

## MANUAL OF ARMS FOR THE RIFLE (M-1 GARAND)

In describing the manual of arms, the term, “at balance”, refers to a point on the rifle just forward of the trigger housing.

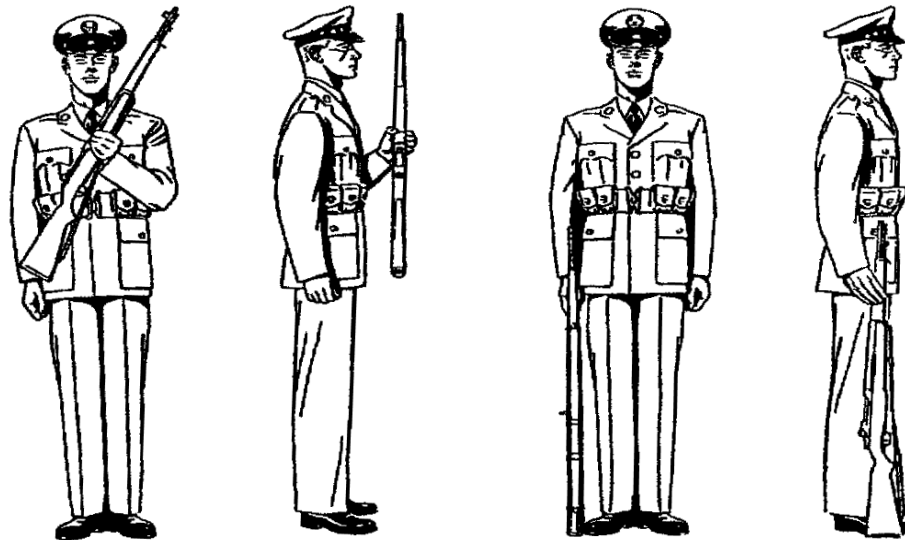
Whenever a position is described as “diagonally across the body”, the rifle barrel is up. The butt is in front of the right hip, and the rifle barrel crosses a point opposite the junction of neck and left shoulder. The rifle is grasped at the balance with the left hand. Hold palm of hand toward the body with wrist straight.

The cadence for rifle movement is quick time. In the early stages of training give full attention to the details of the motions. Cadence is acquired gradually as handling the rifle is mastered. Sometimes the instructor may require counting aloud in cadence with motion.

The manual of arms is taught at the halt. For the purpose of instruction, it may be taught BY THE NUMBERS. To add interest to the drill or to prevent fatigue in long marches, right shoulder to left shoulder (or left shoulder to right shoulder), or port arms may be given when marching at attention.

### POSITION OF ORDER ARMS

Rest the butt of the rifle on ground with barrel to rear. Hold toe of the butt against right shoe and on line with the toe. Hold rifle between thumb and fingers of right hand, keeping the open part of the hand to the front and hand and forearm behind the weapon. Hold left hand as in the position of attention.



LEFT HAND AT THE BALANCE.

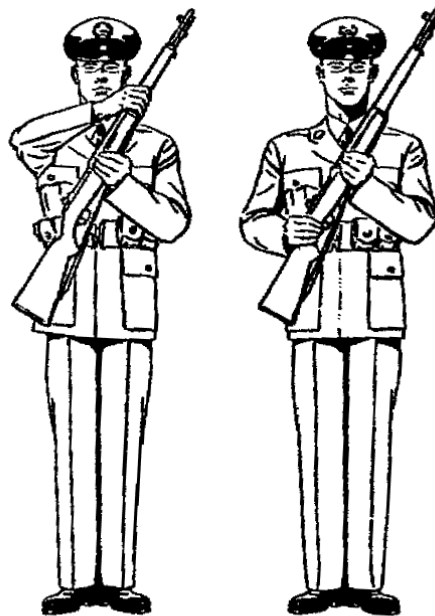
POSITION OF ORDER ARMS.

## **TRAIL ARMS FROM ORDER ARMS**

From order arms, the command is "TRAIL ARMS". At the command, "ARMS", raise the rifle 2 inches and incline the muzzle forward so that the barrel makes an angle of about 15 degrees with the vertical. Hold right arm slightly bent.

## **ORDER ARMS FROM TRAIL ARMS**

From trail arms, the command is "ORDER ARMS". At the command "ARMS", lower rifle with right hand and resume the order.



