



A SEMINAR ON CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

MARCHING ON THE RIGHT, BY FILE INTO LINE

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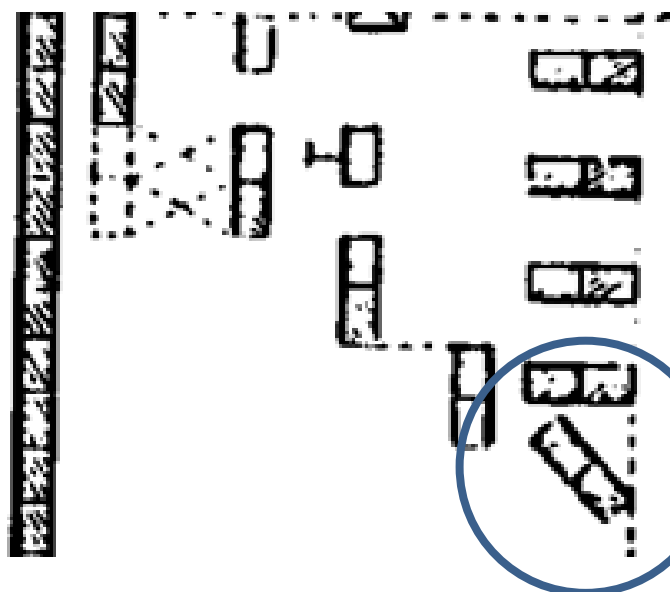
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- **S.C. 150.** If the company be marching by the right flank, the instructor will command:

1. *On the right, by file into line.* 2. *MARCH.*
- **S.C. 151.** At the command *march*, the rear-rank men doubled, will mark time; the captain and the covering sergeant will turn to the right, march straight-forward, and be halted by the instructor when they shall have passed at least six paces beyond the rank of file closers; the captain will place himself correctly on the line of battle, and will direct the alignment as the men of the front-rank successively arrive; the covering sergeant will place himself behind the captain at the distance of the rear-rank; the two men on the right of the front-rank doubled, will continue to march, and passing beyond the covering sergeant and the captain, will turn to the right; after turning, they will continue to march elbow to elbow, and direct themselves toward the line of battle, but when they shall arrive at two paces from this line, the even number will shorten the step so that the odd number may precede him on the line, the odd number placing himself by the side and on the left of the captain; the even number will afterward oblique to the left, and place himself on the left of the odd number; the next two men of the front-rank doubled, will pass in the same manner behind the two first, turn then to the right, and place themselves, according to the means just explained to the left, and by the side of, the two men already established on the line; the remaining files of this rank will follow in succession, and be formed to the left in the same manner. The rear-rank doubled will execute the movement in the manner already explained for the front-rank, taking care not to commence the movement until four men of the front-rank are established on the line of battle; the rear-rank men, as they arrive on the line, will cover accurately their file leaders.

Executing the “turn to the right”

- In **S.C. 151** we see the phrase “..._will turn to the right; after turning, they will continue to march elbow to elbow...”
- This is not executed as a
 - “Right Turn – MARCH”
- Rather, this is executed as a
 - “By File Right – MARCH”
- The illustration clearly shows a wheel in motion being executed by two men.
- More importantly, the Guide is left. Changes in direction away from the Guide are executed as a wheel. By File Right is executed as a wheel by file.



