

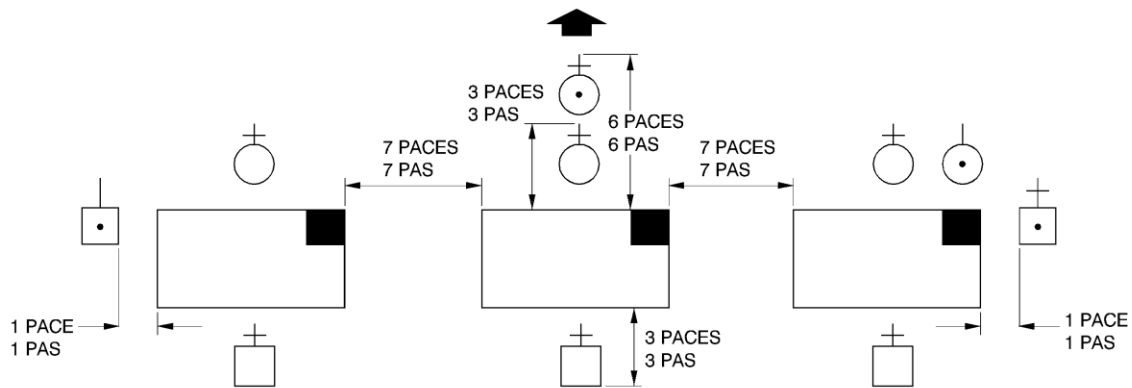
## CORPS DRILL

### INTRODUCTION

1. A company is an infantry unit consisting of two or more platoons. It is commanded by a company commander (Major), assisted by a deputy company commander (Captain) and a company sergeant major (MWO).
2. An Army Cadet Corps is modeled after the infantry company.
3. The procedures described in this document are taken from CFP 201 THE CANADIAN FORCES MANUAL OF DRILL AND CEREMONIAL, Chapter 7. It should be noted that some modification has been made do to the fact that there are no officers in the cadet rank structure. Keep in mind that the job being done is the guiding factor not the rank.
4. In cadets the RSM (CWO) acts as the company commander, the deputy parade commander (MWO) acts as the DCO, and the CSM (MWO) acts as the CSM.

### CORPS FORMATIONS

5. Whenever space is limited, intervals and distances between platoons may be decreased.
6. Corps formations are:
  - a. line;
  - b. column of threes
  - c. column of route;
7. Corps in Line.
  - a. the platoons are side-by-side on the same alignment, with a seven pace interval between platoons;
  - b. each platoon is formed as in platoon drill;
  - c. the RSM is centred three paces in front of the line of platoon commanders;
  - d. the DPC is in line with the platoon commanders and three paces in front of the second single file from the right flank of the corps;
  - e. the CSM is one pace to the right of the No. 1 Platoon marker, in line with the front rank;
  - f. the DSM is one pace to the left of the left flank of the corps, in line with the front rank;



#### 8. Corps in Column of Threes.

A corps formed in column of threes is in the same formation as when in line, but facing a flank.

#### 9. Corps in Column of Route.

A corps in column of route is similar to one in threes, except that:

- the RSM is centred two paces in front of the leading platoon commander;
- the DPC is centred two paces behind the rear platoon 2IC
- the CSM is one pace in front of the directing flank of the leading platoon;
- the DSM is one pace in rear of the directing flank of the last platoon;

### DRESSING A CORPS IN LINE

10. At the completion of all Corps drill movements, when a corps is halted in line, the corps shall be dressed.

11. On the command RIGHT – DRESS, by the RSM

- The officers about turn, turn their head and eyes to the left and dress on the DPC or first platoon commander, then turn their head

and eyes back to supervise the dressing of those under their command.

