

INFORMATION

The next movement, which I will name, explain, have demonstrated, and which you will conduct practical work on, is marching in place. This movement is used to march an element in place for a short period of time only. The command for this movement is Mark Time, MARCH.

Mark Time, MARCH is a two-part command. Mark Time is the preparatory command. MARCH is the command of execution. When given, this command is as follows: **Mark Time, MARCH.**

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

NOTE: I have posted my demonstrator in the forward march position as this movement can only be executed while marching forward with a 15 or a 30-inch step.

The preparatory command Mark Time of Mark Time, MARCH may be given as either foot strikes the marching surface. However, the command of execution MARCH of Mark Time, MARCH, must be given the next time that same foot strikes the marching surface. On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. When that foot strikes the marching surface, the demonstrator will receive the preparatory command Mark Time, of Mark Time, MARCH.

Ready, STEP. Mark Time.

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, 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, execute a 30-inch step forward with the trail foot. When the foot strikes the marching surface, the demonstrator will receive the command of execution MARCH of Mark Time, MARCH. **Ready, STEP. MARCH.**

On the command of execution STEP of Ready, STEP, 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, bring the trail foot alongside the lead foot and begin to marching in place. Raise each foot alternately two inches off the marching surface and swing the arms naturally, as in marching forward with a 30-inch step

NOTE: While marking time in formation, the Soldier adjusts position to ensure proper alignment and cover. The proper distance between Soldiers while marching is one arm's length plus six inches (approximately 40 inches).

To resume marching with a 30-inch step, the command is Forward, MARCH. The preparatory command Forward of Forward, MARCH may be given as either foot strikes the marching surface. However, the command of execution MARCH of Forward, MARCH, must be given the next time that same foot strikes the marching surface. On the command of execution MARCH, take one more step in place and then step off with a 30-inch step.

The halt from mark time is executed in two counts, the same as the halt from the 30-inch step from the halt. **Ready, STEP. Forward, MARCH, Mark-time MARCH, Demonstrator, HALT. RE-FORM.**

At normal cadence, this movement would look as follows: **Forward, MARCH. Mark Time, MARCH. Forward, MARCH. Mark Time, MARCH. Demonstrator, 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?

Demonstrator, ATTENTION. You will now become my assistant instructor. **FALL OUT.**