2 men
Marching
Abreast
Executing a
Wheel in Motion

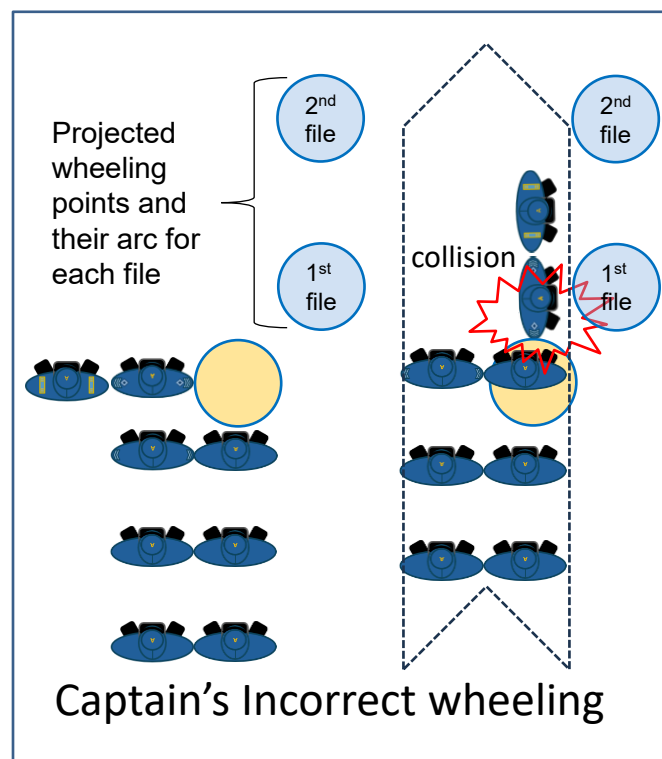
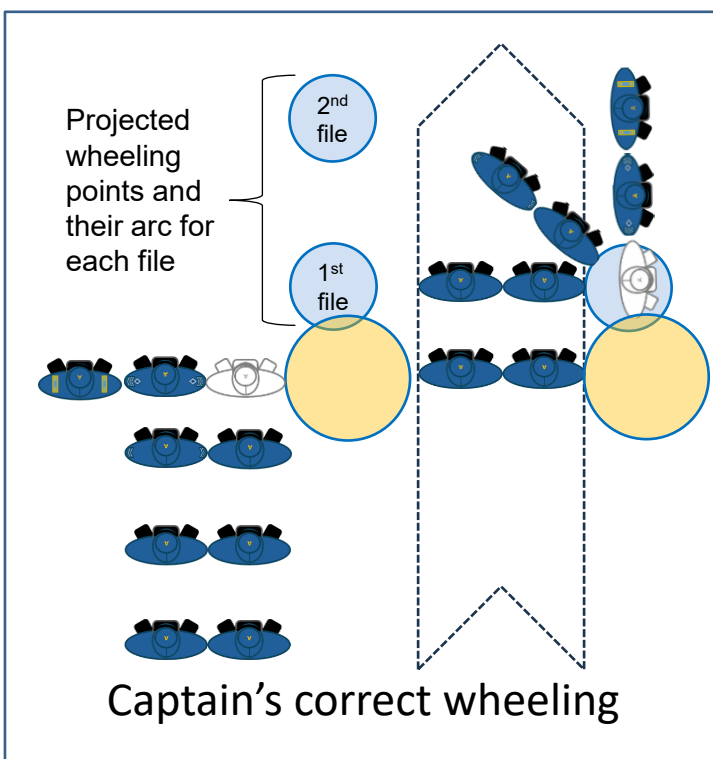
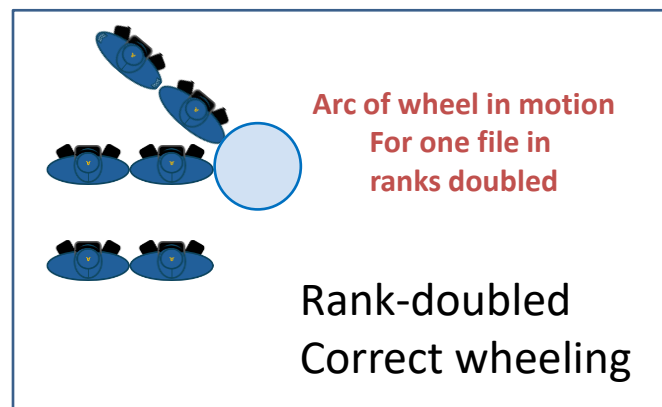
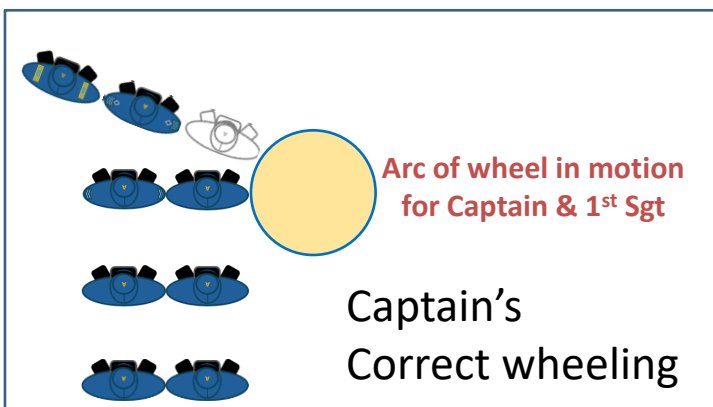
THE MANEUVER – BROKEN DOWN

1) At the command march, the rear-rank men doubled, will mark time; the captain and the covering sergeant will turn to the right, march straight-forward, ...

Note that the arc scribed by the Captain & 1st Sgt as they execute their change in direction should be slightly larger than the arc scribed by a rank doubled.

Why? Because in this maneuver, the Captain and 1st Sgt are essentially walking three abreast, because of their position when marching by the flank. They just don't have the convenience of having a person on their right marching beside them.

If the Captain and 1st Sgt do not scribe a larger arc, the first file of the front-rank-doubled will collide with them before the Captain and 1st Sgt clear the marching lane of the front rank

