



Standards' Drill

Handout for ASMs and Standard Bearers

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THE STANDARD BEARER

The Standard Bearer should be specially selected for this important post of honour. The Standard Bearer is to be an association member (where possible) or an association representative wearing the "Dress for Standard Bearers". It is essential that the person selected should be physically strong and well able to handle the Standard under all conditions. Standard Bearers are encouraged to learn and practice Standards Drill.

DRESS FOR STANDARD BEARERS

The Standard Bearer should wear black shoes and socks, grey trousers, black belt, white shirt with association or corps tie, navy blue jacket with medals, association beret with badge and white gloves.

STANDARD CARRIER (Sling) ADJUSTMENT

Without wearing the carrier, the Standard Bearer stands at the Order. Slide the right hand down the pole to the fullest extent of the arm, grasping the pole. Raise the Standard to the second position of the Carry, steadying the pole in the vertical position with the left hand. An assistant should now place the carrier socket approximately 1cm (1/2 inch) below the base of the pole, mark the level of the top of the socket on the bearer. Without the Standard, the assistant should adjust the carrier buckle and align the top of the socket with the mark on the bearer.

ATTACHING THE STANDARD TO THE POLE

To avoid large bows or tails of the ties being seen, remove the screw holding the finial and raise the finial 2cms. Wind the tie around and tuck the surplus tie into the hem of the Standard. Push the finial down and replace the screw. Tuck the bottom into the hem of the Standard.

SECURING THE TWO PIECES OF THE STANDARD'S POLE

The two halves of the Standard's Pole need to be secured when on parade. There are many suggestions of how this can be done, one effective solution being to use black electrical tape.

PROTECTING THE BASE OF THE STANDARD'S POLE

The timber will split over time. Screw a plastic (Slide Guide) onto the base of the pole. The plastic shoe should be slightly smaller, in circumference than the pole.

Standards Drill and notes are from THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION "Handbook for Ceremonial and Services".



Stand at Ease

Stand at Attention / the Order

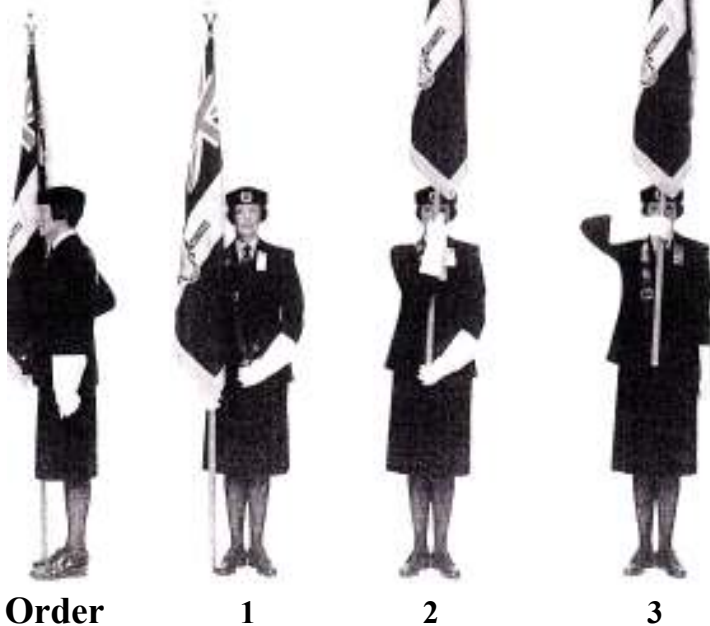
The Carry

MOVEMENTS AT THE HALT

COMMAND: "STANDARD BEARERS - CARRY STANDARDS"

(Three Movements -- from the **Order** to the **Carry**)

1. Slide the right hand down the pole to the fullest extent of the right arm; at the same time grasp the socket with the left hand with the thumb to the rear of the socket.
2. With the right hand raise the Standard smartly upwards to a perpendicular position in centre front of the body, lowering the pole into the socket and keeping the right forearm vertically against, and in front of, the pole to steady it.
3. Cut the left hand smartly to the side and at the same time raise the right forearm to a horizontal position.



COMMAND: "STANDARD BEARERS - SALUTE"

(One Movement -- from the **Carry** to the **Salute**)

1. Lower the standard whilst still in the socket directly to the front slowly to the count of 6 seconds until it is at an angle of 45 degrees keeping the right arm as straight as possible.

COMMAND: "STANDARD BEARERS - ATTENTION"

(One Movement -- from the **Salute** to the **Carry**)

1. Return the standard to the position of the carry in one swift movement.
(Note that the right forearm retains the position parallel to the ground)

COMMAND: "STANDARD BEARERS - ORDER STANDARDS"

(Four Movements -- from the **Carry** to the **Order**)

1. Bring the left hand smartly across the body and grip the socket with the thumb to the rear. The right elbow should be dropped so that the forearm lies vertically against and alongside the pole to steady it; and at the same time raise the pole just clear of the socket.
2. Lower the Standard to the position of the Order. At the same time carry the left hand smartly across the body, the forearm parallel to the ground, grasping the bunting and pole and placing the base of the pole against the small toe of the right foot.
3. Momentarily quitting the pole with the right hand, raise the right forearm to the horizontal position grasping the pole and bunting on the inside, steadying with the left hand.
4. Cut the left hand smartly to the side.

