

INFORMATION

The next movement, which I will name, explain, have demonstrated, and which you will conduct practical work on, is the 15-inch step backward. This movement is used to march an element backward for short distances only. The commands for this movement are Backward, MARCH and HALT.

Backward, MARCH is a two-part command. Backward is the preparatory command. MARCH is the command of execution. HALT is also a two-part command when preceded by a preparatory command, such as Squad, Platoon, or Demonstrator. I will use Demonstrator as the preparatory command, and HALT as the command of execution.

When given, these commands are as follows: **Backward, MARCH. Demonstrator, HALT.**

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

Backward, MARCH may only be commanded from the halt. On the preparatory command Backward of Backward March, without noticeable movement, shift the weight of the body onto the right foot. **Backward.**

On the command of execution MARCH of Backward, MARCH take a 15-inch step backward with left foot allowing the arms to swing naturally. **MARCH.**

You will continue marching in this manner until otherwise directed. To further illustrate this movement, I will have my demonstrator execute a series of steps. **Ready, STEP. Ready, STEP. . .**

To terminate this movement, the command is HALT. The halt is executed in two counts, the same as the halt from the 30-inch 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: **Backward, 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.**