



Basic Position  
 Attention / Stillgestanden  
 Feet just under 45 degree angle  
 Hands on upper thigh  
 Middle finger on pant seam



Left Face / Links Um  
 About Face / Kehrt Um (repeats Left Face 1x)  
 Right Face / Rechts Um



Correct



Incorrect

Basic Position for Order Arms  
 Order Arms / Gewehr Ab

Achtung also means "Attention" but is most appropriately used when commanding the attention of men that are not in formation.

"At Ease" is Rührt Euch. Not illustrated here, but modify the Basic Position so that the left foot is slightly and comfortably ahead of the right foot.

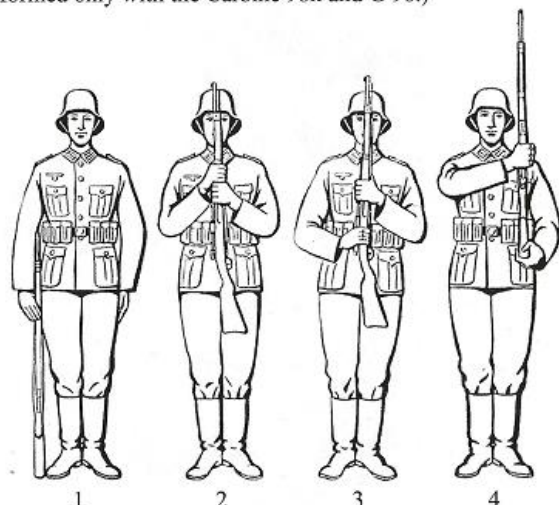
## Rifle Drill and Shouldering the Rifle

### In General

With practice, only the arms are moved; the rest of the body remains in erect and still posture. The individual motions of the drill are quickly and tightly executed. They occur without haste. It is forbidden for the Rifle to be caught with both hands at the same time and the Buttstock pushed up. *{The rifle is passed from hand to hand, not flipped and caught by both hands at the same time.}*

### Drill with Shortened Sling

(Performed only with the Carbine 98k and G 98.)



### "Shoulder arms!"<sup>26</sup>

The right hand brings the Rifle vertical in front of the middle of the body, Barrel to the right, Lower Ring about at collar height. The left hand holds close under the right hand.

Without hesitation, the right hand enfolds the Receiver at about the upper half of the Bolt Handle. The thumb lays straight on the Stock.

The right hand guides the Rifle, the Barrel turned toward the front, in front of the left shoulder and pushes it quickly from the

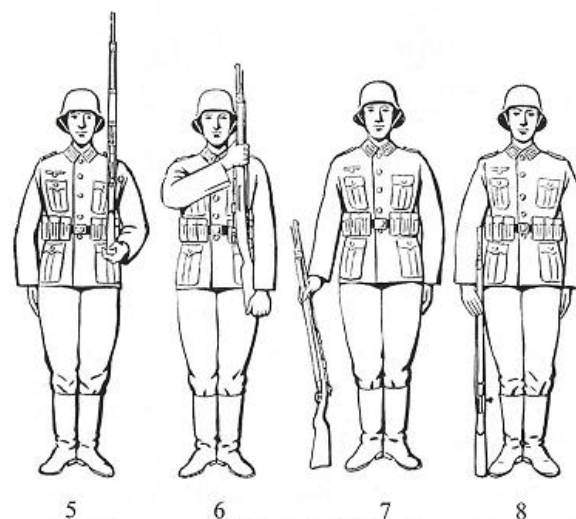
Shoulder Arms / Das Gewehr über

bottom onto the shoulder. The Buttstock is thereby held by the left hand so that the Butt Plate lays between the thumb and index finger. The left lower arm has a slight space from the Cartridge Pouch. The Rifle lays parallel with the button row, the Bolt Handle is about one hand width below the collar, the Buttstock is at the Cartridge Pouch.

After a pause, the right arm goes quickly to the basic position.

### "Order arms!"

The left hand pulls the Buttstock, Barrel turned to the right, toward the left hip. The right hand holds the Rifle at the height of the shoulder, elbow pushed slightly outward.



The sequence 1 - 5 shows the drill for the command:

"Shoulder arms!"

The sequence 5 - 8 shows the drill for the command:

"Order arms!"

After a short pause, the right hand brings the Rifle vertical to the belly, turns it a little toward the outside and brings the Buttstock to the point of the right foot, whereby the left arm quickly goes into the basic position. Often, the Gunner thereby allows the Rifle to glide a bit through. A too far out angle is prevented by pushing the thumb against the Rifle.

Order Arms / Gewehr Ab

While in the Shoulder Arms position, you may be ordered to Present Arms as a form of salute to an inspecting superior:

**“Attention! Present arms!”<sup>27</sup>**

The accomplishment occurs from the position “Shoulder Arms”. The left hand brings the Rifle – without lowering it – in front of the left body half so that the Barrel shows to the right and the Gunner can see to the right over the Rifle with the left eye. At the same time, the right hand holds the Buttstock Neck, the thumb is turned toward the body.



Correct



Incorrect

The left hand holds so far toward the top, that the point of the thumbs lays on the extended length of the rear Sight, even with its upper end. At the same time, both hands turn the Barrel to the body and pull the Rifle in a jerk in front of the left half of the body, so that the Receiver Head lies on the right edge of the left Cartridge Pouch. The man must still be able to see with his left eye over the Rifle to the right. The four fingers of the right hand lay extended close under the Trigger Guard on the Buttstock Neck, the thumb under the Cocking Piece.

