

## CHAPTER 11 - CEREMONIAL PARADES (GENERAL)

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The object of ceremonial drill is to enable a Reviewing Officer to judge the standard of drill and the steadiness of the units on parade. The standard of ceremonial drill indicates to a great degree the efficiency of a unit's discipline. The ceremonial drill for the review of a Flt, Sqn, or Wg, is dealt with in this section.
2. It is not easy to explain in words the sequence and detail of ceremonial drill. The text therefore may not be readily intelligible without reference to diagrams, which are contained in the annexes to the relevant chapters and should be frequently referred to. The key to the diagrams is shown at Annex A to this chapter.

### THE REVIEW PARADE GROUND (Annex A)

3. The parade ground on which the unit receives and marches past the Reviewing Officer is normally to be a rectangle of 160 paces in length and 80 paces in width, or such other size as is dictated by the parade formation and the space available. The 4 corners, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, are to be so positioned as to allow all drill movements to be carried out within the limits of the parade ground proper.
4. The area is to be marked out with continuous or interrupted lines.
5. The point termed the 'saluting point' is to be marked in the centre of the side between Points 2 and 3 and set 5 paces back from the line joining these 2 points. Two points, A and B, are to be marked 10 paces to the left and right respectively of the saluting point in line with Points 2 and 3. The distance of 20 paces between A and B is termed the 'saluting base'.
6. A point is to be marked on the side of the review parade ground opposite the saluting point and between Points 1 and 4 so as to mark the position of the centre of that line. The whole line between Points 1 and 4 is termed the 'receiving base'.
7. Points A, B, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are to be marked by the Unit Cdr's flag on poles 2.4 metres (8 ft) high. The saluting point is to be marked by the Ensign, 1.8 metres by 91cms (6 ft x 3 ft), on a pole 3.6 metres (12 ft) high.

### THE CEREMONIAL OF REVIEW - GENERAL

8. The ceremonial of the review of a Flt, Sqn or Wg consists of:
  - a. The reception of the Reviewing Officer.
  - b. The inspection by the Reviewing Officer.
  - c. The march past the Reviewing Officer.
  - d. The advance in review order (RAF only).

9. Units are to be in open order during the reception and inspection by the Reviewing Officer.
10. Officers are to take post in review order for the reception of the Reviewing Officer.
11. The Flt, Sqn or Wg is to be drawn up on the receiving base in the drill formation ordered, with its centre opposite the saluting point.

### DRESSING

12. In ceremonial drill the dressing is to be carried out as laid down for Flt, Sqn and Wg drill. Cadets are to take up their dressing rapidly and correctly.

13. The guides and markers are to be responsible for maintaining the correct direction, covering and distance, when marching. The one closest to the dais is to keep their head and eyes to the front as they pass the Reviewing Officer when the 'Eyes Right (or Left)' is given during the march past.

### 14. Rules for Spectators at Ceremonial Parades

- a. Marching on Colours or Standards.  
(These rules also apply to the Corps Banner.)

Whenever a Colour/Standard is marched on and/or passes directly in front of spectators.	Spectators stand and salute or uncover.
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- b. Arrival of Reviewing Officer.

Spectators stand.

- (1) Royal Salute.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

- (2) General Salute.

Spectators stand.

- c. Reviewing Officer returns from the Inspection.

Spectators remain seated.

- d. Presentation of Colour/Standard.

When the new Colour/Standard is marched on parade.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

- e. March Past.

- (1) With Colour/Standard.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover as Colour/Standard passes directly in front of them.

- (2) Without Colour/Standard.

Spectators remain seated.

- f. Advance in Review Order.

- (1) Royal Salute.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

(2) General Salute. Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

g. March Off Colour/Standard.

