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## Morning Parade & Inspection

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergt:** “BATTERY! FALL IN, BY DETACHMENT”  
“RIGHT, DRESS”  
“FRONT”

The cannoneers fall in at *parade rest*. See diagram below. Quartermaster Sergt. 1 yard to the left of the company, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant 1 yard to the right of the company, musician one yard to the right of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt, Adjutant is 4 yards to the front of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergt, facing the company, officers together one yard to the right of the musicians. When the Sergeants (Chiefs of the Pieces) are present, the Gunner takes his post one yard to the rear of his Number 1. The Adjutant is one of the lieutenants who is supervising the parade.

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C = Commanding Officer
L = Lieutenant, (Section Cmdr. or Chief of Caissons)
A = Adjutant (Lieutenant)
F = First Sergeant
Q = Quartermaster Sergt
S = Sergeant (Chief of the Piece)
M = Musician
G = Gunner (Corporal)

**Adjutant:** “BATTERY, ATTENTION”  
“1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT, RECEIVE THE MORNING REPORT”

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant steps 2 yards to the front, faces left, then marches to the center of the company and faces it.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergt:** “1<sup>st</sup> DETACHMENT, REPORT”  
“2<sup>nd</sup> DETACHMENT, REPORT”  
etc.

**Gunners:** Each Gunner (or Chief) when asked will report:  
“ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR”

The gunners may also report un-accounted for absentees by name. That is only people who are “AWOL” (to use a modern term). If an absentee is “sick” or on detached duty then they are “accounted for” and would not need to be reported. The 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant passes on the names of the absentees to the adjutant.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergt:** Turns to the Adjutant, salutes and reports:  
“SIR, ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR”

The Adjutant returns the salute and commands:

**Adjutant:** “THANK YOU SERGEANT, RETURN TO YOUR POST”  
The 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant returns to 1 yard from the right of the company.

**Adjutant:** “PREPARE FOR INSPECTION”  
“OFFICERS POST”

Waits for the officers to post and draw sabers. Battery commander 4 yards front and center of the company. Section Commanders 2 yards front and center of their sections. Chief of Caissons 4 yards to the rear and center of the battery.

“SIR, THE PARADE IS FORMED”

“PRESENT, ARMS”

Company salutes commander. Commander returning salute.

“ORDER, ARMS”

The Adjutant then nods to the 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant to signal opening the ranks.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergt:** “TO THE REAR, OPEN ORDER.”

Gunners (or Chiefs) move back 5 yards.

“MARCH”

The rear rank moves back to line up on the Gunners and dress on them.

“REAR RANK, RIGHT DRESS”

“FRONT”

Gunners move back to the front rank.

The Commanding Officer, Adjutant, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant now inspect both ranks. The officers move to the 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant’s position at the right of the first rank and begin the inspection there. When complete they retake their previous positions.

**Adjutant:** The Adjutant moves to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant’s former location 2 yards in front of the company by marching 2 yards towards the company, faces right, then marches to the center and faces the company.

“PARADE, REST”

“ATTENTION TO ORDERS”

The adjutant reads the orders for the day. Commander addresses the company as needed.

“BATTERY, ATTENTION”

“THE PARADE IS DISMISSED”

“1<sup>ST</sup> SERGEANT, TAKE CHARGE OF THE COMPANY”

“OFFICERS TO THE FRONT AND CENTER”

The section commanders turn to the center and close on the Adjutant. The Adjutant faces the commander. The Chief of Caissons marches around the right of the company and forms in line with the officers. Confer with Commander until dismissed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sergt:** Returns to the position in the front and center once the officers are out of the way. Now has the following choices:

1. Address the battery on general issues.
2. Give out orders and duty assignments.
3. Give any drill and marching orders.
4. Dismiss the battery with “BREAK RANKS, MARCH.”
5. Give over command to the sergeants or gunners with “SERGEANTS (GUNNERS) TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR DETACHMENTS”.

*References:*

- 1) *1861 Revised Regulations for the Army of the United States*
  - 2) *1865 Customs of Service for the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers*
  - 3) *1864 Artillery Tactics*
  - 4) *2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Artillery Battery G Morning Parade*
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