

INFORMATION

The next movements, which I will name, explain, have demonstrated, and which you will conduct practical work on, are sling arms from order arms, order arms from sling arms, and adjust slings. Sling arms is used as the primary carry position for the carbine. Order arms from sling arms, is used to return the carbine to the position of order arms. Adjust slings is used to loosen or tighten the sling. The commands for these movements are Sling, ARMS; Un-sling, ARMS; and Adjust, SLINGS.

Sling, ARMS; Un-slings, ARMS; and Adjust, SLINGS are two part commands. Sling, Un-sling, and Adjust are the preparatory commands. ARMS and SLINGS are the commands or execution.

When given, these commands are as follows: **Sling, ARMS. Un-sling, ARMS. Adjust, SLINGS.**

**Demonstrator, POST.** I will use the TALK-THROUGH method of instruction.

Note: All individual and unit drill movements can be executed at Sling Arms except Stack Arms and Fix and Unfix Bayonets, which are executed from Order Arms. Remain at Sling Arms during all rest movements.

From Order Arms with the sling(s) loose, the command is Sling, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS of Sling Arms, grasp the sling near the upper sling swivel with the left hand, and release the right hand. Place the right hand and arm between the sling and carbine and place the sling over the right shoulder. Regrasp the sling with the right hand so that the wrist is straight, the right forearm is horizontal, the elbow is tight against the side, and the carbine is vertical. Release the grasp of the left hand and move it sharply to the left side as in the position of attention.

To return the carbine to Order Arms with the sling tight, the command is Adjust, SLINGS. On the command of execution SLINGS of Adjust Slings, with the left hand remove the carbine from the shoulder. Then, grasp the barrel with the right hand and raise it vertically. With the left hand, place the butt of the carbine on the right hip and cradle it in the crook of the right arm. Use both hands to tighten the sling. Grasp the handguards just above the slip ring with the left hand and move the carbine to the Order Arms position. At the same time, move the right hand to the side and grasp the butt of the carbine. After grasping the butt with the right hand, release the grasp of the left hand and return it sharply to the side as in the Position of Attention.

From Order Arms with sling(s) tight, the command is Sling, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS, reach across the body with the left hand and grasp the handguards just above the slip ring and, with the right hand, place the butt on the right hip, cradle the carbine in the crook of the right arm, and use both hands to loosen the sling. Grasp the sling with the left hand near the upper sling swivel and execute Sling Arms as previously described.

Note: Platoon leaders and platoon sergeants carry their carbines at Sling Arms during all drills and ceremonies, and from this position they execute Present Arms only. They do not execute Unsling Arms. This also applies to squad leaders when squads drill as separate units.

If an element is at Order Arms with the sling loose and the commander wants the sling to be tightened, he commands Adjust, SLINGS. On the command of execution SLINGS of Adjust Slings, tighten the sling and move the carbine to order arms as previously described.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, armed elements of a formation fall in at Order Arms with slings loose.

Note: All other manual of arms movements with the M4 carbine slung are the same as with the M16-series rifle when slung. This includes situations when the sling is mounted to the side.

To return the carbine to Order Arms with the sling loose, the command is Unsling, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS of Unsling Arms, reach across the body with the left hand and grasp the sling at the right shoulder. Release the grasp of the right hand and remove the carbine from the shoulder. Grasp the barrel with the right hand, release the left hand and regrasp the handguards just above the slip ring. Release the grasp of the right hand, and move the carbine to Order Arms as previously described.

At normal cadence, these movements would look as follows: **Sling, ARMS. Adjust, SLINGS. Sling, ARMS. Un-sling, ARMS. AT EASE.**

What are your questions pertaining to these movements when executed at normal cadence or using the TALK-THROUGH method of instruction?

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