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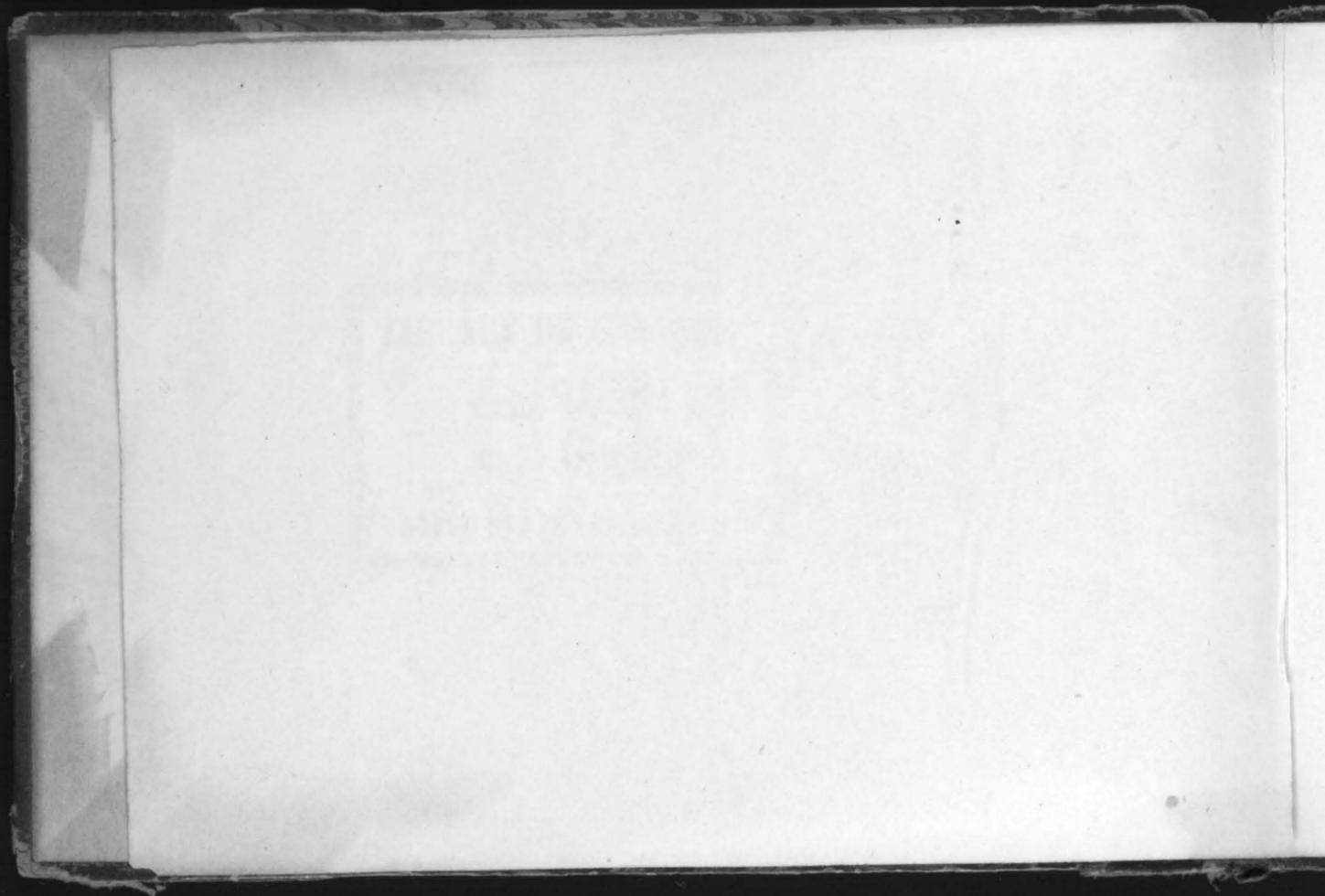
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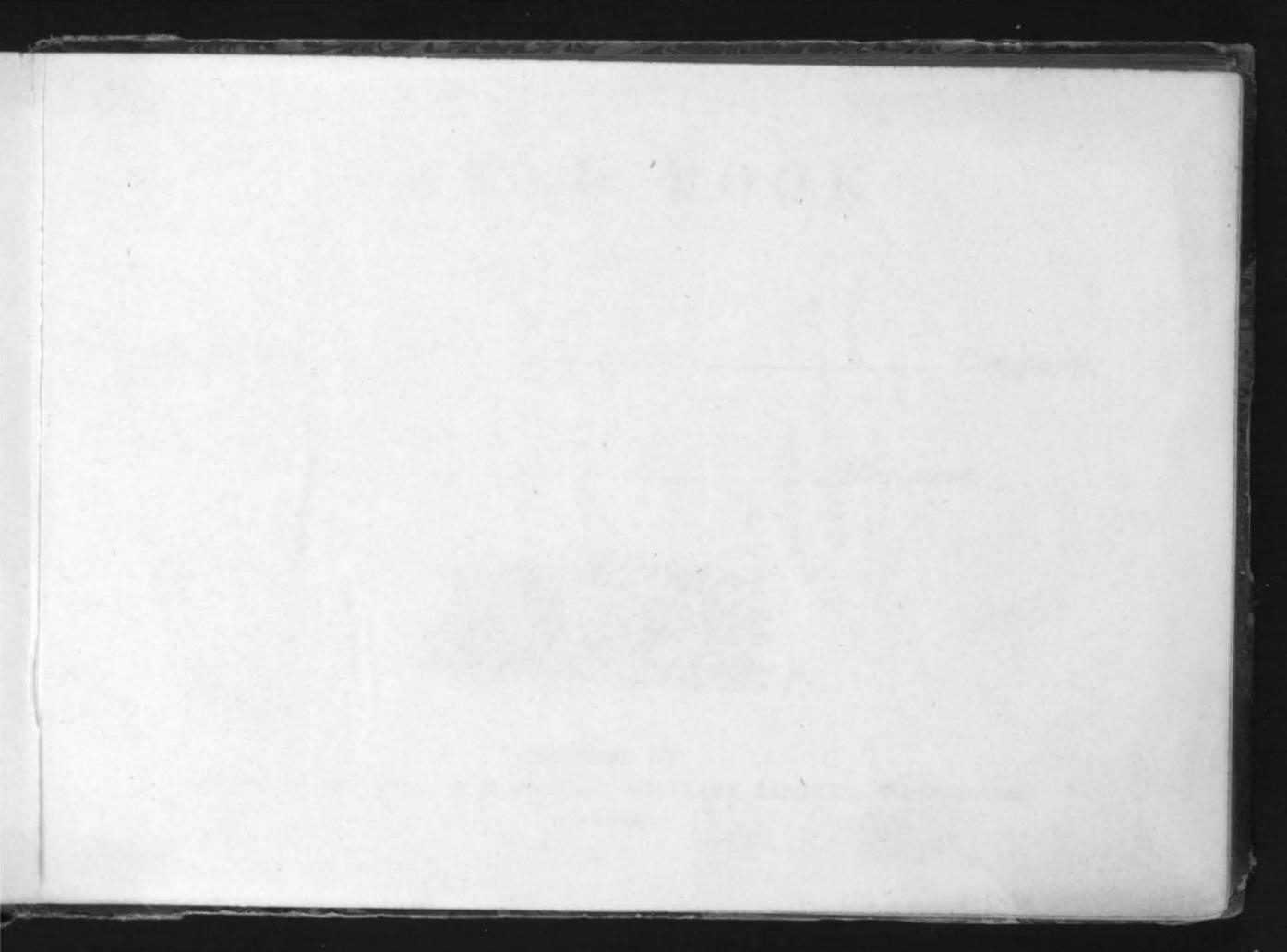
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SQUAD BOOK