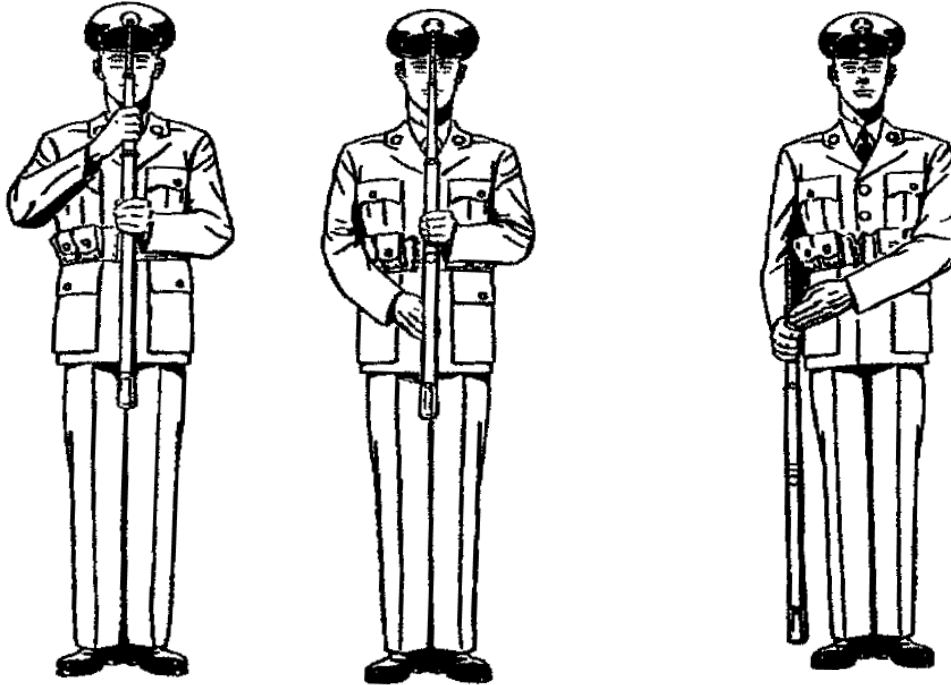
**EXECUTION OF PORT ARMS.**

## **PORT ARMS FROM ORDER ARMS**

At order arms, the command is "PORT ARMS". At the command "ARMS" which is the count of (one) in this movement, raise the rifle with the right hand and carry it diagonally across the front of the body until the right hand is in front and slightly to the left of the face. The butt of the weapon is in front of the right hip, with the barrel up. The barrel crosses a point opposite the junction of neck and left shoulder. At the same time, grasp rifle at the balance with the left hand, palm toward body with wrist straight and fingers joined. (Two) Move right hand to the small of the stock, grasping it, palm down, holding the right forearm horizontal; left elbow rests against the body. The rifle is held approximately 4 inches from and parallel to the body.

## PRESENT ARMS FROM ORDER ARMS

At the order arms, the command is "PRESENT ARMS". At the command "ARMS", which is the count of (one) in this movement, carry the rifle in front of the center of body with right hand. The barrel is to the rear and vertical. Grasp the rifle with left hand at the balance, the forearm horizontal and resting against the body. (Two) Grasp the small of the stock with the right hand.



PRESENT ARMS.

NEXT TO LAST POSITION IN EXECUTING ORDER ARMS.

## ORDER ARMS FROM PRESENT ARMS

At present or port arms, the command is "ORDER ARMS". On the command "ARMS", which is the count of (one) in this movement, move right hand from its grasp on the stock and regrasp the weapon between the upper sling swivel and stacking swivel. (Two) Release the grasp of the left hand, lower rifle to the right so that the butt is 3 inches from the ground, barrel to the rear, left hand with fingers extended and joined steadying the rifle. Keep forearm and wrist straight and inclined downward. (Three) Complete the order by lowering rifle gently to the ground with right hand. Cut away the left hand smartly to side. Lower rifle gently but smartly. Do not thrust it down forcibly.

## **PRESENT ARMS FROM PORT ARMS**

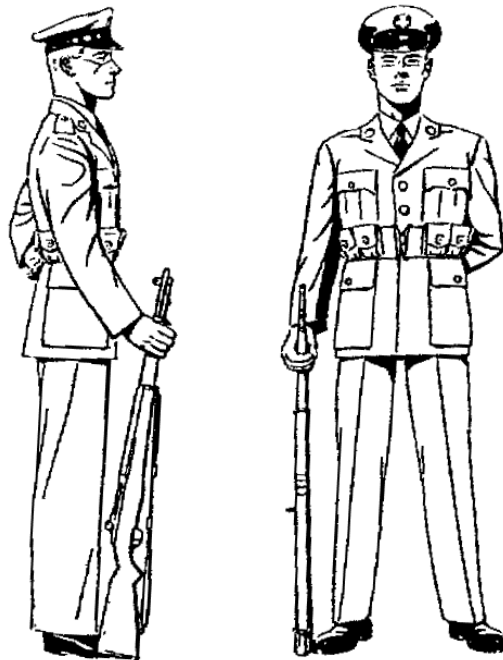
At port arms, the command is “PRESENT ARMS”. At the command “ARMS”, lower and twist the rifle with the right hand, moving the rifle to a vertical position and regrasping it just forward of the balance with the left hand. This movement is executed in (one) count.

