

UNITED STATES INFANTRY TACTICS.

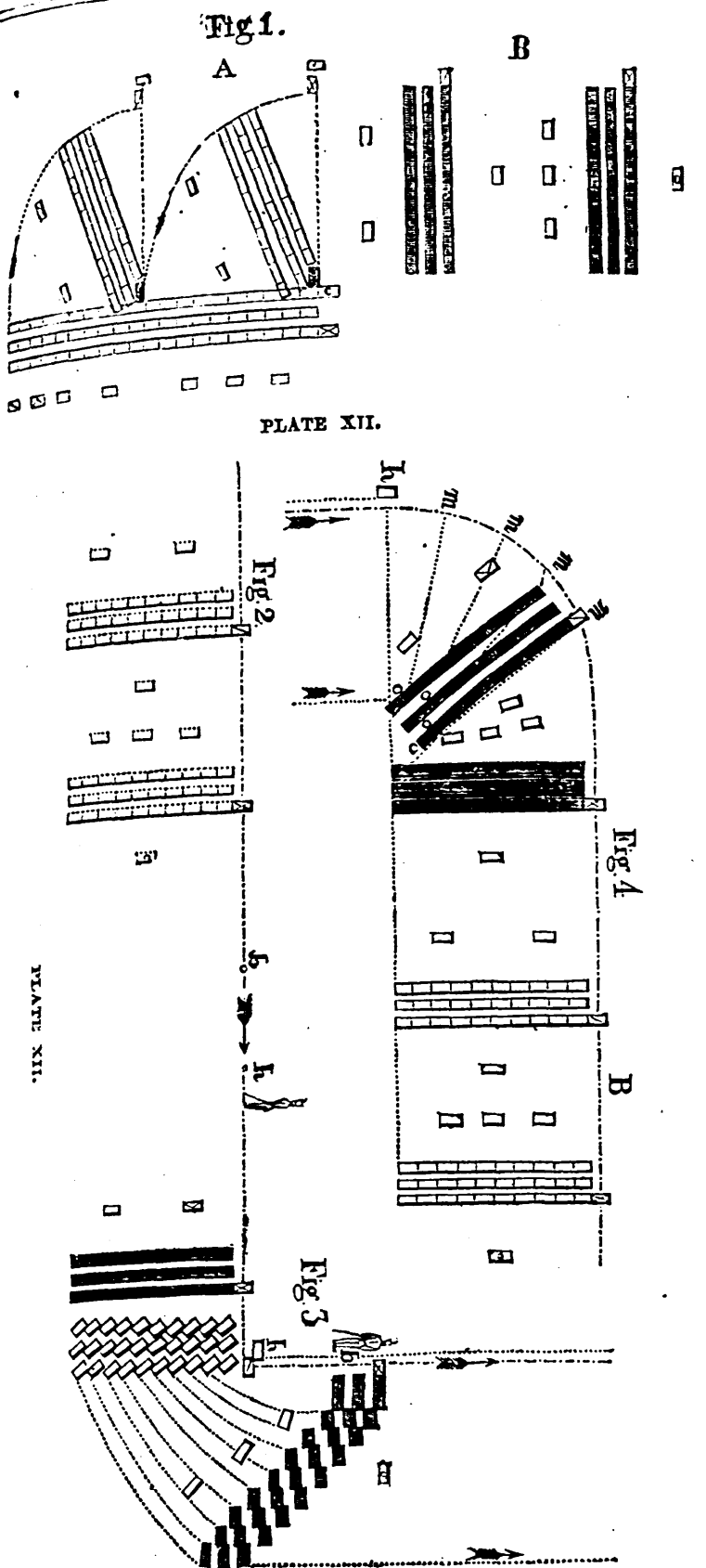


PLATE XII. FIGURE 1 represents a company breaking into column by platoon from a halt.

Each chief of platoon has moved two paces before the centre of his platoon; the covering sergeant has replaced the captain in the front rank. At the instant the movement commenced, the front rank man on the right of each platoon faced to the right; each chief of platoon, by a second movement, has gone by the shortest line a little beyond the point at which the left of his platoon is to rest, and taken care to place himself on a direction perpendicular to the alignment of the company, leaving the necessary space to contain his platoon.