- b. The platoon 2ICs turn their heads and eyes to the right and dress on the 2IC on the right flank, who looks straight to the front.
- c. The members in the ranks dress by the right; the right hand single file of the corps look straight to their front.
- d. The platoon 2ICs of No. 2 and 3 Platoons shall pace off the proper interval between the platoon on their right and their own platoon and position their markers accordingly. Upon completion, they shall return to their normal positions in line and dress by their right.
- e. The CSM turns right and marches five paces to the right of the corps, about turns and dresses each rank in succession.
- f. When the CSM orders REAR RANK – STEADY, the RSM shall give the command EYES – FRONT.

12. On the command EYES – FRONT:

- a. officers about turn
- b. the CSM returns to his original position; and
- c. the remainder of the corps acts as ordered.

13. When the CSM is in charge of the corps and orders right dress, the platoon commander of the right hand platoon will dress to Corps.

## FORMING UP A CORPS

14. Prior to forming the corps, the platoon 2IC's call the roll and inspect their platoons. They then position their platoons (sized, if so ordered) as directed by the CSM, normally at the edge of the parade ground. They shall report their platoon strengths to the CSM prior to the markers being called.

15. The corps is normally formed up in the centre of the allotted parade ground. Knowing the corps's strength and frontage, the CSM selects the position to fall in the markers by dividing the corps's frontage, including intervals, in two and marching the appropriate number of paces to the right flank.

16. CSM places the markers in the correct position.

- a. Placing himself 3 paces in front of the position he wants the first marker to occupy the CSM says MARKERS
  - i. The markers come to attention and march out to the CSM, the first marker in the first position etc...
  - ii. Markers halt and shoulder dress themselves
  - iii. Markers look to the right until the last marker is done moving.

iv. Markers look to the front together

- b. MARKERS-NUMBER
- c. NO. ONE RIGHT REMAINDER LEFT-TURN
  - i. CSM specifies the number of paces to be taken
- d. NO. 1 STAND FAST REMAINDER QUICK-MARCH
- e. NO. 1 STAND FAST REMAINDER ABOUT-TURN
  - i. CSM steps off and wheels to a position 6 paces in front of the no. 1 marker to dress them off.
- f. MARKERS-STEADY
- g. MARKERS ADVANCE LEFT-TURN
  - i. CSM steps off and wheels to his in line position facing the markers (6 paces in front and centered)
- h. CORPS FALL-IN

17. Platoon commanders bring their platoon up to their markers.

- a. Commands are given in succession with 1 platoon first, then 2 platoon, etc....
- b. Platoon commanders come to attention and turn about
  - i. Movements are done together with standard pause in between movements.
- c. 1 PLATOON ATTEN-TION.....
- d. 1 PLATOON MOVE TO THE RIGHT IN THREES RIGHT-TURN.....
- e. 1 PLATOON QUICK MARCH.....
  - i. Platoons are marched onto their markers.
- f. 1 PATOON-HALT.....
- g. 1 PLATOON ADVANCE LEFT TURN.....

18. CSM-CORPS OPEN ORDER-MARCH

19. CSM dresses the corps

20. CSM- REPORT YOUR PLATOONS

21. Platoon commanders say NO.1 PLATOON \_\_\_\_ ON PARADE...ETC....

22. CSM-CORPS STAND AT-EASE

- a. Wait for the RSM to come out
- b. Corps is called to attention as the RSM approaches

23. CSM-CORPS ATTEN-TION

- a. RSM halts 2 paces in front of the CSM
- b. CSM gives report to the RSM

- c. RSM say carry on....
- d. CSM turns right and marches into position

24. RSM takes command

- a. CORPS STAND AT-EASE
- b. CORPS ATTEN-TION
- c. MARCH ON THE FLAGS TO THE FLAGS SALUTE
  - i. Flag party marches on
  - ii. Salute is held until the flag party is in place
- d. CORPS ATTEN-TION
- e. CORPS STAND AT-EASE

