"Explanation of Terms"

Alignment Any straight line on which a body of uniformed Pathfinders is formed or is to

form.

Blank File A file without a center and rear rank Pathfinder or without a center rank

Pathfinder.

A blank file is the second from the left in threes and the third from the left in

twos.

Body A unit, club, division or larger designation.

Cadence The Uniform rhythm or time in which a movement is executed.

Column A formation of elements, bodies of marching Pathfinders, one behind the

other on parallel and successive alignments at such a distance from one another when formed to an angle of 90° to either flank will bring them into

line with the three paces interval between each. In a club column, the

Pathfinders in each unit are one behind the other, with the units abreast of

each other.

Close Column A column with distance reduced to suit, requirements.

Close Order The normal distance between ranks in file.

Column of Route A column of three with not more than three abreast in any part of the

column including officers and super-numeraries. The normal formation for

uniformed individuals marching closed up on a road.

Columns of Threes A column with its officers and super-numeraries maintaining their

places except for the officer in command who places himself at the head of

the unit or sub unit.

Covering Aligning oneself directly behind the Pathfinder to one's immediate front

which maintaining the correct distance.

The act of a body placing itself directly behind another body.

Depth The space occupied by a body of uniformed Pathfinders from front to rear.

Directing Body The body, unit or subordinate unit on which the direction, pace an alignment

or relative positions of the several parts of a formation depend.

Distance The space between elements, Pathfinders and bodies of Pathfinders, from

front to rear.

Dressing The act of aligning oneself with and covering others within a body of troops.

Element An individual Pathfinder or body of Pathfinders forming a part of the next

larger group.

File A front rank Pathfinder with his coverer or coverers. A column that has a

front of only one element.

Flank Either side of a body of Pathfinders as opposed to its front and rear.

Forming Method of changing formation and/or direction.

Formation The arrangement of the elements of a Pathfinder drill formation in any

prescribed manner.

Front The direction in which Pathfinders are facing or moving at any given time. It

is also the advanced position when the parade has been initially dressed.

Frontage The extent of ground covered laterally by a body of Pathfinders measured

from flank to flank.

Incline A diagonal movement by which ground is gained to the front and flank

Inner Flank That nearer the directing flank and serving as a pivot when a body is

changing its direction.

Interval The lateral space between elements of the same alignment measured from

flank to flank. Intervals are measured from elbow to elbow.

Normal Interval, each pathfinder is allotted a lateral space of 60 cm in two ranks: in three ranks this space is at arms length with the fist clenched.

Close Interval This lateral space is at elbow length with the right arm raised and flexed

horizontally.

Line Pathfinders formed on the same alignment. In a club line the Pathfinders in

each unit are abreast of each other.

A formation in which the elements are side by side or abreast of each other.

Markers Personnel employed in certain circumstances to mark points on which to

direct a movement or by which to regulate a formation or alignment.

Open Order An increased distance between ranks for ceremonial or inspection purposes.

Outer Flank The opposite to the inner or directing flank (often known a reversed flank).

Pace or Step A measurement of distance on foot.

Quick Time The cadence or timing of counts or paces per minute.

Rank A line of Pathfinders side by side, only one element in depth.

Single File Pathfinders one behind the other on a frontage of one Pathfinder at normal

marching distance.

Supernumeracy The extra rank, fourth rank in three ranks or third rank in two ranks formed

Rank by senior Pathfinders of a body of Pathfinders.

Wheeling A movement by which a body of Pathfinders changes direction each rank or

file pivoting on the inner flank by retaining its dressing