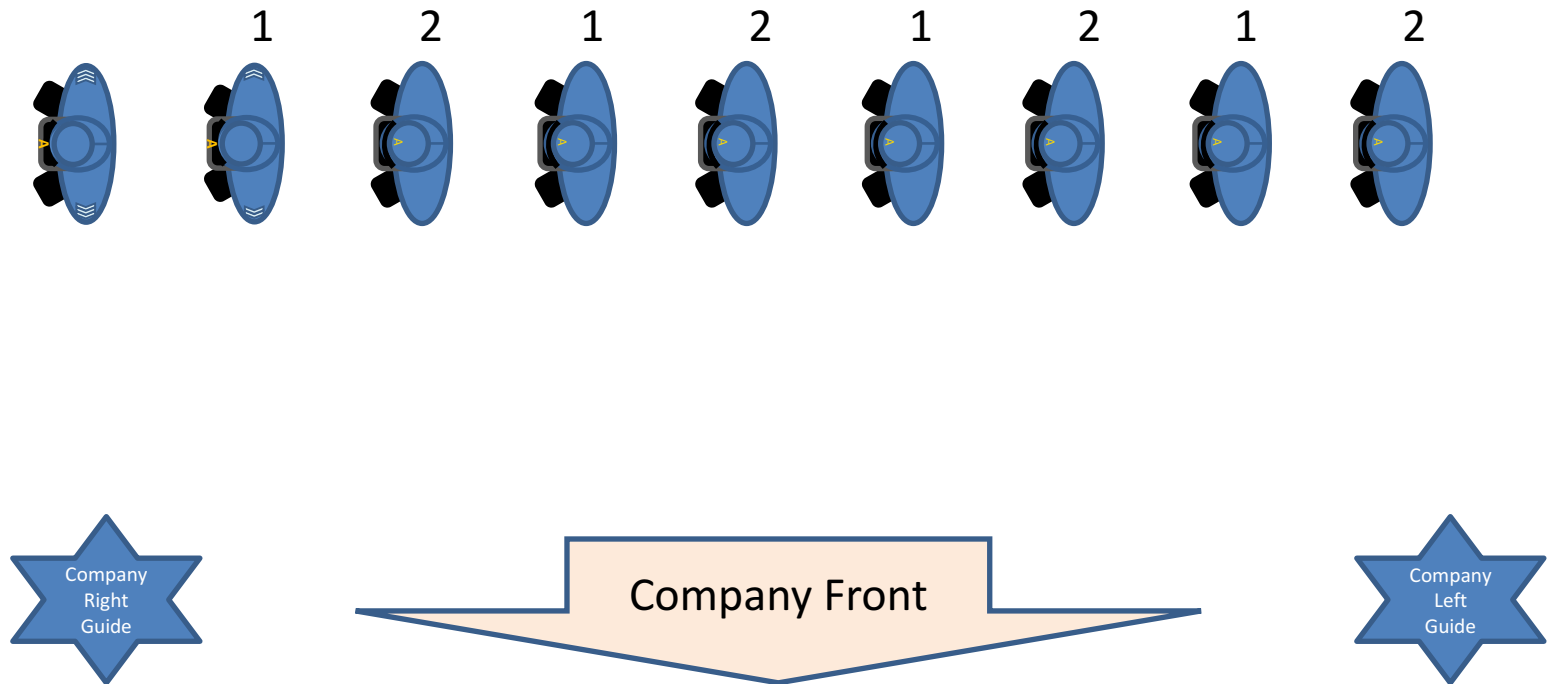
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**THE FACINGS
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The Company Faced to the Company Rear

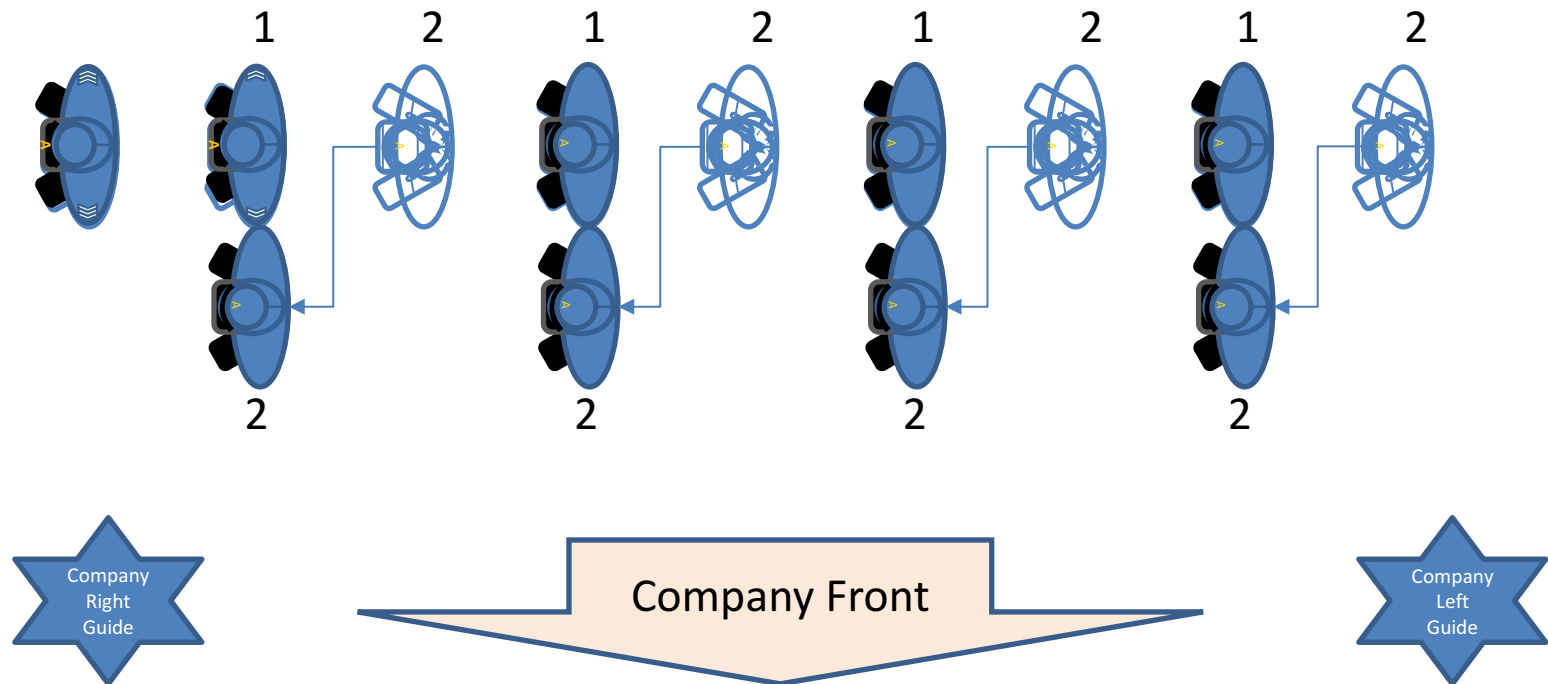


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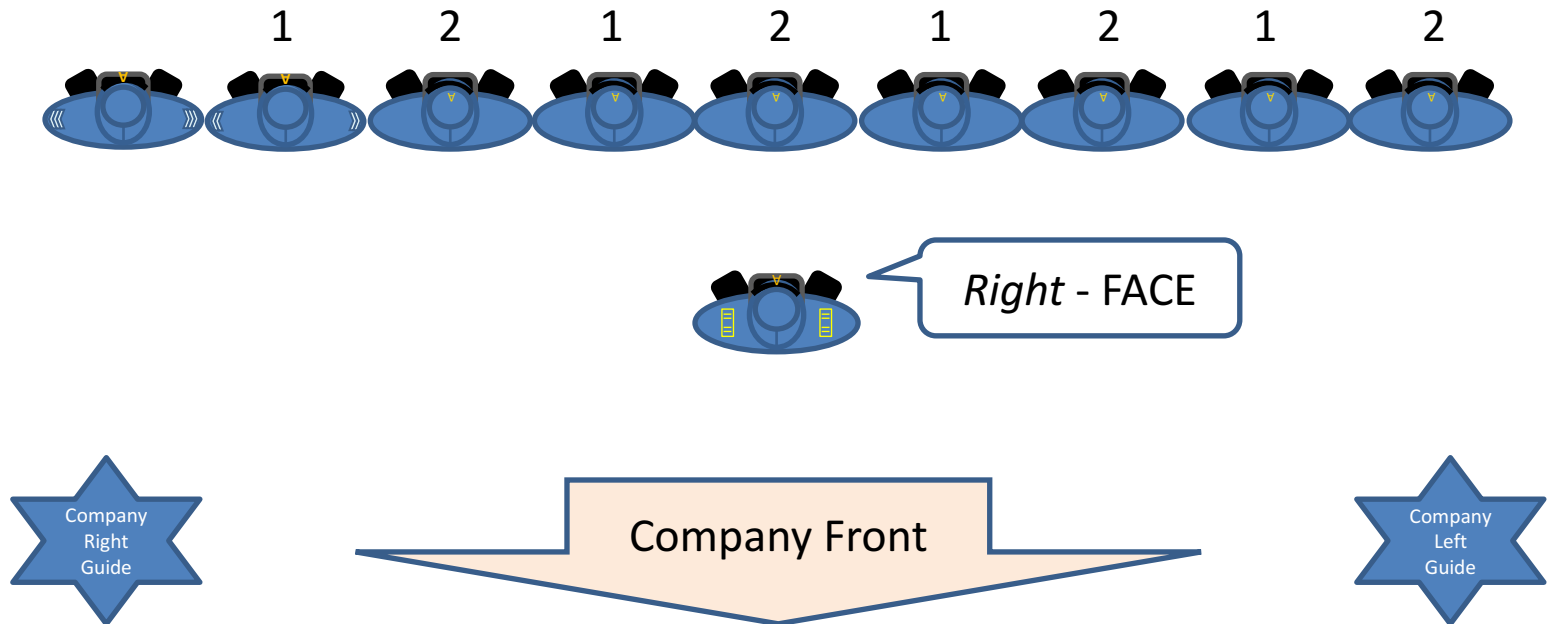


