

5-12. SLING ARMS

To execute Sling Arms use the following procedures:

a. From Order Arms with the sling(s) loose, the command for Sling Arms is Sling, ARMS (Figure 5-9, page 5-14). On the command of execution ARMS, grasp the rifle barrel with the right hand and raise it vertically. 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 rifle 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 rifle is vertical. Release the grasp of the left hand and move it sharply to the left side as in the Position of Attention.

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Figure 5-9. Sling Arms

b. To return the rifle to Order Arms with the sling tight, the command is Adjust, SLINGS (Figure 5-10). On command of execution SLINGS, remove the rifle from the shoulder. Then, grasp the rifle barrel with the right hand and raise it vertically. With the left hand, place the butt of the rifle on the right hip and cradle it in the crook of the right arm. Use both hands to tighten the sling on the ejection port side. Grasp the rifle barrel with the right hand and guide the rifle to the Order Arms position (as previously described).

c. From Order Arms with sling(s) tight, the command is Sling, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS, grasp the rifle barrel with the right hand and raise the rifle vertically. With the left hand, place the rifle butt on the right hip, cradle the rifle in the crook of the right arm, and use both hands to adjust the sling. Grasp the sling with the left hand near the upper sling swivel and execute Sling Arms (as previously described).

d. 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, tighten the sling and guide the rifle to Order Arms (as previously described).

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

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Figure 5-10. Adjust Slings

e. To return the rifle to Order Arms with the sling loose, the command is Unslung, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS, reach across the body with the left hand and grasp the sling at the right shoulder. Release the right hand grasp of the sling and remove the rifle from the shoulder. Grasp the rifle barrel with the right hand, release the left hand grasp of the sling, and guide the rifle to the Order Arms position (as previously described).

5-13. SALUTE AT SLING ARMS

To execute Salute while at Sling Arms (Figure 5-11, page 5-16) use the following procedures:

- a. To Salute while at Sling Arms, the command is Present, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS, reach across the body with the left hand and grasp the sling just above the right hand. Release the right hand and execute the Hand Salute.
- b. To terminate the Hand Salute, the command is Order, ARMS. On the command of execution ARMS, lower the right hand sharply to the side as in the Position of Attention and then regrasp the sling at the original position. After grasping the sling with the right hand, release the left hand and return it sharply to the left side as in the Position of Attention.
- c. When rendering reports or courtesy to an individual, the same rules apply for the Hand Salute (as explained in individual drill).

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Figure 5-11. Salute while at Sling Arms

NOTE: Individuals performing duty in congested areas, which would require frequent salutes, should carry the weapon at Sling Arms.