***DRILL TERMS***

Types of commands: Preparatory Command – Indicates which movement is about to be executed. Command of execution – Causes the desired movement to be executed.

Alignment- A straight line on which several elements are formed.

Cadence- The uniform step and rhythm in marching.

Cover - To align oneself behind the person to their immediate front.

Distance -The space between elements in depth; measured from back to chest. Normal distance is 40 inches.

Guide- An individual upon whom a formation regulates its cadence and direction of march.

Interval Space- laterally between elements of the same line. Normal interval is one arms length measured from shoulder to shoulder. Approximately 30 inches. Close interval is approximately 4 inches between shoulders.

Line -A formation in which the elements are side by side.

Dress- Alignment to the right or left as directed.

Pace -A step of 30 inches, the length of a full step in marching at quick time.

Length Quick time – 30 inches measured from heel to heel. Half step – 15 inches measured from heel to heel. Back step – 15 inches measured from heel to heel. Right / Left step – 12 inches measured from inside heel to inside heel.

Rank- A line of individuals placed side by side.

File- A single column of individuals placed one behind the other.

Time Quick time – 120 steps per minute (normal marching cadence) Double time – 180 steps per minute Slow time – 60 steps per minute

Purpose of drill (1) To move a unit from one place to another in an orderly manner. (2) To teach discipline and coordination. (3) Improve morale by developing team spirit.