## INSPECTION

25. Inspections are carried out at the open order.

26. The corps is inspected 1 platoon at a time.

27. The corps may be inspected by;

- a. Corps Officer at normal opening parades
- b. Supply Officer on opening parades to check for uniform fit.
- c. Commanding Officer on CO's parades
- d. Visiting dignitaries
- e. Annual review
- f. RSM (usually with CSM accompanying)

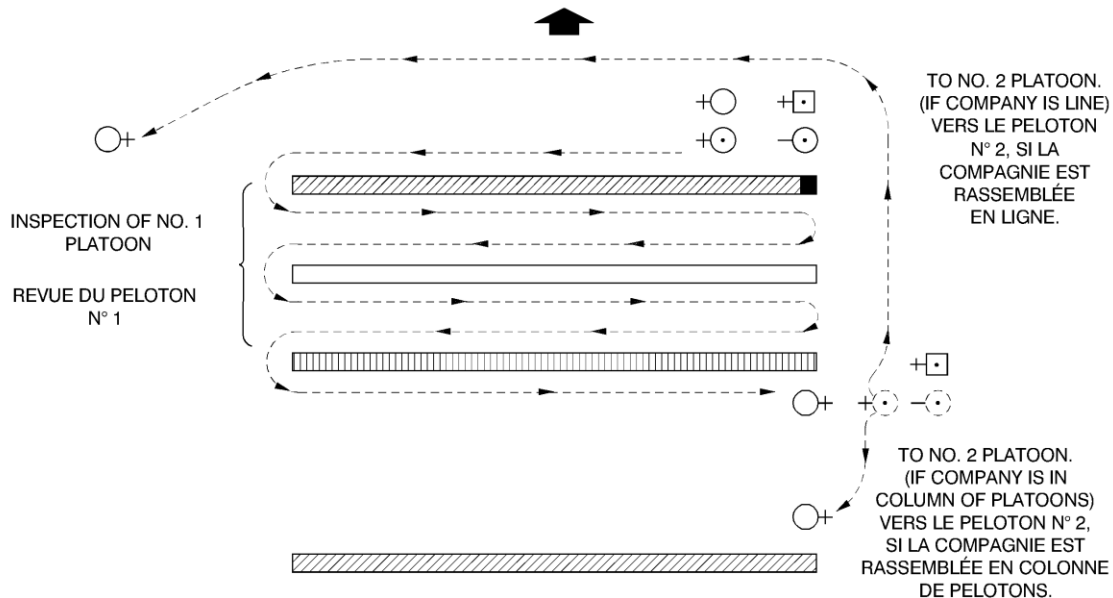
28. NO. 1 PLATOON, STAND FAST, REMAINDER STAND AT – EASE

29. As the inspecting officer approaches the platoon that has been ordered to stand fast, the platoon commander turns right and moves to a position three paces in front of his platoon marker, where he shall salute the inspecting officer and report his platoon.

30. The remaining platoon commanders will observe the inspecting officer as he commences inspecting the rear rank of the preceding platoon. The platoon commander shall:

- a. turn about to face their platoon
- b. order their platoon to attention
- c. turn left and move to a position three paces in front of their respective marker
- d. salute the inspecting officer on his arrival and report the platoon.

31. When the inspection is not being carried out by an officer the RSM may inspect. The RSM may also instruct platoon commanders to inspect their own platoons.



32. When the inspection of a platoon is completed, the platoon commander shall return to the platoon's centre front, order close order march and stand at ease, following which the platoon commander will turn about to face the front, stand at ease, and await further orders from the RSM

33. When the inspection of the corps is completed the RSM orders the corps to attention as the inspecting officer is leaving.

## OFFICERS ON PARADE

34. On certain parades the corps officers will be on parade. In this event;

- a. the CO will be parade commander
- b. RSM will be CSM
- c. CSM will be left guide
- d. Other corps officers will be platoon commanders
- e. Cadet platoon commanders will be platoon 2IC's
- f. Platoon 2IC's will be in ranks