

## Change Front Forward On First Company

This command given when the battalion is in a line of battle, or fronted. The commander wishes to form a line of battle 90 degrees **to the right, with the pivot point being the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> company**. Markers would normally be placed to indicate the new line. The colonel will notify the captain of the first company of the change. The captain of first company will then **immediately wheel** his company **right** to the line established by the markers (Lt. Colonel, Major, Adjutant, ...). The colonel will command:

### Change front forward on first company. By company, right half wheel. MARCH. (Colonel)

At “half wheel”, the remaining captains will move to the center of their companies cautioning them to prepare to wheel. At “march” the companies will right wheel from a fixed pivot on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. The colonel will command:

### Forward. MARCH. Guide, right. (Colonel)

On this command, the companies will be marching toward their positions in the new line. The captain, in front of his company, and first sergeant should take care to make sure their company will arrive in the correct place by guiding towards the left guide of the company on the right. When the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. is three paces from the new line, the captain will **halt** the company. All of the company will come up on line with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. (3 paces from the battle line). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgts will hasten to their positions as left guides in the battalion line of markers (one step beyond the line, facing the right, and one half file to the right). Hardee’s says that the captain will “align the company by the right”. He commands:

### Right, DRESS. (Captain)

The rest of the company steps up to the battle line. This will happen quickly and with ease because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgts are marking the new line. The captain returns to his normal place on the line. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. will remain in the line of markers until “posted”. The men will have their arms at the shoulder.

### FRONT. (Captain)

When the colonel is satisfied with the alignment of the battalion he will command:

### Guides. POSTS. (Colonel)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgts return to their positions at the end of the company behind the rear rank.

Hardee’s does not indicate that the men will support arms after dressing for this maneuver. I think that’s because the line of battle had already been established. Unless I can find reference elsewhere, the men will remain at the shoulder when dressed.

