

5.11. Dismissing the Squadron. The squadron is in line at attention. The squadron commander directs the first sergeant to dismiss the squadron. The command is **First Sergeant, (pause) DISMISS THE SQUADRON.** On this command, the first sergeant takes the most direct route to a position three paces from the squadron commander, who is nine paces in front of and centered on the squadron. The first sergeant halts and salutes. The squadron commander returns the salute and commands **DISMISS THE SQUADRON.** The first sergeant salutes and the squadron commander returns the salute and falls out. At the same time, flight commanders and the guidon bearer fall out. The first sergeant executes an about face, and the flight sergeants take their posts three paces in front of and centered on their flights. The first sergeant then orders the flight sergeants to dismiss their flights by giving the command **DISMISS YOUR FLIGHTS.** The first sergeant then falls out. The flight sergeants face about and command **DISMISSED.** Individuals break ranks and leave the formation.

Section C--Manual of the Guidon

5.12. The Guidon. The guidon is carried at ceremonies and on other occasions when prescribed by the commander. The guidon bearer is a specially selected airman designated by the squadron commander.

5.13. Order Guidon. Order guidon is the position of attention as shown in figure 5.8. The guidon bearer holds the guidon in a vertical position and keeps the ferrule on the ground beside the right shoe. The guidon bearer holds the staff in the right hand in the "V" formed by the thumb and by the fingers extended and joined. The right hand and arm are kept behind the staff with the arm bent naturally and the staff resting against the hollow of the shoulder.

5.14. Carry Guidon. Carry guidon is the position in which the ferrule is approximately 6 inches from the ground (figure 5.9).

5.14.1. Facings, alignments, and formal marchings require carry guidon. The guidon bearer keeps the staff in a vertical position throughout the movements and brings it to carry guidon on the preparatory command for the movement.

5.14.2. When marching at route step or at ease, the guidon bearer may hold the guidon in either hand at the carry position.

5.14.3. Parade rest is executed by sliding the hand up the staff and inclining the staff of the guidon forward at arms length with the hand at waist level (figure 5.10).

5.14.4. At double time, the guidon bearer holds the guidon diagonally across the body (figure 5.11). The guidon bearer grasps the staff with the right hand at the position used at the carry, with the right forearm horizontal and the elbow near the body. The staff is grasped with the left hand opposite the left shoulder.

5.14.5. When executing column movements and turns, the guidon bearer executes the movement on the command of execution and then moves at 45-degree angles to a position in front of the base file.

5.14.6. When the squadron is in column with the squadron commander on the flank, the guidon bearers position is five paces in front of and centered on the front rank of the leading flight.

Figure 5.8. Order Guidon.



Figure 5.9. Carry Guidon.



Figure 5.10. Parade Rest.



Figure 5.11. Double Time.



5.15. Executing Order Guidon While at Carry Guidon. The guidon bearer lets the staff slide through the right hand until the ferrule is on the ground in line with and touching the toe of the right shoe. The staff is regrasped with the hand as at the carry position.

5.16. Executing Carry Guidon While at Order Guidon. The guidon bearer grasps the staff with the left hand while at the same time loosening the grip of the right hand on the staff. The guidon is raised vertically with the left hand, letting the staff slide upward through the right hand until the ferrule is approximately 6 inches from the ground. The guidon bearer then regrasps the staff with the right hand and cuts the left hand away smartly to the left side.

5.17. Executing Present Guidon When at Carry or Order Guidon. To execute present guidon when at carry, or order guidon while marching or at a halt, on the preparatory command **Present** or **Eyes**, the

guidon bearer raises the guidon vertically until the right arm is fully extended. At the same time, the left hand is brought smartly across the chest to guide the staff as shown in figure 5.12. On the command of execution **ARMS or RIGHT**, the guidon bearer lowers the guidon straight to the front with the right arm extended and the staff resting in the pit of the arm, cutting the left hand away smartly to the left side. On the command **RIGHT of Eyes, RIGHT**, the guidon bearer turns the head and eyes in the same manner prescribed for other individuals in the formation. On the preparatory command **Ready**, the guidon bearer raises the guidon vertically until the right arm is fully extended. At the same time, the left hand is brought smartly across the chest to guide the staff as shown in figure 5.12. On the command of execution **FRONT**, the guidon is returned to the position of carry, and the head and eyes are turned to the front.

5.18. Executing Carry Guidon When at Present Guidon. On the preparatory command, the guidon bearer raises the staff to the vertical position and, at the same time, brings the left arm smartly across the chest to let the left hand guide the staff. On the command of execution, the guidon bearer loosens the grip of the left hand on the staff and lowers the guidon with the right hand. The left hand is used to steady the staff until the ferrule is approximately 6 inches from the ground, then the left hand is cut away smartly to the left side.