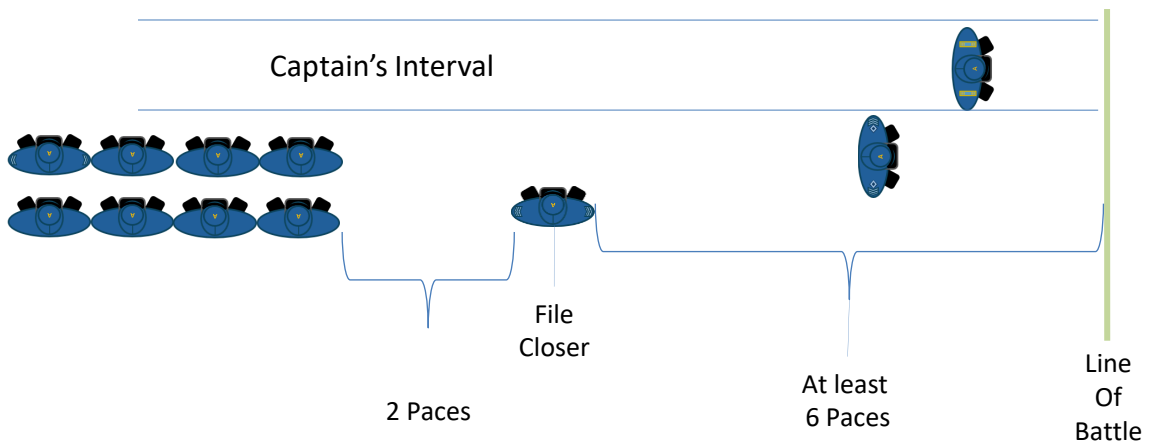


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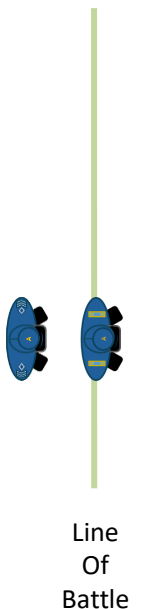
2) ... and be halted ... when they shall have passed at least six paces beyond the rank of file closers;

NOTE: “six paces beyond the rank of file closers” is the same as at least 9 paces beyond the rear rank. I.e., at least 6 paces plus the rank of file closers plus the two paces the file closers march behind the rear rank.

If the new line is not set at least 6 paces beyond the rank of the file closers ... it will be extremely difficult for the Companies to execute this properly.

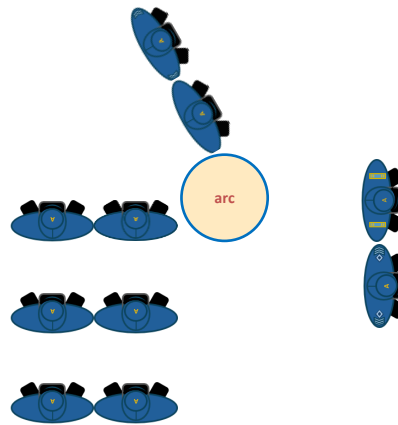


3) the captain will place himself correctly on the line of battle, and will direct the alignment as the men of the front-rank successively arrive; the covering sergeant will place himself behind the captain at the distance of the rear-rank;

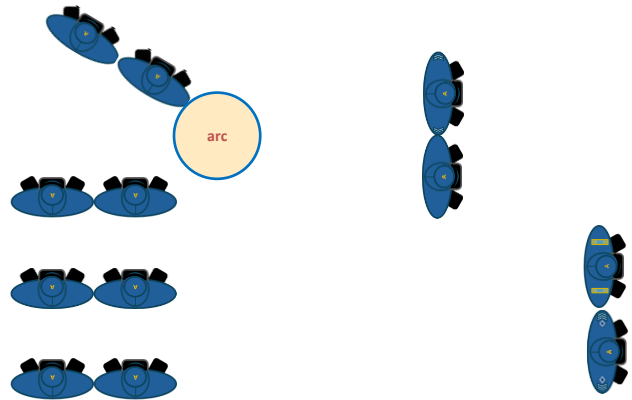


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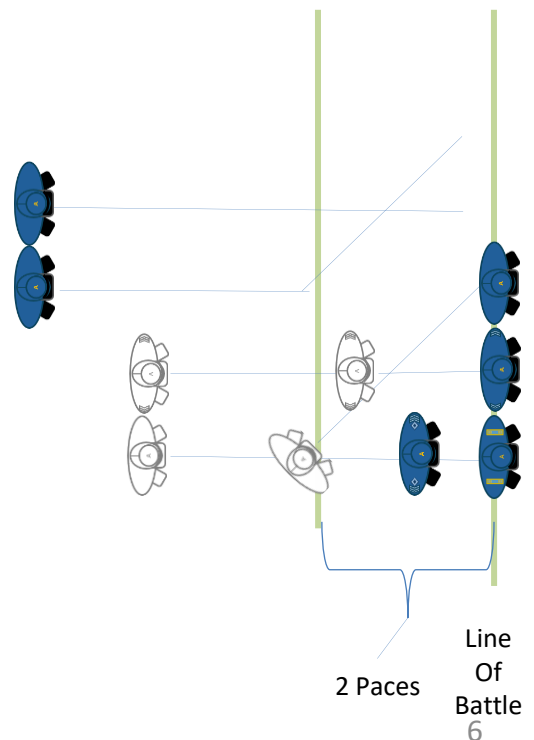
4) the two men on the right of the front-rank doubled, will continue to march, and passing beyond the covering sergeant and the captain, will turn to the right;



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6) ... and place themselves, according to the means just explained to the left, and by the side of, the two men already established on the line; the remaining files of this rank will follow in succession, and be formed to the left in the same manner.



