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Memorandum: Informal Guard Mount:

The following procedure will be followed at Informal Guard Mount in the 66th Infantry Regiment.

GUARD MOUNT

1. The senior noncommissioned officer of the guard will form the guard in front of the orderly room. The front rank will consist of the #1 relief, second rank #2 relief, third rank #3 relief; the Corporals of the guard will be formed on the right flank of their respective reliefs.

2. The senior noncommissioned officer of the guard will march the guard in this formation to an area designated by the Regimental Commander. At this place he will turn the guard over to the commander of the Guard.

3. The Commander of the Guard will here reform the guard placing the noncommissioned officers in a fourth rank in inverse order, Corporal, 1st relief on the right, then 2nd, 3rd, and Sergeant and will then march them in this formation to the area where the guard mount will be held.

4. The Commander of the Guard will take his post 6 paces in front of and in center of the guard, face them and command - DRESS RIGHT DRESS. On the command of execution he will immediately step off at an oblique and align the squads. From the fourth squad he will do a right face in marching come to a position 3 paces in front of the front rank, halt, face to the left and command - READY FRONT.

5. He will then march straight ahead in the direction he is facing until he is in the center of the guard then do a right face in marching, take three paces forward and halt.

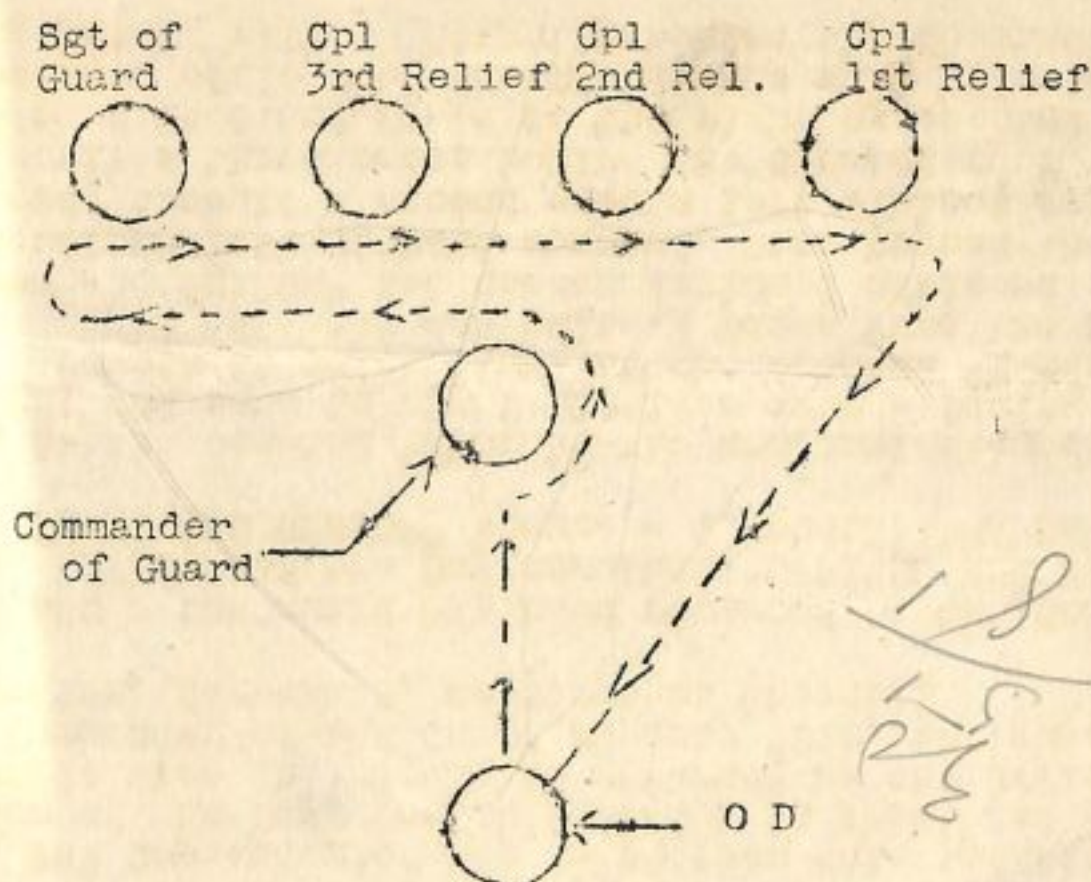
6. The Commander of the Guard from this position salutes the Officer of the Day, who is 18 paces in front and in the center of the guard; when the salute is returned by the officer of the Day, the Commander of the Guard reports "Sir, the guard is correct (or---Privates, Corporals, or Sergeant absent).

7. After the guard has been reported by the Commander of the Guard, the Officer of the Day commands "OFFICER AND NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS, FRONT AND CENTER" (pause - 6 counts) "MARCH".

8. At the command "CENTER" the noncommissioned officers face to the right and come to right shoulder arms - facing and raising rifle in 6 counts at quick time. At the command "MARCH" the commander of the guard advances and halts 3 paces from the Officer of the Day. At command "MARCH" the noncommissioned officers step off and execute a column left without command, pass beyond the right flank of the guard, execute a second column left without command so as to bring themselves three paces behind the Commander of the Guard. They will be halted and faced to the right by command of the senior noncommissioned officer of the guard, who will halt them so the center of the rank will be directly behind the Commander of the Guard.

9. The Officer of the Day then comes forward to the Commander of the Guard and says "Commander of the Guard" - to the right flank of the noncoms and says "Guide", next man "Right file, rear rank", next man "Right file, second rank", next man "Right file, front rank" then takes his post as shown in the following diagram.

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10. Upon reaching his post the O.D. commands, "OFFICER AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, POST, -"MARCH"

11. At the command "POST" Commander of the Guard and noncommissioned officers of the Guard face about. At the command "MARCH" move in the most direct route to their posts.

12. The noncommissioned officers execute 1) order arms and 2) about face on the command of the Guide. The guide must ascertain that all reached their posts before giving this commands.

13. As soon as the Commander of the Guard reaches his post he about faces.

14. When the O.D. sees that the noncoms. have reached their posts and have about faced, he orders the Commander of the Guard to "Prepare for inspection."

15. The Commander of the Guard does not salute, faces about, and commands "Open ranks, MARCH". At the command "MARCH" he steps off at an oblique to the position where the right guide will halt and align the squads. After aligning the third rank he faces to the right in marching, takes post 3 paces directly ahead of the first rank, faces to the left and commands "Ready", "FRONT", "Prepare for inspection", takes one pace in the direction he is facing, halts, and does a right face. This will put him 3 paces directly in front of the right guide.

16. When the Commander of the Guard has reached his post the Officer of the Day comes forward and first inspects the Commander of the Guard and directs "follow me".

17. The O.D. passes from one man to the other by doing a right face in marching. He goes down the front of each squad then up the rear. When he has completed the inspection, he takes his post 18 paces in front of the guard in the most direct manner. The Commander of the Guard takes his post 6 paces in front of the guard in the most direct manner.

18. When the O.D. reaches his post - 18 paces from the front rank - he faces about and commands to the Commander of the Guard, "March the guard to the guard house."

19. The Commander of the Guard salutes, faces about and commands "Close rank MARCH", then "Right Face" - "Right shoulder arms" and marches the guard to the guard house in the most practicable manner.

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