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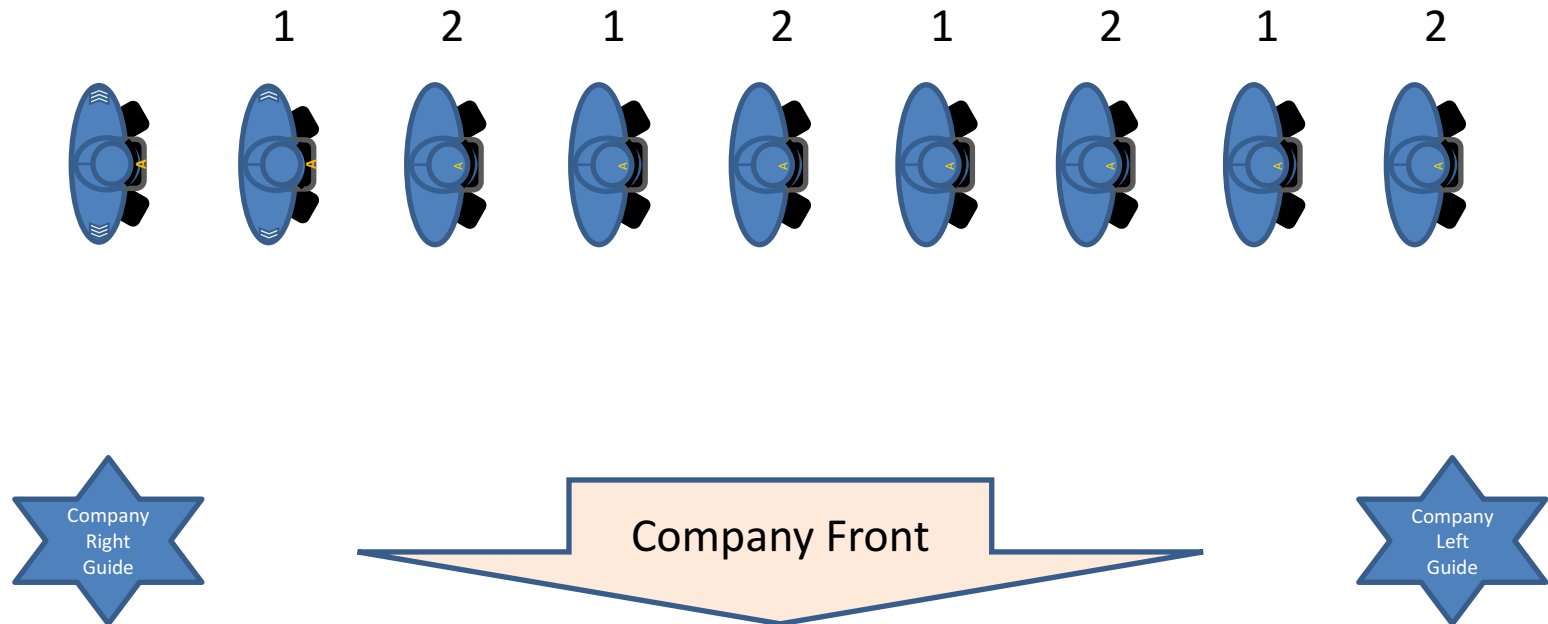
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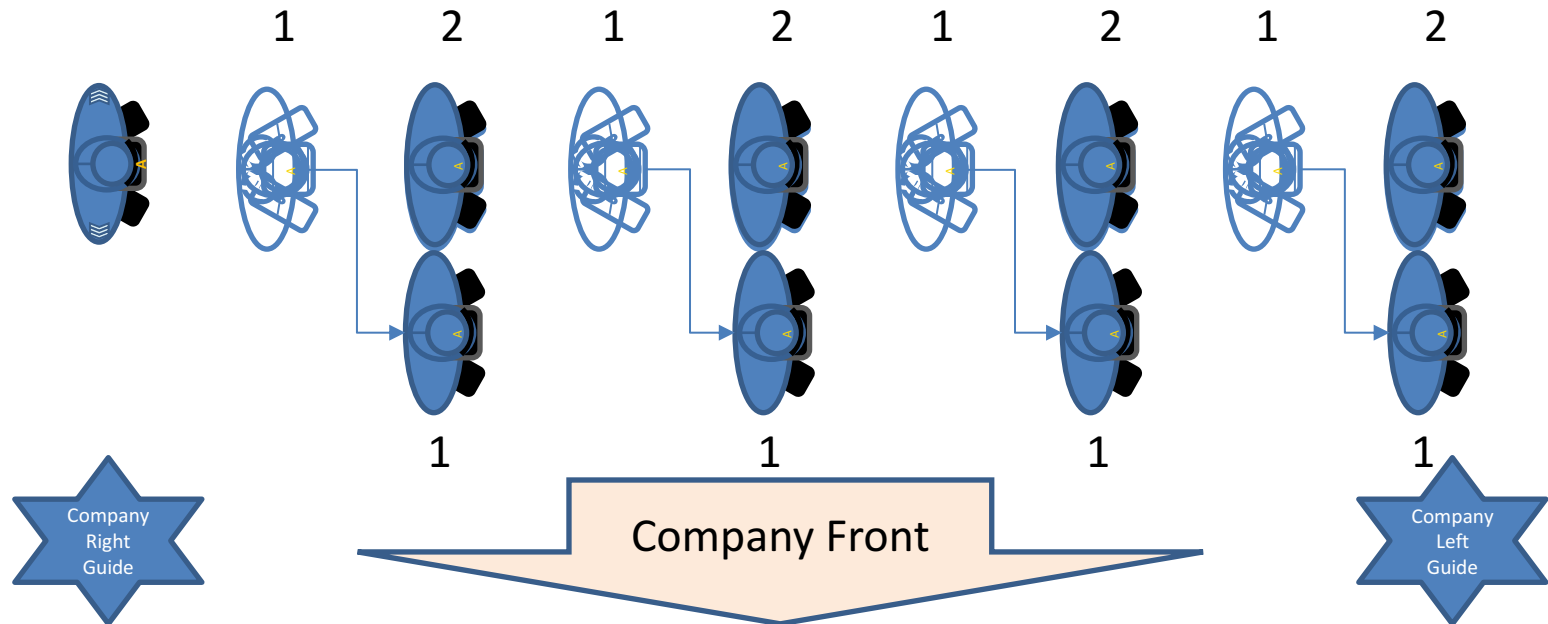


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THE FACINGS WHEN FORMED IN TWO RANKS

Critical Instruction: the side-step

- S.C. 137. The company being in line of battle, and at a halt, when the instructor shall wish to cause it to march by the right flank, he will command:
 - 1. *Company, right*—FACE. 2. *Forward*. 3. MARCH.
- S.C. 138. At the first command, the company will face to the right, the covering sergeant will place himself at the head of the front-rank, the captain having stepped out for the purpose, so far as to find himself by the side of the sergeant, and on his left; the front-rank will double, as is prescribed in the S. S., No. 363; **the rear-rank will, at the same time, side-step to the right one pace, and double in the same manner**; so that when the movement is completed, the files will be formed of four men aligned, and elbow to elbow. The intervals will be preserved.
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Critical Execution: the side-step

- The side-step creates the space for the doubling-man to step into.
- There should never be any pushing or shoving or any need to say “give left” or “give right”
- Side-step in the same direction you were ordered to face
 - If faced to the right, side-step to the right
 - If faced to the left, side-step to the left
- Doing so will ensure you always side-step away from the battle line you are starting from.

Do NOT race to double!

- All men who are supposed to double must wait for the men-in-the-rear to complete their step-to-the-side.
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- For men-in-the-front who must double, you must wait until the men-in-rear have stepped to the side.
 - If you do not wait, you will collide with the man-in-the-rear who is stepping to the side.
- For men-in-the-rear who must double, you must wait until you have completed your own step to the side.
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Face; Step; Double

- All men Face in the ordered-direction
- Use the following language to teach proper execution whether starting faced to the front or faced to the rear:
 - When you are faced to the left
 - All men face to the left;
 - Men in the rear side-step to the left;
 - Men who are to double, double to the left.
 - When you are faced to the right:
 - All men face to the right;
 - Men in the rear side-step to the right;
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- Stress that all men who are to double must wait for the step-to-the-side to complete.

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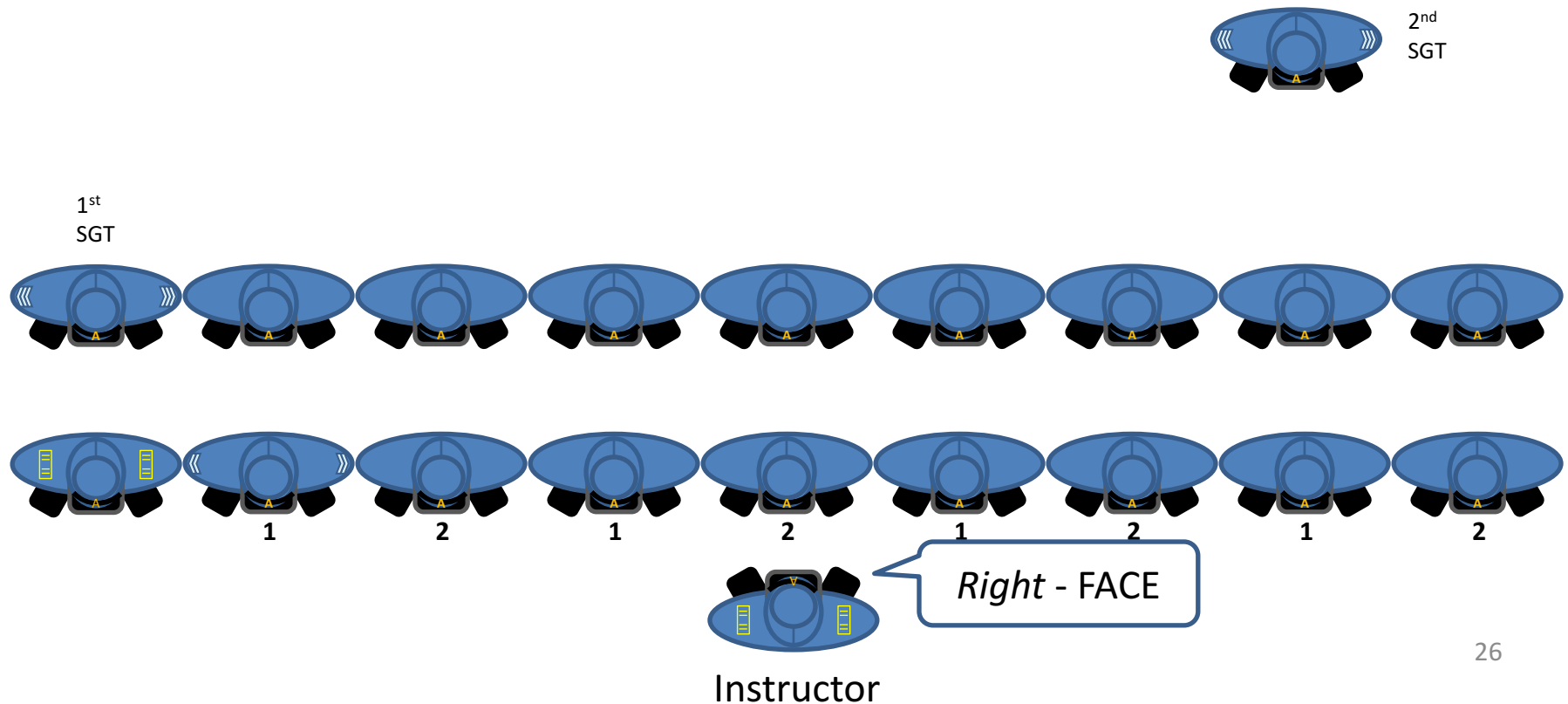
The Company Formed