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Let's take a closer look at the end of the maneuver to come on line.
The Captain and the Covering Sergeant

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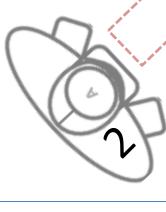
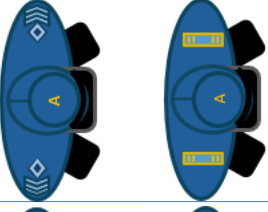
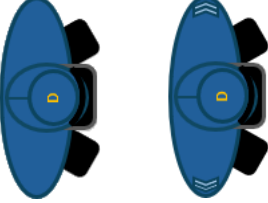
The Captain's Interval				 
			 	
Coming out of the wheel, the Captain and the covering Sgt march elbow to elbow	when they are two paces from the line of battle, the covering Sgt will shorten the step so that the Captain may precede him on the line ...	... as the Captain takes his position on the line of battle, the covering Sgt will ...	Established Line Of Battle ... place himself behind the captain at the distance of the rear-rank	

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THE MANEUVER - BROKEN DOWN

Let's take a closer look at the end of the maneuver to come on line.
The front (rear) rank doubled

To minimize the time it takes to align the ranks, the odd number should be marching directly toward his interval in the new line of battle.

The even Interval			
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 The Captain's Interval			
Coming out of the wheel, the file of the rank-doubled march elbow to elbow; and the odd number will be on the left. However, the odd number needs to be on the right when he comes on line.	Therefore, when they are two paces from the alignment of their rank, the even number will shorten the step so that the odd number may <u>precede</u> him on the line, ...	the odd number placing himself by the side and on the left of the man already established on line; the even number will afterward oblique to the left, ...	 Established Line Of Battle ... and place himself on the left of the odd number; ...

POINTS OF EXECUTION AND FILE ALIGNMENT

Setting the new line at least 6 paces away from the rank of closers, provides the soldiers the opportunity to identify and arrive at their proper interval in line.

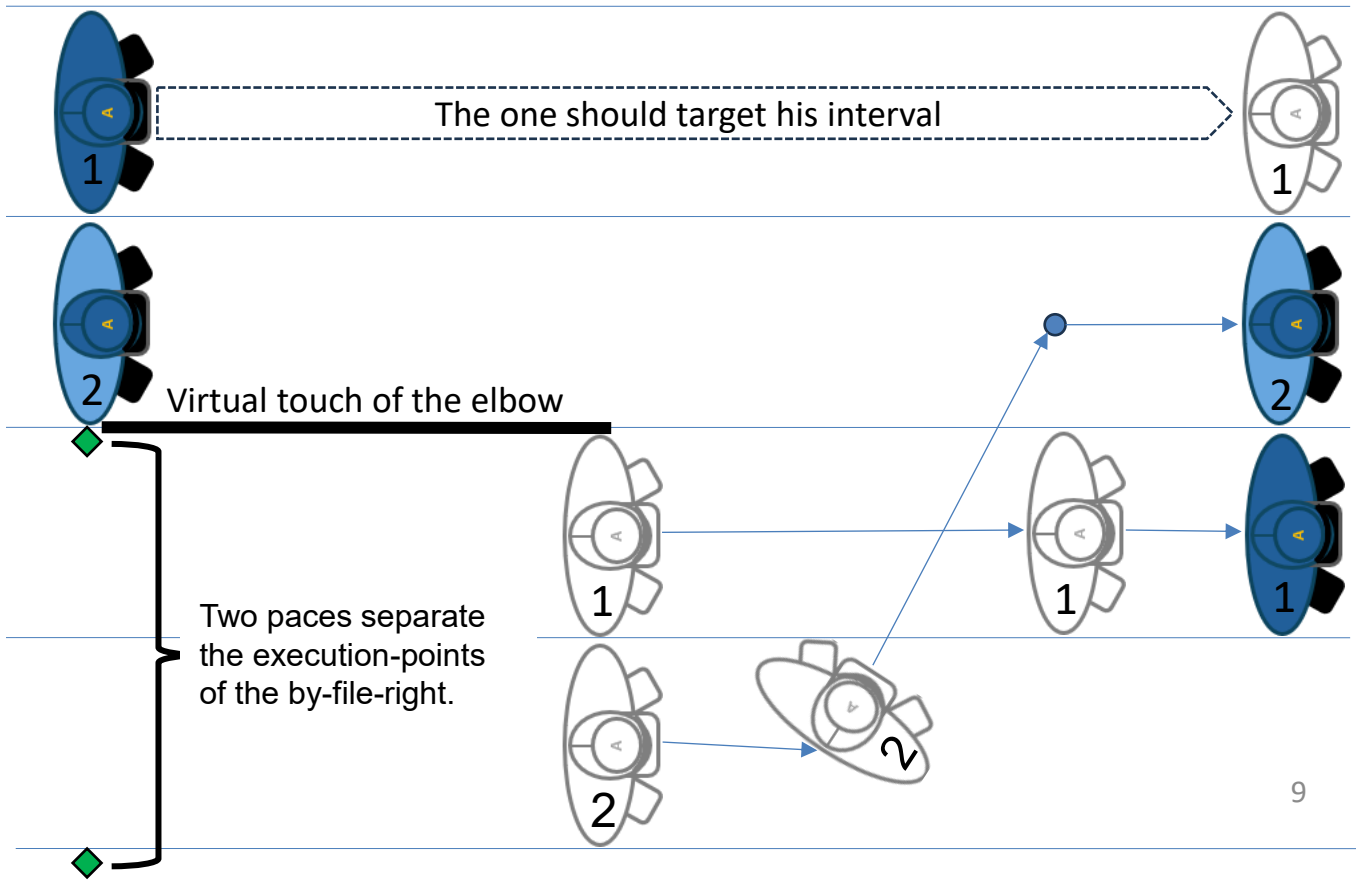
Per S.C. 151, the odd-number man goes on line first, and his even-number partner shortens his stride in order to oblique and pass behind him.