Each platoon has wheeled to the right on the principle of wheeling from a halt, and has been halted at the instant the man who conducted the marching flank had arrived at the distance of three paces from the perpendicular.

The platoon having been halted, the guide has gone to the left flank, and has been aligned by the chief of platoon on the man on the right, who had faced to the right. The chief has next aligned his platoon between this man and the guide.

The platoon having been aligned, its chief has commanded *front*, and placed himself two paces before its centre.

A represents the movement at the

moment of halting the platoons.

B represents the movement ended.

Figure 2 represents a company broken into column by platoon, right in front, preparing to march.

The instructor has placed himself thirty paces in front, on the prolongation of the guides. The leading guide has taken two points (d, h) on the line passing between his own and the heels of the instructor.

Figure 3 represents a company marching in column by platoon, right in front, which changes direction to the side of the guide.

The column being in march, the instructor has placed on the direction of the guides a marker (h), at the point at which the change of direction ought to be made; this marker presents the breast to the flank of the column.

The guide of the leading platoon has directed his march on this marker so as to graze his breast with the left arm.

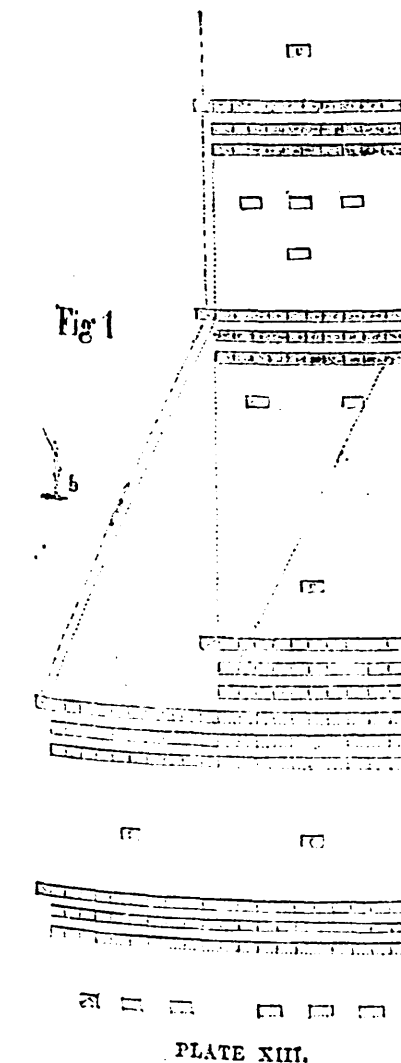


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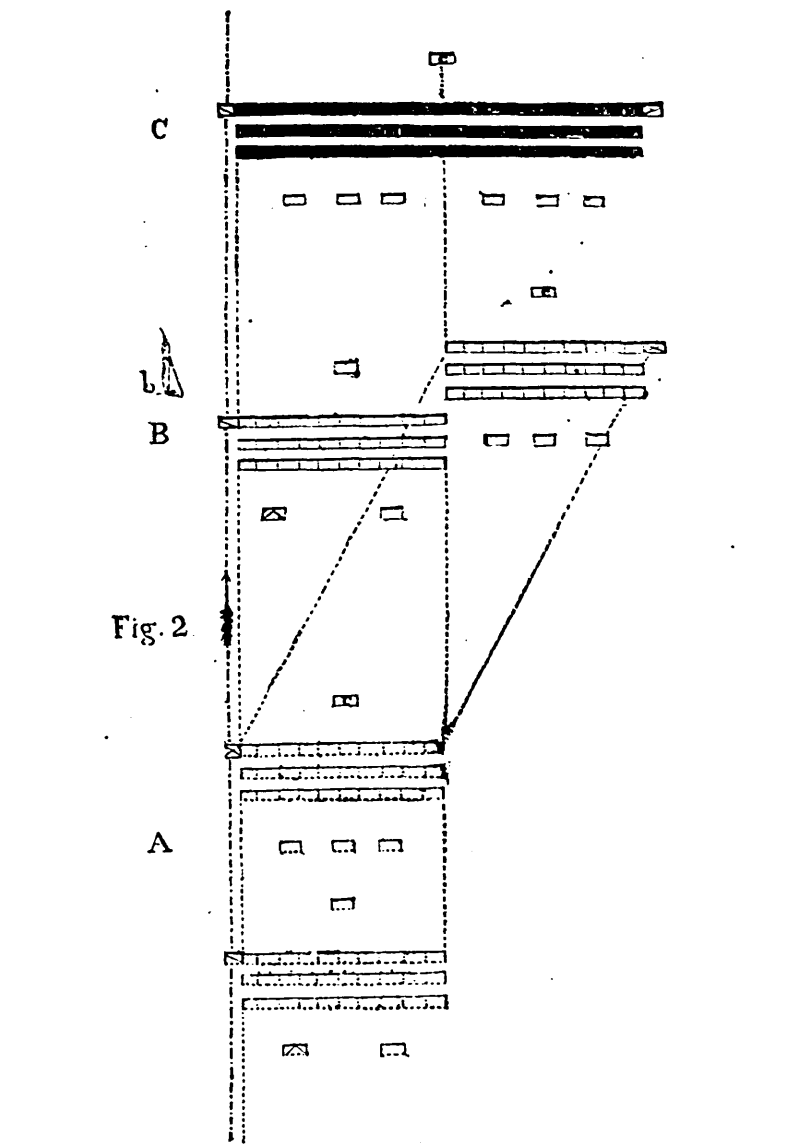


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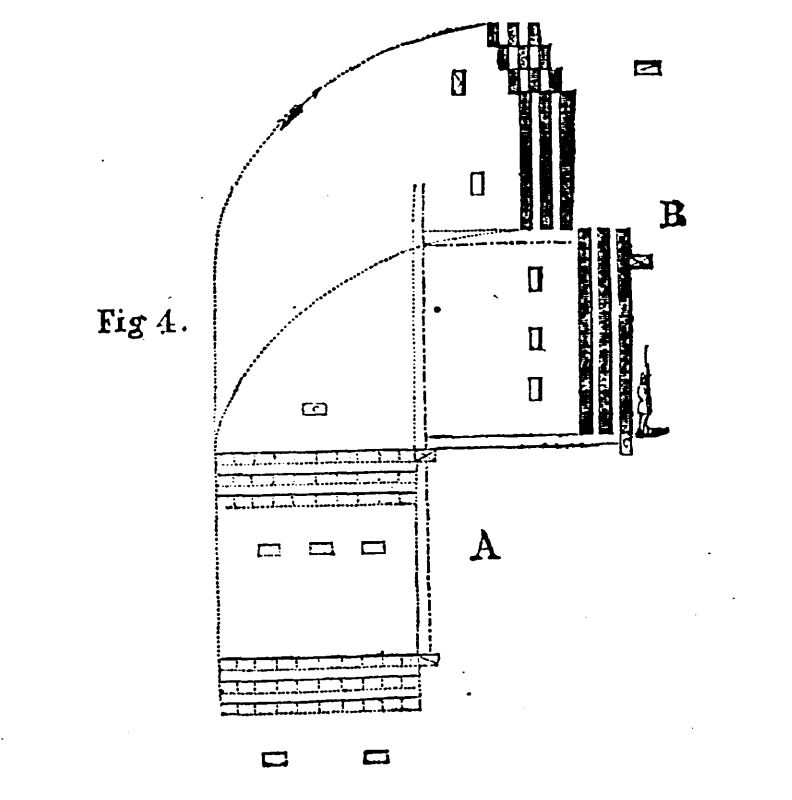


