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- 1. The Battalion will form up in Four Companies, equalised, in three ranks outside the Drill Hall, Dumfries Place, Cardiff. The Adjt will hand over the parade to the 2i/c. The Bn headed by the Band will march via Dumfries Place and Queen Street to Cardiff Castle, entering by the South Gate at 14.40 hours.
- 2. Markers will move into position at 14.35 hrs. The Bn will march on to Coy Markers and the 2i/c will order:-

BATTALION - HALT
BATTALION WILL ADVANCE LEFT TURN
FORM TWO RANKS
OPEN ORDER MARCH
RIGHT DRESS (BN IS DRESSED BY NO 1 COY RIGHT MARKER).
EXES FRONT
FIX BAYONETS
SLOPE ARMS

(Officers will turn about on the Command "Dress" and again on the Command "Eyes Front").

3. The Bn will then be handed over to the CO who will order :-

16TH THE PARACHUTE BATTALION. ORDER ARMS STAND AT EASE.

4. On arrival of the Hon Colonel, Colonel Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, and later, the Lord Mayor, the CO will order:

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - ATTENTION SLOPE ARMS
PRESENT ARMS
SLOPE ARMS
ORDER ARMS
STAND AT EASE

5. At 15.00 hrs the Field Marshal will move to the Saluting Base accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant. The CO will order:

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION. ATTENTION SLOPE ARMS.
GENERAL SALUTE - PRESENT ARMS.

(The Band will play a General Salute).

SLOPE ARMS

The CO will report to the Field Marshal who will then start the inspection. The Band will play an inspection march. When the Field Marshal returns to the Saluting Base, the CO will order:

16 BN. THE PARACHUTE RECT. STAND AT EASE.

### Phase 11

6. Prior to the parade six side drums and one base drum will have been piled at the position shown at App 'A'. When the Bn is stood at ease, the word ease will be the command for the following to step off to their respective positions;

Two Ensigns - To their respective marks which will be three paces to the rear of.

and five paces to the right and left of the Piled Drums. They will halt together on their marks and remain faving away from the Battalion.

Two C/Sgts - They will carry the Cased Colours and will halt together on their marks which are seven paces in front of the Piled Drums. Upon halting, they will count the regulation pause and turn outwards together. Cased Colours will be at the SLOPE while marching out - upon halting they will be brought to the ORDER.

Two Majors - The two Majors will march from their positions in the Coys so as to halt together and be two paces on the outer flank of and facing the C/Sgts.

Two Drummers - They will march out in rear of their respective C/Sgts and halt so that when the C/Sgts have halted and turned outwards, the Drummer is one pace from the right arm of the C/Sgt carrying the Queens Colour and one pace from the left arm of the C/Sgt carrying the Regimental Colour. See diagram Appx 'B'. Both Drummers will march out carrying the rifles of their respective C/Sgts at the SHORT trail.

- 7. On a verbal order given by the Senior Major (just loudly enough for the Junior Major and the C/Sgt with Regimental Colour to hear), the Cased Colours will be passed from the C/Sgts to the Majors who will stand with them at the ORDER. The C/Sgts now take a pace forward and untie the tapes of the Casing. The Majors will now lower the Colours to a horizontal position and the C/Sgts will remove the Casing. The Casing will be folded placed over the left arm of the Drummer. The C/Sgt will then assist the Hajor to unfurl the Colour. The Colour will then be 'dressed' and carried at the ORDER by the Major.
- On a verbal order from the Senior Major, the Drummers 8. turn right and left together and counting the regulation pause, pass the rifle in a clean movement from Drummer to C/Sgt. Drummers then turn about.
- The stage is now set for the Majors to place the Colours on the Piled Drums and the C/Sgts and Drummers to return to their positions in the Battalion. The Senior Major gives the word of Command: -

QUICK MARCH (whereupon the following takes place: -).

C/Sgts & Drummers. On the Command 'March', the C/Sgts and Drummers stop off in quick time, dressing by the right and march to the positions they had left when the Battalion was stood at EASE. Upon arrival at these positions they will halt, turn about together, obtain their dressing quickly and look to their front. They will be stood at HASE on the word of command from the Senior member of the Escort. When marching back to the Battalion the C/Sgts will carry their rifles at the SHORT TRAIL.

Majors.

On the Command 'MIRCH', the Majors will turn half right and half left respectfully and step off sevon paces towards the Pilod Drums, halting together. They will advance in turn and place the Colours on the Piled Drums, the Queens Colour being on top and on the right facing away from the Battalion.