It is critical that the following-pair does not execute their turn too early or turn too late. All following files will compound that error.

- Turning too early causes all the following files to arrive short of their interval and clog together as they try to sort out where they are supposed to be in line.
- Turning too late causes all the following files to swing wide of their interval. Requiring them to back track to arrive on line and recover their alignment.
- Be aware of the point where the preceding file starts their by-file-right. The following-file should take about two steps beyond that point and then start their by-file-right.

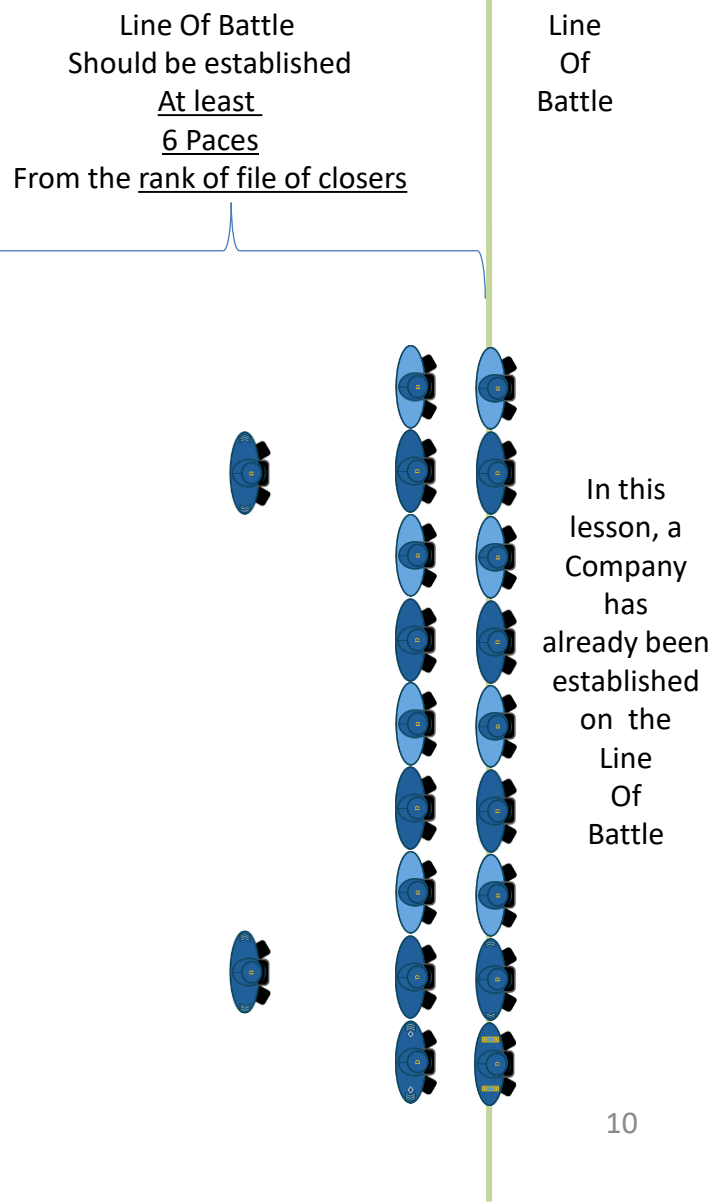
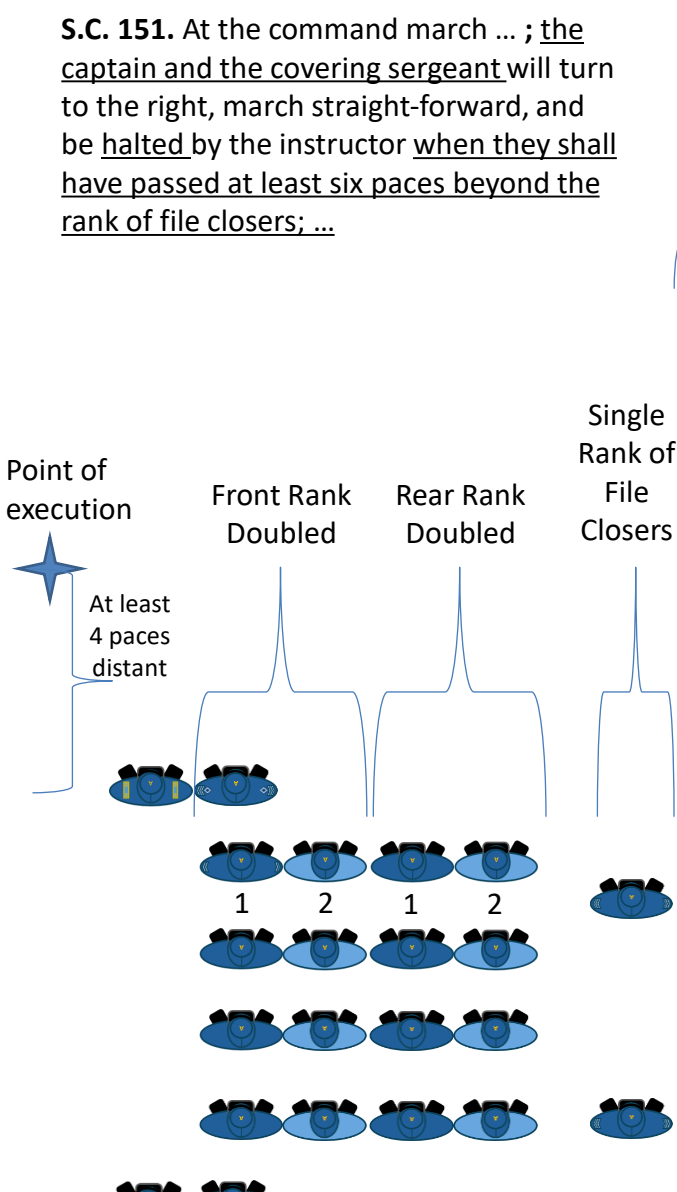
If the leading-pair has already arrived on the new line, the one-man of the following-pair should guide directly towards his interval.