5.19. Executing Order Guidon When at Present Guidon. The guidon bearer executes order guidon as prescribed in paragraph 5.18 except, after bringing the guidon to the carry position, the staff is permitted to slide through the right hand. The staff is steadied with the left hand until the guidon is in the position of order guidon, and the left hand is then cut smartly away to the left side.

5.20. Individual Salute by Guidon Bearer When not in Formation. When at order guidon, the guidon bearer executes the salute with the left hand in a two-count movement. On the first count, the left arm is moved horizontally across the body with forearm and wrist straight and fingers and thumb extended and joined with palm down. The first joint of the forefinger touches the staff (figure 5.13). On the second count, the left hand is cut smartly away to the side. The salute at carry guidon is executed in the same manner except the ferrule is approximately 6 inches from the ground as shown in figure 5.14.

Figure 5.12. Present Guidon.

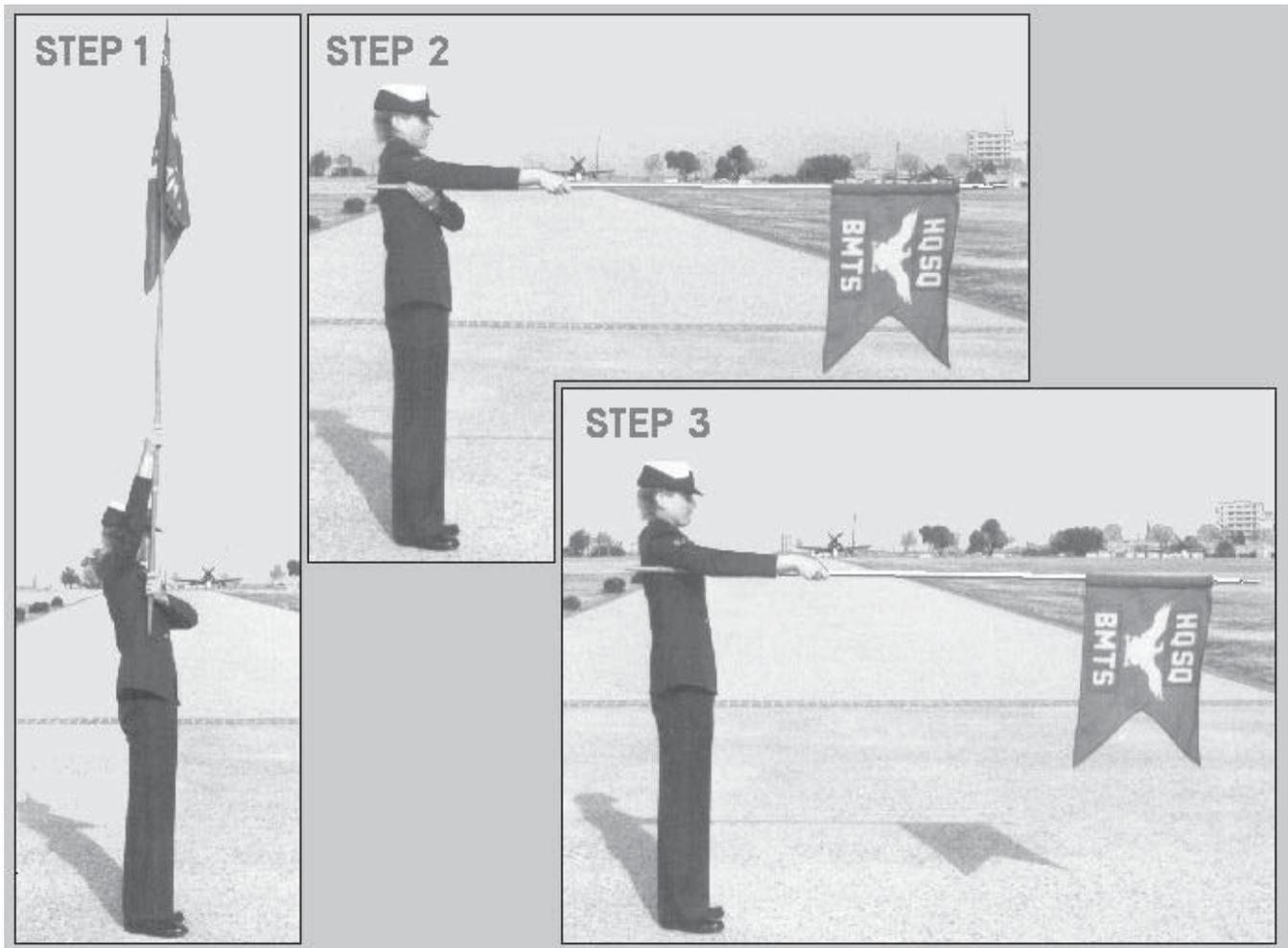


Figure 5.13. Salute at the Order.



Figure 5.14. Salute at Carry.