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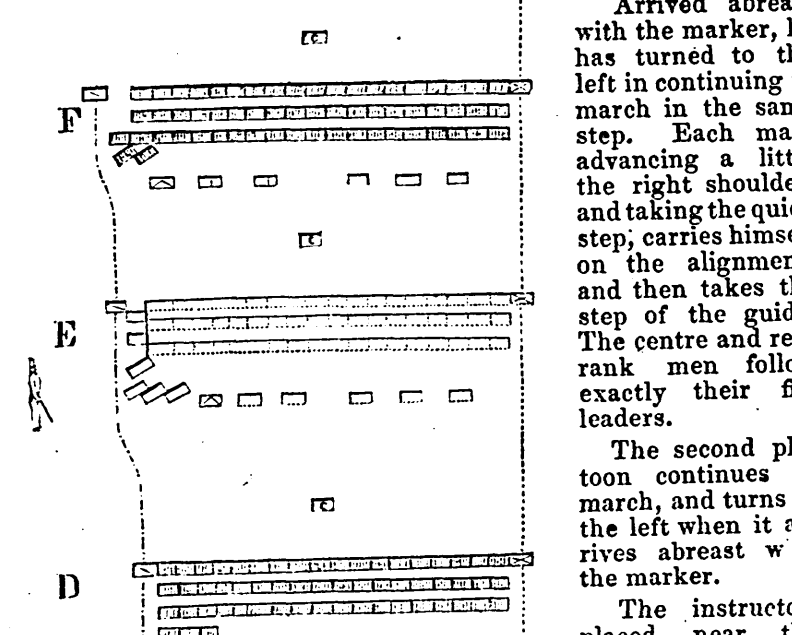


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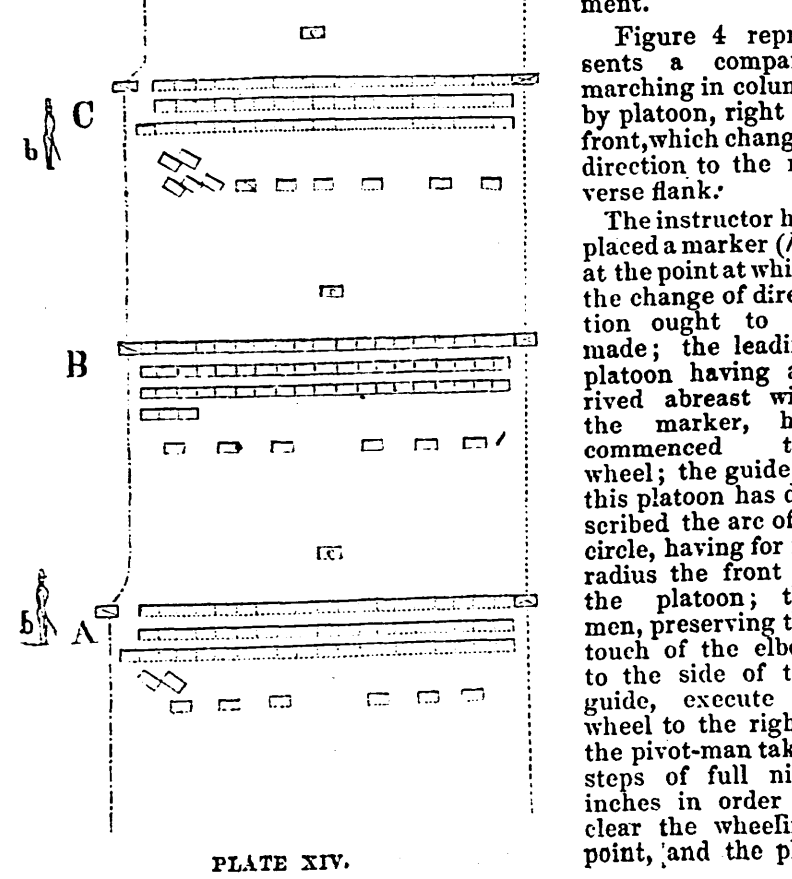