OF

Captain _____ *Company,*

_____ *Regiment.*



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THE SQUAD SYSTEM,

AS CARRIED ON IN THE

Regiment.

1. The *Lieutenant-Colonel*, of course, is responsible for the discipline, &c. of the whole Battalion.
2. The *Majors*, each superintend a wing of the Battalion.
3. The *Captain* superintends his Company.
4. Each *Subaltern* superintends a Subdivision, or two Squads.
5. Each *Serjeant* superintends a Squad, assisted by an equal proportion of Corporals.

The *Major* is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the preservation of the Squad system, and the maintenance of due responsibility in his wing.

He is answerable also for the general discipline of the wing—for the cleanliness of the Barracks, and the regularity of the Company Accounts.

The *Captain* is responsible to the Major of the wing for the same duties; but confined to his own Company, to the superintendence of his own Subalterns and Non-commissioned Officers, and also to the preservation of their respective responsibility.

The *Subalterns* should remain as much as possible with their own Companies and Squads, and *never* be changed, except on promotion, or in consequence of some other permanent arrangement.

The *Non-commissioned Officers* should in like manner be stationary with their Squads, and so should the men themselves; the men should be *accommodated* in Barracks by Squads, and as near as possible in *Billets*, and always in the immediate neighbourhood of the Squad Non-commissioned Officer.

