

CHAPTER 3

MANUAL OF ARMS

56. General.

The manual of arms for the submachinegun is designed to provide uniform, simple, safe, and quick methods for handling the gun. This chapter gives a simple and effective method of performing the manual of arms, which can be executed in cadence when precision is desired.

57. Carrying Position.

The submachinegun is carried with the magazine removed and stock telescoped, slung over the right shoulder, muzzle pointing down, with the right hand grasping the sling in front of the armpit (fig 29). When carried during dismounted marches or during field exercises, the weapon may be slung over either shoulder. When troops are at ease, the submachinegun is kept slung, unless ordered otherwise. When troops are at rest, the submachinegun may be unslung and held in any desired position. In executing the command ATTENTION, the soldier assumes the position of attention and places the submachinegun in the carrying position. Parade rest is executed in the normal manner except that the right hand continues to grip the sling and keeps the gun at sling arms.

58. Port Arms.

a. The command is PORT, ARMS.

b. Using the sling, swing the gun forward with the left hand and grasp the stock with the right hand. Withdraw the left hand from the sling, and grasp the housing assembly with the left hand. Extend the stock, then carry the gun to a position 4 inches in front-of-the body, with the barrel pointing upward and to the left at an angle of 45° and with the barrel collar at the same level as the point of the left shoulder (fig 29). Hold the gun in a vertical plane parallel to the body, with the left hand at the housing assembly and the right hand grasping the butt of the dock.

59. Inspection Arms.

a. The command is INSPECTION, ARMS.

b. First execute port arms. With the right hand, open the cover, retract the bolt, and grasp the butt of the stock with the right hand. At the same time, lower the head and eyes enough to look into the receiver. (Be sure that the fingers of the left hand do not cover the ejection opening (fig 29)). Having seen that there is no round in the chamber, raise the head and eyes to the front. At the command PORT, ARMS, remove the right hand from the stock, press the trigger, close the cover, and grasp the butt of the stock with the right hand.

60. Present Arms.

a. The command is PRESENT, ARMS.

b. Grasp the sling in front of the armpit with the left hand, and give the hand salute with the right hand (fig 29). At the command ORDER, ARMS, drop the right hand smartly to the side, raise the right hand and grasp the sling in front of the armpit, then drop the left hand to the side.

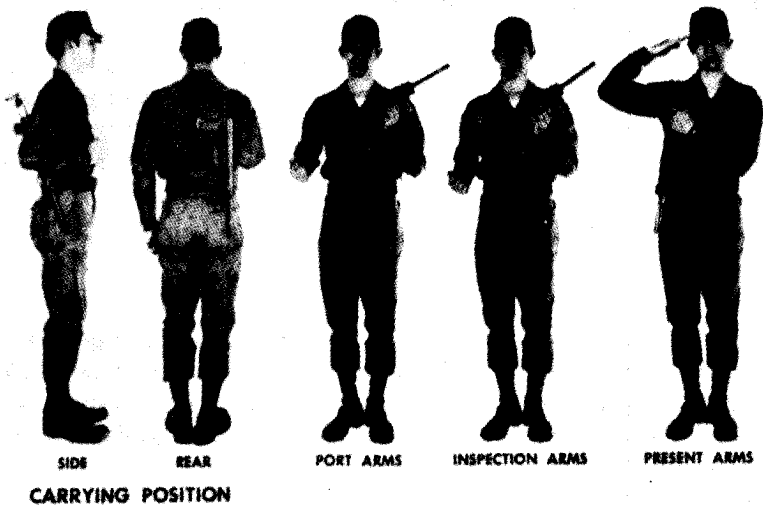


Figure 29. Manual of arms.

61. Sling Arms.

a. Sling arms is executed on the command ORDER (or RIGHT SHOULDER), ARMS after INSPECTION ARMS and PORT, ARMS have been given.

b. At the command of execution, telescope the stock, grasp the receiver with the left hand, thrust the right arm through the sling, and assume the carrying position.