

# Learn about Parade procedures and how to behave when acting as a flight commander

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# Why are we learning about this?

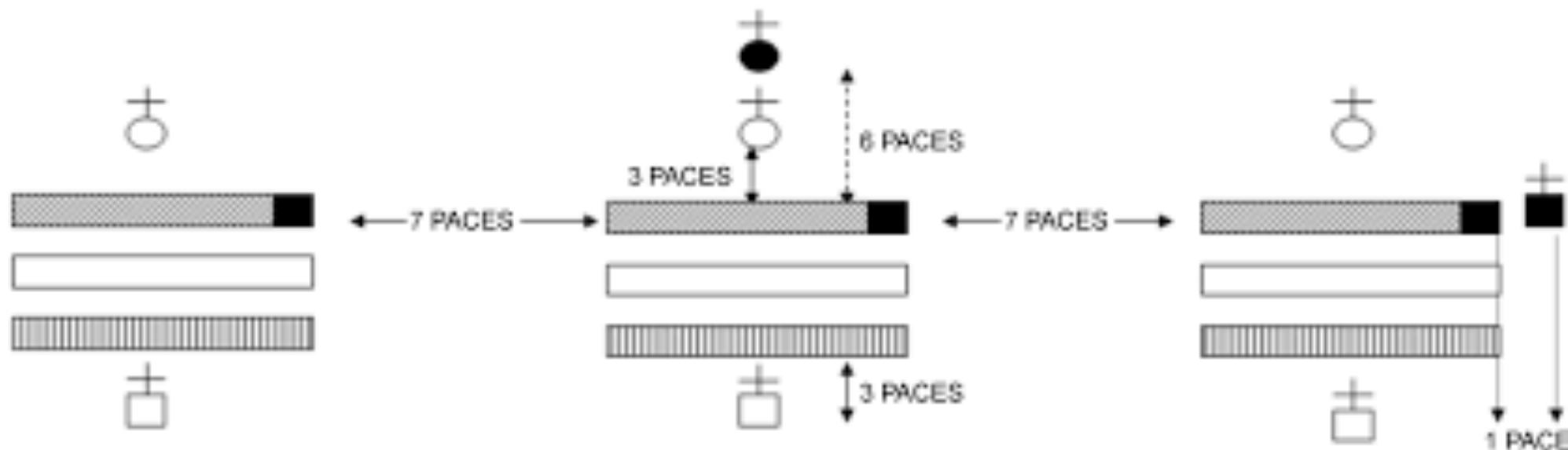
- It is very important for you as a leader to behave in a professional and confident manner.
- How you act as a flight commander will have an influence on your cadets.
- You need to be aware of the key attributes required to be successful as a flight commander.

# How to behave in front of a flight





# This is a squadron on parade





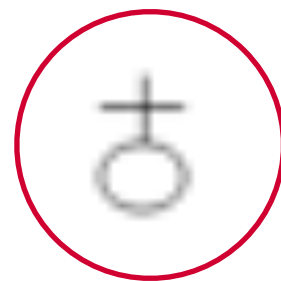


# This is your flight





And this is you!





# Commanding a flight on parade

- **Show the example** : Always act professional, especially when you are in front of your cadets. Always be respectful, make sure you set a good example by having an appropriate dress and set a good standard for drill.



- Note that in the picture, the cadets are standing the same way their Fsgt is.

Fsgt !



# Commanding a flight on parade

- **Communicate effectively** : When speaking to cadets or giving commands, clear and positive communication is necessary.
- Try to use words that best describe your expectations - such as : sharp, quick, together.





# Ask yourself these questions...

- Who inspired you to become a good staff when you were a cadet?
- What leadership qualities did that person have?
- Do you think any cadet was inspired by your behavior in the past?



# Parade sequences







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- To showcase the cadets knowledge and abilities to the spectators.
- To hold a special ceremony.
- To move cadets in an effective and orderly manner.





# What is the Parade night sequence?

- **Form up** : Through a series of commands, the cadets form up into their respective flights or posts.
- **Roll call** : Attendance is taken by the team leaders (such as yourself).
- **Inspection** : Can be conducted by the team leader, the cadet commander or an officer. In most cases, the team leader conducts the initial inspection before an officer conducts the main one.
- **March past** : This allows the cadets to practice marching and demonstrate their skills - this is not always required.
- **Announcements** : Opportunity for awards, presentations or promotions to be given.
- **Advance in review Order** : Used for closing parades - not always required but often used in ACRs (annual ceremonial reviews).
- **Dismissal** : Signifies the end of the parade.