If the leading-pair has not yet arrived on the new line, the two-man of the following-pair should align his right elbow on a line with the left elbow of the one-man marching in front of him.



Recall, that when changing direction, the preparatory command should be given when the men are at least four paces away from the point of execution.

- **S.S. 408.** The first command will be given when the rank is yet four paces from the wheeling point.
- **S.S. 411.** The first command will be pronounced when four paces are yet required to complete the change of direction.
- **S.S. 414.** The first command will be given when the rank is yet four paces from the turning point.



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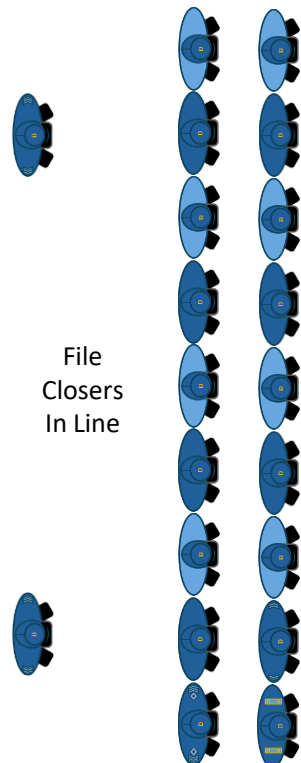
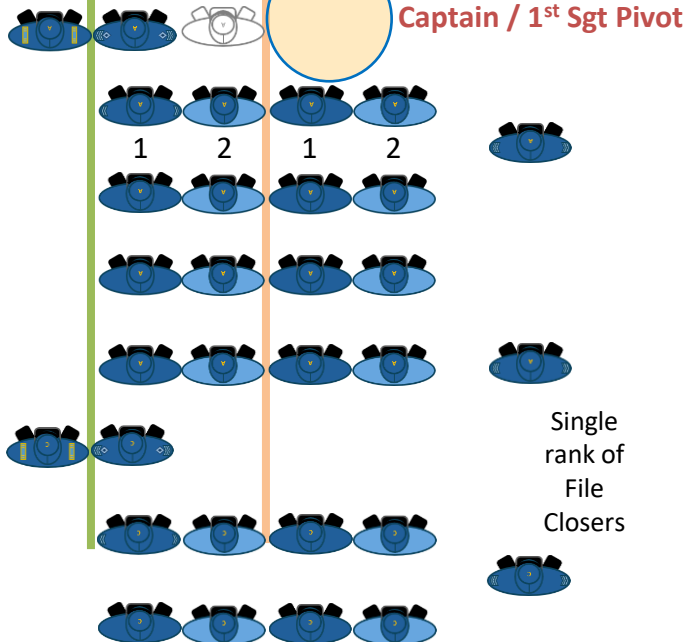