On the command “Eyes – right!” (“The eyes – left!”), the Superior is looked at. Each man follows the Superior with his eyes with turned head during the pacing of the front until he is the second man away (2 paces), and then he turns the head straight forward.

If the front is not straight ahead, “Eyes straight ahead!” ends the salute.

If you are drilling with rifle slings extended, you perform Shoulder Arms accordingly:

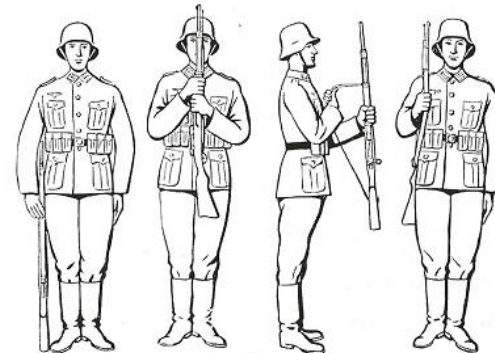
**Drill with the Sling Long**

(Performed only with the K 98k and K 98b.)

**“Shoulder – arms!”**

The right hand brings the Rifle vertical in front of the middle of the belly, Barrel toward the right, Lower Ring at about collar height. The left hand holds close under the right hand.

The right hand holds the Sling with the thumb from below and pulls it tight to the breast. Then the left hand places the Rifle on the



right shoulder. The Rifle hangs vertical. The right fist is at breast height, thumb extended behind the Sling. The right upper arm pushes the Rifle on the body.

Without pause, the left arm goes from the right shoulder quickly to the basic position.

**“Order – arms!”**

The right hand swings the Rifle in front of the middle of the body, the left hand catches it with the Lower Ring about at collar height.

The right hand lets the Sling loose and grips the Rifle above the left hand.

## Salutes

### In General

Salutes, greetings and returned salutes are the expression of attention, solidarity, and camaraderie. Together, they are a gauge for the spirit and discipline of a Squad.

Salutes are performed for all Superiors and Flags.

All salutes are performed quickly and tightly. They begin 5 steps before and end 2 steps behind the Superior, or are performed upon entering and exiting from rooms.

### Salutes without Head Cover while moving and standing

When moving, the salute is performed while passing by in erect posture. The German greeting is held for the duration of the salute. The Superior is free to be looked at.



For the German greeting, the extended arm is raised curtly forward and upward at an angle. Finger points of the extended hand are to be at the same height as the crown of the head. The left

arm is held still, unforced, without touching the body. After the salute, the right arm is quickly brought down.

When standing, the salute is performed by standing still while facing the Superior and giving the German greeting for the duration of the salute.

The salute is performed in erect posture during the passing by, or by standing still if the room circumstances prevent the performance of the German greeting, or with personal hindrance such as carrying or holding *{an object}*.

During dispatches and talks with Superiors, the right arm is immediately brought down, however the basic position is maintained.

### Salutes with Head Cover when Walking and Standing

When walking, the salute occurs by placing the right hand on the head cover and looking at the Superior. Free stride is to be maintained. The right hand is briefly placed on the head cover, the wrist slightly angled down, the fingers as in the basic position. Index and middle fingers touch the bottom edge of the Head Cover a bit above the outward angle of the right eye.



The right elbow is raised to about shoulder height, the left arm is held still, unforced, without touching the body. After the salute, the right arm is quickly brought down.

For re-enacting, our unit does not use the German greeting, though we understand its authenticity.



Commands		
No.	English	German
1	Command withdrawn	Kommando zurück
2	Attention	Stillgestanden
3	Attention	Achtung
4	At ease	Rührt Euch
5	Right face	Rechtes – um
6	Left face	Links – um
7	About face	Ganze Abteilung – Kehrt
8	Eyes right	Augen – rechts
9	The eyes left	Die augen – links
10	Eyes straight	Augen gerade – Aus
11	Dismissed	Wegtreten
12	To the left	Nach links
13	To the right	Nach rechts
14	To the front	Nach vorwärts
15	To the rear	Nach rückwärts
16	Without step	Ohne Tritt
17	In same step	Im gleichschritt
18	Drill march	Exerziermarsch
19	Section – march	Abteilung – Marsch
20	Section – halt	Abteilung – Halt
21	Order arms	Gewehr ab
22	Lie down	Hinlegen
23	Up	Auf
24	Load and safe	Laden und Sicher
25	Unload	Entladen
26	Shoulder arms	Das Gewehr – über
27	Present arms	Präsentiert das – Gewehr
28	Sling arms	Gewehr umhängen
29	Rifle on the back	Gewehr auf den Rücken
30	Rifle on the neck	Gewehr um den Hals
31	Bayonet – mount	Seitengewehr pflanzt auf
32	Bayonet – dismount	Seitengewehr an Ort
33	Line of one row	Linie zu einem Gliede
34	Column	Reihe
35	March order	Marschordnung
36	Right (left) pivot	Rechts (links) schwenkt
37	Place the – Rifles	Setzt die – Gewehre
38	To the rifles	An die Gewehre
39	Rifle in the hand	Gewehr in die Hand