



Officers' Sword Exercise

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Officer's Sword Drill

In Formation –Before Falling In Of Officers

DRAW SWORDS

1. Place right hand upon sword hilt.
2. Draw swords until the right hand is parallel to the ground.
3. Remove the sword and come to the ADVANCE, using the left hand to steady the sword.
4. Return the left arm to the left side.

RETURN SWORD

1. Place point of sword into scabbard, helping locate position with the left hand, with eyes front.
2. After the COs nod, return the sword.
3. Return the right arm to the right side.

FALL IN THE OFFICERS... QUICK MARCH (from SUPPORT)

1. Officers come to the Advance, using left hand for support at the command FALL IN THE OFFICERS.
2. Officers march to their positions in ranks and wait for the command to face front.

BATTALION WILL OPEN RANKS, REAR RANK TAKE OPEN DISTANCE... QUICK MARCH

1. March forward 4 paces and halt.
2. Come to the SUPPORT on the command TO THE FRONT FACE.

PRESENT ARMS from ADVANCE (3 counts)

PRESENT ARMS

1. Bring the sword to RECOVER.
2. Wait for one count.
3. Bring the sword straight down to the right side, bending the right elbow without moving the upper portion of the right arm.

SHOULDER FIRELOCKS from Present (3 counts)

SHOULDER FIRELOCKS

1. Return sword to the RECOVER.
2. Return sword to the ADVANCE using the left hand to steady sword.
3. Return the left arm to the left side.

OFFICERS TAKE POST IN THE REAR OF THE BATTALION... QUICK MARCH

- 1.2. On the command ... BATTALION, officers on the right wing of the battalion face to the right, those on the left wing to the

left, the Adjutant faces about all while coming to the RECOVER. [Bring up sword and step back, then turn.] Then come to the ADVANCE.

- 3.- At the command QUICK MARCH all march through the intervals on the outward flanks of their companies, proceed four paces beyond the line of Serjeants, wheel towards the center, and when they have divided the ground in the rear of their companies, halt facing and dressing on the colours..
4. On the command TO THE FRONT FACE all face to the front and then come to the SUPPORT.

OFFICERS TAKE POST IN THE FRONT OF THE BATTALION ... QUICK MARCH

1. On the command ... BATTALION, all officers face outward from the the center, coming to RECOVER. Then come to the ADVANCE.
2. On the command QUICK MARCH the officers march to their normal open order posts, passing around the outward flanks of their companies, and halt facing and dressing on the colours.
3. At the command TO THE FRONT FACE all offices face to the front and then come to the SUPPORT.

BATTALION WILL CLOSE RANKS, REAR RANK TAKE CLOSE DISTANCE ... QUICK MARCH

- 1-3. All officers face about and come to the Recover on the command DISTANCE [Bring up sword and step back, then right about.] Then come to the ADVANCE.
4. At the command QUICK MARCH all march to their close order position in the front rank and halt.
- 5-7. At the command To the FRONT FACE all face to the front.

ORDER ARMS from ADVANCE (3 counts)

1. From the ADVANCE, bring sword to RECOVER.
2. Lower right arm turning hand to the left at the same time. (Counter-clockwise). The guard should be facing to the right. The point of the sword is between the feet.
3. Place the left hand upon the right.

ADVANCE ARMS from Order (3 counts)

OFFICERS ADVANCE SWORDS

1. Bring the sword to the RECOVER.
2. Come to the ADVANCE, using left arm to steady sword
3. Return the left arm to the left side.

REST ON YOUR ARMS REVERSED (MOURN ARM) from Present (5 counts).

MOURN ARMS

1. Return the sword to the RECOVER.
2. Turn the sword over to the front by lowering the sword in an arc in front of the body through six counts, with the sword horizontal with the ground at count 3. At count 4 rotate the right hand so that the handle of the sword is pointing to the right. At the count of 6 the point should be resting on the ground between the feet with the sword hilt in front of the centre of the body, right elbow up.
3. Place the left hand upon the right hand, elbows up.
4. Slowly lower the elbows.
5. Slowly lower the chin onto the breast.

PRESENT ARMS from Mourn Arms (3 counts)

1. Bring the sword to the RECOVER.
2. Wait for one count.
3. Bring the sword straight down to the right side, bending the right elbow without moving the upper portion of the right arm.

REVERSE ARMS from ADVANCE (3 counts)

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1. After the above command, wait for one second.
2. Wait for a second count.
3. On the third count, bring the sword under the right arm, by swinging the point of the sword through an arc to the left in front of the body with the handle of the sword pointing up as the point passes beneath the left arm. At the same time, throw the left hand behind your back, taking hold of the sword near the point.

SHOULDER FIRELOCKS from Reverse (3 counts)

1. After the above command, wait for one count.
2. Bring the sword from under your arm arcing the sword upwards toward the left and return the sword to the ADVANCE using the left hand to steady the sword.
3. Return the left arm to the left side.