

When marching in a column of companies it is essential that the leading company shorten its pace upon completion of its wheel and continue a shorter pace as succeeding ranks approach the point of the wheel. Otherwise, they become strung out and the rear companies in the column must race to catch up.

(Ed. Note: In many situations both on parade and in battle, a unit will need to wheel a variety of ways - and not always a precise 90<sup>0</sup> and may need to continue without stopping to dress. To execute a wheel that is less or more than 90<sup>0</sup> the WHEEL command will be given as previously described but the command MARCH! will be given to resume marching forward. The command: FRONT! may also be used. Also, the above commands assume that the troops are beginning from the HALT. If the troops are already in motion, the commands are the same except the command of execution is WHEEL! rather than MARCH! Since the troops are already marching, this removes a redundancy.)

## TURNING

Turning is simply a facing movement executed by each individual simultaneously while on the march. It takes the place of wheeling or halting and facing to turn a line or column 90<sup>0</sup>. This is similar to the modern day TO THE RIGHT (LEFT) Flank - MARCH. The Commands are: TO THE RIGHT (LEFT) - TURN! The result is the same as commanding HALT; RIGHT (LEFT) FACE; TO THE FRONT - MARCH; only without stopping. It is executed as follows: At the command TO THE RIGHT - TURN! given as the right foot strikes the ground, advance and plant the left foot; then turn to the right in marching and step off in the new direction with the right foot. Turning to the left is given on the strike of left foot; the right is advanced and planted; turn to the left and step off with the left foot. Step off with the foot on the side as the direction turned.

## SENDING FOR THE COLOURS

I. The Battalion is assembled on parade by platoons - at Close Order - at a predetermined position by the RSM and NCOs. Bayonets unfixed, muskets shouldered, the platoons evenly distributed to either side of center where music is massed. The Officers facing the Battalion, in their respective positions, five paces in front.

II. At the Commander's command the Officers will post to their positions in the line (facing the rear).

III. At the Commander's command FRONT, the Officers will right about face.

IV. The Commander will order TROOP and the music will play the appropriate phrase.

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V. The Commander will then command: "PREPARE TO TROOP THE COLOURS MARCH!"

VI. The 2nd Lieutenants (Colour Lieutenants) followed by two Grenadier Drummers or their assigned replacements will wheel out of line to the right and march (at the single beat) to the right end of the Grenadier Company, where they will without command, left wheel so as to be in front of the right four Grenadiers or the Company and halt. The Captain of Grenadiers will then incline behind the drums.

VII. The Captain of Grenadiers will then order: "ESCORT TO THE COLOURS (the four end Grenadiers behind him), ADVANCE YOUR - ARMS".

VIII. The Captain of Grenadiers then orders: "ESCORT TO THE COLOURS (Colour Lieutenants, two drummers, himself & the four Grenadiers), BY THE RIGHT WHEEL MARCH". In column they then march out of line and to the Colours which are being held on the right side of the parade ground.

IX. The Commander then orders the Battalion to the position of "EASE ARMS." At this time the Music will move back 6 paces behind the rear ranks and face front again.

X. The Colour Party halts in front of the Colours (held by new recruits, Pensioners, or other designated personnel). The Grenadier Captain then gives the orders: ESCORT TO THE COLOURS, SHOULDER YOUR - FIRELOCKS, FIX - BAYONETS (the Lieutenants withdraw their swords), SHOULDER YOUR - FIRELOCKS".

M. The Grenadier Captain orders: "COLOUR LIEUTENANTS, TAKE UP YOUR - COLOURS" The Colour Lieutenants then salute the Colours with their swords, replace them in their scabbards, step forward and take the Colours. When ready, they wheel about and face the Escort. The Colour Lieutenants wheel rather than face in order to keep the King's Colour always on the RIGHT. The Captain of Grenadiers orders: "PRESENT-ARMS." The Drummers beat "Point of War." The Grenadier Captain orders: "SHOULDER YOUR FIRELOCKS" followed by ADVANCE your - FIRELOCKS. The Colour Lieutenants then wheel about to form the head of the column again.

XII. The Captain of Grenadiers orders the Colour to: "WHEEL TO THE RIGHT MARCH" and marches the length of the Battalion front (between the front rank & the Commander). (Ed. note: The tune "Grenadier's March" should be played.)

XIII. The Commander brings the Battalion to the Shoulder, gives the order to FIX -

BAYONETS and as the Colour Party approaches, orders: PRESENT YOUR - ARMS.

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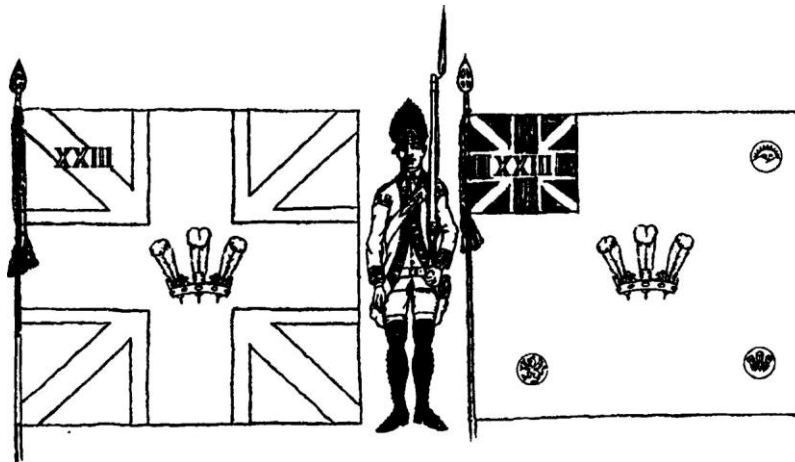
XIV. As the Colour Party reaches the end of the Battalion, the Commander will order the Battalion to "LEFT - FACE" (this is a formal facing) and the Captain of Grenadiers will order the Colour Party to: "LEFT - WHEEL".

