



SO WHAT IS DRILL?

Military discipline is founded on drill. This has been proved again and again in battle. Drill is also the basis of the military way of carrying out any tasks. It sets the standard for the execution of any duty, both for the individual and for any unit. Good drill demands precision and effort. It is an exercise in obedience, alertness and control. It develops confidence between commander and subordinate and so builds morale. A unit which turns out well and drills well can be relied on to do anything required of it well.

Good drill and a high standard are not learnt on the parade ground to be discarded in every day life except for ceremonial occasions. If an idle action or bad turnout is allowed to pass, the standard is lowered, discipline weakened and bad habits will multiply. It is therefore the duty of all officers and non-commissioned officers to assist on the standard they know to be right on and off the parade and in all circumstances.

THE AIM OF DRILL

The aim of basic drill is to develop in the individual Marine personal pride in his appearance and bearing, and sense of instinctive obedience which will assist him at all times to obey orders. Manoeuvre drill incorporates most of the common basic drills and practices leaders in giving words of command.