

US Drill Abstract*

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COMPANY

Marching by the flank (file marching)

- **Flank:** by the R flank; to the R, FACE; MARCH
- **Form line forward PLT/CO on march:** Form PLTs/CO, MARCH; guide L
- **Form line by file, to R/L:** By files, to the R/L; form in line

Platoons

- **Form line when file marching:** Form platoon(s)
- **Line→column:** Form column of PLTs by wheeling to the R. By PLTs, R wheel
- **Column→line:**
 - **Left:** to the L in line, wheel, March
 - **Right:** on the R for the line; guide to the R, turn to the R, March
 - **Forward:** form company

BATTALION

Line → Column

- **Front:** Form column of companies by wheeling to the R; by companies, R wheel; march
- **Front, to march L:** Break into column by the R, to march to the L [or front]. By companies R wheel [1st CO marches 2x distance to the front]
- **Rear:** Form column of Companies by filing to the rear. Bttn, by the R flank; to the R, face. By companies, file to the R; march

* Commands are for formations that are right in front.

- **Close column by division:** Close column by division, on X division, R in front. Bttn, by the r & L flank; to the R & L face, march.

Column → line

- **Left:** To the L in line, wheel; March
- **Inversion:** by inversion, to the R in line, guide to the R, R wheel, March
- **Right:** On the R form the line. Bttn guide to the R [companies R turn sequentially]; March
- **Front:** Form the line to the front. Bttn, Guide to the R. By COs, half wheel to the L, March. 1st CO form on markers. (each CO “to the R turn, March” sequentially)
- **Rear:** Form the line faced to the rear, Bttn by the R flank, to the R, Face. March [COs countermarch by file L 2x to form sequentially to the right of the column, faced to the rear]]

Countermarch: Countermarch. Bttn by the R flank; to the R Face. [each company] By file to the L, countermarch; march.

Passage of Lines

- **Retreating line:** Bttn, by the L flank; by CO, by file to the R, March. Halt. Front. L in line, wheel; March
- **2nd line:**
 - Double platoons. 2nd PLTS by the R flank, to the R Face; March. Halt; Front; L dress
 - Form the Line. 2nd PLTs, By the L flank, to the L face; March. Halt; Front; R Dress

Change Front: Change front forward on the R flank; by CO half wheel to the R [same process as forming line forward, except the 1st CO takes new direction from markers]

Column of Attack [double column, formed on the two centre companies]

- **Line → column:** Form column of attack; by CO, on the centre in column. Bttn, R&L Face; March

- **Column → line:** Display the column. Btn, R&L Face; March

Role of company guides in BTTN manoeuvres

- **Column:** L guides of each CO cover guide of 1st CO
- **To align halted column:** [Adj and guide of 1st CO mark line]; Guides on the Line
- **Sequential manoeuvres:** After CO halts, L guides in front of company, faced to the R, cover 1st CO guide; Guides, Posts