The *Major* should visit his half of the Barracks, the *Captain* should visit his Company's Rooms, and the *Subaltern* his Squad Rooms, at uncertain periods. The *Subaltern* should be acquainted with the character, services, &c. of every man in the Subdivision—should attend especially to their wants,—and visit them occasionally in Hospital: in fact he should take a special interest in every thing connected with the men entrusted to his charge, as much as the *Captain* of the Company. During the absence of any Officer, for instance the *Major*, the senior *Captain* should assume the duties, not only in the Barrack Yard but in the Field. By constantly retaining Officers with their own men, an *esprit* is generated, an interest is created, and a good feeling maintained, such as should always exist between the Officer and Soldier—characters and dispositions are known and understood, all which tends greatly to diminish crime, and consequently the necessity of punishment.

If a *Captain* is absent for a short period, his *Lieutenant* should take charge of the Company, and the *Colour Serjeant* of the Subdivision, the *Corporal* of the Squad, and thus the chain of responsibility be preserved and maintained.

After the Squads have been minutely inspected by the *Subalterns*, attended by the *Non-commissioned Officers*, the Company should be formed and handed over to the *Captain* by the *Senior Subaltern*.

The *Captain* should be received with carried Arms, and the State at the same time should be handed to him.

When the Company is formed and properly told off, the *Senior Officer* (previous to marching into column) should take advantage of the spare time, by setting up his men, correcting their position if required, and practising them in the several company formations; all of which tends to diminish the necessity of regular Drills.

But the ground work of the Squad System is—the Squad Book, which if made out and maintained in the form laid down, will include every necessary information, and lead to a thorough acquaintance with the history, habits, disposition, &c. of every man in the Squad Officer's charge.

The *Captain* should be always in possession of his Company Book filled up upon this principle.

The *Subalterns* should each have similar books, containing their respective Subdivisions, carefully made out in their own hand writing, and the Non-commissioned Officers should severally be provided also with Books of their respective Squads made out by themselves.

A Company paraded in Squad Order, should stand according to the accompanying sketch.—Each Squad in rank entire—and at quarter distance.

①
CAPTAIN of No. 1.

②
ENSIGN.
----- ③
3rd Squad.

Left Subdivision.
----- ④
4th Squad.

SERGEANT.
SERJEANT.
SERJEANT.

⑤
LIEUTENANT.
----- ⑥
1st Squad.

Right Subdivision.
----- ⑦
2nd Squad.

SERGEANT.
SERJEANT.
SERJEANT.

Alphabetical Roll of Captain

Regimental Number.	No. of each Rank	Rank and Names.	Age at Enlistment.	Size at Enlistment.		Religion.	Country.	Married or Single.	No. of Children.		In Barracks.	Date of Enlistment.	Place of Enlistment.	Trade or Occupation.
				Feet.	Inches.				Boys.	Girls.				
				740	1				C. Serjt. John Quick,	18				
147	2	Serjeant Williamson,	17½	5	8½	R.	I.	„	„	„	„	15th May, 1832	Limerick	Labourer
1139	1	Corporal Shannon,	20	5	7	P.	S.	M.	„	„	NO	10th Jany, 1826	Glasgow	Weaver
890	2	„ Walsh,	18	5	8	R.	E.	„	„	„	„	2nd Sept. 1836	Liverpool	Servant
741	1	Private John Adams,	18	5	8½	P.	E.	M.	1	2	YES	4th August, 1830	Leeds	Labourer
1391	2	„ Patrick Adair,	22	5	7	P.	S.	„	„	„	„	9th March, 1833	Stirling	Miner

Company.

No. of Squad.	Present Size.		No. of Arms.	No. of Gl. Coats.	Date of Great Coat.	No. of Courts Martial.			Observations as to Character, &c.
	Feet.	Inches.				Reg.	Dis.	Gen.	
2d	5	9	14	137	11th June, 1837	„	„	„	Very good indeed.
1st	5	10½	111	94	Do.	„	„	„	Promising.
2d	5	7	101	156	Do.	1	„	„	Steady and Regular.—Married without leave.
1st	5	8	19	84	1st. Sept., 1838	„	„	„	Smart and Intelligent.—Reads well, and steady on Duty
1st	5	9	17	19	11th June, 1837	„	„	„	Family respectable—good duty Soldier, but uneducated.
1st	5	7	102	138	Do.	2	1	„	Bad disposition—sulky and insolent—always in debt.

Memorandums connected with

and

Squads.

John Smith,

James Wilson,

Andrew Mayne,

Candidates (and
deserving men,
for promotion.

N. B. Average size of the Company, 5, 8.
Average age of Company, 22.
Married Men in Company, 12.

of Subdivision,
of Subdivision,
in Subdivision,

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Memorandums connected with

and

Squads.

Memorandums connected with

and Squads.

Memorandums connected with

and

Squads.

Memorandums connected with

and

Squads.

Memorandums connected with

and various other Squads.

Memorandums connected with

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Squads.











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