

Instructions to Platoon Commanders

1. As a Platoon Commander, you will be assigned the rank of Lieutenant or Ensign (as appropriate) with all its privileges. As such you will need to affix a cockade of green material to your hat, and, if your finances will allow, you may wear a silver epaulet on your left shoulder.
2. As an officer of the line, you shall carry a spontoon or half-pike in addition to a sword for your protection and as a sign of your rank.
3. You will be assigned a portion of the troops of my command. If the numbers assigned to you permit, you will arrange your command into two platoons of 16 men. You will be assigned one sergeant and one corporal to your platoon.
4. While the operation of Guards is necessary knowledge for all officers, it is particularly so for Lieutenants and Ensigns. You will familiarize yourself with the Instructions to the Guards.
5. As a Platoon Commander, you should acquaint yourself with the responsibilities of the Division Commander.
6. You shall assist the Division Commander in his duties to maintain discipline and order within the Division. You should particularly take note that proper military honors are paid and that the arms, equipment, and clothing of the soldiers are well inspected.