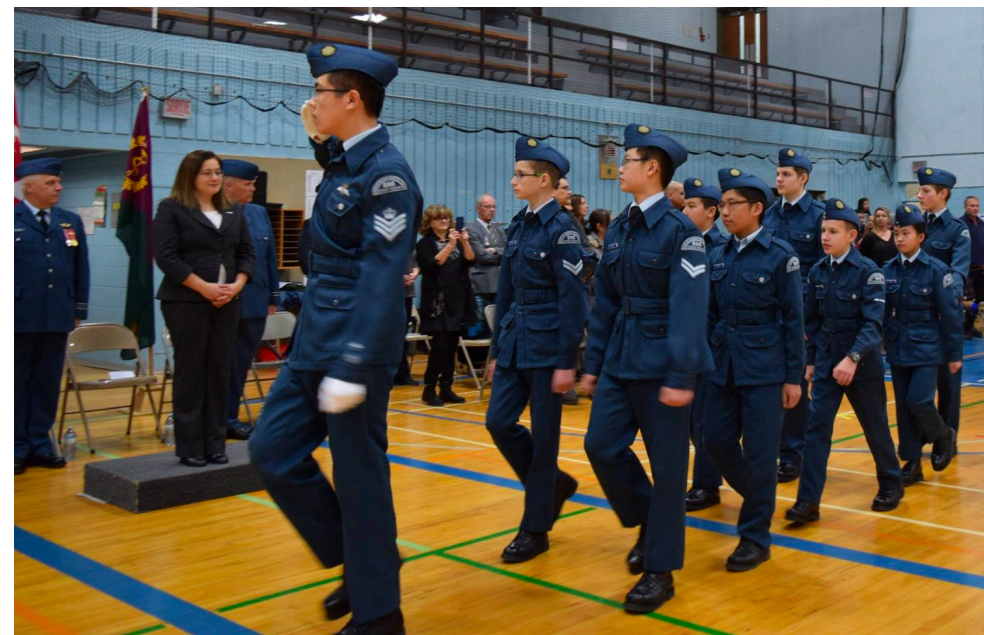
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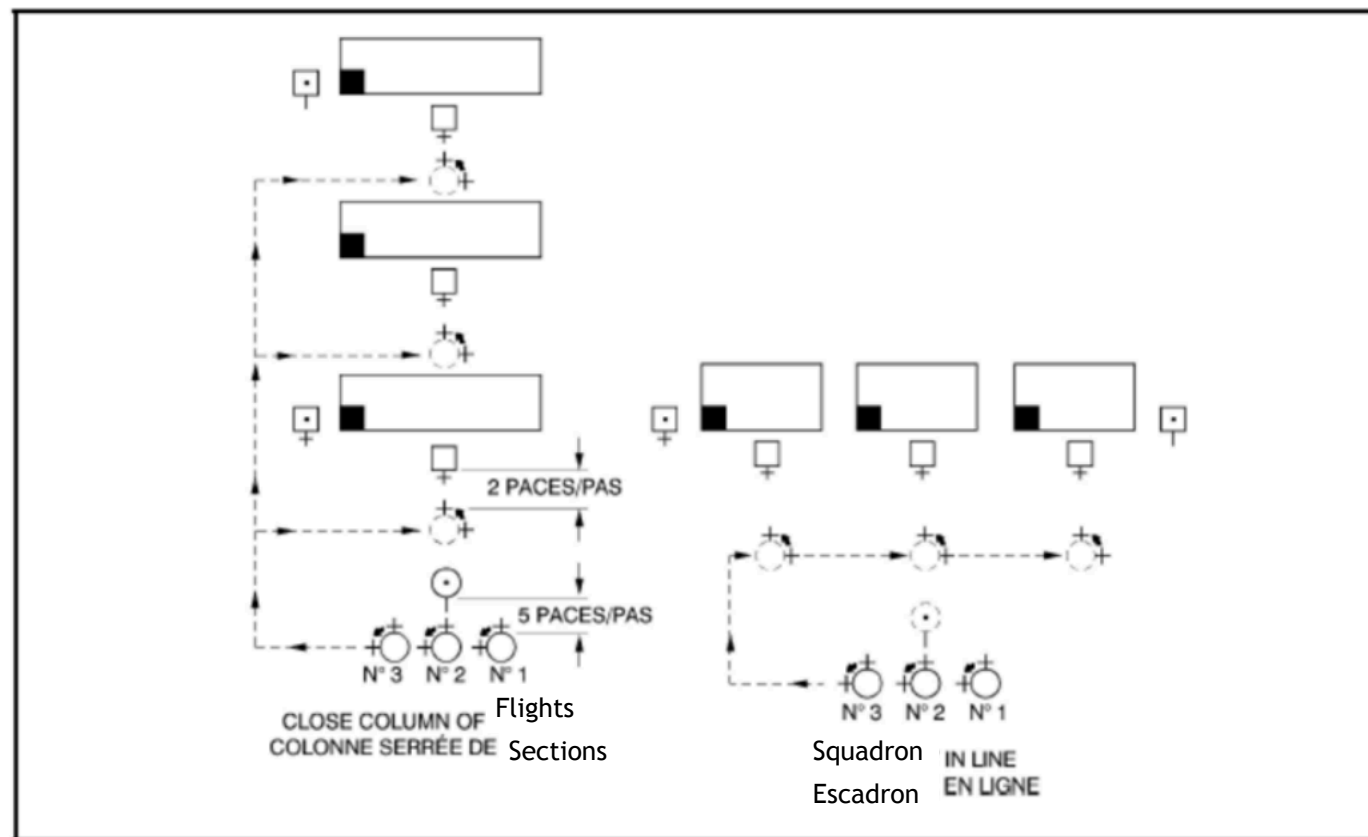
- When on parade, each squad follows the same procedures to take, as well as hand over command.
- Don't forget to always show a good example!