When this movement has been completed and both Majors are at the position of attention facing away from the Battalion the Senior Major will give a Command whoreupon they will step off together to their marks which are a pace in front of, and a pace to the right or left of the Ensigns Halt and turn inwards.

10. As soon as the Majors have completed this movement, the Clerry will take up their positions at the Piled Drums, the issistant Chaplain General being between the Pilod Drums and the Battalion. The Field Marshal will prooend to a print about five paces on the saluting base of the Piled Drums. 11. The C will then say : 'Reverend Sir, on behalf of the 16th (Wolsh) Battalion of the Parachute Regiment we ask you to bid God's blessing on these Colours'. General. 12. The assistant Chaplain shall then say 'We are ready to do so. We are gathered here to consecrate these Colours, the Solemn symbols of our loyalty, our service and our life. May they never be unfurled save in the cause of justico, rightsousness and truth. Let us pray. Our help is in the name of the Lord'. 13. All shall reply "Who hath made Heaven and Barth". The Assistant Chaplain General shall say 'The Lord be with you'. All shall reply 'And with my spirit'. The CO will now order :-16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION-ATTENTION 14. The Assistant Chaplain General, laying his hand on the Colours will then say the prayer of Consecration, finishing with word 'Amen'. The CO will now order :-16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION-STAND AT EASE. 15. The Assistant Chaplain General will then lead all present in saying the Lords prayer. He will then say two more prayers before giving the blessing. When the Consecration has been completed the CO will order :-16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION-ATTENTION. 16. When the Bn is called to the position of attention, at the conclusion of the Consecration Ceremony, it will be a signal for both Majors to turn together towards the Piled Drums, pause, and step off. They will halt together and salute the Colours (Colours are now Consecrated). With dignity they will dress their respective Colour and when both Majors are ready with the Colours at the ORDER, the senior Major will give a signal whereupon they will turn together and march back to their original positions a pace forward and to the flank of their Ensign. They will halt together. As soon as the Majors have halted, the Ensigns will go down on their right knees in the position to receive the Colours. 17. The Field Marshal will present the Queen's Colour first and then the Regimental Colour. The senior Major will hand the Queen's Colour to the Field Marshal; the Field Marshal will then hand the ueen's Colour to the senior Ensign. The Junior Major will hand the Regimental Colour to the Field Marshal who will hand it to the Junior Ensign. Senior and Junior Majors both take two paces to the rear and salute as soon as they have handed their respective Colour to the Field Marshal.

When both Colours have been handed to the Ensigns, and at a signal from the senior Ensign, both will rise off the right knee together to resume the position of attention - Colours at the CARRY.

18. The CO will now order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - STAND AT BASE.

- 19. Field Marshal Montgomery will then address the Bn and a reply will be made by the CO, on finishing which, he will salute the Field Marshal.
- 20. The CO will now order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - ATTENTION. SLOPE ARMS.

On the last movement of the SLOPE, two Majors will turn about and after counting the regulation pause, they will step off to their positions in the Bn. They will halt and turn about together. Field Marshal Montgomery will return to the Saluting Base.

- when the Field Marshal has reached the Saluting Base, the senior Ensign will give the command 'ENSIGNS, INWARDS TURN'.

  After turning, they will count the pause and step off eleven paces in slow time, halt, and turn facing the Bn. When passing, the Queen's Colour will be on the side nearest to the Saluting Base.
- 22. When the Ensigns have halted facing the Bn, the CO will order:-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION-CENERAL SALUTE PRESENT ARMS.

On the third movement of the Present, the Ensigns will step off in slow time to the National Anthem which will be played by the Band of the 3rd Bn Parachute Regiment. The Ensigns, on reaching the Bn will continue to march in slow time on the outside of the Escort, wheeling inwards when they have passed the rear rank and crossing, Queen's Colour in front. The Ensigns will halt together on reaching their positions in the Colour Party.

23. At the end of the National Anthem, the CO will order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION. SLOPE ARMS
ORDER ARMS
UNPILE DRUMS,

whereupon drummers will be marched out and will unpile drums. On completion of Unpiling, the party will salute and be marched back to the rear of the band.

24. The CO will then order :-

STAND AT BASE.

## Phase 111. The March Past.

25. The Bn will march past the Field Marshal by Coys in line to the Regimental March. The Bn will form up for the March Past by moving to the right flank and forming up in close Column of Coys. The Colours will be between No 2 and 3 Coys. Officers will remain on the flank whilst moving to this position for the March Past. The CO will order:

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - ATTENTION
CLOSE ORDER MARCH
RIGHT DRESS
SLOPE ARMS
MOVE TO THE RIGHTRIGHT TURN

(Pause for the Colour Party to get into position by a right form).

