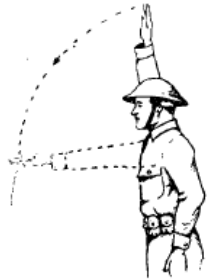


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292. GENERAL.-If a movement is to be executed by a particular subordinate unit or units of a command, a signal designating the unit or units will be given before the signal for the movement.

293. FORWARD; TO RIGHT (LEFT); TO REAR.-Face and move in the desired direction of march; at the same time extend the hand vertically to the full extent of the arm, palm to the front, and lower the arm and hand in the direction of movement until horizontal (fig. 86).



FORWARD OR
TO THE RIGHT (LEFT)
OR TO THE REAR



HALT

294. HALT.-Carry the hand to the shoulder, palm to front; then thrust the hand upward vertically to the full extent of the arm and hold it in that position until the signal is understood (fig. 86).

295. DOWN; OR, TAKE COVER.-Turn toward the unit or group and raise the hand, palm down, in front of the elbow, forearm horizontal; thrust the hand downward and back to this position (fig. 86).



DOWN OR
TAKE COVER



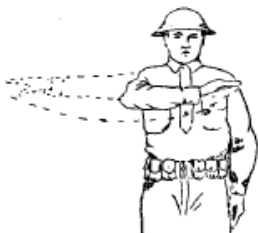
DOUBLE TIME
OR RUSH

296. DOUBLE TIME; OR, RUSH.-Carry the hand to the shoulder, fist closed; rapidly thrust the fist upward vertically to the full extent of the arm and back to the shoulder several times (fig. 86). This signal is also used to increase gait or speed

297. QUICK TIME (WALK).-Raise the elbow to a position above and to the right (left) of the shoulder and extend the forearm to the left (right), hand above the head, palm to the front (fig. 86). This signal is also used to decrease gait or speed.



QUICK TIME



CHANGE DIRECTION

298. CHANGE DIRECTION.--Carry the hand that is on the side toward the new direction across the body to the opposite shoulder and, with the palm down and the forearm horizontal, swing the forearm in a horizontal plane, extending the arm and hand to point in the new direction (fig. 86).

299. ENEMY IN SIGHT.--Hold the rifle horizontally above the head with the arm or arms extended as if guarding the head.



300. AS SKIRMISHERS.--Raise both arms laterally until horizontal, arms and hands extended, palms down (fig. 86). If it is necessary to indicate direction of march, signal **FORWARD**, moving at the same time in the desired direction.

301. AS SKIRMISHERS, RIGHT (LEFT).--Raise both arms laterally until horizontal, arms and hands extended, palms down; swing the arm and hand on the side toward which the deployment is to be made, upward until vertical and back immediately to the horizontal position; repeat swinging movement several times;

hold the other arm and hand steadily in the horizontal position until the signal is completed.

302. ASSEMBLE.--Raise the hand vertically to the full extent of the arm, fingers extended and joined, and describe large horizontal circles with the arm and hand (fig. 85).



303. ARE YOU READY?--Extend the arm toward the leader for whom the signal is intended, hand raised, fingers extended and joined, palm toward the leader (fig. 85).

304. I AM READY.--Execute the signal **ARE YOU READY** (fig. 85).



305. COMMENCE FIRING.-Extend the arm and hand horizontally in front of the body to their full extent, palm of the hand down; move them several times through a wide horizontal arc (fig. 85).

306. FIRE FASTER.-Execute rapidly the signal **COMMENCE FIRING**. For machine guns, a change to the next higher rate of fire is required.

307. FIRE SLOWER.-Execute slowly the signal **COMMENCE FIRING**. For machine guns, a change to the next lower rate of fire is required.



308. CEASE FIRING.-Raise the hand in front of the forehead, palm to the front, and swing it up and down several times in front of the face (fig. 85).

309. FIX BAYONETS.-Simulate the movement of the right hand in fixing a bayonet on rifle (fig. 86).



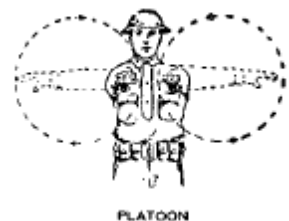
310. LEADERS JOIN ME.-Extend one arm toward the leaders and beckon the leaders to you (fig. 85).



311. SQUAD.-Extend one arm toward the squad leader, palm of the hand down; distinctly moves the hand up and down several times, holding the arm steady (fig. 87).



312. SECTION.-Extend one arm toward the section leader, palm of the hand down and describe large vertical circles [(fig. 87)].



313. PLATOON.-Extend both arms toward the platoon leader, palm of the hands down and describe large vertical [circles (fig. 87).



314. WEDGE FORMATION.-Raise both: arms vertical overhead, palms inward and in contact with each other (fig. 87).