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MILITARY COURTESIES

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A Demonstration Conducted by the Staff of the 47th

General Hospital

Lieut. Col. Newton Evans, Commanding

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One of the first requirements of an officer when he is called to active duty and one which is constantly necessary as long as he wears the uniform is proper military courtesy. It is the purpose of this demonstration to show the proper exchange of courtesies between officers and men and between officers themselves on the drill field, on the athletic field, indoors and at an Army Post.

The plan to be followed in this demonstration is to have each officer present watch proceedings carefully and to note whether proper courtesies are exchanged or not. This is to be recorded in its proper place during the course of the demonstration. To assist in keeping him straight, the number of each exercise will be called out by the officer in charge of the demonstration. At the close of the demonstration, there will be a discussion of the points involved. A correct solution of the problem will be passed out at the close of the evening.

The demonstration proper will be preceded and followed by an opening and closing ceremony. Proper courtesy to the colors will be rendered by all officers present.

(OPENING CEREMONY)

A. Courtesies on the Drill Field

- (1) Squad in command of second lieutenant passes squad in command of first lieutenant: Correct Incorrect
exchange of courtesies?
- (2) Squad in command of second lieutenant passes the colors. Was proper courtesy shown the colors? If not, what should have been done?
- (2) Did the first lieutenant pay proper respects to the colors as they passed his squad?
- (3) Three officers in civilian clothes: Did all give proper honor to the colors? If not, what was the error?
- (4) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the lieutenants in command of the squads and their non-commissioned officers?
- (5) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the first lieutenant and the non-commissioned officer in charge of the squad which he passed?

- (6) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the captain and the lieutenants reporting to him?
- (7) Rifle salute: Was it properly acknowledged?
- Was proper recognition given the lieutenant when he passed behind the second squad?
- Did the lieutenant report properly to the captain?
- (8) Were proper courtesies exchanged when the lieutenants returned to their squads?
- (9) What error or errors were noted in the conduct of the captain and/or the lieutenant in passing to the rear of the auditorium?
- (10) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the officer in civilian clothes and the officers in uniform?
- (11) Demonstration of sabre salute (no errors).

B. Courtesies on the Athletic Field

- (12) What errors, if any, were evident in the relationship of the captain passing the grandstand?

C. Courtesies Indoors

- (13) Did the lieutenant properly acknowledge the courtesy of the Cadets in the classroom?
- (14) Was the inspector properly recognized on entering the classroom?
- Was the proper salute rendered when the inspector left the classroom?
- (15) Courtesy in a mess hall: Were proper courtesies exchanged?
- (16) Did the inspector properly acknowledge the courtesy shown him?
- (17) Did the lieutenants show proper courtesy to the captain inspecting the library? Was the courtesy properly acknowledged?

(18) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the captain at the desk in his office and the lieutenant who had been sent for?
If not, what was the error?

(19) What error, if any, was there in the courtesies exchanged between the captain in his office and the lieutenant under arms (officer of the day)?

D. Courtesies at an Army Post

(20) What errors, if any, take place in the method of exchange of courtesies in the course of a tour of inspection about the army post?

(21) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the captain at the wheel of his car and the lieutenant whom he meets on the road?

(22) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the first lieutenant holding the horse and the second lieutenant who approaches him and engages him in conversation?
If not, what was the error?

Were proper courtesies exchanged between the first lieutenant mounted and captain who approaches him?

(23) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the officer and the guard under arms?

(24) Were proper courtesies exchanged between the "Officer of the Camp" and the sentry on guard duty at night?
If not, what was the error?

(CLOSING CEREMONY)