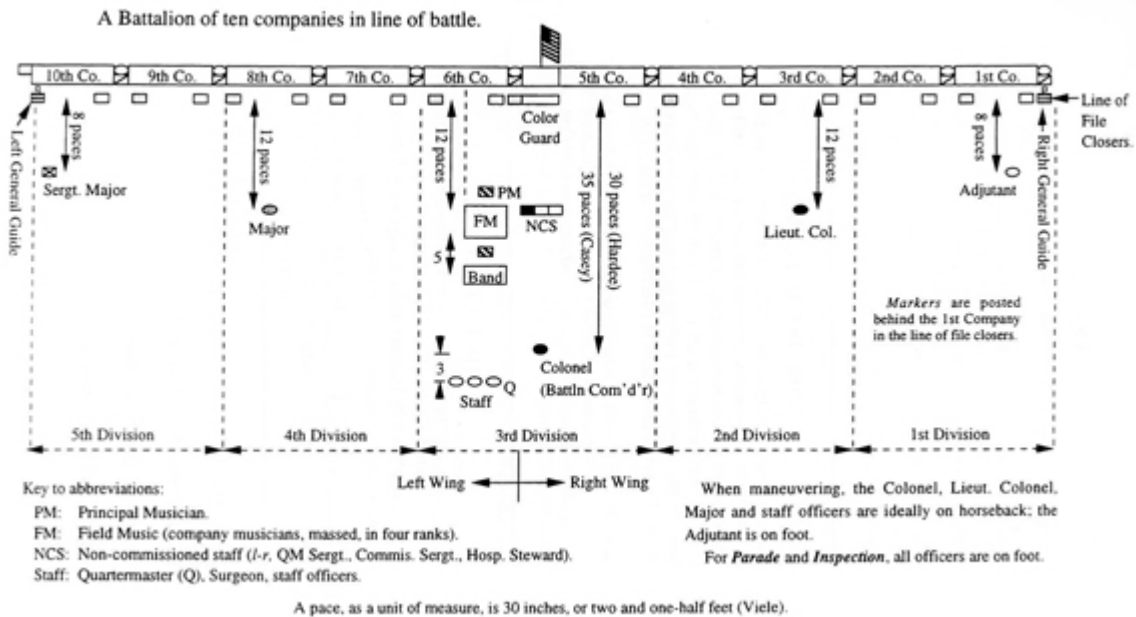




Evolutions of the Battalion

Formation and Standard Maneuvers

2d Battalion, Birney's Division



From "Parade, Inspection, and Evolutions of the Battalion" by Dom Dal Bello

<u>MOVEMENT</u>	<u>COMMANDS</u>
1. Marching by the flank:	
Move battalion from line of battle to column.	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>Right (Left) face</i> 3. <i>Forward</i> 4. <i>MARCH</i>
Move battalion from column to line of battle.	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>HALT</i> 3. <i>FRONT (automatic center dress on the Colors)</i>
Move battalion from column to line of battle while in motion.	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>By the Left (Right) flank</i> 4. <i>MARCH (automatic center dress on the Colors)</i>
2. From column into column-of-companies:	
Move battalion from column to column-of-companies from the halt or while in motion.	1. <i>By companies, into line</i> 2. <i>MARCH (guide is left)</i>
3. From line of battle into column-of-companies:	
Simple movement of battalion from line of battle into column-of-companies (from the halt).	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>By company</i> 3. <i>Right (Left) wheel</i> 4. <i>MARCH</i> 5. <i>HALT (automatic left dress)</i>
Then to move...	1. <i>Column forward</i> 2. <i>Guide left</i> 3. <i>MARCH</i>

Movement of the battalion from line of battle into column-of-companies by breaking to the rear (may have to pass through artillery or another battalion)	1. <i>By the right of companies to the rear into column</i> 2. <i>Battalion, right FACE</i> 3. <i>MARCH</i> 4. <i>Guide left</i> 5. <i>Battalion HALT</i> 6. <i>FRONT</i> 7. <i>Left dress</i>
Then to move...	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>Forward</i> 3. <i>MARCH</i>
4. From column-of-companies into line of battle	
To the LEFT from the halt or in motion	1. <i>Battalion, by companies</i> 2. <i>Left into line wheel</i> 3. <i>MARCH (guides on the line)</i> 4. <i>Right dress</i> 5. <i>FRONT</i> 6. <i>Guides POST</i>
To the RIGHT from the halt or in motion	1. <i>On the right into line</i> 2. <i>Battalion, guide right</i> 3. <i>MARCH (guides on the line)</i> 4. <i>Right dress</i> 5. <i>FRONT</i> 6. <i>Guides POST</i>
5. Marching in column-of-companies	
Movement of the battalion. Companies wheel right (or left) when their right (or left) guide reaches the marker. Guide is left.	1. <i>Head of the column to the Right (Left)</i> 2. <i>MARCH</i>
6. Marching in column	1. <i>Battalion</i> 2. <i>by file Right (or Left)</i> 3. <i>MARCH</i>