POSTS OF COMPANY OFFICERS SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

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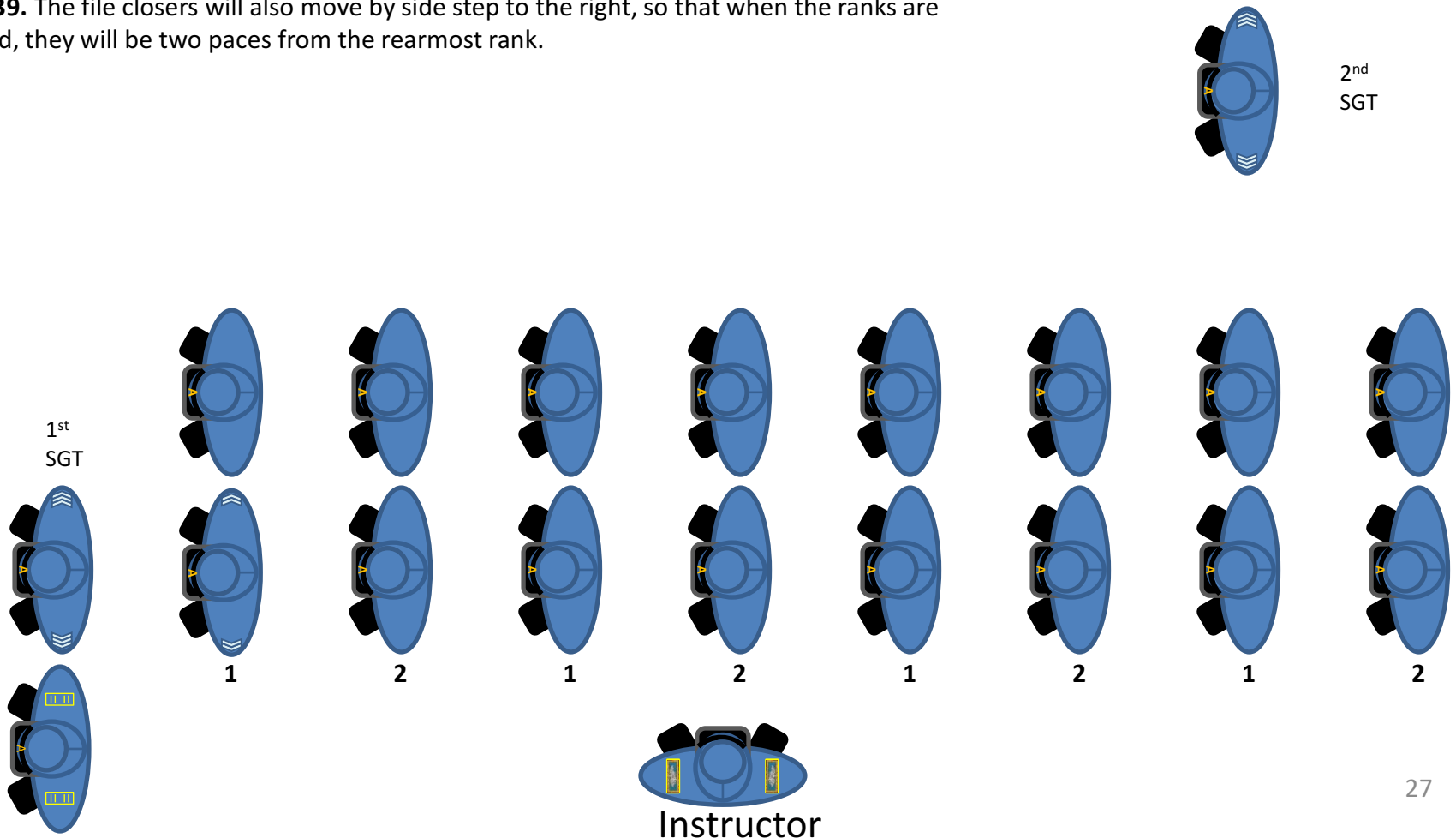
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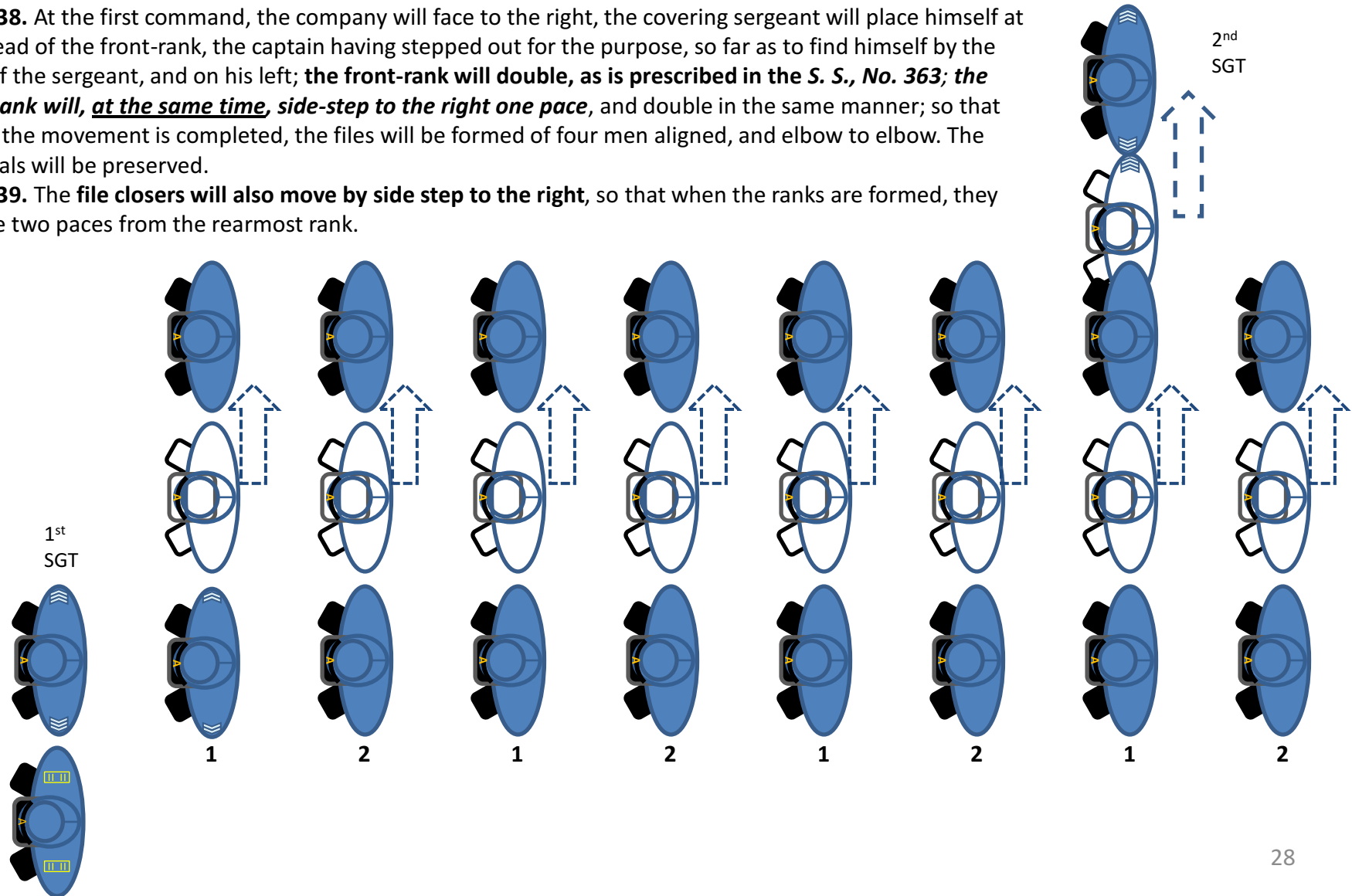
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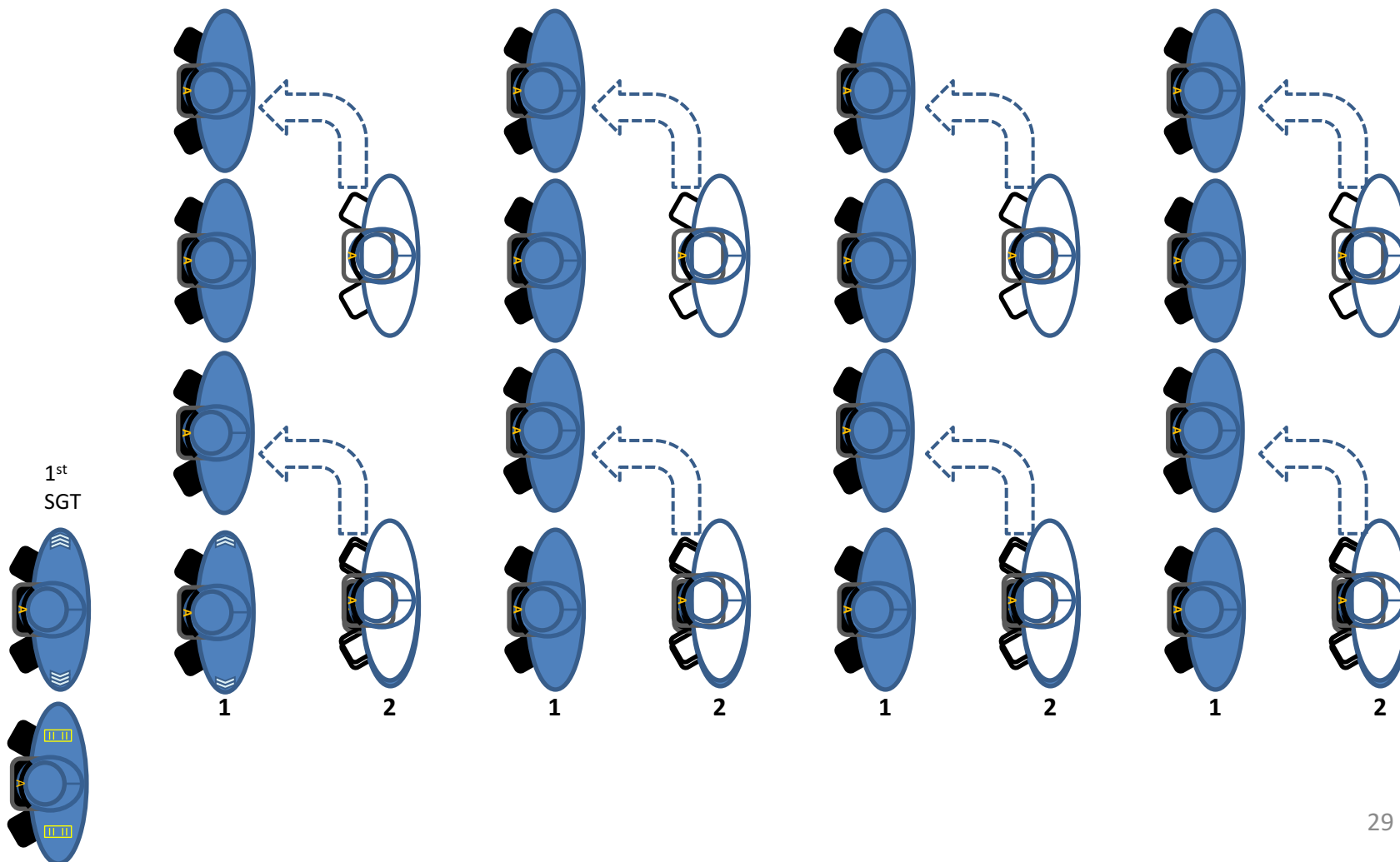
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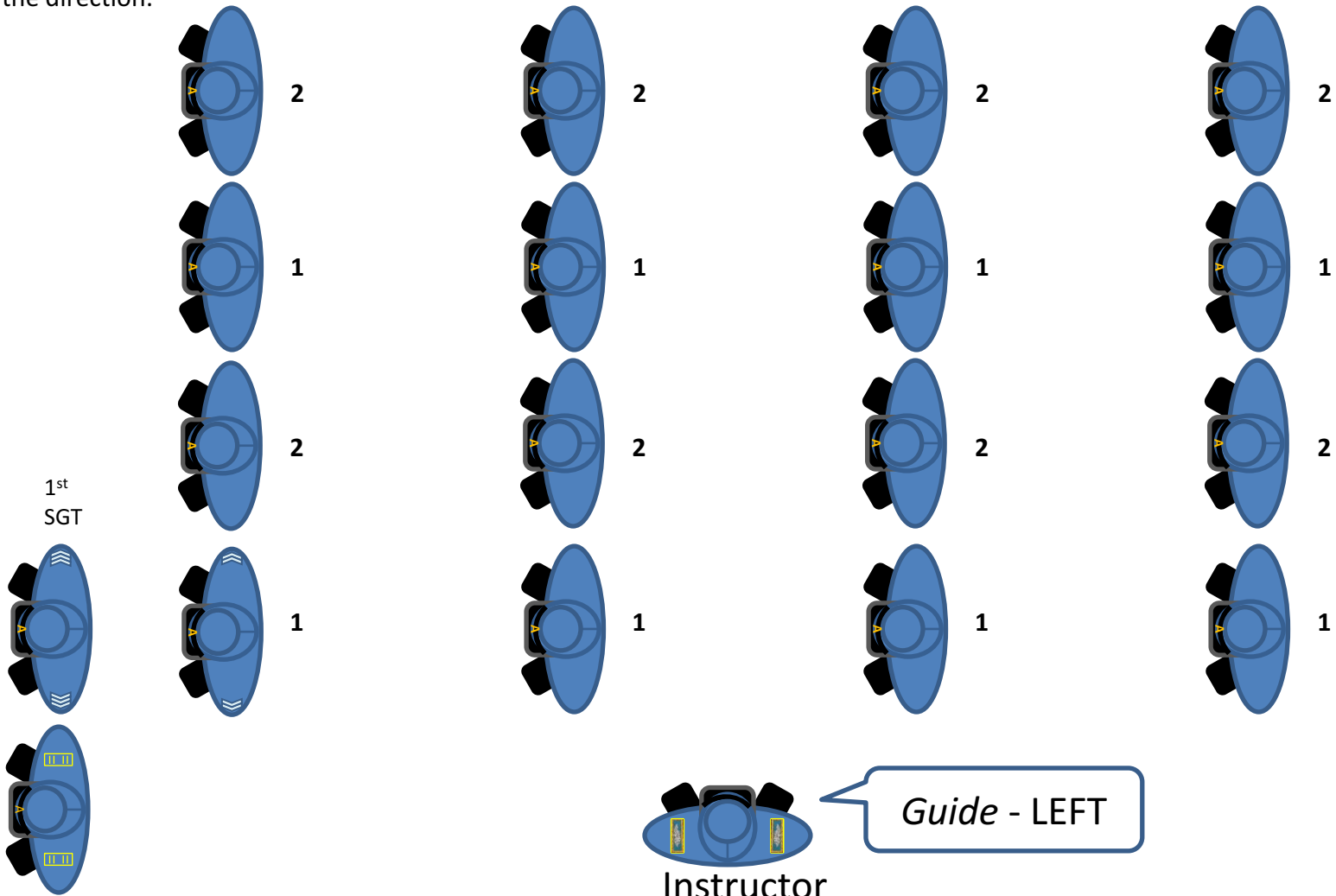