When a Colour/Standard is marched off and/or passed directly in front of spectators. Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

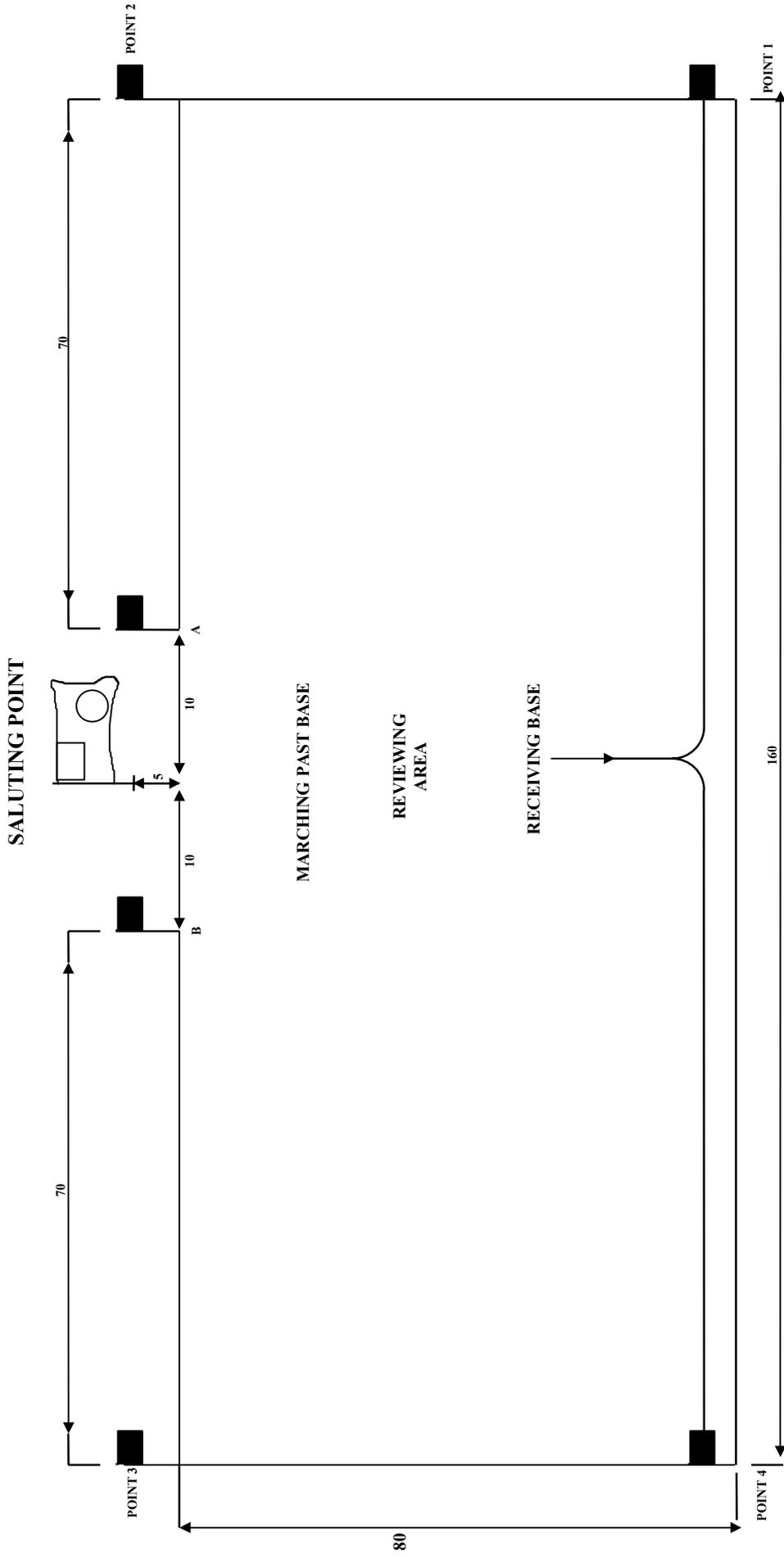
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A. The Review Parade Ground.

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