



A SEMINAR ON
CASEY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY

INSPECTION ARMS

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Inspection Arms

- **S.S. 238.** The instructor will then inspect in succession the piece of each recruit, in passing along the front of the rank.

{soldier presents the arm to the instructor for inspection}

- Each, as the instructor reaches him, will
- raise smartly his piece with his right hand,
- seize it with the left between the lower band and guide sight,
- the lock to the front,
- the left hand at the height of the chin, ←
- the piece opposite to the left eye;

{the instructor takes the arm, inspects arm, and returns arm to the soldier}

- the instructor will
- take it with the right hand at the handle and, ←
- after inspecting it,
- will return it to the recruit,

{soldier receives the arm from the instructor}

- who will
- receive it back with the right hand, and ←
- replace it in the position of ordered arms.

{soldier returns to the position of Ordered Arms}

Don't skip this step.

- It looks sharp!
- More importantly, this makes it easy for the inspector to
"take it with the right hand at the handle"

The soldier being at Order Arms
Presenting the Musket to the Inspector.
Mechanisms of the Motion.

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5. the piece opposite to the left eye;

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Word of Caution About the Inspection

- Inspectors
 - Never try to force the musket to fail the half-cock by pushing the back of the hammer toward the cone.
 - Never try to force the musket to fail the half-cock by excessive pressure on the trigger pull.
 - 10-12 pounds pressure, no more
 - i.e., hang the musket upside down with your finger on the trigger
 - Every Gunsmith I have spoken with has told me that these actions will damage the internal mechanisms.
 - Damage repair is expensive , for example:
 - Parts (2018 Lodgewood Mfg. Ltd. Prices)
 - 1861 Armisport Springfield Complete Lock: \$210
 - 1861 Armisport Springfield Tumbler: \$29
 - 1861 Armisport Springfield Main Spring: \$35
 - 1861 Armisport Springfield Sear Spring: \$12
 - Plus gunsmith's fees to install
- Soldiers
 - If you ever see an inspector trying to force a hammer to fail,
 - DO NOT PRESENT YOUR MUSKET FOR INSPECTION!!!
 - IF HE ALREADY HAS YOURS, TAKE IT BACK!!!!
 - Are they going to pay for it when they break it?