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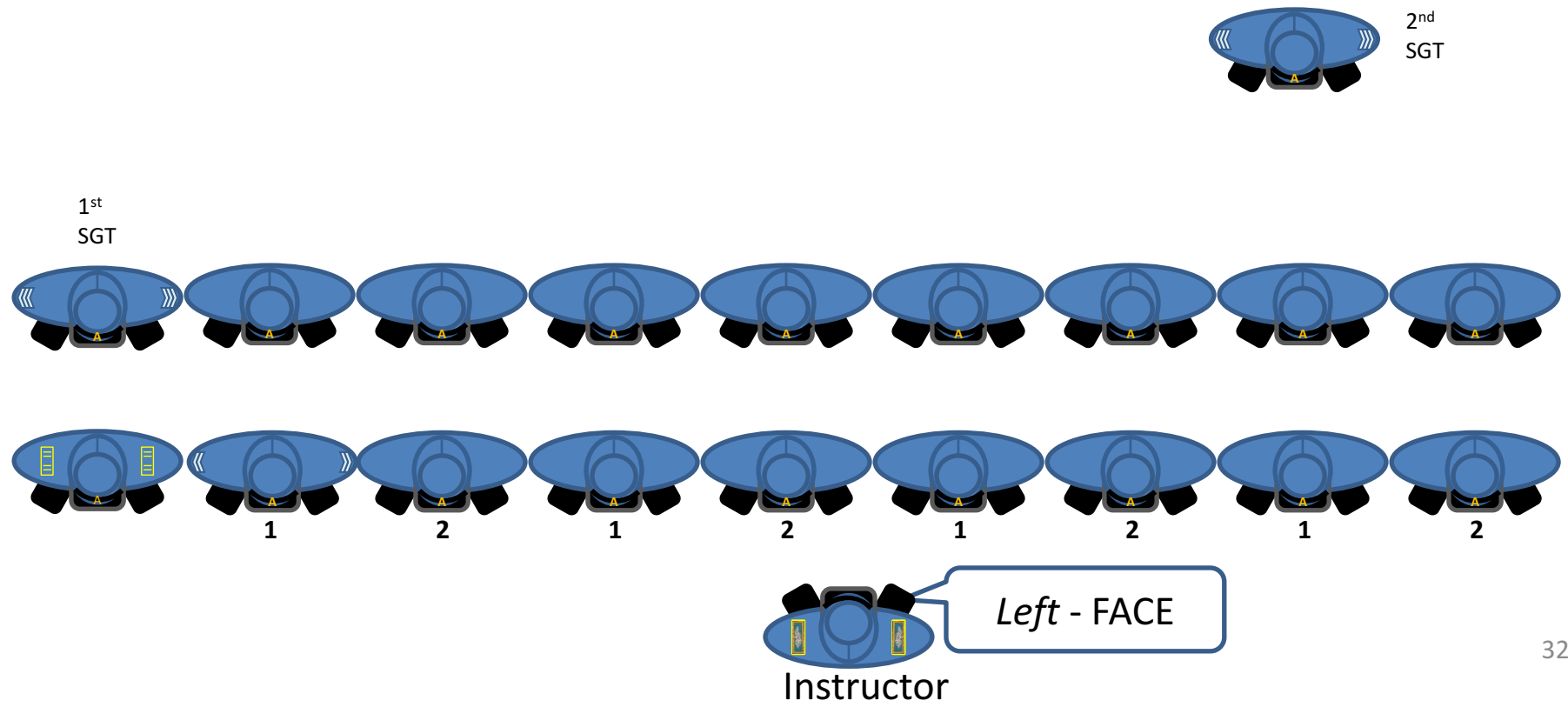
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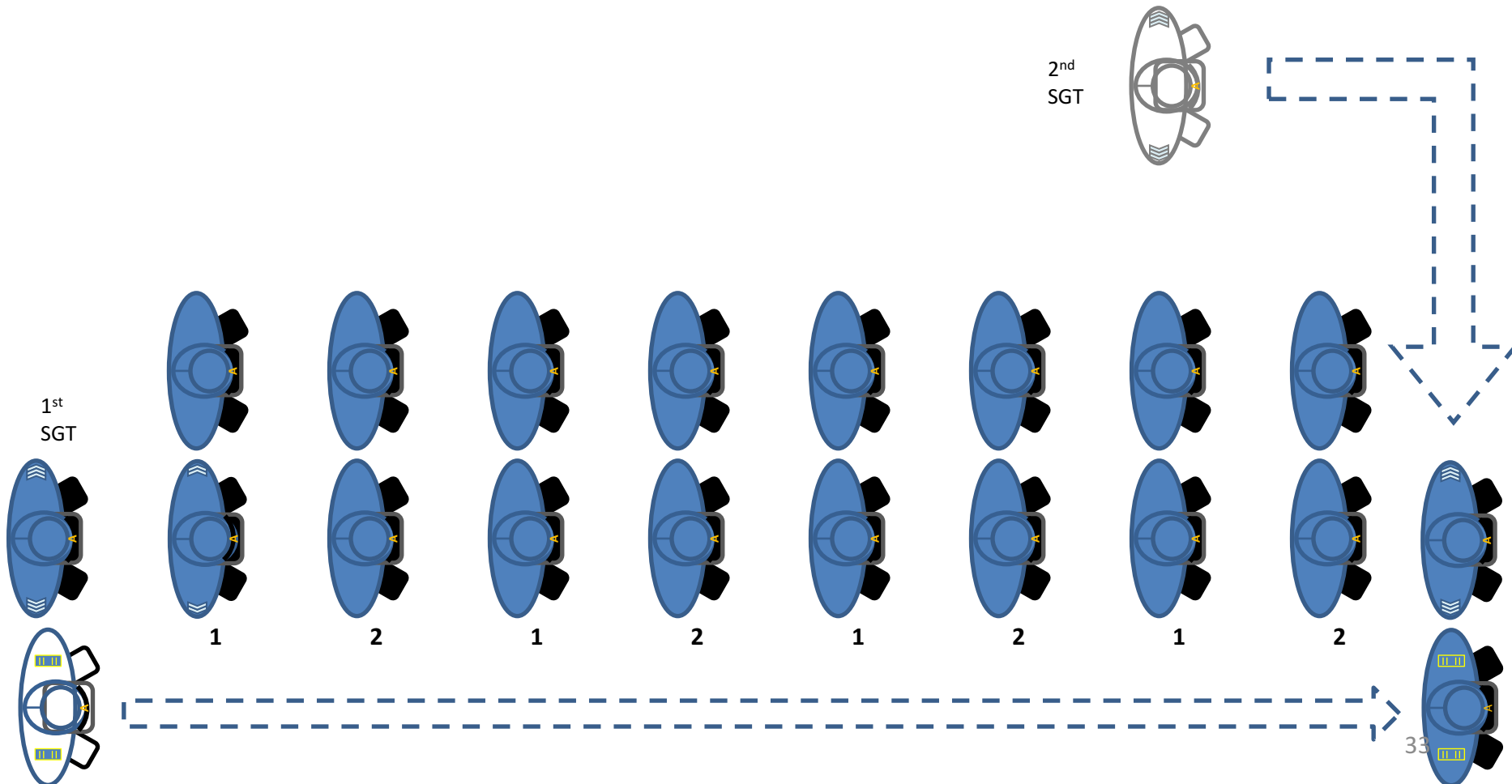
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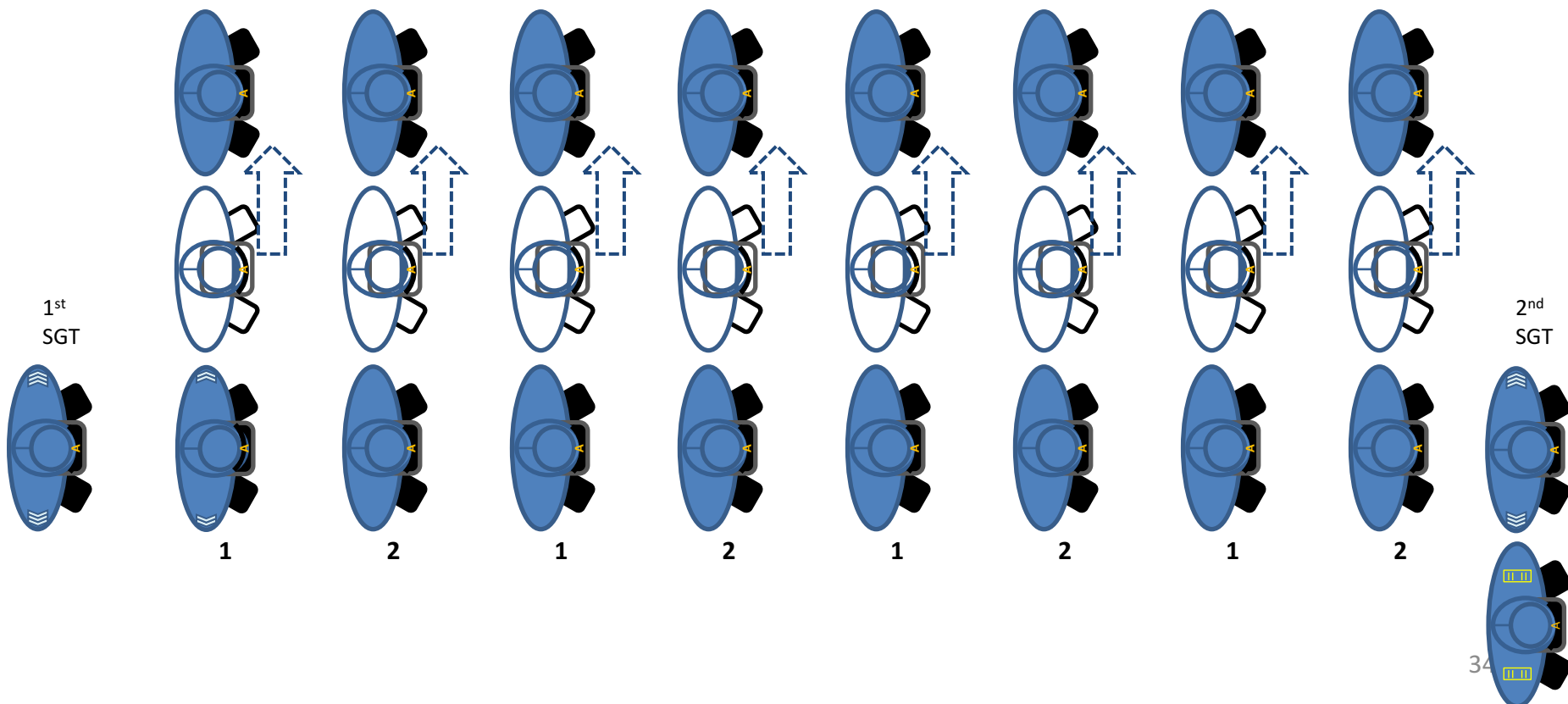
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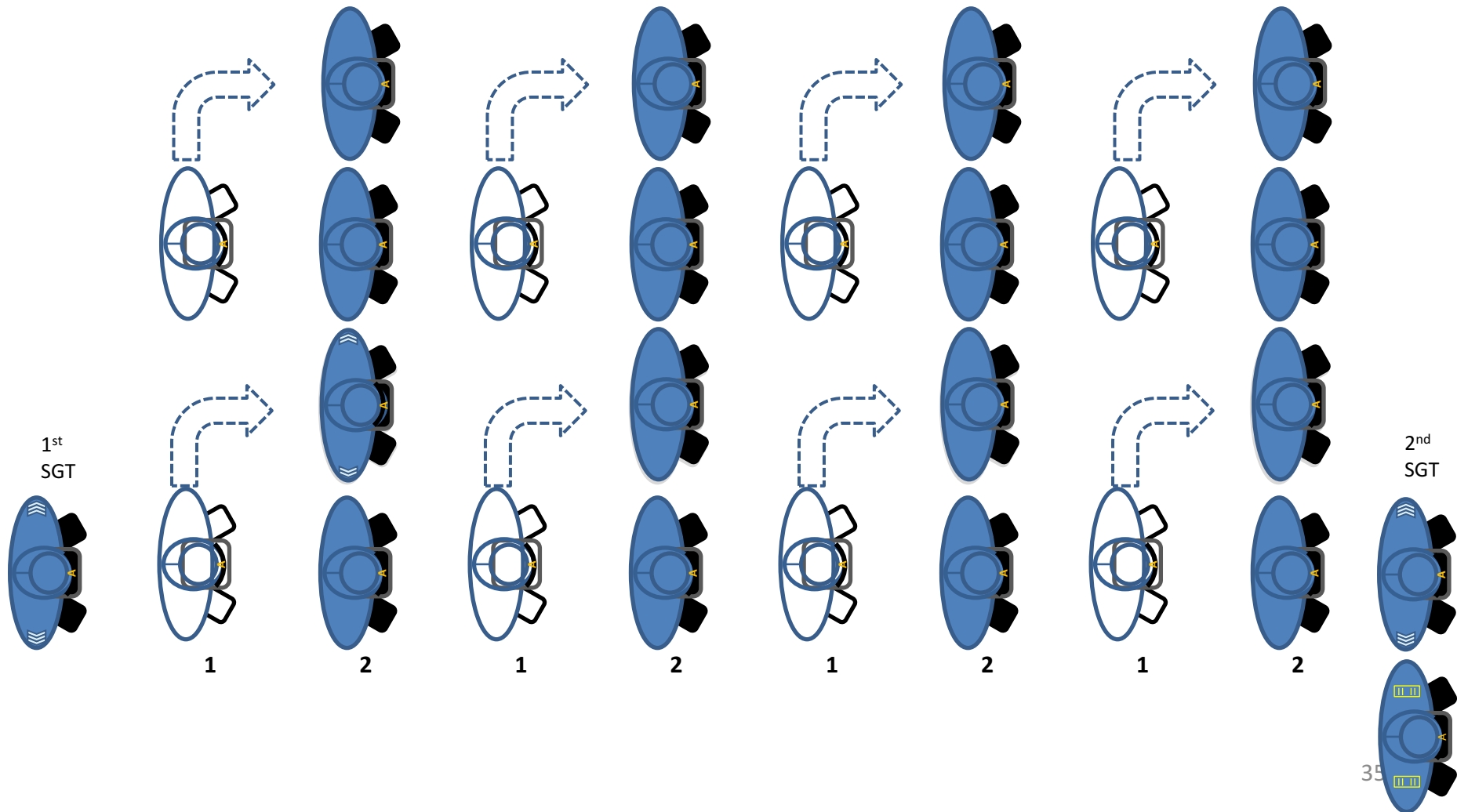
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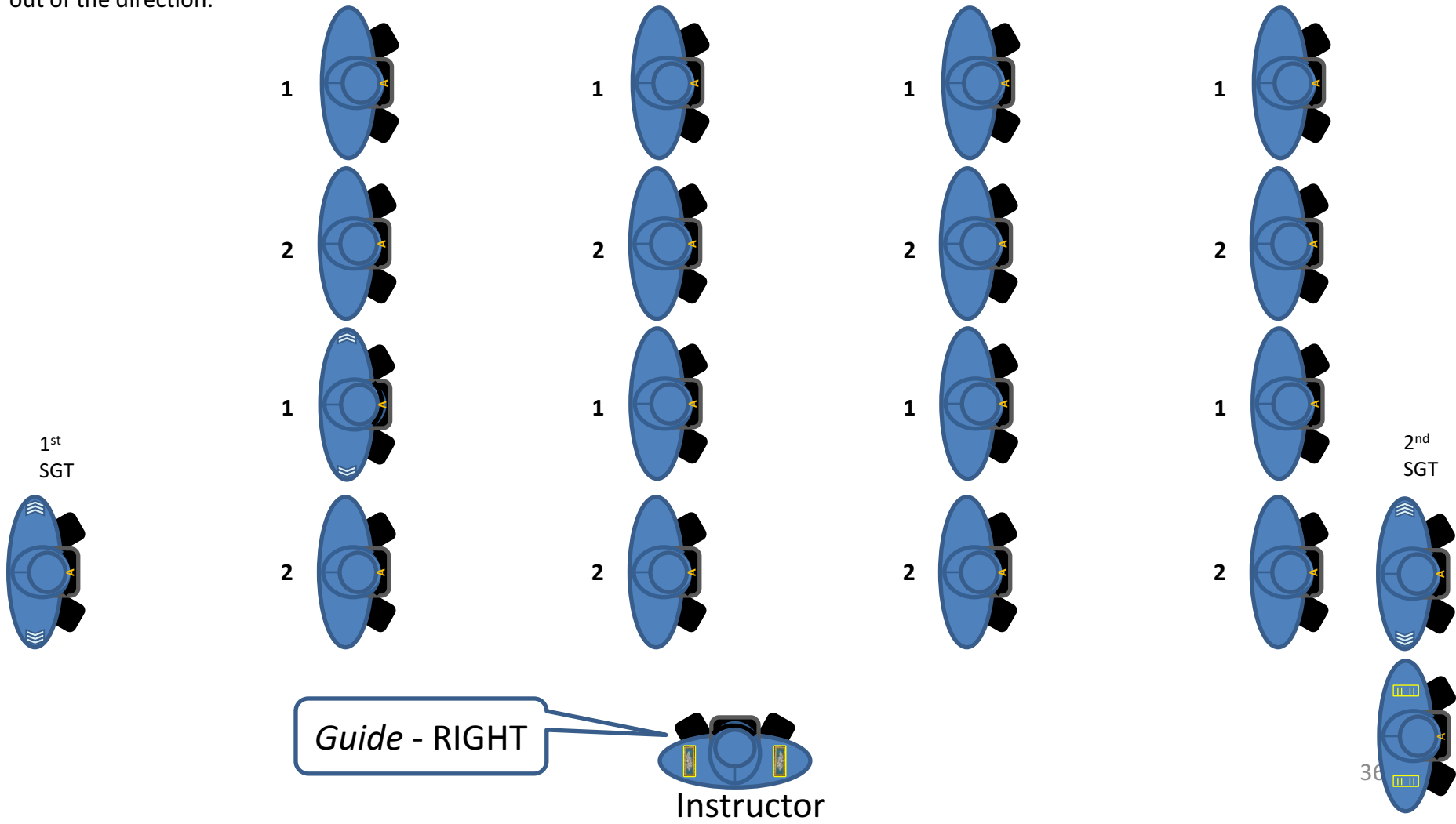


