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MARCH TO STADIUM

1. GENERAL: The purpose of this memorandum is to acquaint the Corps of Cadets with the procedure for the March to the Stadium Ceremony for home football games following the completion of the new West Stands and the relocation of the Corps to the East stands.

2. PROCEDURE:

a. FORMATION: All cadets (except those on guard, special orders or special leave) will muster in uniform. All companies will be formed into a single unit of four squads. The company commander will march six (6) paces in front and centered with the guidon bearer to the left rear. Fourth class cadets will be in the rear of the formation. The company XO will march behind the 4<sup>th</sup> Class, at the rear of the formation centered between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> squads. Nobody other than the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant or one Platoon Sergeant will be outside of the formation for any reason. It is the responsibility of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant or Platoon Sergeant to ensure the formation marches in an orderly and military manner.

b. EXECUTION:

(1) Approximately 10 minutes before assembly for the march to the stadium (which will occur 45 minutes prior to game time) the Regimental Band will step off from between first and second battalions, and proceed to Richardson Avenue, halting to the rear of Bond Hall, taking up a position at the corner of Richardson Avenue and Hagood Avenue in preparation for stepping off when the rest of the Corps turns down Hagood Avenue.

(2) (Refer to Figure #1.) When Assembly is sounded, the Regimental Staff will lead the Regimental Color Guard; Palmetto Battery will fall in behind the Regimental Color Guard; and, third battalion will follow Palmetto Battery down Jones Avenue to the intersection with Lee Avenue. Fourth battalion will wait at the corner of Jones Avenue and Lee Avenue and fall in behind third battalion when they pass; and second battalion (H-E) will wait and fall in behind fourth battalion. First battalion (D-A) will move out of the Sallyport and take up a position at the North East corner of PT Barracks until Second battalion has departed. First Battalion will then fall in behind Second Battalion. First and Second Battalions will march in reverse order, H-E and D-A, in order to facilitate marching onto the field effectively. The Corps will proceed to the Hagood Gate and wait to be released to march to Johnson Hagood Stadium. Upon release, the Corps will proceed to the stadium so as to reach the gates to Johnson Hagood Stadium at the following times:

(a) Game time 1900, arrive at 1841

(b) Game time 1600, arrive at 1541

(c) Game time 1530, arrive at 1511

(d) Game time 1400, arrive at 1341

(e) Game time 1300, arrive at 1241

(f) Game time 1230, arrive at 1211

These times will allow Corps to march straight on the field without delay.

(3) (Refer to Figure #2.) When all units are in place and when released by Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training, the Regimental Commander and Staff will step off from Hagood Gate, followed by the Regimental Color Guard, and the Regimental Band, and lead the Corps to the stadium. Upon reaching the stadium, third and fourth battalions will march directly through the south gate on the home side of the field, stopping at their designated location. Second and first battalions will enter the north gate on the home side of the field and stop at their designated location. The Band and Regimental Staff will move inside the south gate. Palmetto Battery will enter through north gate on The Citadel side and proceed to the flagpole immediately upon arrival. At 15 minutes prior to the game, The Band will move onto the field through the goal post at the south end. They will march to the far end of the field playing an appropriate march, counter march, and halt. The Regimental Commander will give the command for the regiment to step off and he will also move his staff and the Regimental Color Guard adjacent to the goal post to a position on the 50 yard line facing The Citadel side. The Regimental Commander, Staff and Color Guard will move forward across the West Side out-of-bounds to a position off the field of play (Color Guard **MUST** close in tight behind the Regimental Staff).

(4) (Refer to Figure #3.) Third Battalion commander leads the battalion on to the field and executes a column left so as to place the 1st squad of the marching units on the east sideline. Second battalion commander leads the battalion on the field and executes a column right so as to place the 4th squad of the marching units on the east sideline and in order to turn simultaneously with third battalion and move into position. The follow-on 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> battalions should also make their turn on to the field simultaneously as they follow their lead battalion. As each company or staff comes to its respective yard line as shown in Figure #3, it will execute a left (or right) turn (in time to place the Left File **ON** the yard line and move down that yard line to the position indicated below: See attached. Battalion Commanders will move to their spots **ON** the out-of-bounds line (Battalion Colors **MUST** close in tight behind the Battalion Staff). Company Commanders will move to their spots on the West side "hash marks".

(5) Cadets will march to the stadium in a dignified military manner, however, frequent Jodie's and marching cadences are encouraged. Breaking ranks, accepting alcoholic beverages, etc., from bystanders are strictly forbidden. Unit Commanders will be held responsible for the appearance and conduct of their units, especially while inside the stadium.

(6) When all units are in place, facing the home side (west stands), the Band will stop playing.

(a) The cheerleaders lead the Corps through the sequence:

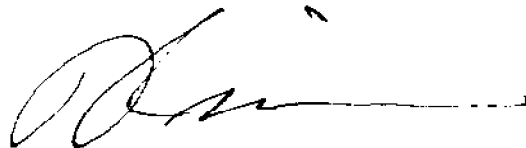
**"PRESENT, ARMS" - Announcer states "Ladies and Gentlemen, I present the Citadel Corps of Cadets."**

**"ORDER, ARMS"**

(b) Announcer states, "Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please stand and join in singing The National Anthem."

- (c) The cheerleaders bring the Corps to "PRESENT, ARMS", facing the Color Guard.
- (d) The Regimental Band plays The National Anthem.
- (e) The cheerleaders bring the Corps to "ORDER, ARMS".
- (f) The cheerleaders lead the Corps through the B-U-L-L-D-O-G-S cheer.
- (g) The cheerleaders bring the Corps to "ABOUT, FACE" and leads the Corps in a welcome cheer for the visiting team.
- (h) At the conclusion of cheer, upper-class cadets leave the field and move into assigned seating in the East stands.
- (i) Freshmen form the human cadet tunnel. Line up at the south end zone goal line in front of the goal post and angle toward the home team benches at the 50 yard line
- (j) Cheerleaders enter the tunnel and lead the freshmen in cheers.
- (k) The announcer introduces the starting lineup.
- (l) The team enters the field through the cadet tunnel.
- (m) The freshmen leave the field and move into assigned seating in the East stands.
- (n) Kickoff.

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