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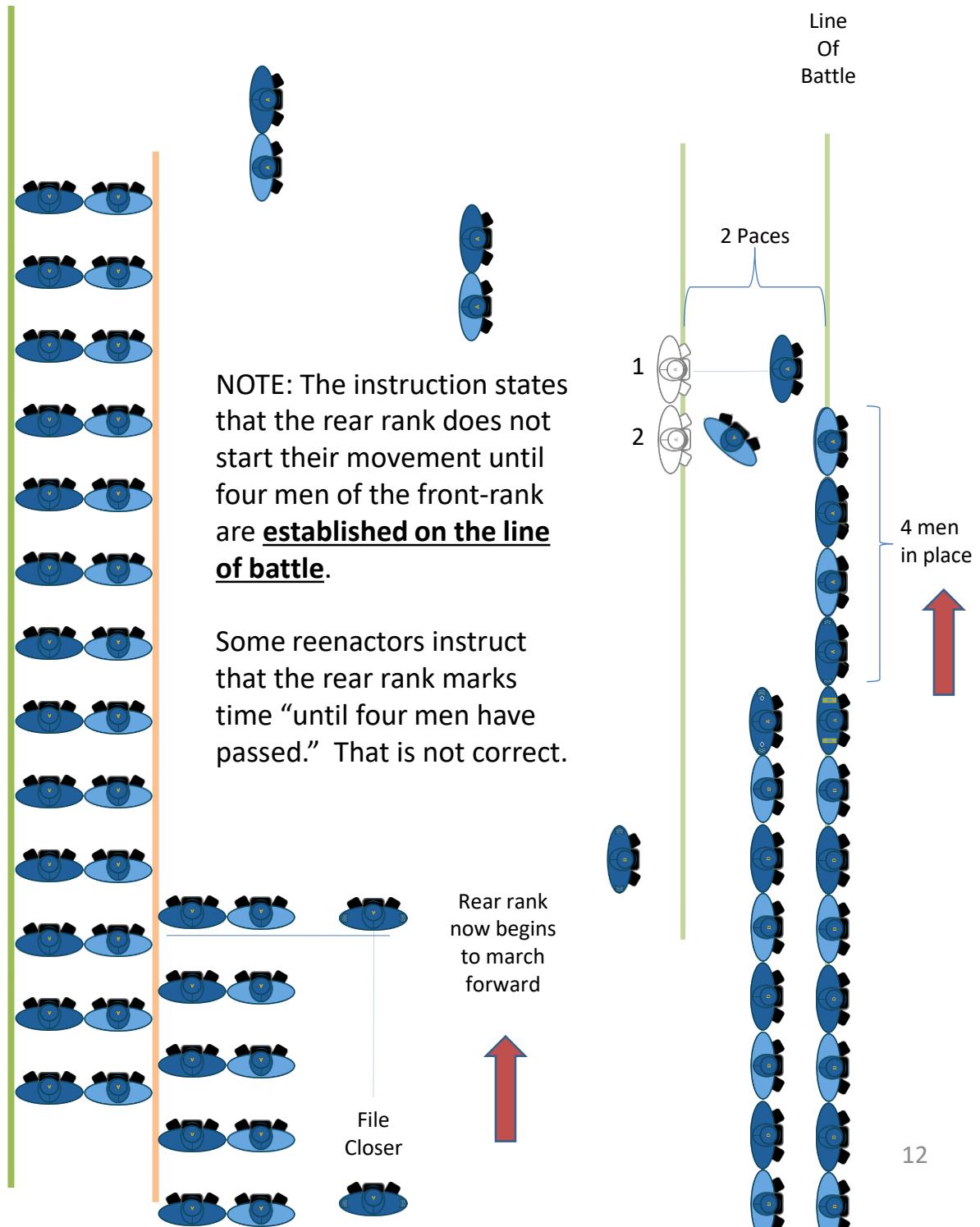
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Point of
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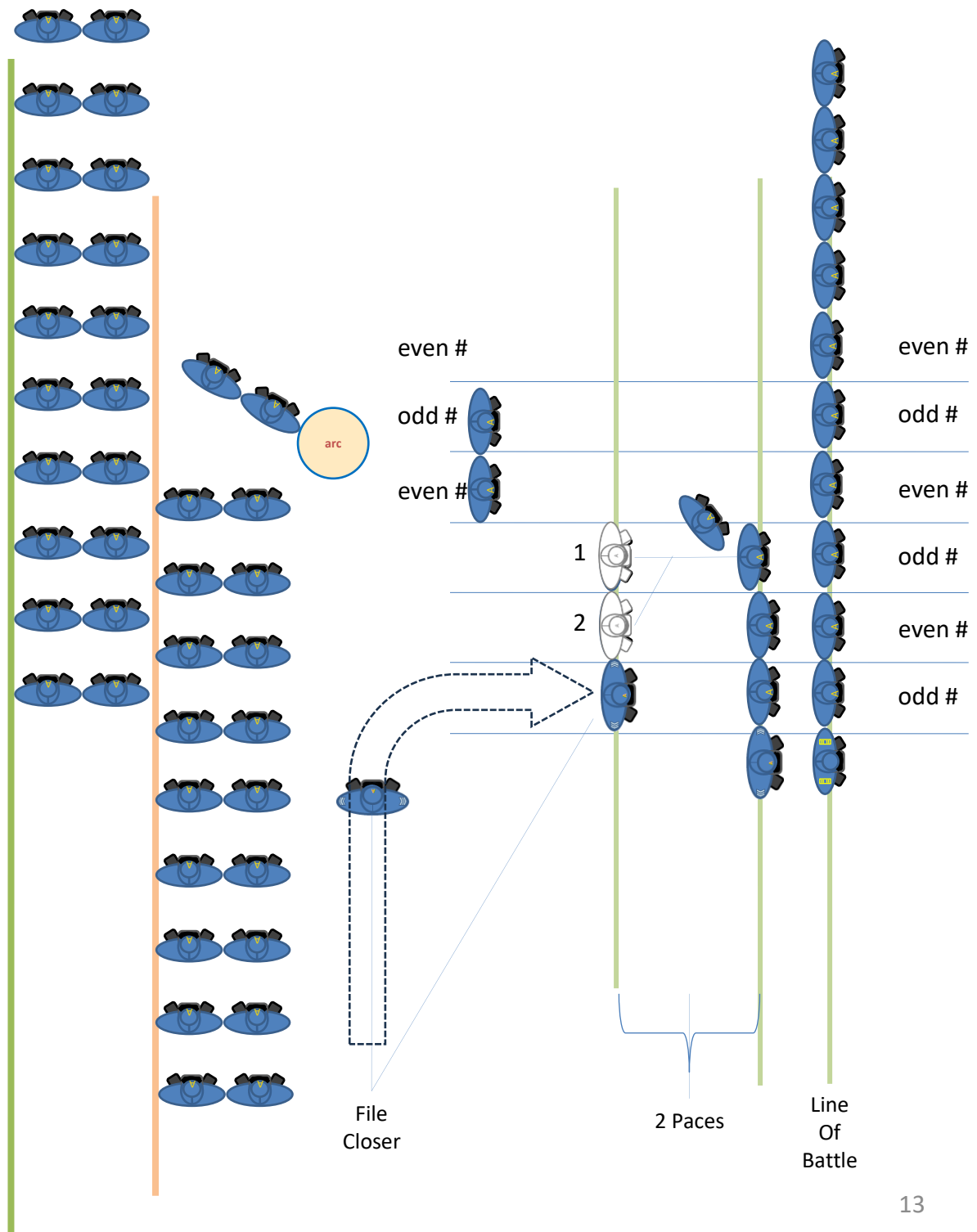
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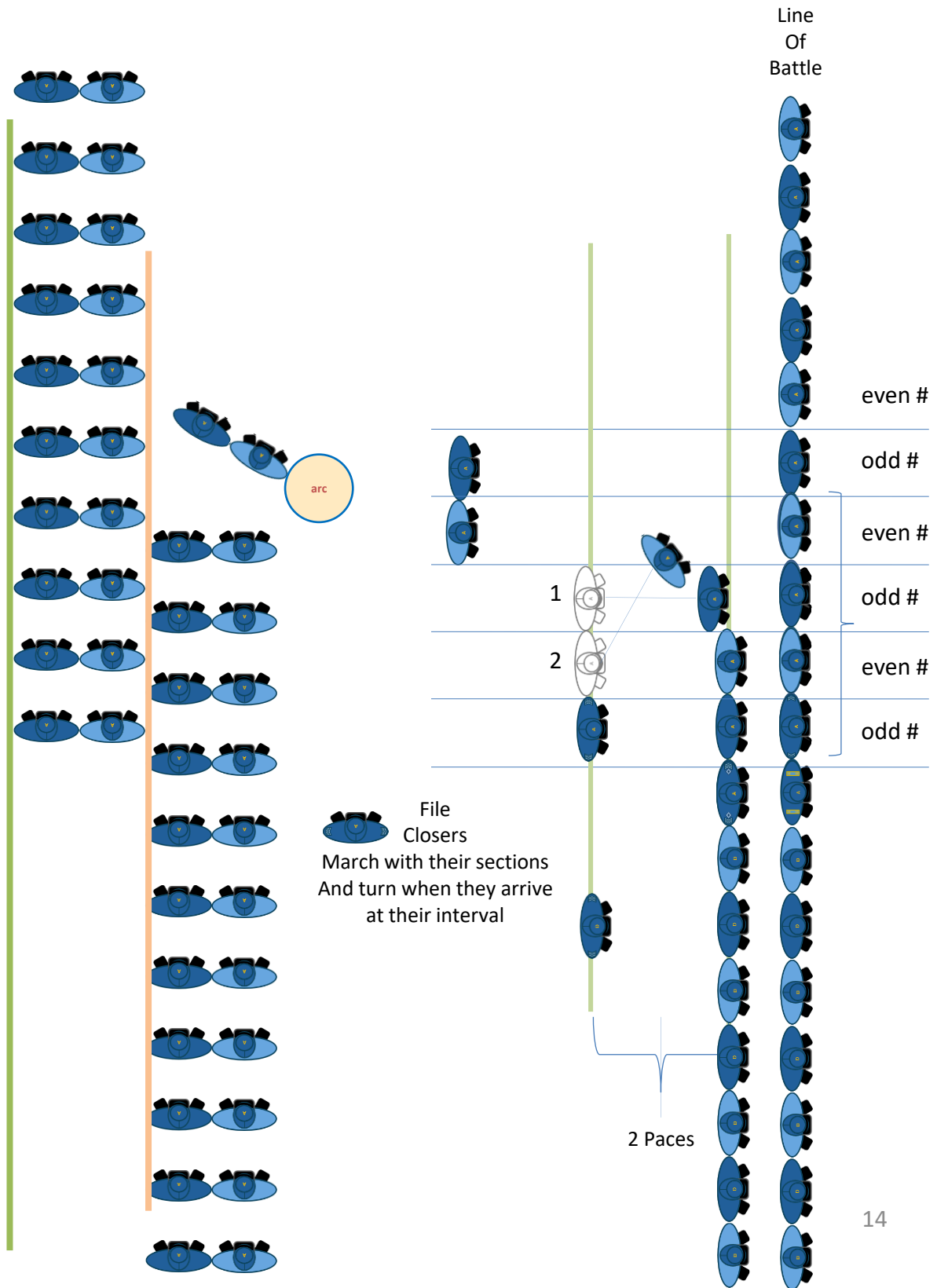
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End of Lesson