

A Method for Posting of Sentries:

This is the System for Posting and Relieving Sentries as practiced in the 64th Regiment of Foot. For illustrations throughout, assume a Detachment such as

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The Corporal commanding the Sentries will march his detachment to the post of the Sentry to be relieved. The Corporal ONLY will be at ADVANCE with Bayonet fixed. The Sentry being relieved upon seeing the Relief Detachment will immediately go to SHOULDER and face the Relief as it approaches.

GUARD HALT The Detachment will halt.

GUARD, REST
YOUR
FIRELOCKS The Detachment and the Sentry to be relieved come to REST.

SENTRY POST The lowest numbered man in the Relief will Recover his Firelock, and march to within three feet in front of the Sentry he is relieving once there he returns to REST. The new Sentry's file partner will Recover his Firelock, step into the vacated position in the front rank, and return to the Rest. The Sentry being relieved will repeat his orders to the relief. The Corporal should insure that these are passed on clearly and completely and that the new Sentry repeats the orders so they are understood.

SENTRY FIX The Sentry being relieved and his relief come to the Poise and then each will quit the Right hand from the stock, and holding the Firelock in the Left hand at the swell, lower it by his left side.

The Relief will fix his bayonet, while the Sentry being relieved will unfix his, and each will finish with his Right hand pressing the muzzle of his Firelock into his Left Shoulder.

SENTRY
RECOVER The Sentry and Relief come to the recover and then each takes one step inclined to the LEFT, and one step inclined to the RIGHT and once at that position immediately Right About and come back to Rest.

GUARD -
SHOULDER
YOUR
FIRELOCKS The Guard and Sentry just posted come to the Shoulder. The relieved Sentry immediately and smartly marches to the vacant position in the rear rank.

The Detachment will now have the following formation and is ready to be marched off to the station of the next Sentry to be Relieved.

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Duties of the Sentry just beginning his post

Once the detachment has marched off the Sentry should carefully scrutinize his post noting anything amiss and if possible correct that (pick up trash etc. if there). He then assumes his post and may keep his weapon at any position he chooses EXCEPT Ground Arms or Clasp Hands. He is always to have one hand on his weapon at all times.

Sentries are NOT to be ditzing about, NO TALKING TO ANYONE except the Corporal of the Guard, Sergeant of the Guard, Officer of the Guard or Commanding Officer.

The Sentry is to NOT render any Courtesies EXCEPT to the Officer of the Guard or Commanding Officer. All other Officers are not to be rendered any Courtesies EXCEPT the Sentry WILL come to the Shoulder if approached by another Officer.

If spoken too by any Officer other than Officer of the Guard, Commanding Officer, Sergeant or Corporal of the Guard the Sentry should call the Corporal of the Guard and NOT speak to anyone else except as previously noted.

General Orders:

The below are the General Orders of a Sentry for H.M. 64th Regiment of Foot Light Infantry Company. All members should commit these to memory and be familiar with them.

1. Take charge of this post and all the King's property in view.
2. Walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. Report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. Repeat all calls from posts more distant from the Guard than my own.
5. Quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. Receive, obey and pass on to the Sentry who relieves me, all orders from the Commanding Officer, Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Guard only.
7. Talk to no one except in the Line of Duty.
8. Give the Alarm in case of Fire or Disorder.
9. Call the Corporal of the Guard in any case not covered by instructions.
10. Be especially watchful at night and during the time for challenging, to challenge all persons on or near my post, and allow no one to pass without proper authority.
11. To call out the Guard if my post comes under attack.