

after its formation and at least twice a month thereafter ; and the members of every company organized in any other district, shall drill twice a month for the two months succeeding their formation, and once a month thereafter, and as much oftener in both cases as their respective by-laws may prescribe.

Battalion Drills.

SECT. 65.—Every regiment or battalion shall be ordered to assemble by its commander for battalion drill, not less than four times in each year, in addition to the parades hereinafter prescribed.

Fines for Absence.

SECT. 66.—When no provision is made by the by-laws of any company for the assessment and hearing of excuses of fines for absence from drill, the amount of all fines for absence from company or battalion drills shall be one-half of that hereinafter provided in the case of absence from parades by section 76.

Skirmish Drill.

SECT. 67.—Officers of infantry must not neglect the instruction as skirmishers of their commands, and will not delay such instruction until after their men shall have attained great proficiency in the manual of arms, and in the school of the company.

Target Practice.

SECT. 68.—Officers will make every effort to get out the full strength of their companies for target practice as frequently as possible, and will endeavor to excite emulation by encouraging subscriptions for prizes.

Ammunition.

SECT. 69.—The necessary supplies of ammunition for service, and for target practice, will be furnished by the commissary general, in such quantities and under such regulations as he may prescribe. The requisitions for such supplies will be made by the commanding officers of companies, in the mode prescribed in section 53.

Colors and Music.

SECT. 70.—Every organized regiment will be furnished with a stand of colors, upon the requisition of the commanding officer to the quarter master general.

Instruments of martial music will be furnished in like manner, upon the requisition of company commanders, approved as in section 53.