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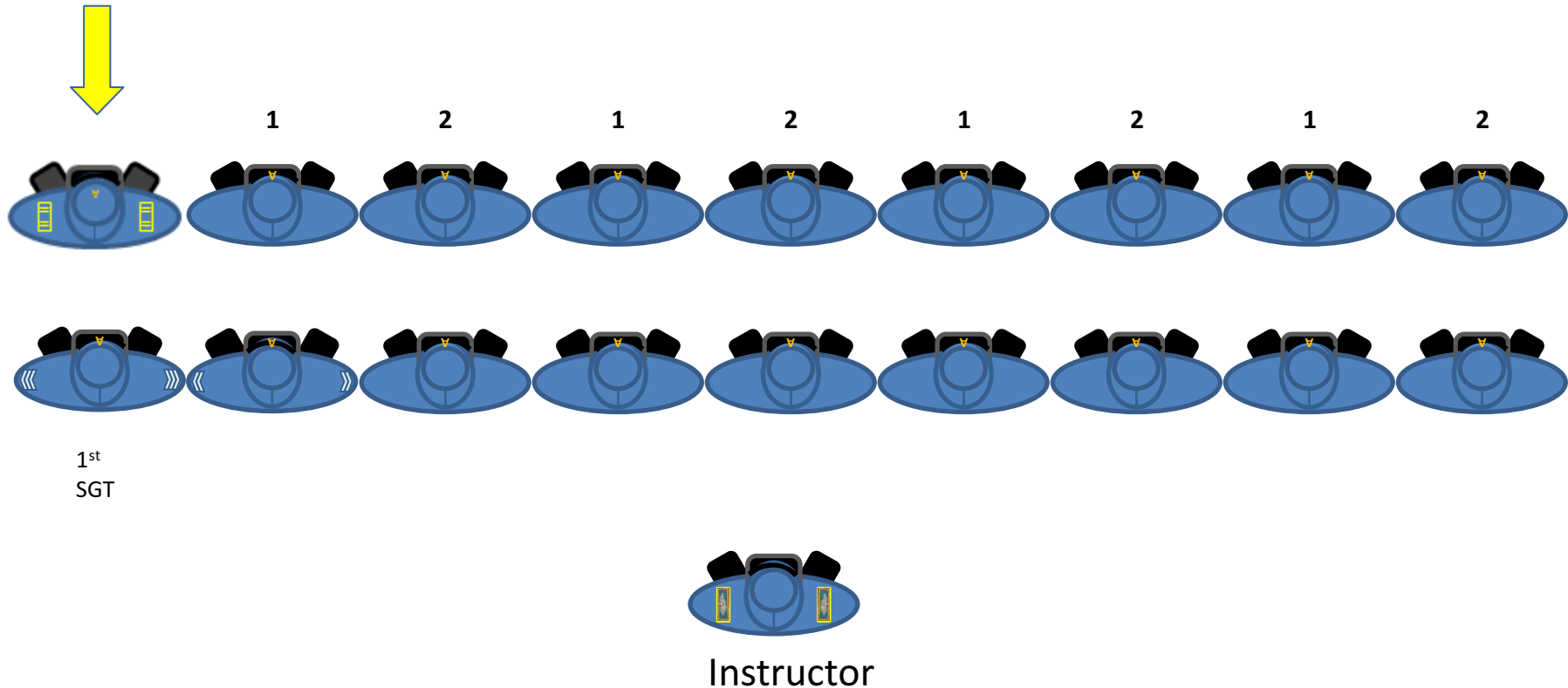
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**THE LEFT FACE
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The Company Faced by the Rear Rank



Wait!

Why is the Captain in the Rear Rank?

A brief digression

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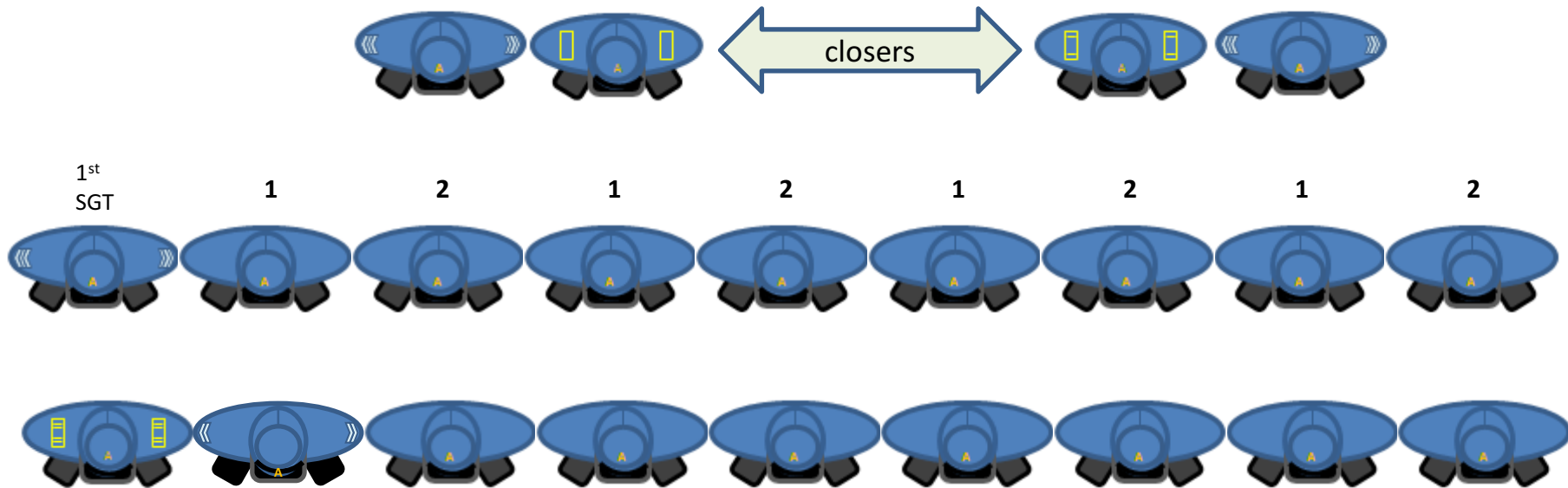
This sequence of illustrations starts with
the company formed to the front.

And then commanded to Fire by the Rear-Rank

If the company had been commanded to simply Face About.

- The closers would be the foremost men.
- The 1st Sgt would remain in the Rear-Rank
- The Captain would remain in the Front-Rank

The Company Faced by the Front Rank



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:

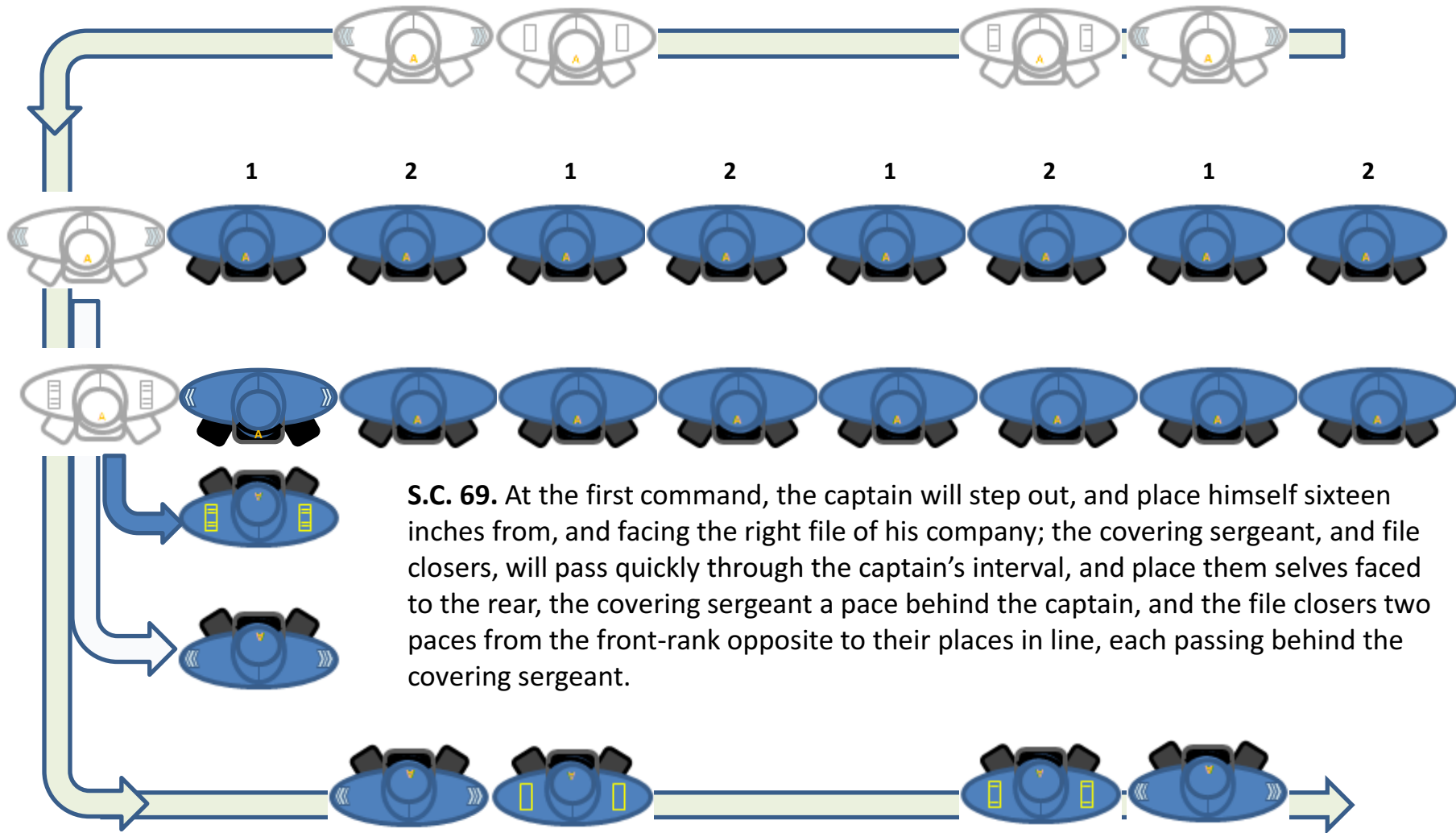
1. *Face by the rear rank.* 2. *Company.* 3. *About—FACE.*