# Assuming flight commander position

- On the command « OFFICERS, FALL IN », flight commanders come to attention turn left and march to their respective squads, approaching their squads from the right flank front.

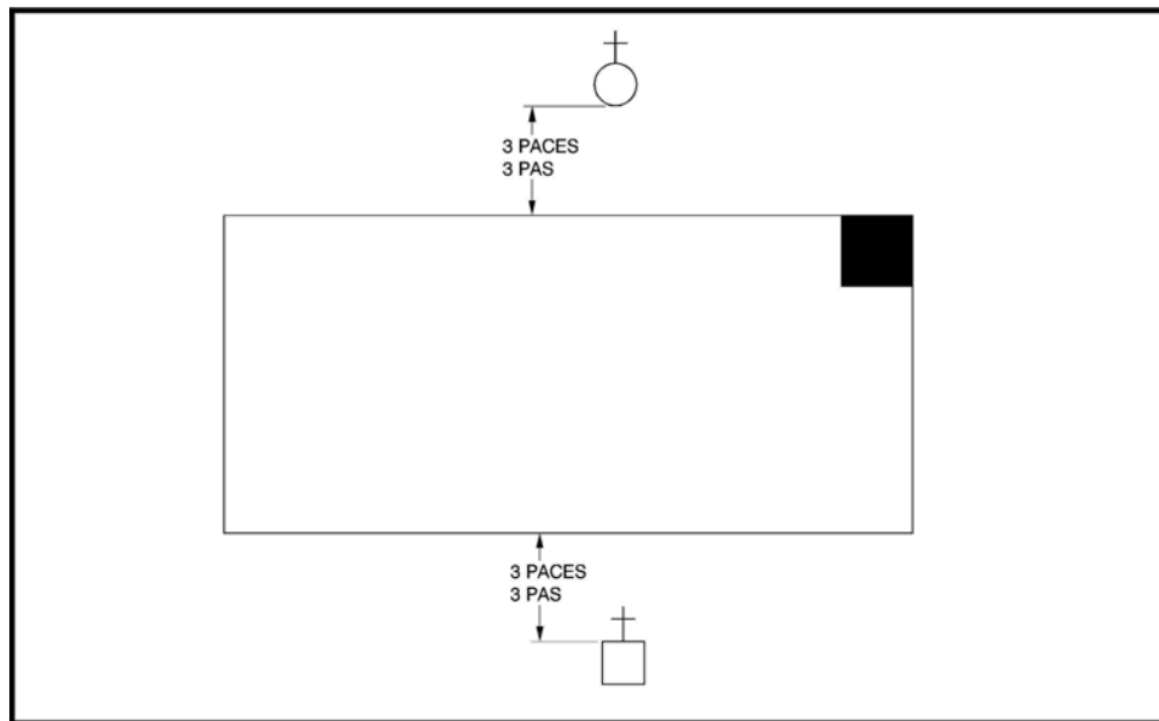


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- Flight commanders halt 2 paces in front of the flight Sgt, who reports the strength and condition of the squad before proceeding to their position behind it.

