

PROCEDURES FOR IN-RANKS INSPECTION

Platoon Size Class Period

1. The Platoon Sergeant takes position 3 steps in front center of, and facing the line where the first squad of the platoon is to form. (Detachment Commander takes position 6 steps in front center of where the detachment is to form, which is 5 steps to the left of and on line with the first squad of the platoon).
2. The Platoon Sergeant and Detachment Commander give the command, "FALL-IN." (7-2a)
3. After the platoon/detachment has formed, the Platoon Sergeant and Detachment Commander, in succession, command, "DRESS RIGHT, DRESS" (6-6b) and then verify the alignment of their unit (6-6c). The Platoon Sergeant will verify the alignment from the right flank and the Detachment commander will verify the alignment on the platoon from the left flank.
4. The Platoon Sergeant/Detachment Commander return to their original post, face their unit, and command, "READY FRONT."
5. The Detachment Commander does an About Face and commands "AT EASE" over the right shoulder and then assumes the position of At Ease.
6. The Platoon Sergeant commands, "REPORT."
7. Squad Leaders, in succession, turn their heads and eyes toward the Platoon Sergeant, salute and report, "All Present;" or "Cadet(s) _____ and _____ Absent." (Hold salute until it is returned by the Platoon Sergeant)
8. The Platoon Sergeant returns salute when report is received from each Squad Leader. When all Squad Leaders have reported, the Platoon Sergeant does an About Face.
9. When the Platoon Sergeant faces to the front, the Platoon Leader enters from the left flank and takes his/her post 3 steps in front of and facing the Platoon Sergeant. (If the Platoon leader is not present, the Platoon Sergeant takes 3 steps forward)
10. The Platoon Sergeant salutes the Platoon Leader and reports, "Sir/Ma'am, All Present;" or "Sir/Ma'am, ____ Cadet(s) Absent." (Hold salute until it is returned by the Platoon Leader)
11. Immediately after the salute is returned, the Platoon Sergeant (without command) faces to the right as in marching, and marches around the Squad Leaders to his/her post 1 step to the rear of, and centered on the platoon.
12. When the Platoon Sergeant is in position, the Platoon Leader commands, "OPEN RANKS, MARCH." On this command, the following occurs:
 - a. The platoon leader takes 4 (15 inch) steps backward
 - b. The first rank (squad) takes 2 (30 inch) steps forward
 - c. The second rank (squad) takes 1 (30 inch) step forward
 - d. The third rank (squad) stands fast
 - e. The fourth rank (squad) takes 2 (15 inch) steps backward
 - f. If the platoon consists of only 2 squads, the platoon sergeant stands fast; if the platoon consists of 3 or more squads, the Platoon Sergeant takes the appropriate number of steps to maintain his/her post.

13. The Detachment Commander does an About Face, calls detachment to "Attention", and commands, "TWO STEPS FORWARD, MARCH." If the detachment has more than one (1) rank, he/she commands "OPEN RANKS, MARCH." (Detachment commander takes 4 steps backwards to maintain his/her post).
14. The Platoon Leader and Detachment Commander, in succession, command, "DRESS RIGHT, DRESS" and then verifies the alignment of their unit. The Platoon Leader will verify the alignment from the right flank, and the Detachment Commander will verify the alignment (on the platoon) from the left flank.
15. The Platoon Leader and Detachment Commander, return to their posts, face their unit, and command, "READY FRONT," and then execute an About Face. The Detachment Commander commands over his/her right shoulder, "AT EASE" and assumes the position of At Ease.
16. The Platoon Leader waits for the Inspector to take his post. When the Inspector has taken his post in front of the Platoon Leader, the Platoon Leader salutes and reports, "Sir, the platoon is prepared for inspection" (Platoon Leader holds salute until it is returned by the Inspector) (Know number of cadets absent). The Platoon Leader does not move from his/her position to accompany the Inspector until the Inspector has moved to his/her rear.
17. After the Inspector moves to the Platoon Leader's rear, the Platoon Leader does an About Face and moves to the Inspector's right, taking a position in front of the number 2 squad member. If the Company Commander or Battalion Commander accompanies the party, he/she takes a position to the Inspector's left.
18. When the Platoon Leader is in front of the number 2 squad member, he commands, "SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH SQUADS, (as appropriate) AT EASE."
19. After the Inspector has inspected the last member of the first squad, the Platoon Leader hesitates momentarily and allows the Inspector to precede the party as he inspects the first squad from the rear. The Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Battalion Commander will follow in that order.
20. As the Inspector is inspecting the rear of the first squad, the Platoon Leader will command, "SECOND SQUAD, ATTENTION."
21. After completing the inspection from the rear of the first squad, the Inspector will stop in front of the second squad leader. Other members of the party take their respective positions as in step 17 above.
22. When the Platoon Leader is in front of the number 2 squad member of the second squad, he/she commands over the right shoulder, "FIRST SQUAD, AT EASE." This procedure will be followed for the inspection of each subsequent squad, and the Platoon Sergeant. The Platoon Sergeant will come to attention without command when the Inspector is approaching his/her position. The last squad is given "AT EASE" by the Platoon Leader when the Platoon Sergeant is being inspected.
23. As soon as the Inspector leaves the rear of the Platoon Sergeant, the Platoon Leader immediately overtakes the Inspector, by moving to the Inspector's right, and commands while marching, "PLATOON, ATTENTION." The Platoon Leader will, without hesitation, continue to march to his/her post, halt, face to the right (front), and wait for the Inspector to halt to his/her front before saluting out.
24. The Platoon Leader "Salutes Out" (Hold the salute until the Inspector returns the salute).

25. When the Inspector departs the platoon, the Platoon Leader does an About Face and commands, "CLOSE RANKS, MARCH," (Platoon leader and platoon sergeant takes the appropriate number of steps to maintain their posts) and "AT EASE", does an About Face and then assumes the position of At Ease and waits for further instructions from the Inspector.
26. When the Inspector is approaching the detachment, the Detachment Commander assumes the position of Attention and commands, over the right shoulder, "DETACHMENT, ATTENTION," salutes the Inspector and reports, "Sir, the detachment is prepared for inspection, All Present" or "Sir, the Detachment is Prepared for Inspection; _____ Cadet(s) absent."
27. If the detachment consists of more than one (1) rank, the Detachment Commander follows the inspection procedures outlined for the Platoon Leader in steps 17-25. If the detachment has only one rank, follow appropriate procedures in steps 17 and 19. When the last member of the detachment has been inspected from the rear, the Detachment Commander overtakes the inspector while marching to his/her post, commands, "DETACHMENT ATTENTION" halts at his/her post in front center of the detachment and does a Right Face and awaits the Inspector.
28. When the Inspector halts in front of the Detachment Commander, he/she salutes out.
29. After the Inspector returns the salute and departs the detachment, the Detachment Commander does an About Face and commands, "FOUR (4) STEPS BACKWARD, MARCH" or "CLOSE RANKS, MARCH," "AT EASE" (Detachment commander takes 2 steps forward) does an About Face and then assumes the position of At Ease and awaits further instructions from the Inspector. When the Inspector has concluded the in-ranks inspection and given instructions for dismounted drill, the Platoon Leader and Detachment Commander will command their unit to attention, and properly dismiss them before beginning dismounted drill.