## **PORT ARMS FROM PRESENT ARMS**

At present arms, the command is “PORT ARMS”. At the command “ARMS”, raise and twist the rifle with the right hand, moving the muzzle with left hand and regrasping the rifle at the balance with the left hand. This movement is executed in (one) count.

## **PARADE REST FROM ORDER ARMS**

At order arms, the command is, “PARADE REST”. At the command “REST”, move the left foot smartly 12 inches to the left of the right foot, keeping the legs straight so that the weight of the body rests equally on both feet. At the same time, incline the muzzle of the rifle to the front. Extend right arm with right hand grasping rifle just below the stacking swivel. Place left hand behind body, resting it on small of back, palm flattened and to the rear.



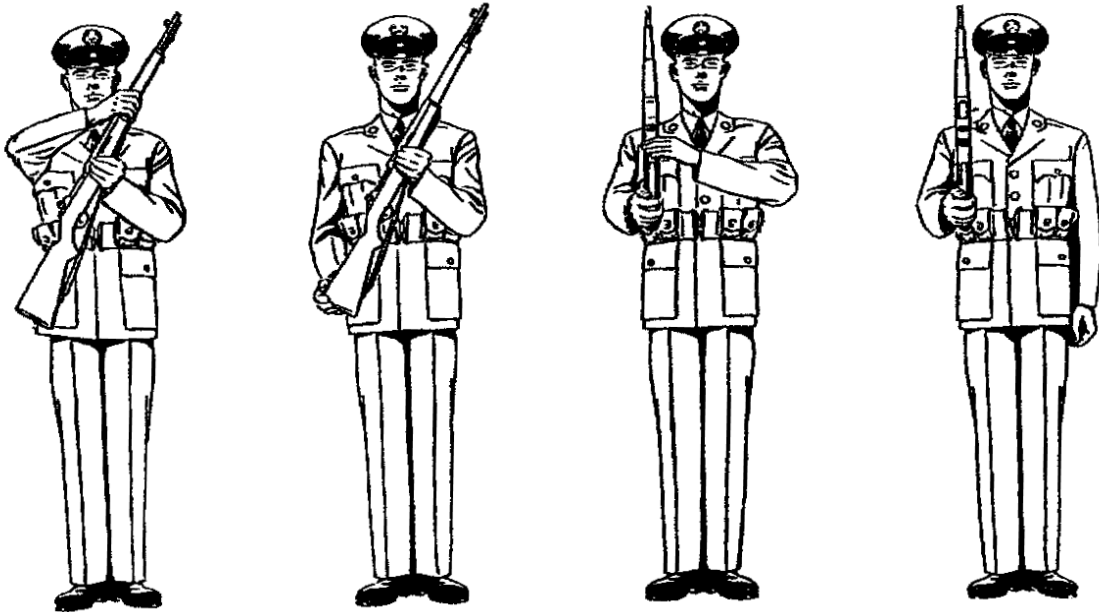
**PARADE REST WITH RIFLE.**

## ATTENTION FROM PARADE REST

At parade rest, the command is “TEAM (COLOR GUARD) ATTENTION”. At the command “ATTENTION” resume the position of order arms.

### RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS FROM ORDER ARMS

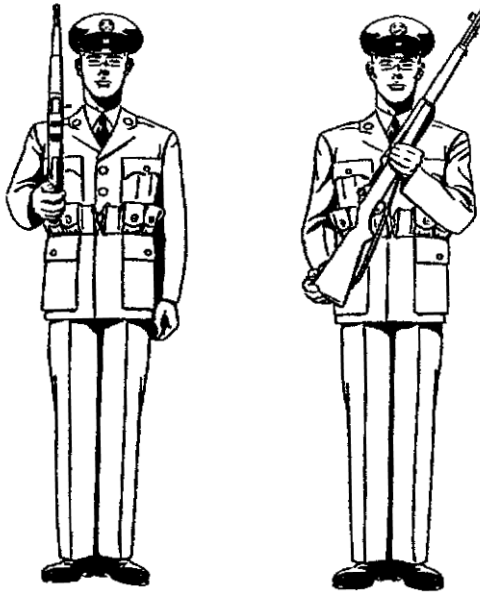
At order arms, the command is “RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS”. On the command “ARMS” (one) raise and carry the rifle diagonally across the body with the right hand. At the same time grasp the rifle at the balance with the left hand. (Two) Regrasp the butt with the right hand, the heel of the butt between the first two fingers and thumb with fingers closed on the stock. (Three) Without changing the grasp of the right hand, place the rifle on right shoulder, barrel up and inclined at an angle of about 45 degrees from the horizontal. Hold the right elbow against side of body with the forearm horizontal, with the rifle in a vertical plane perpendicular to the front. The trigger guard should be in the hollow of the right shoulder. At the same time with the left hand at the small of the stock, thumb and fingers extended and joined; guide the rifle to the right shoulder. The first joint of the forefinger touches the rear end of the receiver. Hold wrist straight and elbow down. (Four) Cut away left hand smartly to the side.