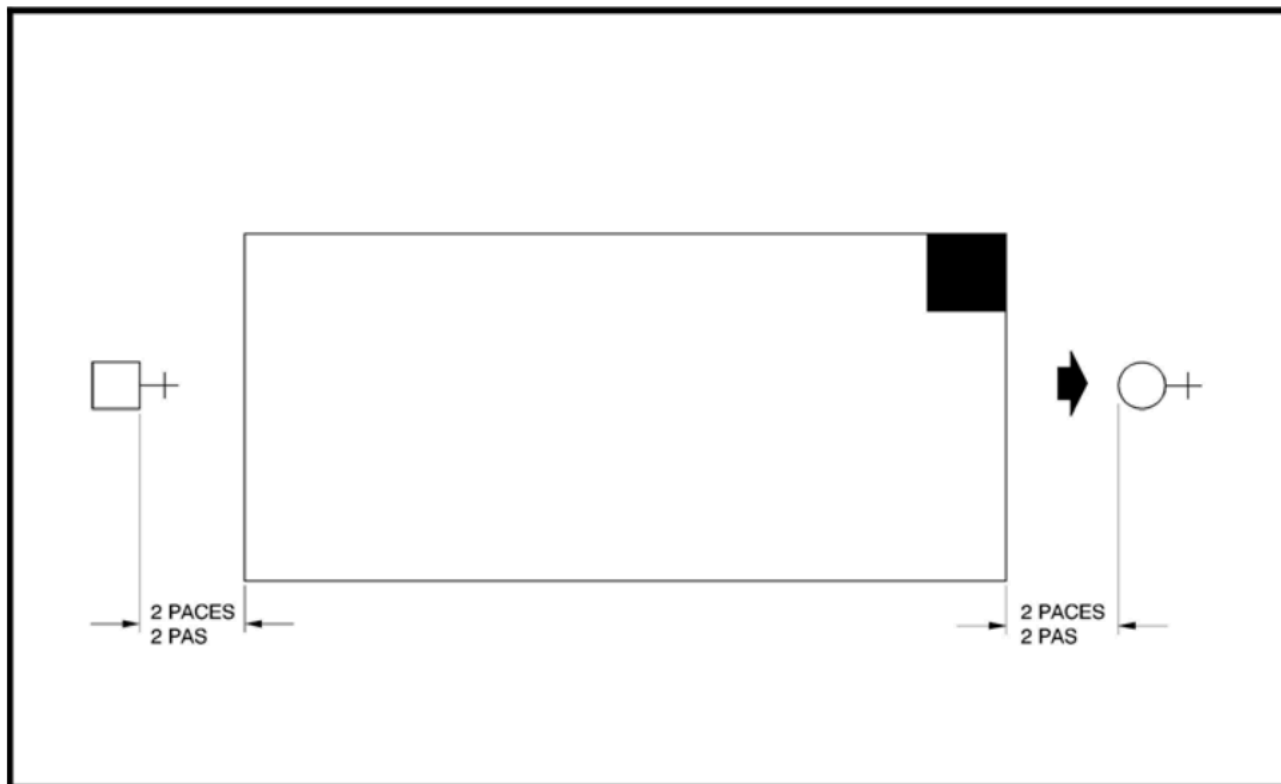


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# How to act in a march past

- **COLUMN OF ROUTE** : frequently used in parades.
- The flight commander is 2 paces in front of the center single file of the squad.
- Whenever having to transition from initial position to this one, observe the standard pause and march, using a series of wheels, to the appropriate position (flight commanders often agree to a number of paces in order to be in sync).