BY THE LEFT QUICK MARCH LEFT WHEEL AT THE HALT FACING LEFT FORM CLOSE COLUMN OF COYS.

No 1 and 2 Coys will march on the marker Discs; No 1 and 2 Coy Comds will order:-

NO...COY HALT LEFT TURN

The Colour Party will move into position in the rear centre of No 2 Coy at an interval of 6 paces from the rear rank (Disc Marker), Senior Ensign giving the command:

COLOUR PARTY (AT THE HALT) LEFT FORM COLOUR PARTY (AT THE HALT) LEFT FORM

No 3 and 4 Coys will march on to the marker Discs and Coy Comds will order :-

NO...COY, HALT,

26. The CO will then order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - ORDER ARMS
RIGHT DRUSS.

This dressing will be done by CIM's - Officers will turn about on Command Right Dress, will pick up their own dressing, and will work on the Command from No 4 Coy, CSM to turn about ready for the march past.

27. The CO will order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION - SLOPE ARMS
BN WILL MARCH PAST BY COYS BY THE RIGHT, NO 1 COY LEADING
NO 1 AND 2 COY CONDS WILL ORDER
NO....COY, BY THE RIGHT, QUICK MARCH.

As soon as No 2 Coy has reached Column Distance (i.e. 15 pages) the senior Ensign will order :-

COLOUR PARTY, BY THE CENTRE, QUICK MARCH.

No 3 Coy Comd will step off when the Colour Party is column distance, followed by No 4 Coy.

28. Ensigns will allow the Colours to fly and all officers will salute.

On reaching point D, Coy Comds will order:-

NO....COY, EYES FRONT.

On the word of command of No 2 Coy, Ensigns will secure Colours.

29. On reaching point E, Coy Comds will order :-

NO...COY, RIGHT TURN
BY THE LEFT
LEFT WHEEL
LEFT WHEEL
LEFT WHEEL

Colour Party will order :-

RIGHT FORM LEFT FORM LEFT FORM

Coys will move on to the original inspection line.

30. After No 2 Coy has received the word of Command Right Turn after marching past, the Band will march to the end of the parade ground, counter march, march past the Field Marshal, and move back to its original position.

During the March Past, on reaching Point C, Coy Comds will order:-

NO...COY, EYES RIGHT.

31. The Commanding Officer will order :-

BATTALION, AT THE HALT, FACING LEFT FORM LINE.

Coy Comds will then halt their Coys on reaching their correct position in line and left turm. The Colour Party will left form.

The CO will then give :-

ORDER ARMS RIGHT DRESS

Officer\_ will turn about whilst the RSM dresses the Bn and will pick up their own Dressing. RSM will then order:-

BATTALION, EYES FRONT.

Officers turn about. The CO will order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION, STAND AT EAST. STAND PASY.

Colour Party does NOT STAND EASY.

32. After Two Minutes the CO will order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION, ATTENTION

SIDTE ARMS

3-TTALION WILL ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER, BY THE CENTRE; QUICK MARCH.

37 Bn will step off, halting on the fifteenth pace. The Band will play.

When halted, the CO will order :-

16TH PARACHUTE BATTALION, CENERAL SALUTE - PRESENT ARMS.

The Band will play the General Salute.

34. The CO will then order :-

SLOPE ARMS
ORDER ARMS

35. The Bn will now reform into three ranks. The Commanding Officer will order:-

FORM THREE RANKS RIGHT DRESS

This will be done by the RSM - who will order :-

EYES FRONT

The CO will request permission from the Field Marshal for the Bn to march off parade.

36. On receipt of permission to march off, the CO will order:-

16TH PARICHUTE BATTALION, SLOPE ARMS
MOVE TO THE RIGHT IN COLUMN OF ROUTE
RIGHT TURN

On completion of the turn it is necessary for officers to move to their position in Column, and for the 2i/o to move to the front of the Bn in rear of the CO.

37. When all officers are in position, the CO will order :-

BY THE LEFT - QUICK MARCH LEFT WHEEL BY THE RIGHT

Coy Comds will give eyes right as before when passing the Saluting base.

- 38. The Band will march at the head of the Battalion back to Dumfries Place.
- 39. The Old Comrades will be formed up near the South Gate, and the Bn will pay compliments to them on leaving the parade ground.