XV. As the Colour Party approaches the end (rear) of the Battalion front, the Commander will give the order to: "LEFT - FACE" (the Music, however, faces right) and the Captain of Grenadiers will give the orders to the Colour Party to: "LEFT - WHEEL".

XVI. The Colour Party then marches down the line (between the rear - now 'front' - rank and music.

h'll. At the center of the line, without commands, the Colour Lieutenants and the two Grenadier Drummers will wheel to the left into their proper positions in the line, while the Escort to the Colours (the Captain and four Grenadiers) continues on to the end of the line.

XVIII. As the Escort to the Colours approaches the end of the line, the Commander orders the Battalion to "RIGHT ABOUT - FACE" and "SHOULDER YOUR - FIRELOCKS", while the Captain of Grenadiers gives the order to "LEFT - WHEEL" (wheeling the Escort into their proper positions as he then inclines to his position on the right) and halts them even with the line. (DONE)



## LODGING THE COLOURS

1. The Commander orders the battalion to FIX your - BAYONETS! followed by: PREPARE to LODGE THE COLOURS - MARCH!

II. The two Colour Lieutenants, followed by two Drummers, without further orders will wheel to the right out of line and march to the right, wheeling to the left and halting directly in front of the Grenadier Company (all to the single beat of the drum).

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III. The Captain of Grenadiers then inclines in behind the Drummers.

IV. The Commander then orders: PRESENT your - ARMS!.

V. The Captain of Grenadiers commands:

ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - ADVANCE your - ARMS!  
 ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - BY THE LEFT WHEEL -  
MARCH!

VI. In column the Colour Party (consisting of the Colour Lieutenants, Drummers, Grenadier Captain, and designated Grenadiers) march past the battalion with all Musick playing "British Grenadiers". Each Officer, in turn, salutes the Colours as they pass (the Colour party does not return the salutes.)

VII. Once the party is off the "parade ground", the Commander orders the remainder of the battalion to: SHOULDER your - FIRELOCKS; UNFIX your - BAYONETS!

VIII. The Colour Party, under command of the Captain of Grenadiers, marches to the place where the Colours are to be lodged and halts.

IX. The Captain of Grenadiers gives the following orders: ESCORT - HALT!  
 ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - PRESENT your - ARMS!  
 ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - SHOULDER your - ARMS!  
 COLOUR LIEUTENANTS - LODGE the - COLOURS!

The Colour Lieutenants then lodge them in the appropriate place, step one pace backwards, salute the Colours (even if cased) and return to the Colour Party in their original positions.

X. The Captain of Grenadiers then orders:

ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - UNFIX your - BAYONETS!  
 ESCORT TO THE COLOURS - ADVANCE your - ARMS!

XI. Unless given orders to the contrary, the Colour Party marches back to the rear of the Battalion (at the single beat of the drum) where each person silently wheels back to his post.

XII. The Captain of Grenadiers then orders the Grenadiers of the Colour Party to whatever position the Commander requires.

(DONE)

These ceremonies may be modified as circumstances require.

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## ON PASSING DEFILES, MARCH BY FILES

There are numerous occasions, especially during non-scripted tactical actions, where it becomes necessary to move rapidly from a company front to a narrower front to pass an obstruction on a narrow front. This can be a bridge, fence, or some other limiting terrain. This sometimes must be accomplished under fire. One solution is to disperse the company, instructing them first to fall in again on the other side of the obstacle. This "Abe Lincoln method" usually is not practical and certainly is not very professional. A more serious alternative is to form a column of twos by marching by files. The following instructions describe advancing and retreating by files only from the right because it is better to know a few things well than a lot of things poorly and in ninety percent of these situations our unit is small enough to be able to march by the right files without causing problems. We may wish to practice these maneuvers by the left and can do this by simply substituting "left" for "right" in the following instructions. We should not choose to advance by files from the center. (A unit in two ranks advancing by files from the right forms a column of twos, when advancing by files from the center it forms a column of fours and will only serve to confuse the men.) For a description of advancing, retreating, and other maneuvers from the center, see the Light Infantry Drill, Tab #10.

COMPANY, TO THE FRONT, QUICK MARCH-- The company is in two ranks, in company front, marching forward when it approaches a narrow opening, which could be some trees, a bridge, fence or even two other units already in place.

### HALT-

COMPANY BY THE RIGHT, ADVANCE BY FILES, MARCH-- When the preparative BY THE RIGHT, ADVANCE BY FILES is given, all the men do a right face except the two files on the extreme right of the line This means that the four men on the right are facing to the front and the rest of the company is facing to the right. When this happens (which should be instantaneous), the command of execution, MARCH is given The four men on the right march straight to the front and the rest of the company marches to the right and wheels in behind them The company will now be marching to the front in a Column of twos.