

INFORMATION

The next movement, which I will name, explain, have demonstrated, and which you will conduct practical work on, is marching the platoon to the left flank. This movement is used to change the direction of all elements of a column 90 degrees to the left flank in a uniform manner. The command for this movement is Left Flank, MARCH.

Left Flank, MARCH is a two-part command. Left Flank is the preparatory command. MARCH is the command of execution.

When given, this command is as follows: **Left Flank, MARCH.**

**Demonstrators, POST.** I will use the STEP-BY-STEP method of instruction.

NOTE: I have posted my demonstrators in the forward march position as this movement can only be executed while marching forward with a 30-inch step. The platoon may be marched to the flank for short distance only when marching in column.

The preparatory command Left Flank of Left Flank, MARCH, is given as the left foot strikes the marching surface. The command of execution MARCH of Left Flank, MARCH, is given the next time the left foot strikes the marching surface.

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, all members execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. When that foot strikes the marching surface, they will receive the preparatory command Left Flank of Left Flank, MARCH. **Ready, STEP. Left Flank.**

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, all members execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. This is the intermediate step required between the preparatory command and the command of execution. **Ready, STEP.**

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, all members execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. When the foot strikes the marching surface, they will receive the command of execution MARCH of Left Flank, MARCH. **Ready, STEP. MARCH.**

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, all members execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. This is the additional step required after the command of execution. **Ready, STEP.**

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, all members will pivot 90 degrees to the left on the ball of the lead foot and step off in the new direction with the trailing foot. As the members begin to march in the new direction, they glance out of the corner of the right eye and dress to the right. **Ready, STEP.**

For instructional purposes, on the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, bring the trail foot alongside the lead foot and assume the position of attention. **Ready, STEP. RE-FORM.**

At normal cadence, this movement would look as follows: **Forward, MARCH. Left Flank, MARCH. Demonstrators, HALT. AT EASE.**

What are your questions pertaining to this movement when executed at normal cadence or using the STEP-BY-STEP method of instruction?

**Demonstrators, ATTENTION.** You will now become my assistant instructors. **FALL OUT.**