Instructor



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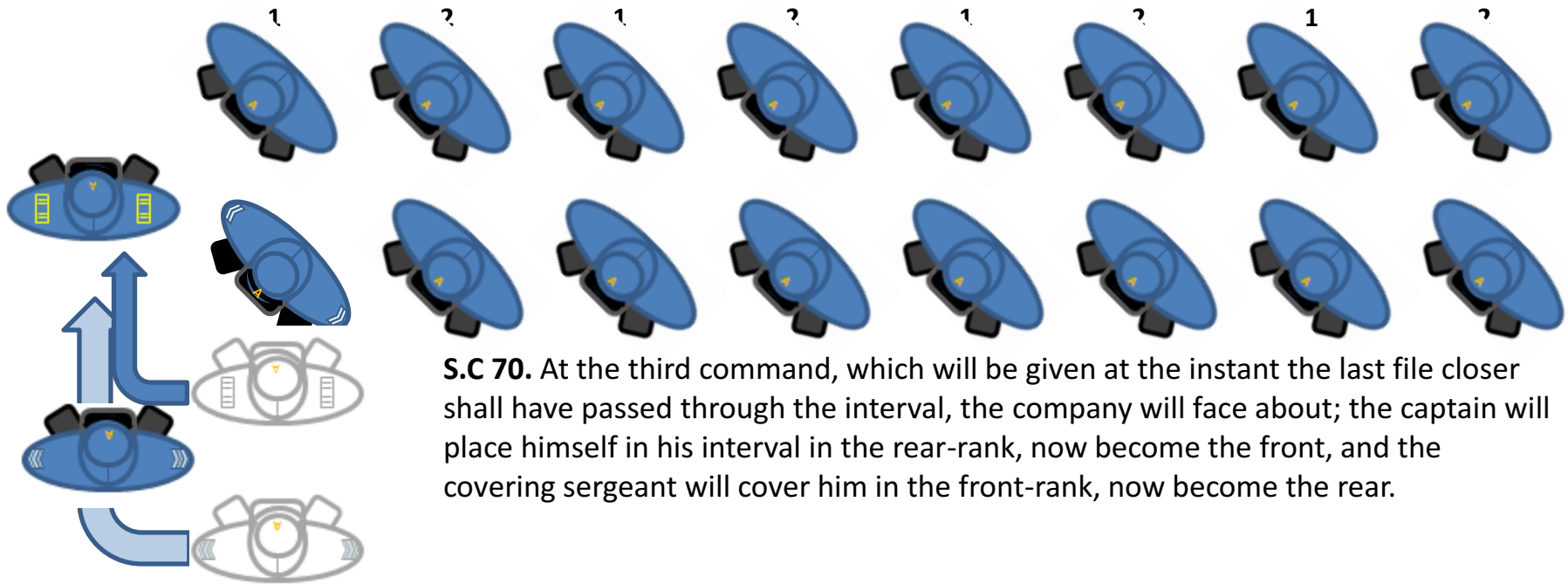
This maneuver takes time to execute!



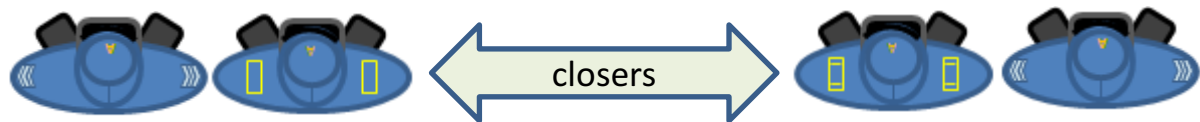
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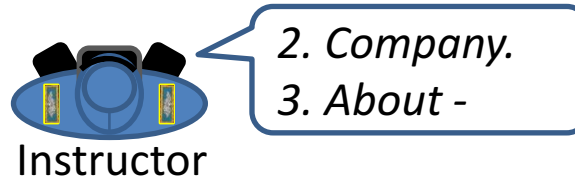


S.C 70. At the third command, which will be given at the instant the last file closer shall have passed through the interval, the company will face about; the captain will place himself in his interval in the rear-rank, now become the front, and the covering sergeant will cover him in the front-rank,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

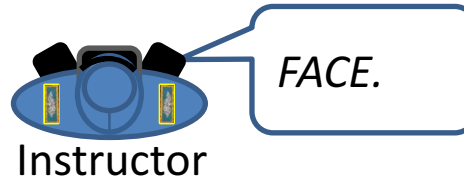
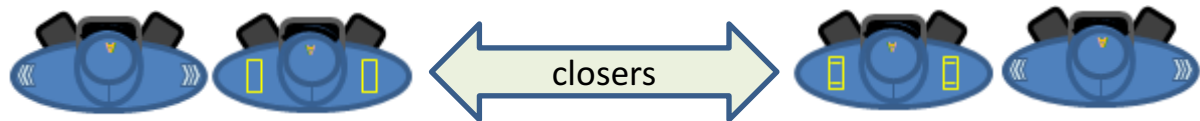
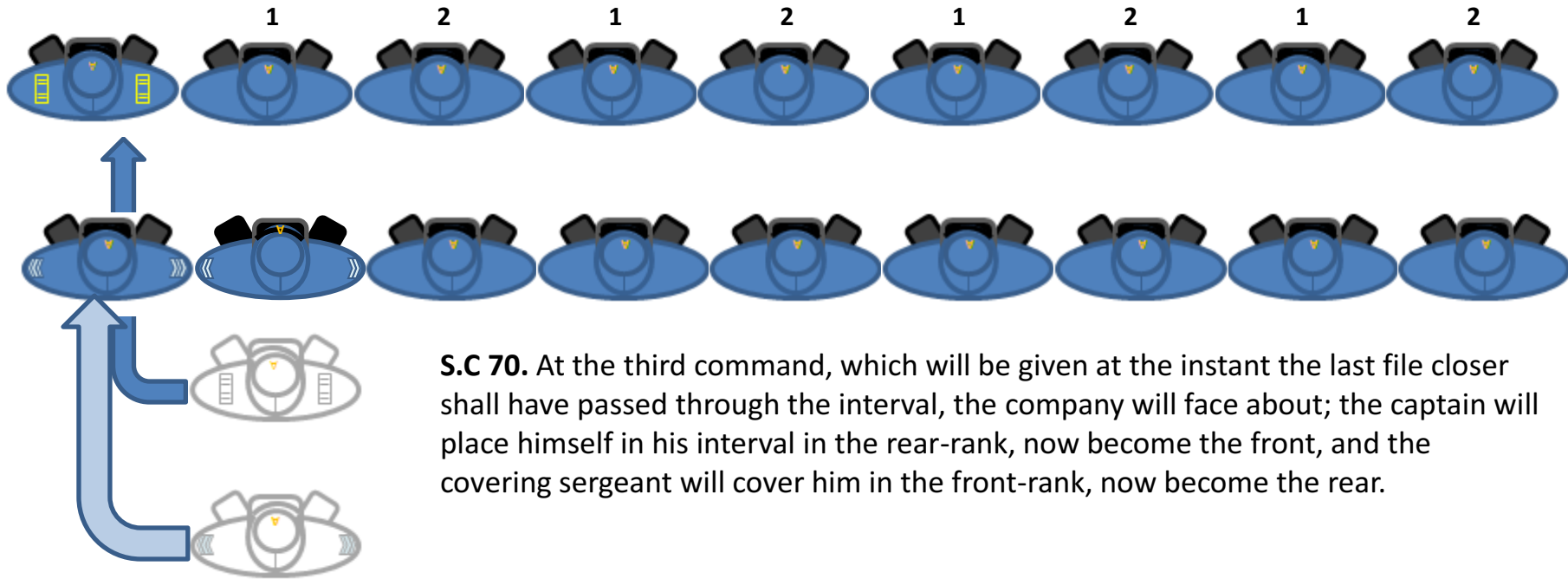


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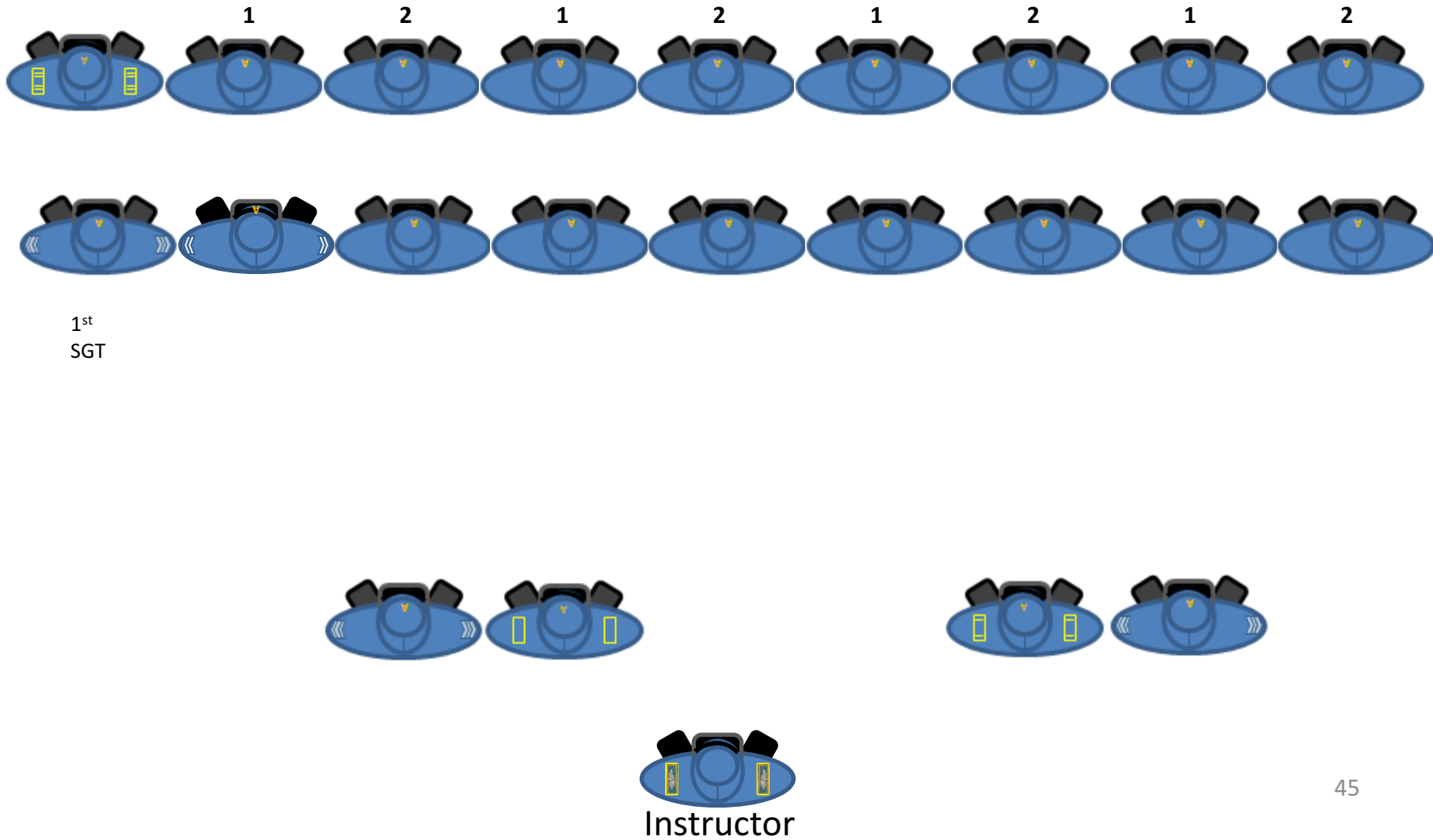
Soldiers need to first position their feet correctly.



... FACE



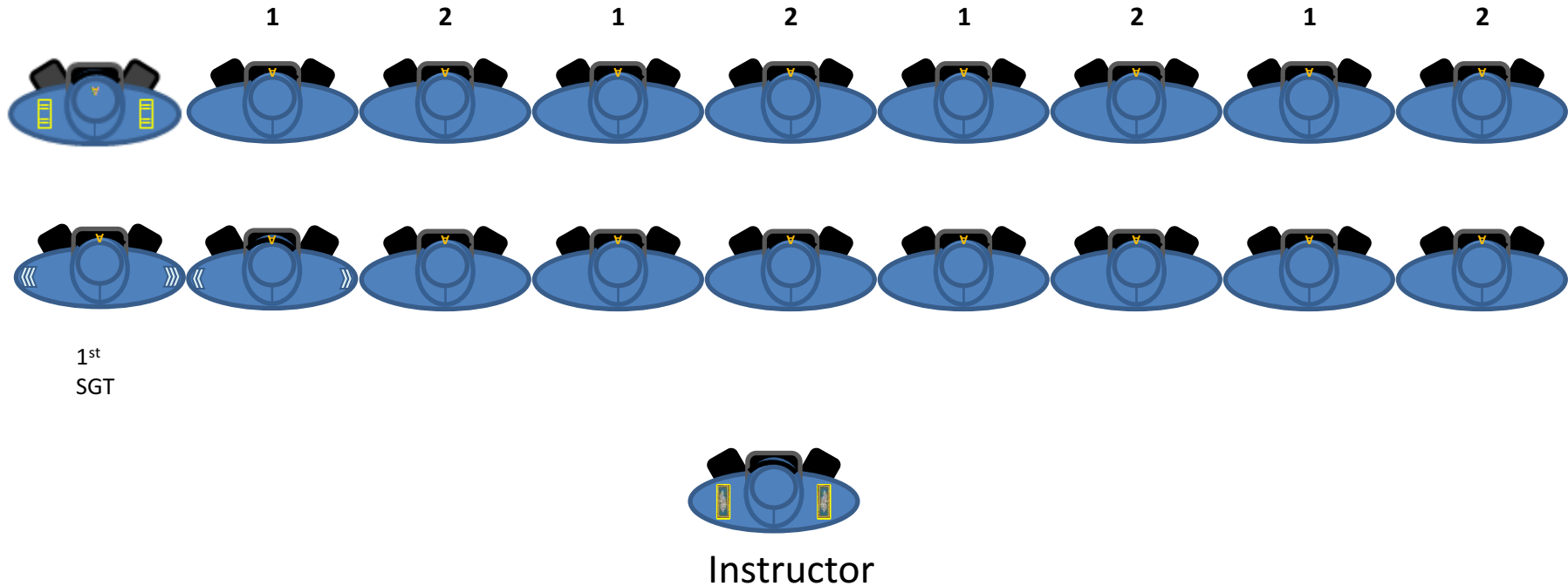
The Company Faced by the Rear Rank



End digression

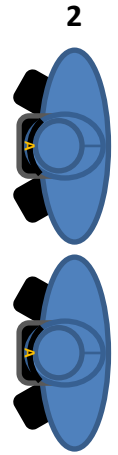
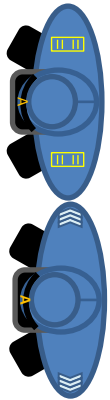
The Company is positioned to Fire by the Rear Rank.

