

Middle School Initiative

**PART I
COVER SHEET**

CAP 2 SEMESTER 1 WEEK 3

COURSE: Wright Brothers Leadership Laboratory, Achievement 3

LESSON TITLE: Drill and Ceremonies - Squadron formation/inspection

LENGTH OF LESSON: 50 Minutes

METHOD: Demonstration - Performance

REFERENCE(S): AFM 36-2203, *Drill and Ceremonies*, Chapter 5

AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS/HANDOUTS/ACTIVITY MATERIALS: None

COGNITIVE OBJECTIVE: N/A

COGNITIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: N/A

AFFECTIVE OBJECTIVE: The objective of this series of lessons is for each cadet to know all of the military drill required of a basic cadet.

AFFECTIVE SAMPLES OF BEHAVIOR: Each cadet will willingly learn each of the drill movements and perfect them to required military standards.

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PART II TEACHING PLAN

Introduction

ATTENTION: Today, you will learn the procedures for being formally inspected.

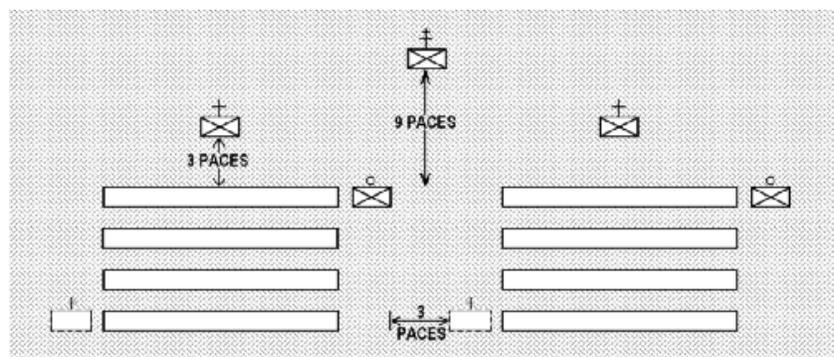
MOTIVATION: Previously, you have learned to give commands to the entire flight. Some of you will sprout your wings and fill positions of flight leadership.

OVERVIEW: During our drill session today, the basic flight that we have used for the past year will be divided in two in order to form a squadron of two flights with flight commanders, flight sergeants, and a first sergeant. I will participate as the instructor/squadron commander and inspector. We have already practiced open and close ranks, so that will be the easy part. The intricate parts of a formal inspection are about to be learned and practiced. (NOTE: This overview should be modified as necessary based on the number of cadets attending and the unit structure to be used for the inspection.)

TRANSITION: Are you ready? **FALL IN!**

Body

MP 1 The instructor, having previously selected cadets to fill the appropriate positions, will form the squadron. The flights will be composed of not more than four elements, and not less than two elements. (NOTE: The formation is based on the concept that there are 30 participating cadets. The instructor's judgment must be used in determining the size and structure of the formation. If only one flight can be formed, that is okay. Plan accordingly.)



Forming a Squadron in Line

MP 2 The instructor will give instructions to flight sergeants, flight commanders, and the first sergeant by walking them through their procedures from the initial forming of the unit to the completion of the inspection. Prior briefings to selected individuals will be extremely beneficial.

MP 3 Inspection Procedure

Forming the Squadron in Line

Each flight sergeant takes a post three paces in front of and centered on the flight. The flights then form as prescribed under the supervision of the flight sergeants.

The flight sergeants then command **REPORT!** Remaining in position, the element leaders in succession from front to rear of each flight salute and report ____ **Element, all present** or ____ **Element, (number) person(s) absent.** The flight sergeants then face about.

Upon receiving the command **REPORT** given by the first sergeant, the flight sergeants, beginning with the right flight, successively salute and report ____ **Flight, all present or accounted for** or ____ **Flight, (number) persons absent.** After all flights have reported, the first sergeant commands **POST!** The flight sergeants face about and move by the most direct route to their positions in the ranks. The squadron commander takes a position 12 paces in front of, centered on, and facing the squadron to receive the report of the first sergeant. The first sergeant faces the squadron commander, salutes, and reports **Sir (Ma'am), all present or accounted for** or **(number) persons absent.** Without a command, the first sergeant faces about and moves by the most direct route to the appropriate position.

The flight commanders immediately take their post after the first sergeant has reported.

