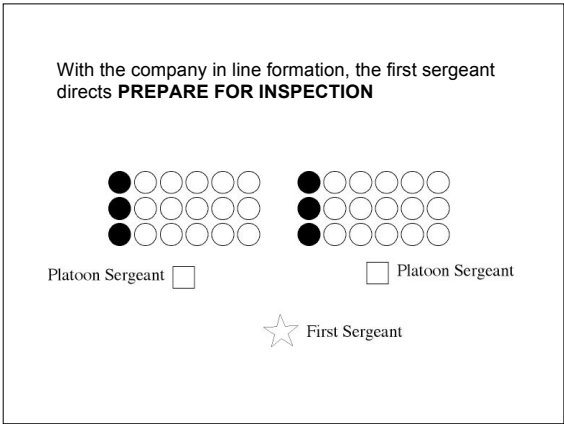


**In Ranks Inspection
(without arms)**
Line Formation

In Ranks Inspection

Use the following procedures to conduct an in-ranks Inspection (line formation).

Note that the instructions are for a First Sergeant to conduct an inspection of a company. If a company commander or other officer inspects the company, the platoon leaders perform the same duties indicated for platoon sergeants



On that directive, the platoon sergeants face about

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

The command is given **OPEN RANKS, MARCH**

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

The platoon sergeants then align their platoons by commanding **Dress Right, DRESS and Ready, FRONT.**

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

Then they face about and the first sergeant commands **AT EASE.**

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

The first sergeant begins the inspection by stepping forward and inspecting the guidon bearer.

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

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★ First Sergeant

He then faces to the half left in marching and proceeds to the right of the line.

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As he approaches the right flank platoon, the platoon sergeant commands (over his right shoulder) **Platoon, ATTENTION.**

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When the first sergeant has halted directly in front of him, he reports, **First Sergeant, the platoon is prepared for inspection.**" (If the commander is inspecting, Salutes are exchanged.)

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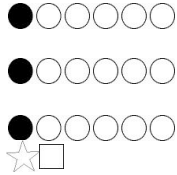
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The first sergeant inspects the platoon sergeant.

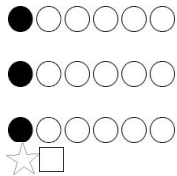
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The first sergeant then directs the platoon sergeant to lead him through the inspection, faces to the half left in marching, and halts directly in front of the squad leader of the first squad.

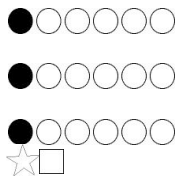


As the first sergeant faces to the half left in marching, the platoon sergeant faces to the right in marching, inclines, and halts directly in front of the second man in the first squad and on line with and at *Normal Interval* to the right of the first sergeant.

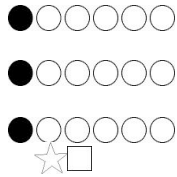


The other platoon sergeant(s) execute the same actions as the first sergeant approaches their platoon

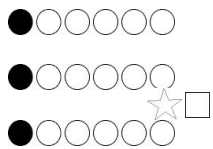
As soon as the platoon sergeant and first sergeant have halted in front of the first two men, the platoon sergeant commands **Second and Third Squads, AT EASE.**



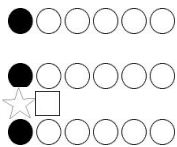
When moving from cadet to cadet during the inspection, the first sergeant and platoon sergeant simultaneously face to the right in marching, take two short steps, halt, and face to the left.



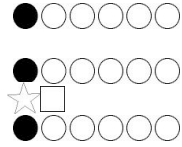
After the first sergeant has inspected the last man in the front rank, the platoon sergeant hesitates momentarily and allows the first sergeant to precede him as he inspects the front rank from the rear.



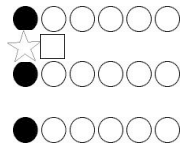
As the first sergeant begins to inspect the rear of each rank, the platoon sergeant commands the next squad to *Attention*. As they begin to inspect the next rank, the platoon sergeant commands the last rank inspected to stand *At Ease*.



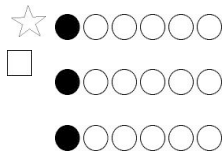
Normally, when inspecting the rear of each rank, the first sergeant conducts a walking inspection. As the sergeant inspects the rear of the last cadet in each rank, he turns and halt directly in front of the squad leader of the next rank.



The platoon sergeant turns and halts directly in front of the second man. The first sergeant and platoon sergeant continue to inspect each member of each rank.



When the first sergeant has completed the inspection of the platoon, the platoon sergeant commands the platoon to *Attention* and overtakes the first sergeant on route back to the front of the platoon.



The platoon sergeant halts at his post facing to the front.

The first sergeant faces to the right in marching and moves to the next platoon.

As soon as the first sergeant has cleared the first platoon, the platoon sergeant faces about, commands **Close Ranks, MARCH** and **AT EASE**, then faces about and executes *At Ease*.

When the first sergeant has completed the inspection of the last platoon, he returns to his post at the center of the company and commands the company to *Attention*.

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

He then dismisses the company

Platoon Sergeant Platoon Sergeant

★ First Sergeant

In Ranks Inspection

NOTE: When the company is inspected by an officer of a higher command, on the approach of the inspecting officer, the company commander commands **Company ATTENTION**. He then faces about, salutes, and reports, **“Sir, the company is prepared for inspection.”** The inspection is conducted as previously described except that the company commander takes a position immediately to the left of the inspecting officer. The inspection is terminated by the company commander in the same manner prescribed for a platoon sergeant.