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Left – FACE

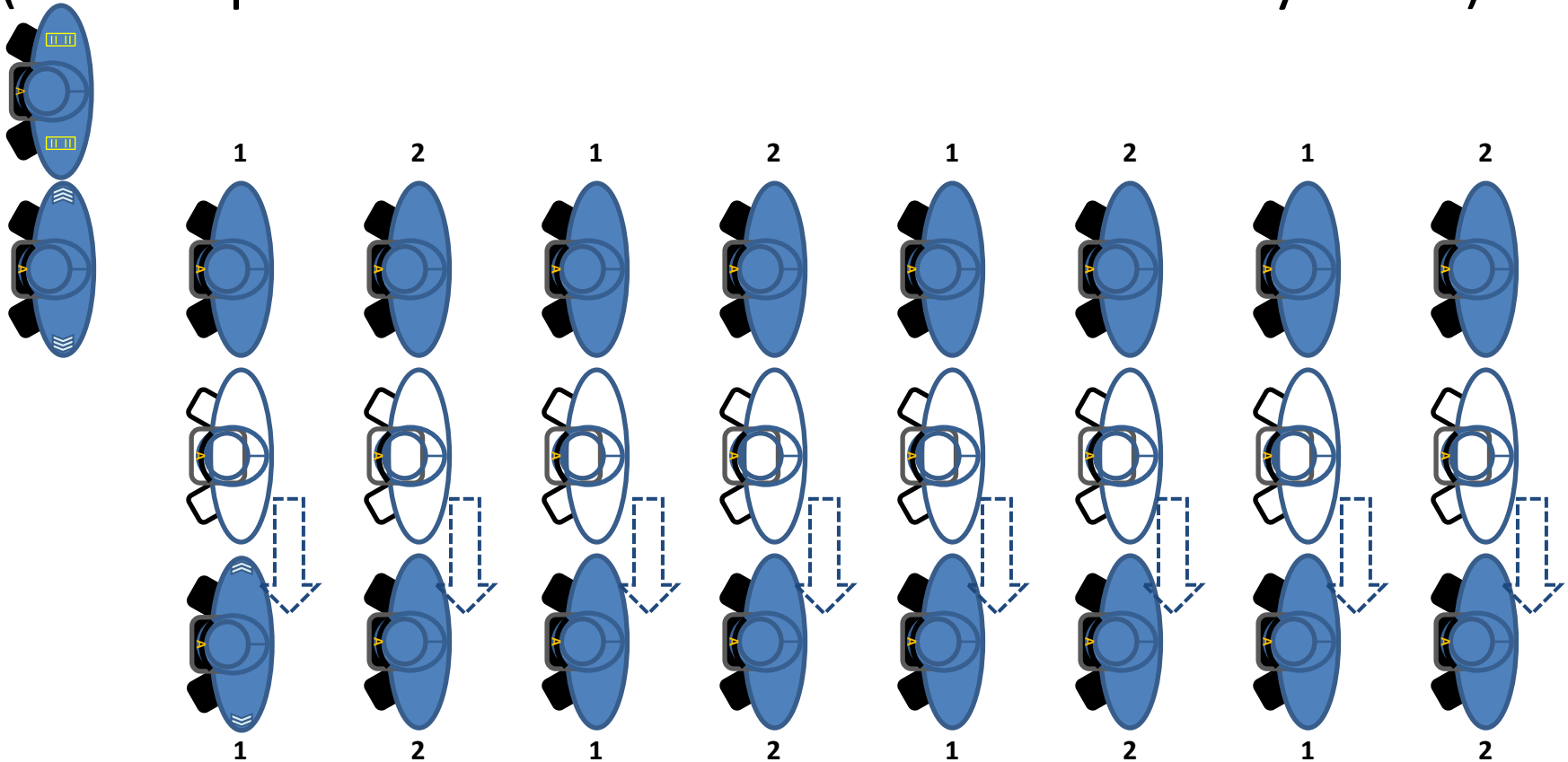
Face in the direction ordered



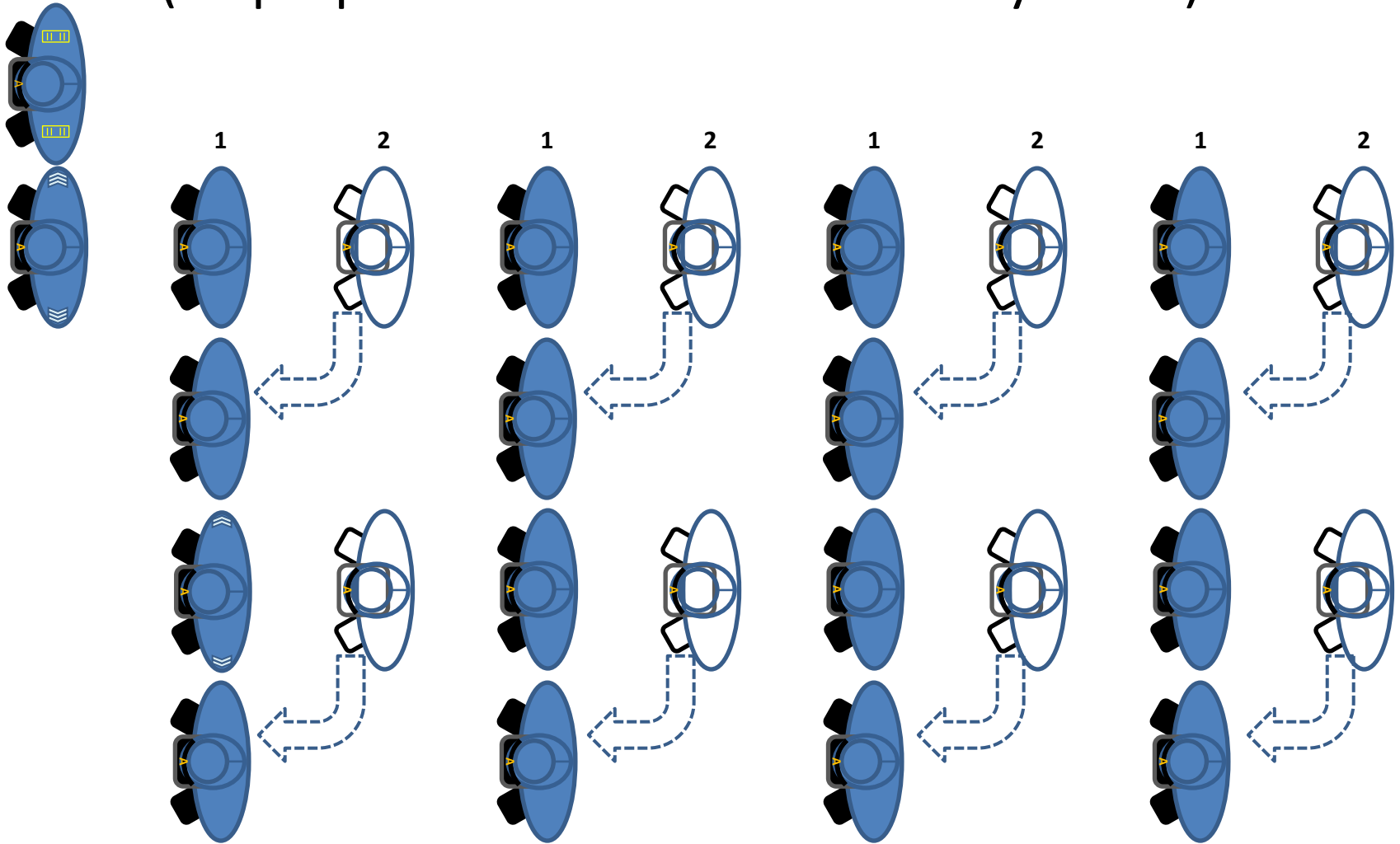
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'Men-in-the-rear' step to the side

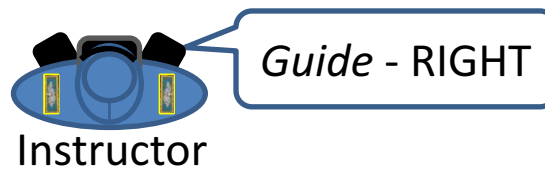
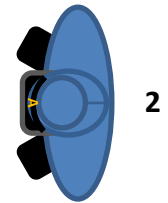
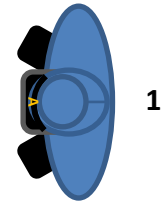
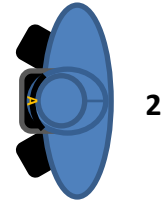
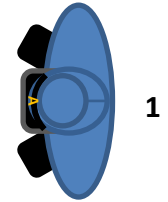
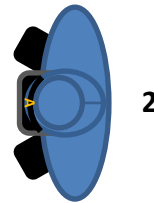
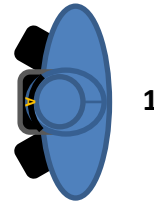
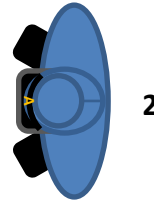
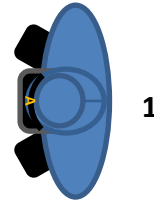
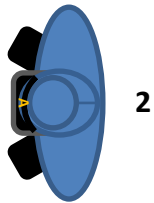
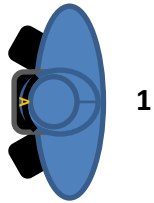
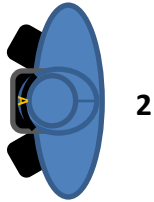
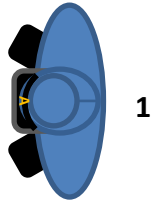
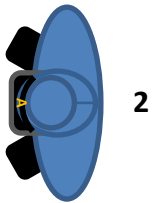
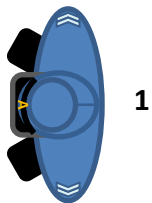
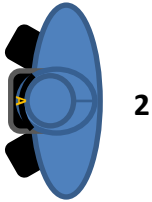
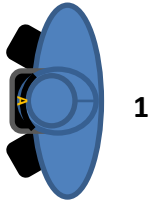
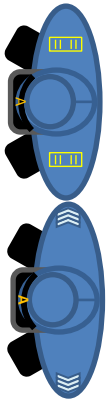
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‘Men-in-the-front’ and ‘Men-in-the-rear’ will double
(step-up in the same direction they faced)