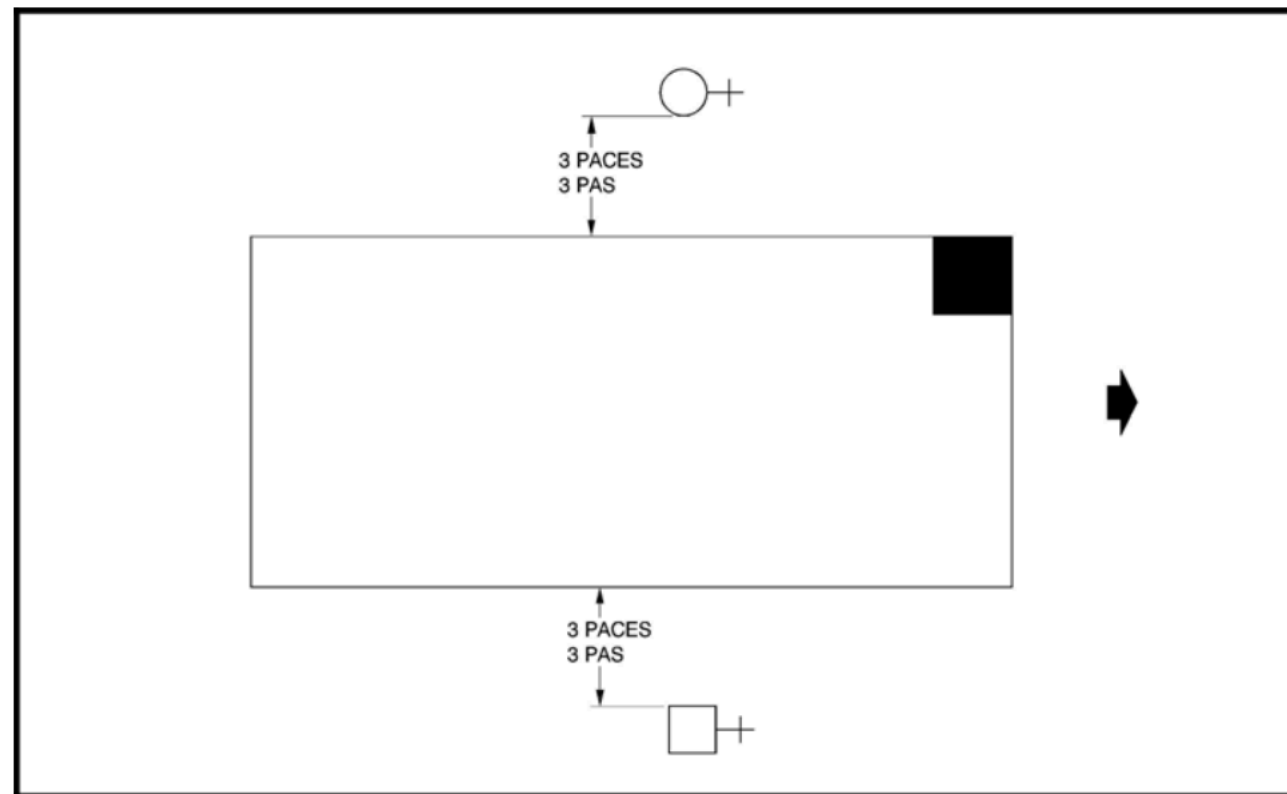


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# How to act while moving the squad

- **COLUMN OF THREES :**  
Move a squad on the march.
- When given the command to turn, flight commander and flight sergeant turn in the appropriate direction and maintain position.