In forming the squadron, any individual required to make a report salutes while reporting and holds the salute until it is returned. The individual receiving the report does not return the salute until the report is completed.

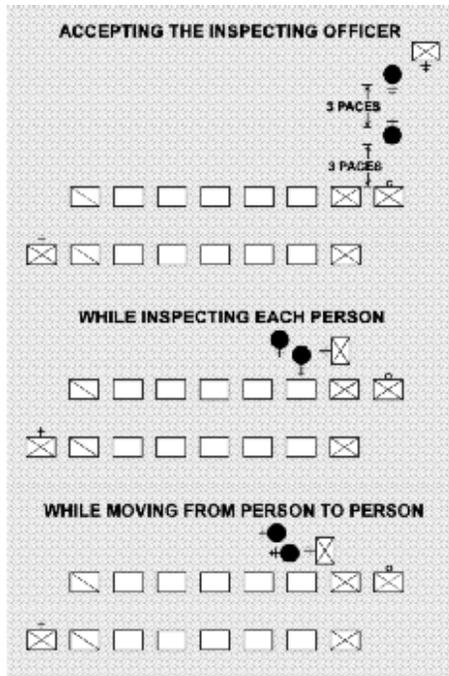
Inspecting the Squadron

To inspect the squadron, it must be formed in line. The squadron commander commands **PREPARE FOR INSPECTION.** On this command, the flight commanders face about and order ranks to be opened.

The command is **Open Ranks, MARCH.** It is only given to a formation when in line at normal interval. On the command **MARCH,** the fourth rank stands fast and automatically executes dress right dress at normal interval. Each succeeding rank in front of the fourth rank takes the required numbered of paces, stepping off with the left foot and a coordinated armswing, halts, and automatically executes dress right dress. The third rank takes one pace forward, the second

rank takes two paces forward, and the first rank takes three paces forward. Once halted, the distance between ranks will be 64 inches.

The flight commander proceeds and aligns the flight. Once the flight is aligned, the flight leader commands **Ready, FRONT**. After the command **Ready, FRONT**, flight commander command **Parade, REST**, and then take one step forward and faces to the right in a position in front of the guide.



Inspecting the Squadron

The first sergeant joins the squadron commander if so directed and take notes during the inspection. As the squadron commander approaches each flight, the flight commander brings the flight to attention, salutes, and reports **Sir (Ma'am), _____ Flight is prepared for inspection**. After being inspected, the flight commander accompanies the squadron commander through the inspection of the flight. The flight commander's position is to the right rear of the inspecting officer, walking in the lead in a showing capacity. Single file between ranks is observed with the flight commander in the lead followed by the inspecting officer and, in turn, by the first sergeant, as required. The squadron commander, beginning at the head of the column or right of the line, makes a minute inspection of the equipment, dress, and appearance of the cadets.

The inspection is made from the right to left in front and from left to right in rear of each rank.

The flight commander may give parade rest to elements not being inspected. The element leader calls the element to attention before the inspecting officer completes the inspection of the preceding element. The element leader may give the element parade rest after being inspected.

On completion of the inspection of each flight, the flight commander moves three paces beyond the front element, halts, faces down the line, and calls the flight to attention. The flight commander takes one pace forward, faces to the right, and receives comments from the inspecting officer. The flight commander salutes the inspecting officer upon departure and then faces down the line and commands **Close Ranks, MARCH**. He or she then commands **Parade, REST, AT EASE**, or **REST**, whichever is appropriate, takes a post in front of the flight, centers on the flight, and assumes the same position as the flight.

MP 4 The inspection procedure should be practiced several times. During the last practice, a cursory inspection of the troops should be performed.

Conclusion

SUMMARY: During this period of instruction, we have practiced forming a "drill squadron," the appropriate reporting procedures, and developed the inspection procedure.

REMOTIVATION: In this time frame next week, you can look forward to doing all of this essentially on your own. My participation was that of the squadron commander/inspecting officer.

CLOSURE: Read Chapter 5 in your drill and ceremonies manual as it pertains to forming the squadron and conducting the inspection. By doing so, you will be reinforcing the lesson learned today. **FALL OUT!**

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**PART III
LESSON REVIEW**

LESSON OBJECTIVE(S): N/A

LESSON QUESTIONS: N/A