EXECUTION OF RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS.

## **PORT ARMS FROM RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS**

At right shoulder arms, the command is “PORT ARMS”. On the command “ARMS” (ONE) press the rifle butt down quickly and throw the rifle diagonally across the body, at the same time turning the butt clockwise  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn so as to bring the barrel up. Retain the grasp of right hand on the butt and with the left, grasp the rifle at the balance. (Two) Move the right hand to the small of the stock.



**RIGHT SHOULDER TO PORT ARMS.**

## **ORDER ARMS FROM RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS**

At right shoulder arms, the command is “ORDER ARMS”. On the command “ARMS”, execute the first movement as prescribed for port arms from right shoulder arms. (Two) (Three) (Four) Execute the three movements prescribed for order arms from port arms.

## **RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS FROM PORT ARMS**

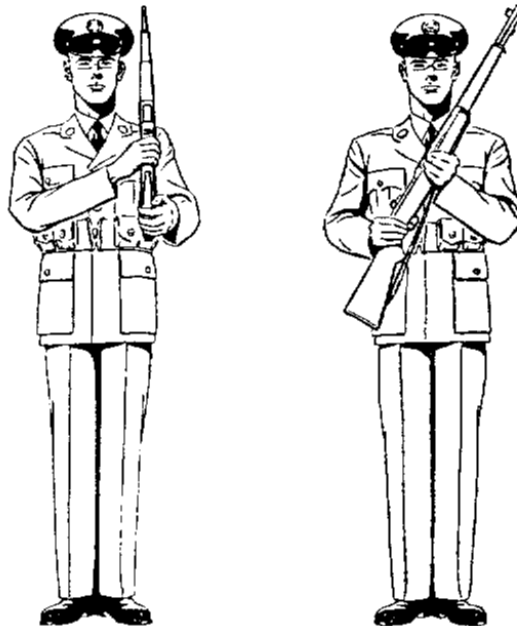
At port arms, the command is “RIGHT SHOULDER ARMS”. On the command “ARMS” bring the right hand to the butt. (Two) (Three) Execute the last two movements as prescribed for right shoulder arms from order arms.

## **LEFT SHOULDER ARMS FROM PORT ARMS**

At port arms, the command is "LEFT SHOULDER ARMS". At the command "ARMS", (One) release the grip of the left hand on the rifle and with the right hand still grasping small of the stock, place rifle on left shoulder, barrel up, trigger guard in the hollow of the shoulder. At the same time, grasp the butt with left hand, heel of the butt between the first and second fingers, thumb and fingers closed on the stock, left forearm horizontal, left elbow against side. (Two) Drop right hand quickly to side. Left shoulder arms also may be ordered when rifles are at the order, right shoulder, or present. On the command "ARMS", execute port arms and continue in cadence to the position ordered.

## **PORT ARMS FROM LEFT SHOULDER ARMS**

At left shoulder arms, the command is "PORT ARMS". On the command "ARMS", (One) grasp the rifle with right hand at the small of the stock. (Two) Release the grasp of left hand and at the same time carry the piece with right hand to the position of port arms and then regrasp it with left hand.



PORT ARMS FROM LEFT SHOULDER ARMS.

## **ORDER (OR RIGHT SHOULDER) ARMS FROM LEFT SHOULDER**

At left shoulder arms, the commands are “ORDER or (LEFT SHOULDER) ARMS”. On the command “ARMS” execute port arms and continue in cadence to the position of order (or right shoulder).

## **MANUAL OF ARMS WHILE MARCHING**

The manual of arms is not executed in marching except when marching at attention, to change from right shoulder to left shoulder or port arms and the reverse. These movements may be used to add interest to the drill or to prevent fatigue in long marches at attention. The command of execution is given as the foot in the direction of the desired movement strikes the ground. One more step is taken and then the ordered movement is executed in the cadence of the march.