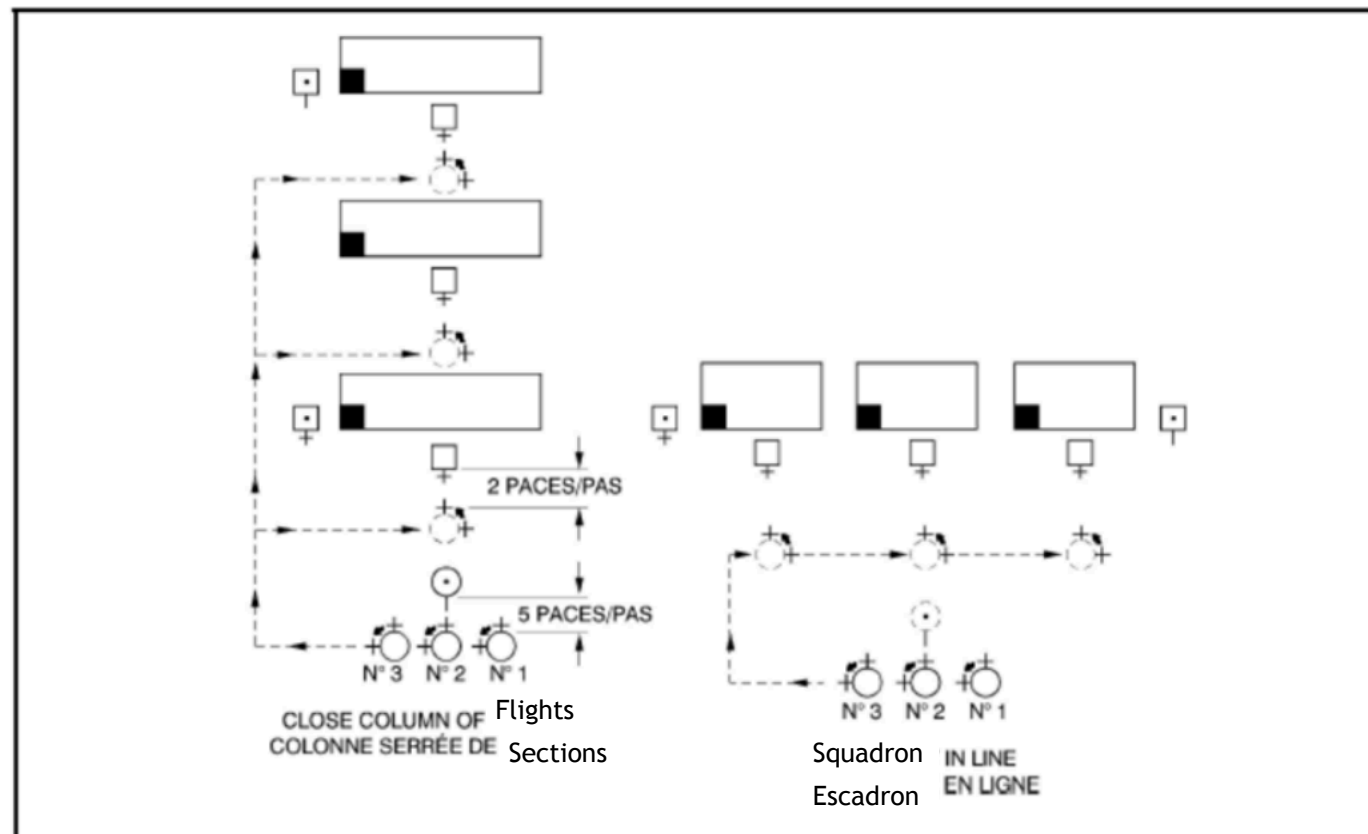
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# Falling out

- On the command « OFFICERS, FALL OUT », the flight Comd marches the most direct route and forms up in a line at arm's length interval.
- Often times they form up to leave with the deputy parade commander.
- In order to save time and simplify, it is often practiced to have flight comd directly leave the parade after the « OFFICERS, FALL OUT » command.



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# Parade Sequence Aide-Mémoire





- Print, cut and carry this parade sequence aide-mémoire in your pockets at all time! You never know when you might need it!

## PARADE SEQUENCE AIDE-MÉMOIRE CARD



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#### FALLING IN

When falling in as a Flt Sgt:

Follow the required commands of the Sqn WO or the deputy parade commander.

When falling in as a Flt Comd:

1. Stand at ease in succession from the right, once in position.
2. On the command to fall in, come to attention, turn left and march to the flight, approaching from the right flank.
3. Halt two paces in front of Flt Sgt.
4. March two paces forward (assume the proper command position) and give the command **STAND AT—EASE**.
5. On the executive word of command of the last flight ordered to stand at ease, turn about and stand at ease.

#### GREETING THE RO TO COMPLETE THE INSPECTION

1. Ensure the flight is at attention. Give the command **ATTEN—TION** (if required).
2. Turn right and move to a position three paces in front of the marker (check RO's position as required).
3. Salute the RO (if required) and report the flight (eg, "Good evening [morning / afternoon] sir [ma'am], Sergeant Jones reporting for number one flight, 25 cadets on parade, ready for your inspection").
4. Guide the RO through the ranks.
5. After the inspection, stand at attention behind the rear rank marker and salute (if required) and respond to the RO (eg, "Sir [ma'am], thank you for inspecting number one flight. Permission to carry on?").
6. Execute a turn and march back to the front of the flight.
7. Give commands **CLOSE ORDER—MARCH** and **STAND AT—EASE** to the flight.
8. Turn about to face front, stand at ease and await further orders from the parade commander.

#### LEADING THE FLIGHT ON THE MARCH PAST

- Execute all commands given by the parade commander, as per the parade sequence.
- Assume the correct command positions throughout the march past.
- Give the commands **LEFT—TURN** (as required), **EYES—RIGHT**, **EYES—FRONT**, **RIGHT—TURN** (as required) and **HALT** (as required), as directed by the parade commander.

#### FALLING OUT

When falling out as a Flt Sgt:

Follow the required commands of the Sqn WO or the deputy parade commander.

When falling out as a Flt Comd:

- On the command to fall out, march the most direct route and form up in position facing the parade commander.
- On the command to dismiss, observe the standard pause and march straight off parade square.

Thank you!

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