

CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES

Of Respect and Compliments from the Soldiers to the Non-commissioned-officers, and from both to the Officers

During duty hours, all proper military respect and courtesies will be extended to the officers and non-commissioned officers by addressing them as "Sir", "Serjeant" or "Corporal", and giving the proper salute when necessary. This not only presents the proper front to the general public, but it creates the proper martial air we hope to convey at all times. We are professional soldiers and we are to act like it. This of course is not expected during off-hours.

"Every method should be pursued, for promoting the consequence of Officers, in the opinion of Soldiers, and obliging them, on all occasions, to behave towards them with the highest marks of honour and respect, as that must lead effectually to a proper subordination, and thereby, to the establishment of the strictest Discipline. Soldiers are therefore to be *discouraged from ever presuming to speak to their Officers*, at any time, with the least appearance of freedom, but in particular on a March, when many Corps indulge them, in an unrestrained manner of behaviour, by way of passing off the length of the road and keeping up their spirits: such aids undoubtedly are sometimes necessary, when confined to proper bounds, but should on no account be allowed, if the Name of even a Non-commissioned-officer is to be the subject of their merriment, it being an indecent liberty and tending very much to lessen the authority, both of Officers and Non-commissioned ones; with the latter of whom, Soldiers will naturally suppose it unnecessary to observe any degree of respect, whilst they are permitted to use such insolence with those so much their superiors.

Soldiers should be instructed never to avoid their Officers, through design, but rather to put themselves in the way of being seen, that they may have an opportunity of shewing their respect, by taking off their hats with the left hand, and letting them fall in an easy, graceful manner down the thigh, with the crown inwards; keeping their body erect, looking full at the Officer they intend to compliment, with a manly confidence, and walking by him very slow: this method, when executed properly, will have a much more striking affect, than only putting the hand to the hat, and will be found not to injure the cock of it one but more, notwithstanding that objection is made against it by several military persons.

These marks of respect which are so very becoming from Non-commissioned-officers, Drummers and Soldiers, to their Officers, should be taught with as much attention as any other part of their duty, and must be one of the first things in which a Recruit should be well instructed, on his joining the Regiment, as being a principle step towards his acquiring a soldier-like air, and laying aside the carriage of a clown.

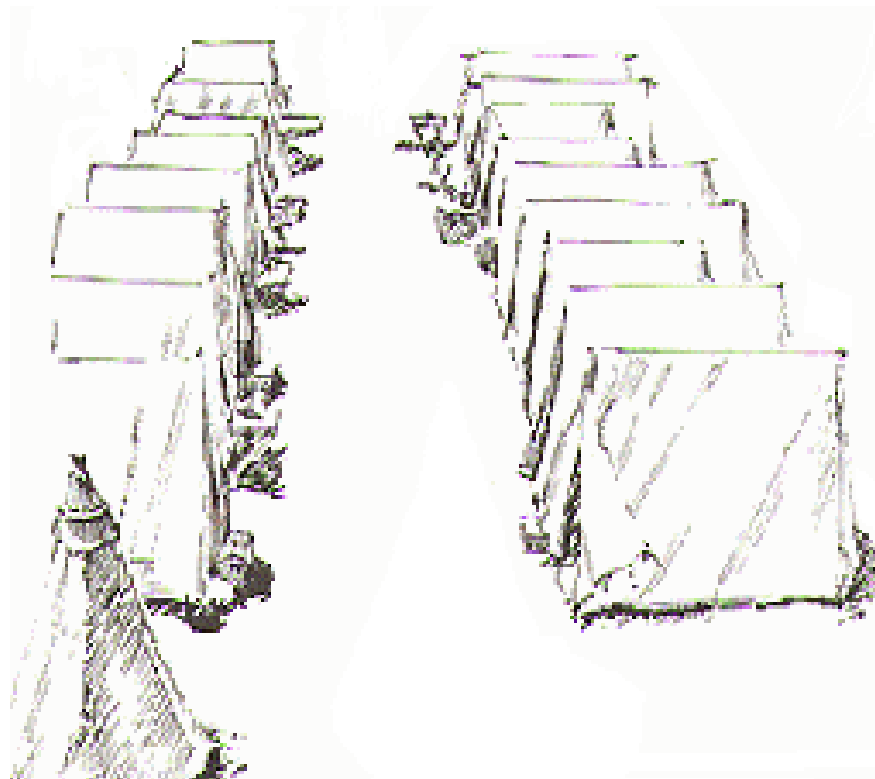
Though it must be an established rule for a Soldier never to take off his hat, or lay his hand to his cap with his arms in his hand, it does not however follow, that upon that account no civility is to be paid by him to an officer; on the contrary, he has it as much in his power to

shew respect under that circumstance, as otherwise he could be advancing his firelock moving slow and erect, and looking him full in the face; to which the Officer ought to make the same return as if the Soldier had pulled his hat off.

Nothing more strongly marks the uniformed Soldier and the awkward clown, than seeing one of them when spoke to by an Officer, under a seeming apprehension and anxiety, and the whole time employed either in scratching his head, or playing with his hat, instead of fixing himself in an easy, steady position, with his hat hanging down by his left thigh, and looking at the Officer with an air of modest, manly confidence, ready to answer any questions which may be proposed to him.

When a Serjeant, or a Soldier, has his arms in his hand, and has occasion to address an Officer, he should immediately recover them, and remain in that position, until dismissed.

In order to enforce the consequence of Non-commissioned-officers, it will be requisite to insist on some little mark of respect being shewn them by the Soldiers, particularly when speaking to them, and which should consist in laying the back of the left hand to the hat on coming up, and going off, and standing steady during the conversation: if a Soldier with a firelock in his hand has occasion to address a Non-commissioned officer, he should lower it across his body." (Cuthbertson's)



MILITARY COURTESIES

Everyone should be aware of what they are to do when they address or pass someone who merits recognition. The following is a basic listing of what they are:

ADDRESSING UNDER ARMS:

Private to NCO	Musket held across the body
Private to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Recover
NCO to Commissioned Office, SJM, DM, FM	Recover
NCO to Private	Musket held across the body
Commissioned Officer to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
Commissioned Officer to Major or above	Recover
SJM, DM, FM, to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
SJM, DM, FM to Commissioned Officer	Recover

ADDRESSING WITHOUT ARMS:

Private to NCO	Position of Attention
Private to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Hand Salute
NCO to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Hand Salute
NCO to Private	Nothing
Commissioned Officer to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
Commissioned Officer to Major or above	Hand Salute

PASSING UNDER ARMS:

Private to NCO	Nothing
Private to Commissioned Office, SJM, DM, FM	Advance Arms
NCO to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Advance Arms
NCO to Private	Nothing
Commissioned Officer to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
Commissioned Officer to Major or above	Advance Arms
SJM to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
SJM to Commissioned Officer	Advance Arms

PASSING WITHOUT ARMS:

Private to NCO	Nothing
Private to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Hand Salute
NCO to Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM	Hand Salute
NCO to Private	Nothing
Commissioned Officer, SJM, DM, FM to NCO, Private	Hand Salute
SJM, DM, FM to Commissioned Officer	Hand Salute

**Note that the Serjeant Major (SJM), Drum Major (DM), and Fife Major (FM) are to be shown the same courtesies as a commissioned officer.