

200 (TORQUAY) SQUADRON



DRILL INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE

Why do we do drill?

In order to teach drill you must understand why we do drill in the Air Training Corps:

- To improve the level of **Discipline**
- To develop **Teamwork** amongst a squad of cadets
- To develop a sense of **Pride** in whatever cadets do
- Train cadets to **Respond to Orders** quickly

Requirements of the Drill Instructor

- Patient yet firm.
- Enthusiasm - provide encouragement and fire your squad with a will to achieve.
- Consistency - set yourself and the squad a high standard and don't deviate from it.
- Humanity - be aware of the squad's problems, and praise readily.
- Personality - have squad under control; lead by example; Be accurate and don't over exaggerate drill movements; Never use bad language or sarcasm.

Sequence of Training

1. The instructor is to name the exercise and explain why it is done.
2. The instructor is to demonstrate the movement in quick time.
3. The instructor is to explain the movement in simple language with relevant details for each movement of the complete drill manoeuvre. State the 'timings' for the movement.
4. The trainees are to carry out the exercise in slow time or 'by numbers.' Faults are to be corrected by the instructor at this point.
5. Trainees are to practice the movement. After improvement they are to carry out the movement in quick time.

Explanation – Demonstration – Imitation – Practice

Words of Command

- Stand to attention.
- Power: Plenty of air into lungs.
- Pitch: Hold your head high and pitch the words over the squad.
- Punch: Executive given short and sharp (with exception of WHEEL)
- Pronunciation: CLEAR, LOUD, AS AN ORDER, WITH PAUSES

Details of Correct Foot on Which to Give Executive Words of Command

INTRODUCTORY	CAUTIONARY	EXECUTIVE	FOOT	TIMINGS GIVEN
Squad/Flt	stand at	EASE		One
Squad/Flt	Squad/Flt	TION/SHUN		One
Squad/Flt	open/close order	MARCH		One, One, Two
Turnings at the halt	right/left about	TURN		One, Pause, Two
Incline to the right/left	right/left in-	CLINE		One, Pause, Two
Saluting to the front at the halt	to the front	SALUTE		Up, Two, Three, Down
Saluting to the left/right the halt	to the left/right	SALUTE		Up, Two, Three, Four, Five, Down
Squad/Flt	officer on parade	DISMISS		One, Pause, Two, Pause, Up, Two, Three, Down
Squad/Flt		HALT	Left Heel	One, One, Two
Turning on the march	left/right	TURN	Right/ Left	Check, Turn, Forward
Turning on the march	about	TURN	Left Heel	Check, Left, Right, Left, Forward
Officer passing your front	to the left/right	SALUTE	Left Foot	Check, Up, Two, Three, Four, Five, Down, Swing
Marking time on the march	mark	TIME	Left Heel	One, One, Right, Left, Right
Squad/Flt	for-	WARD	Left Foot	Complete, Forward
Changing step whilst marking time	change	STEP	Left Foot	Right, Right, Left
Changing step on the march	change	STEP	Right Heel	Left, Check, Left
Saluting to the front	to the front	SALUTE	Left Foot	One, One, Two, Pause, Up, Two, Three, Down, One, Two, Three, Four, Up, Two, Three, Down, Pause, One, Pause, Two, Pause, Away
Compliments on the march	eyes	RIGHT/LEFT/ FRONT	Left Foot	Check, Turn
Step out on the march	step	OUT	Left Heel	Step Out
Into quick time	quick	MARCH	Left Heel	Quick March
Step short on the march	step	SHORT	Left Heel	Step Short
Into quick time	quick	MARCH	Left Heel	Quick March
... Paces	step - forward -backward	MARCH		Eg 3 Paces - One, Two, Three, In
... Paces right/left	close	MARCH		Eg 3 Paces - One, Two, Three