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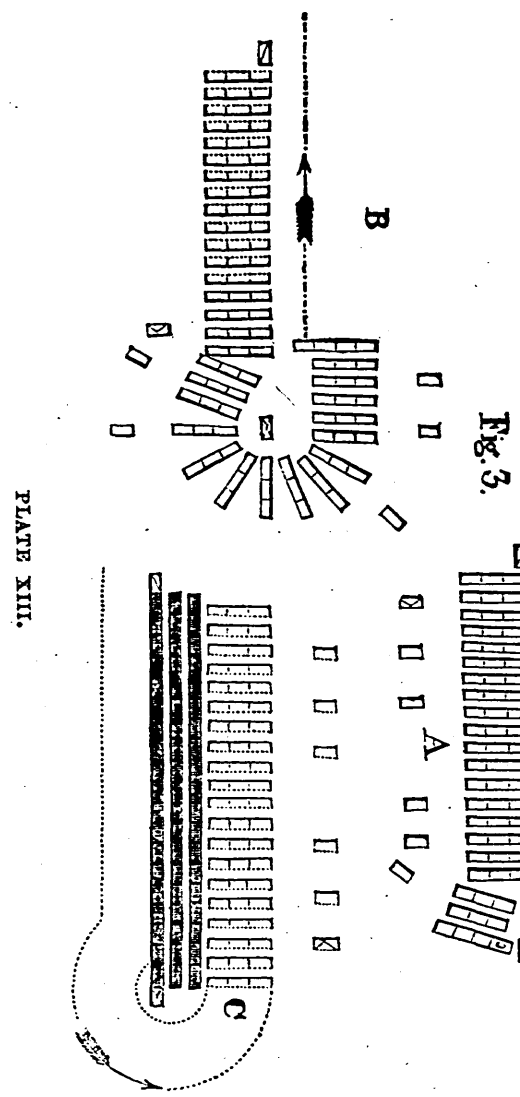


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The instructor has placed himself in front, on the prolongation of the guides, and faced to them; he has taken a distance from the leading guide a little less than the front of a platoon.

The guides have stood fast.

The platoons have wheeled to the left, on the principle of the wheel from a halt; the front rank man on the left of each has faced to the left, and rested his breast against the arm of the guide; each chief has turned to his platoon to superintend the wheel.

Each platoon has been halted by its chief at the moment the marching flank was at the distance of three paces from the line of the guides; the chief of the second platoon, having halted it, has gone to his place as a file closer; the captain, from the point at which the right of the company rests in the line of battle, has aligned the two platoons.

The platoons being aligned, the instructor has ordered the guides to their posts.

A represents the two platoons at the moment of halting.

B represents the movement ended.

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Figure 1 represents a company in march, supposed to make part of a column, right in front, diminishing front of column by platoon.

The captain has placed himself before the centre of the first platoon, and admonished it that it has to march straight forward. The first lieutenant has placed himself before the centre of the second platoon, and caused it to mark time.

The guide of the first platoon has obliqued to the right, in order to cover the first, and resumed the direct march the moment that that was effected.

A represents the company ready to break or diminish by platoon.

