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Definitions of Squads:

A Squad is 8 members, two ranks of 4. The Squads will be used every time we form up, either at Assembly, with horse, or moving out and drilling. Once established you will always fall in that order, unless you need to fill a gap of a missing Trooper! The number one position of the first squad will be the 1st Sgt, the number one position of the second rank of the first squad will be the Corporal, everyone guides off of them.

Unit Standards for Uniform:

Confederate Cavalryman:

CSA 9 Button Shell Jacket with yellow cuffs, collar and Piping
CSA Buttons or Virginia State Buttons/ Epaulets Optional but Preferred
Kepi with Yellow Band w/ grey top
Sky Blue Cavalry Trousers
Period Military or Civilian Shirt
Black Cavalry Boots, or period brogans, or half boots

Federal Cavalryman:

Federal Mounted Service Jacket
Kepi - Dark Blue with brass crossed sabers with Regiment and unit number
Sky Blue Cavalry Trousers
Period Military or Civilian Shirt
Black Cavalry Boots, or period brogans, or half boots

Unit Standards for Tack:

1859 Enlisted McClellan Saddle with proper Girth

1860's Period:

Military Headstall

Reins

Military Bit with Curb Chain

Halter

Leather Lead Strap

Dragoon blanket, or gray wool blanket

Optional but recommended:

Surcingle, Crupper, Link Strap

Bridle Rosettes (pair)

1859 Saddlebags

Curry Comb, Brush

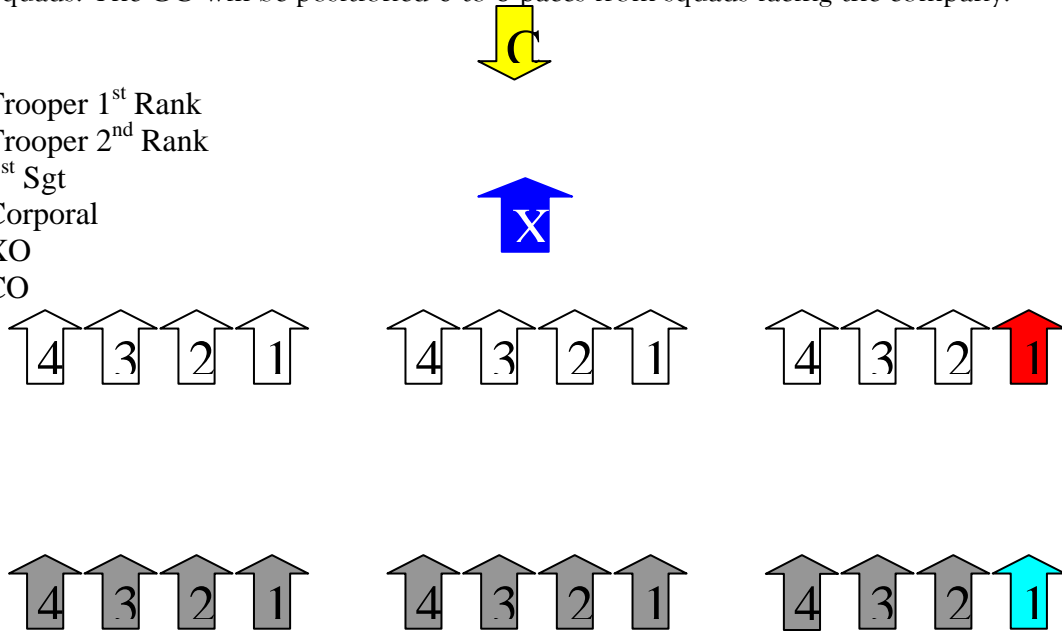
Forming Up for Assembly, or To Horse:

“Assembly” is called by bugle whenever we want the troops together without horses. “To Horse” is when you assemble with your horse. We will be forming up the same way every time, with and without a horse. This way you will know where you need to be and everyone can line up without confusion, yes the 1st Sgt will be there to insure you are not confused!

When Assembly or To Horse is called by bugle or voice, the 1st Sgt will be the right most guide. The front rank will line up on the 1st Sgt guiding on him, the second rank will guide off the Corporal as the right most guide leaving 6 paces between ranks. The second squad will guide off of the left of the first squad, leaving a space of 4 paces between them. The third squad will guide off of the second squad also leaving 4 paces between them. The XO will be positioned 2 paces in front of the Squads. The CO will be positioned 6 to 8 paces from squads facing the company.

Symbols

- △ Trooper 1st Rank
- ▲ Trooper 2nd Rank
- ▲ 1st Sgt
- ▲ Corporal
- ▲ XO
- ▲ CO



For Assembly:

When the company is formed, the 1st Sgt calls the company to attention, walks to the front of the Company, facing the Company and does Roll Call, after that he walks up and reports to the XO, the XO has him return to his post. The XO walks up to the CO and reports the Company is assembled and turns over the company to the CO. The CO gives his words of wisdom, and then turns the company back over to the XO which will enlighten the Company with his wisdom, then calls up the 1st Sgt and turns the Company over to him, the 1st Sgt then gives the daily schedule and duties. The 1st Sgt then turns over the Squads to the Corporal(s), the Corporal posts to the front of the company to dismisses them and has the troopers file off accordingly.

To Horse:

The formation is the same as above with the exception that we now have a horse standing QUIETLY next to you! You are standing at attention by the horses head with horse on your right side and holding the lead strap 6 inches from the buckle.

When the command “Prepare to Mount” is given... NO wait that is for the next Training Bulletin, so please stand by for the next installment!