# **BASIC FIELD SIGNALS**

WHEN MOVING TACTICALLY, A SECTION IS CONTROLLED BY THE USE OF SILENT FIELD SIGNALS. ON MANY OCCASIONS THE USE OF SILENT SIGNALS WILL BE THE BEST METHOD OF CONTROL. IN ALL CASES THE NON-MASTER HAND ONLY SHOULD BE USED TO GIVE THE SIGNALS. THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ILLUSTRATE THE SILENT FIELD SIGNALS.



### DEPLOY

ARM EXTENDED BELOW SHOULDER LEVEL AND WAVED SLOWLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE, HAND OPEN. IF DEPLOYMENT TO EITHER FLANK IS REQUIRED, THE COMMANDER POINTS TO THE FLANK CONCERNED AFTER COMPLETING THE SIGNAL



#### ADVANCE OR FOLLOW ME

ARM SWUNG FROM REAR TO FRONT BELOW THE SHOULDER. (DIRECTION CAN BE GIVEN BY POINTING)



## HALT. LIE DOWN

ARM RAISED UNTIL HAND IS LEVEL WITH THE SHOULDER. OPEN PALM FACING FORWARD. USED WHEN SECTION IS REQUIRED TO TAKE UP DEFENSIVE POSITION AND OBSERVE ARCS OF OBSERVATION. NOT NECESSARY FOR SHORT HALTS SUCH AS CHEK NAV WHEN ALL HALT TO CONFORM TO THE PERSON IN FRONT



## **ALL CLEAR**

THUMB POINTED UPWARDS FROM A CLENCHED FIST



#### **SCOUT GROUP**

CLENCHED FIST WITH FOREFINGER UPRIGHT



### **OBSTACLES**

CLEARING, TRACK JUNCTION, RIVER CROSSING ETC. ARMS CROSSED



## **OBSTACLE CREEK OR RIVER**

MOVE LEFT ARM IN WAVE MOTION FROM REAR TO FRONT



## **HOUSE OR HUT**

HANDS FOLDED IN INVERTED V TO INDICATE SHAPE OF ROOF



## **GO BACK OR TURN AROUND**

HAND CIRCLED AT HIP



# CLOSE, OR JOIN ME

HAND PLACED ON TOP OF HEAD, ELBOW SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT, ACCORDING TO WHICH HAND IS USED



## INCREASE SPEED

CLENCHED HAND MOVED UP AND DOWN BETWEEN THIGH AND SHOULDER



# **SLOW DOWN**

ARM EXTENDED TO THE SIDE BELOW THE SHOULDER, PALM DOWNWARDS, MOVED SLOWLY UP AND DOWN, WRIST LOOSE



# OTHERS SEEN OR SUSPECTED

THUMB POINTED TOWARDS THE GROUND FROM A CLENCHED FIST



#### RECONNAISANCE

HAND HELD TO EYE AS THOUGH USING A TELESCOPE



# FREEZE AND LISTEN

HAND CUPPED TO EAR



## O GROUP

FINGERS TOGETHER, MOVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THUMB TO INDICATE PERSON TALKING



## **HARBOUR**

WITH FREE HAND CLENCHED AND LEVEL WITH THE SHOULDER, EXTEND FOREFINGER AND MOVE IN CIRCULAR FASHION



# ADJUST SPACING, SPREAD OUT

WITH THE FREE HAND HELD BETWEEN THE WAIST AND SHOULDER AND THE PALM POINTING OUTWARDS, MOTION OUTWARDS FROM THE BODY.

# SINGLE FILE WITH THE BODY HALF TURNED TO THE REAR, EXTEND THE FREE ARM LEVEL WITH THE SHOULDER AND FINGERS OUTSTRETCHED. MOTION IN AN IMAGINARY LINE ALONG THE DESIRED POSITION OF THE TWO LINES STAGGERED FILE HALF INCLINE THE BODY TO THE REAR, EXTEND THE FOREARM LEVEL WITH THE SHOULDER AND FINGERS OUTSTRETCHED. MOTION TWO IMAGINARY LINES ALONG THE DESIRED POSITION OF THE TWO LINES OPEN FILE RAISE BOTH ARMS SO THE UPPER ARMS ARE PARALLEL TO THE GROUND. EXTEND THE FOREARMS ABOVE THE SHOULDERS ARROWHEAD STRAIIGHTEN BOTH ARMS AND EXTEND THEM AT 900 MILS TO THE REAR EXTENDED LINE RAISE BOTH ARMS PARALLEL TO THE GROUND SO THEY FORM A STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH THE BODY

# **SECTION FORMATIONS**

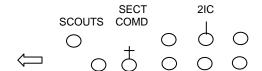
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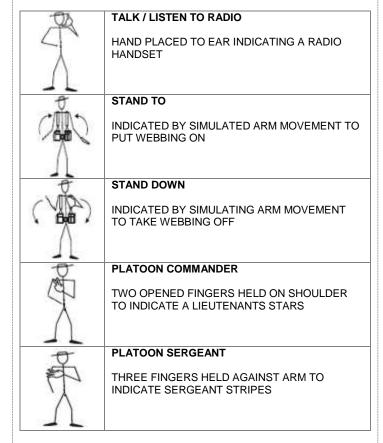
THIS FORMATION IS USEFUL FOR FOLLOWING NARROW FEATURES SUCH AS WELL DEFINED CREEKS AND NARROW TRACKS IN CLOSE COUNTRY OR BY NIGHT.



#### **OPEN FILE**

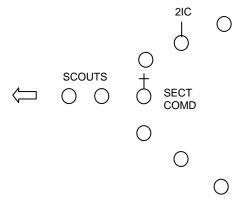
THIS COMPACT FORMATION IS EASY TO CONTROL AND CAN QUICKLY DEFEND BOTH FLANKS AND FRONT. THE FORMAT CAN BE STAGGERED IF NECESSARY





# **ARROW HEAD**

THIS FORMATION IS BEST FOR MOVING ON A BROAD FRONT IN OPEN COUNTRY.



# **EXTENDED LINE**

EXTENDED LINE IS THE NORMAL ASSUALT FORMATION