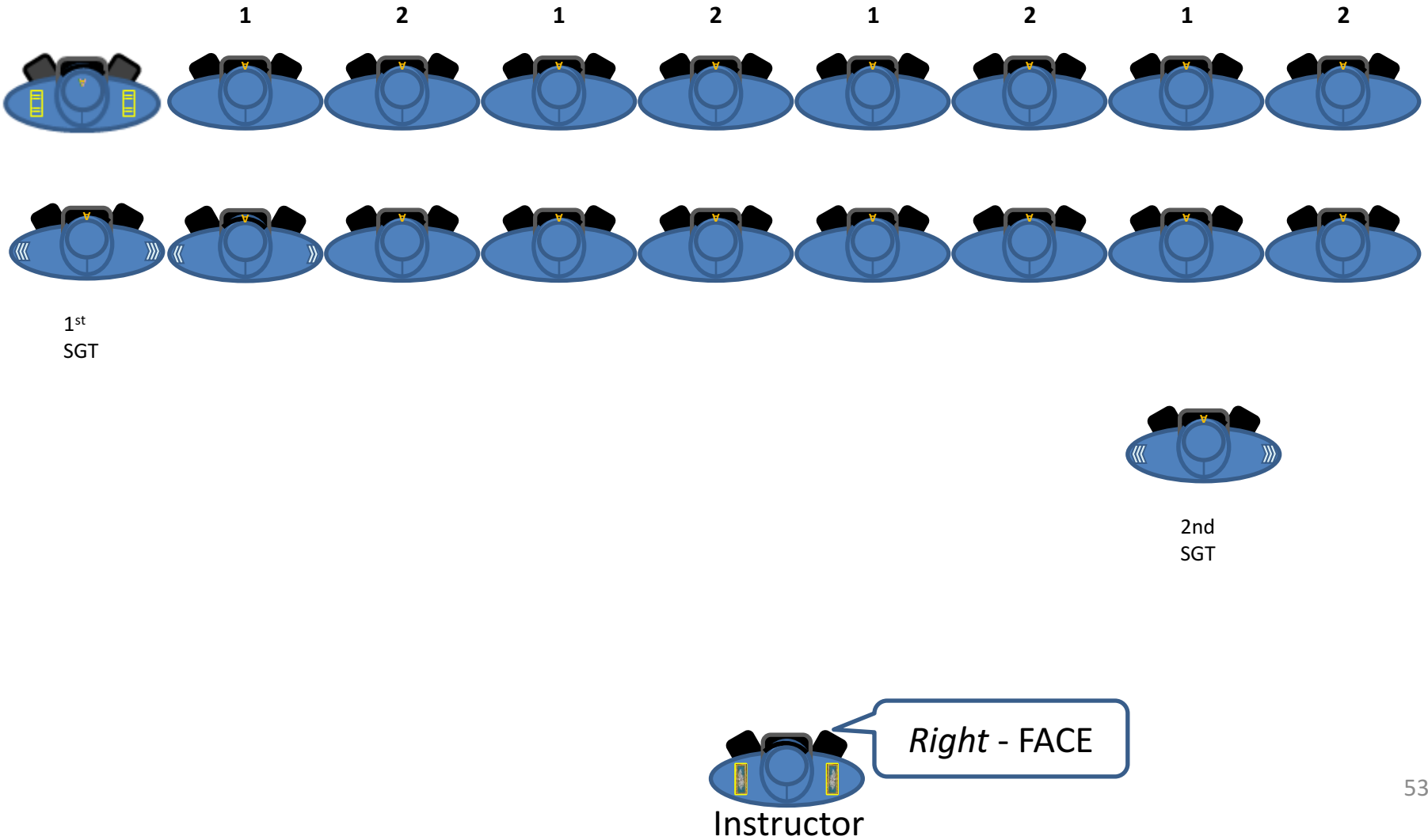
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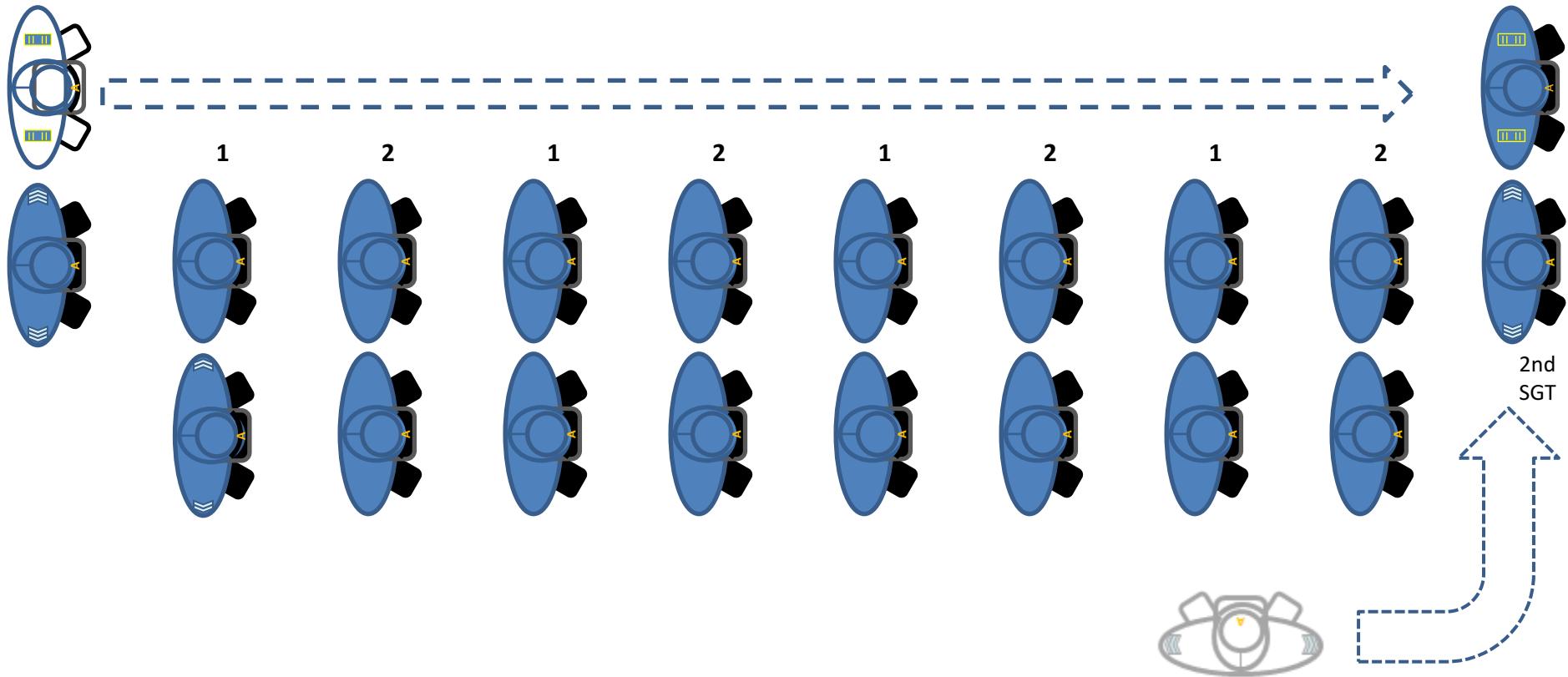
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**THE RIGHT FACE
WHEN FORMED IN TWO RANKS
FACED BY THE REAR RANK**

The Company Faced by the Rear Rank

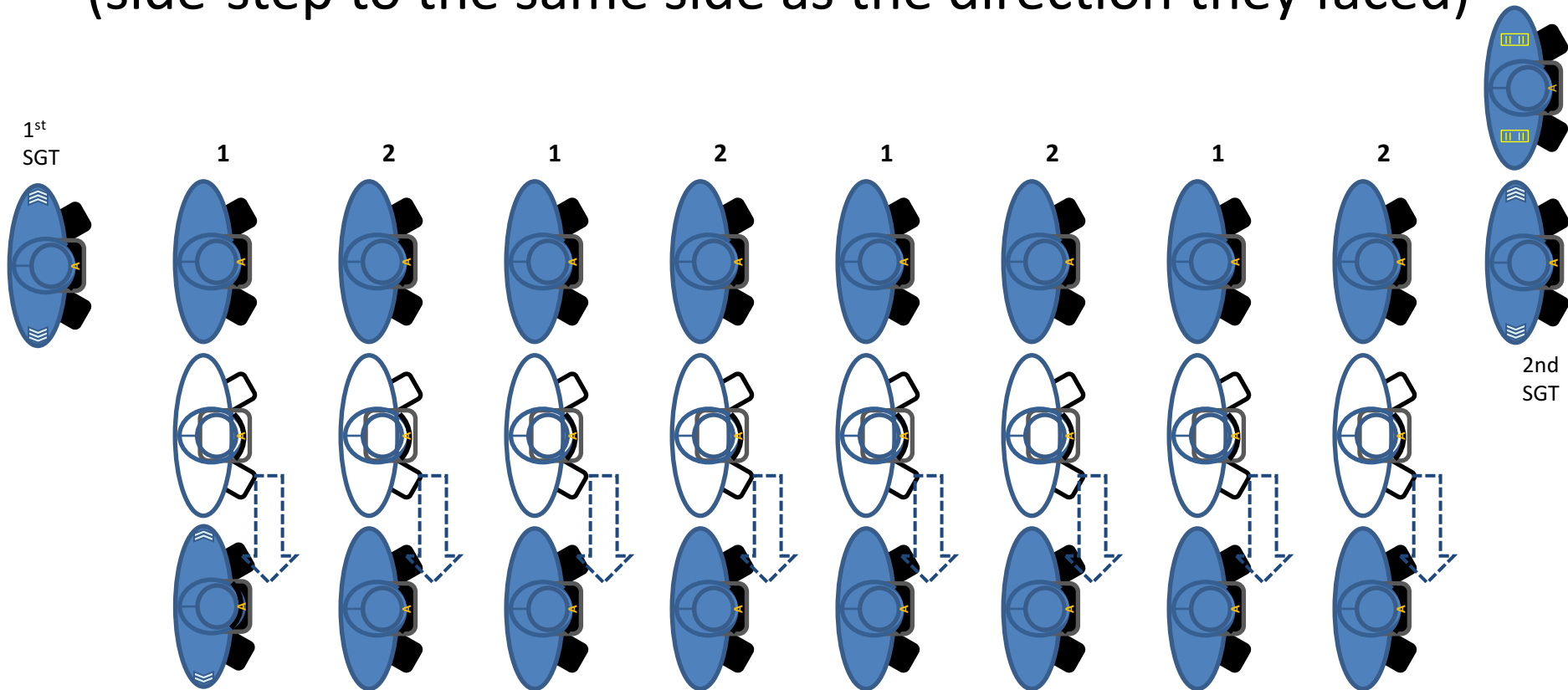


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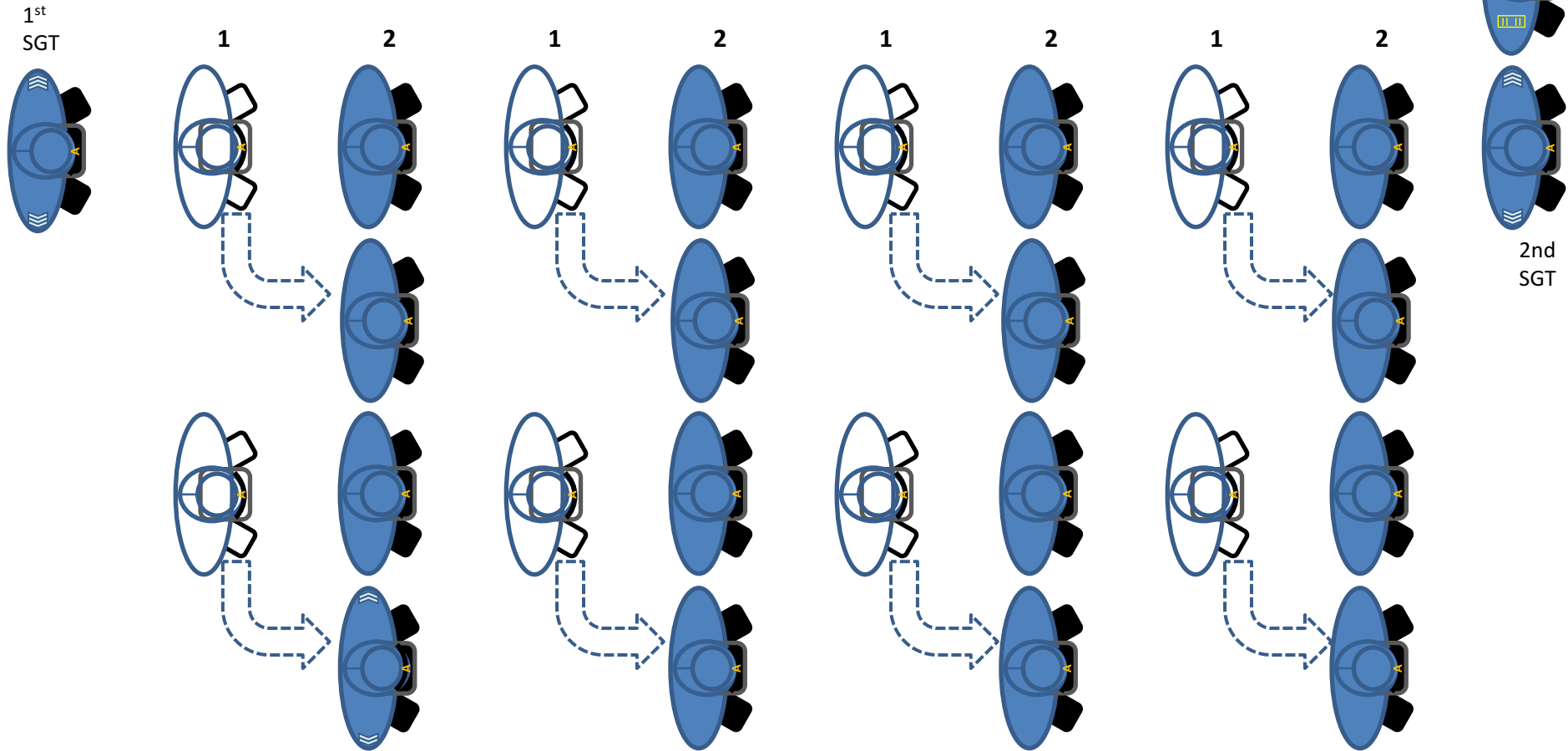


'Men-in-the-rear' step to the side

(side-step to the same side as the direction they faced)



‘Men-in-the-front’ and ‘Men-in-the-rear’ will double
(step-up in the same direction they faced)



Set the Guide

