

Right (Left) Oblique March

1. The purpose of this movement is to shift the line of march to the right or left and then resume marching in the original direction. It may be executed from any formation that is marching at quick time cadence. The command is **Right (Left) Oblique, MARCH**. The word oblique is pronounced to rhyme with strike. The command of execution is given as the foot in the direction of the turn strikes the marching surface. The command to resume the original direction of march is **Forward, MARCH**. The command of execution is given as the foot toward the original front strikes the marching surface.

2. To teach the club to march to the oblique, the drill instructor aligns the club and has members face half right (left). The drill instructor then explains that these positions are maintained when marching to the oblique. This is achieved by individuals keeping their shoulders parallel to the persons in front and/or adjacent to them.

3. At the command **Right Oblique, MARCH** the command of execution is given as the right foot strikes the marching surface. Everyone then takes one more step to the front with the left foot and pivots 45 degrees to the right on the ball of the left foot. The entire club marches to the right oblique until given another command. For the club to resume marching in the original direction, the command is **Forward, MARCH**, in this case the command of execution will be given as the left foot strikes the marching surface. Everyone then takes one more step in the oblique direction; pivots back to the original front and continue to march. To march to the left oblique, substitute left for right and right for left in the above sequence.

4. To halt the club facing in the original direction of march the command is **Club, HALT**. The command of execution **HALT** is given on the left foot when marching to the right oblique and on the right foot when marching to the left oblique. At the command **HALT**, everyone takes one more step in the oblique direction, pivots to the original front on the toe of the right (left) foot, and places the left (right) foot beside the other at the position of attention.

5. To temporarily halt the club in the oblique direction, in order to correct errors, the command is **In Place, HALT**. The command of execution **HALT** may be given as either foot strikes the marching surface. At the command of execution **HALT**, the club halts in two counts as in quick time and remains facing in the oblique direction. The only command that can be given after halting in place is **Resume, MARCH**. At that command, the movement continues marching in the oblique direction.

6. When given half step or mark time while marching in the oblique, the only commands that

may be given are ***Resume, MARCH*** to continue marching with a 24-inch step in the oblique; or ***In Place, HALT*** to halt in the oblique in order to correct errors.

7. Only five (5) movements may be executed while in Oblique: (1) Half Step, (2) March Time, (3) In Place Halt, (4) Halt, (5) Forward March.

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