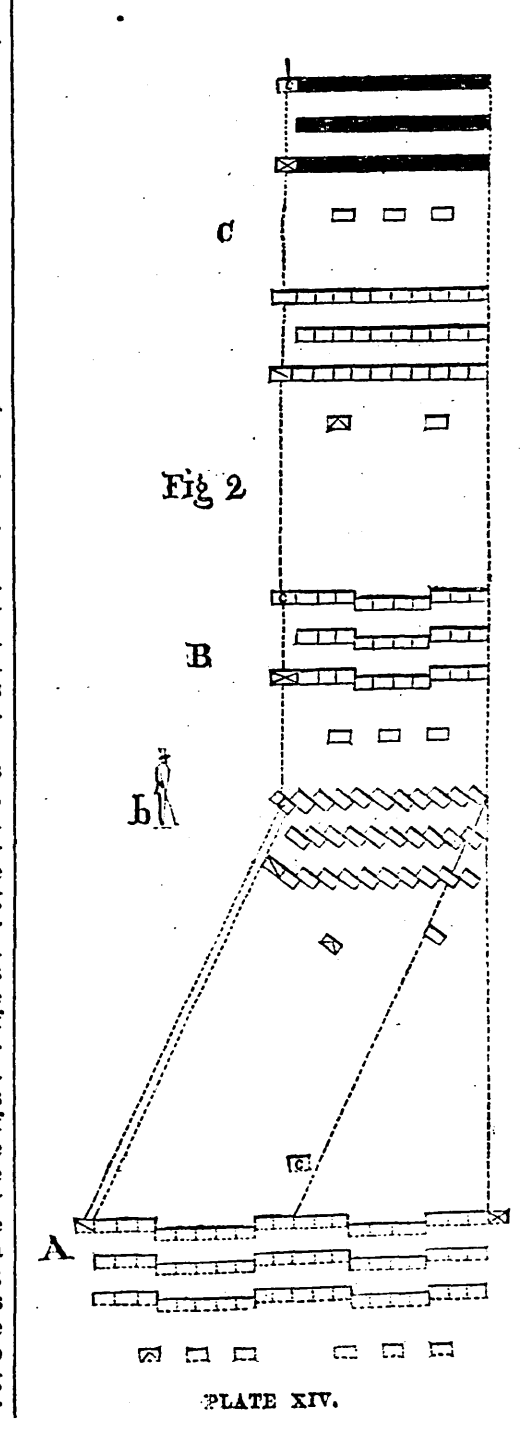


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toon bends a little to the rear.

The guide of the second platoon marches exactly in the trace of the guide of the first; arrived abreast with the marker (h), he begins to wheel, taking care to describe the same arc of the circle.

The chiefs of platoon turn to their platoons pending the wheel.

The instructor, placed near the wheeling point, superintends the execution of the movement.

The first platoon has changed direction, and the second is engaged in the wheel. The dotted lines (m, o), indicate the position of the front rank of the platoon at the different points of the wheel.

B represents the company marching in column after having changed direction.

Figure 5 represents a company in column by platoon, right in front and at a halt, forming line to the left.

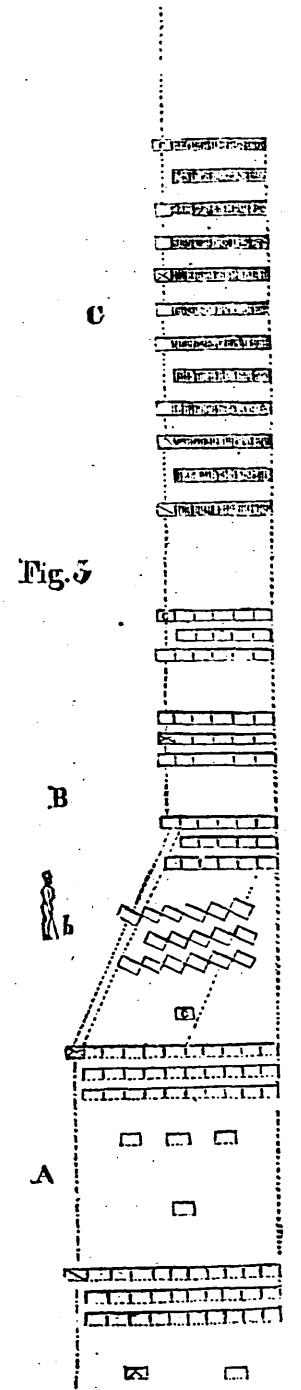


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B represents it at a moment when, the two platoons being disunited, the second is prepared to oblique.

C represents the movement ended.

Figure 2 represents a company marching in column by platoon, right in front, forming company, or increasing front of column by platoon.

The first platoon has obliqued to the right in order to unmask the second, which has continued to march straight forward. At the instant the first began to oblique, the guide of this platoon passed to the right flank.

The second platoon being unmasked, the first has marked the time to wait for it, and on it coming up abreast, the company has marched forward with left guide directing. The captain has placed himself before the centre of the company, and the first lieutenant in his post as a file closer.

A represents the company before the movement is commenced.

B represents the movement at the instant the second platoon is unmasked.

C represents the movement ended.