

**PRACTICAL EXERCISE 8 / 9: Present Drill Instruction using Step by Step Method of Instruction**

**CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF A COLUMN FROM THE HALT, COLUMN RIGHT**

*(Platoon Drill)*

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Attempt #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>STEP I</b>			
#	Instructor's Script	GO	NO GO
1	<b>Instructional Formation, MARCH. AT EASE.</b> The next movement, which I will name, explain, have demonstrated, and which you will conduct practical work on, is changing the direction of a column to the right, from the halt.		
2	This movement is used to change the direction of a column 90 degrees to the right, in a uniform manner.		
3	The commands for this movement are <b>Column Right, MARCH</b> and <b>HALT</b> .		
4	<b>Column Right, MARCH</b> is a two-part command, <b>Column Right</b> is the preparatory command, and <b>MARCH</b> is the command of execution. <b>HALT</b> is also a two-part command when preceded by a preparatory command, such as <b>Squad, Platoon, or Demonstrator</b> . I will use <b>Demonstrator</b> as the preparatory command, and <b>HALT</b> is the command of execution.		
5	When given, these commands are as follows: <b>Column Right, MARCH. Demonstrator, HALT.</b>		
<b>STEP II</b>			
6	<b>Demonstrators, POST.</b> I will use the <b>STEP-BY-STEP</b> method of instruction.		
7	The platoon changes the direction of marching basically the same as the squad. During the column movement, the base element is the squad on the flank in the direction of the turn.		
8	On the command of execution <b>MARCH</b> of <b>Column Right, MARCH</b> , the base squad executes the movement as in squad drill except that the squad leader takes one 30-inch step and then takes up the half step. The squad leader will continue marching with the half step until the other squad leaders come abreast.		
9	The other squad leaders, while maintaining correct offset interval, execute a 45-degree pivot to the right and continue marching in an arc. As they come on line with the base squad leader, they take up the half step. When all squad leaders are abreast, they step off with a 30-inch step without command. All other platoon members march forward on the command of execution and execute the column movement at approximately the same location as their squad leaders and in the same manner. <b>Column Right, MARCH.</b>		
10	<b>NOTE:</b> When the platoon leader and platoon sergeant are marching at their post in column as part of a larger formation, they execute a column half right rather than a 90-degree column movement. After executing the column half right, they continue marching in an arc, incline as necessary, and resume their correct positions. After sensing that the squad leaders are abreast of each other, the platoon leader resumes the 30-inch step. At times, the platoon leader may find it necessary to shorten or lengthen his step in order to maintain correct distance from the unit to his front.		
11	To further illustrate this movement I will command a series of steps. <b>Ready, STEP. Ready, STEP...</b> (continue until the entire platoon has executed the movement).		
12	To terminate this movement, the command is <b>HALT</b> . The halt is executed in two counts basically the same as the halt from the 30-inch step. For instructional purposes, on the command of execution <b>STEP</b> of <b>Ready, STEP</b> , bring the trail foot alongside the lead foot and assume the position of attention. <b>Ready, STEP. RE-FORM.</b>		
13	At normal cadence, this movement would look as follows: <b>Column Right, MARCH. Demonstrators, HALT. AT EASE.</b>		
14	What are your questions pertaining to this movement when executed at normal cadence or using the step-by-step method of instruction?		
15	<b>Demonstrators, ATTENTION.</b> You will now become my assistant instructors. <b>FALL OUT.</b>		
<b>STEP III</b>			
16	<b>FALL IN. Right, FACE. COVER. RECOVER.</b> I will use the step-by-step method of instruction.		