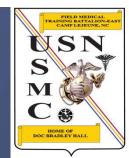




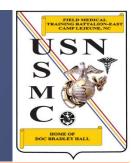
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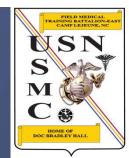


Please Read Your

Terminal Learning Objectives

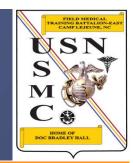
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Enabling Learning Objectives

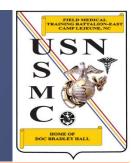


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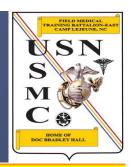


• Efficient combat operations depend on clear, accurate, and secure communication among ground units.



• The most commonly used form of signaling is the hand and arm method.

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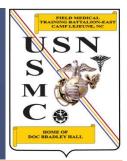


Advantages

- Noise of battle doesn't hinder the use of hand and arm signals
- Used when silence must be maintained.

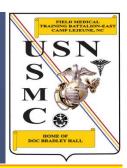
Disadvantages

- The signal must be seen
- Must be aware of others' location



COMMON HAND AND ARM SIGNALS

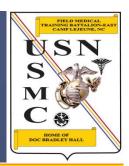
DECREASE SPEED



- Extend arm horizontally
- Palm to the front
- Wave arm downward several times
- Keep arm straight
- Arm does not break horizontal plane



CHANGE DIRECTION



- Extend arm horizontally out in the direction of movement
- Palm to the front



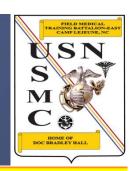
ENEMY IN SIGHT



- Hold the rifle horizontally
- Stock of weapon in shoulder
- Muzzle pointing in direction of the enemy



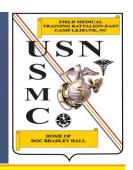
RANGE



- Extend arm fully towards receiving person with fist closed
- Open the fist
 - Exposing a finger for each 100 meters of range



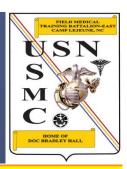
COMMENCE FIRE



- Extend arm in front of body
- Hip level
- Palm Down
- Move in wide horizontal arc
- To Fire Faster
 - Execute rapidly
- To Fire Slower
 - Execute Slowly



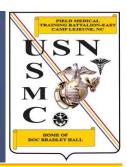
CEASE FIRE



- Raise the hand in front of forehead
 - Palm to the front
 - Swing the forearm up and down several times in front of face



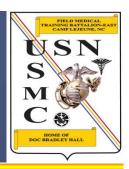
ASSEMBLE



- Raise arm vertically
 - Fingers extended and joined
 - Palm to the front
 - Wave the whole arm in large horizontal circles



FORM COLUMN



- Raise arm to vertical position
 - Drop arm to the rear in a complete circle, vertical plane parallel to the body



ARE YOU READY, I AM READY



Are You Ready

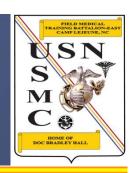
 Extend arm toward receiver with palm facing outward and fingers together

I Am Ready

Same as above



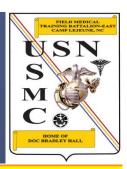
SHIFT



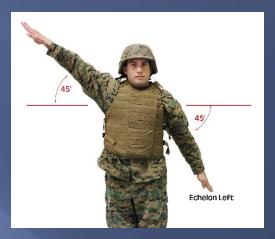
- Raise hand towards
 new direction across
 the body, palm to the
 front
- Swing the arm in a horizontal arc
 - Extending arm in the new direction



ECHELON



- Face the unit being signaled
- Extend one arm at 45
 degrees above and one
 arm 45 degrees below
 the horizontal plane
- Palms to the front
- Lower arm indicates direction of movement





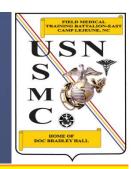
SKIRMISHER



- Raise both arms laterally until horizontal
 - Arms and hands extended
 - Palms down
- Move in the desired direction



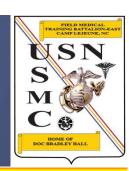
WEDGE



- Extend both arms downward and to the side
- Arms at a 45 degrees
- Below horizontal plane
- Palms to the front



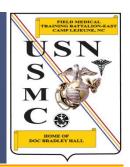
VEE



- Extend both arms upward above head
- Arms at a 45 degrees
- Above horizontal plane
- Form 'V' with arms and torso



FIRE TEAM / SQUAD



• Fire team

 Right arm diagonally across the chest

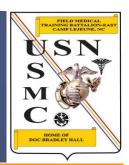


Squad

 Arm extended forward, palm down, wave hand up and down from the wrist



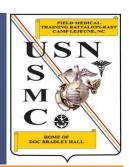
PLATOON



Extend both
 arms forward,
 palms down,
 complete large
 vertical circles



CLOSE UP/OPEN UP OR EXTEND



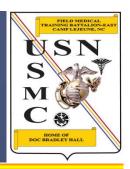
Close up

Both arms extended laterally

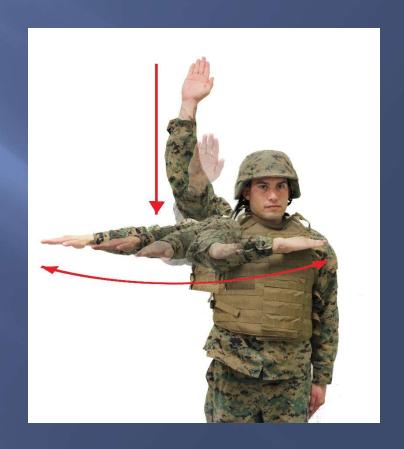
- Palm forward
- Brings hands towards midline
- Open up or extendReverse order of Close up
 - Hands together at midline
 - Extend laterally
 - Palms forward

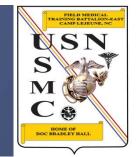


DISPERSE



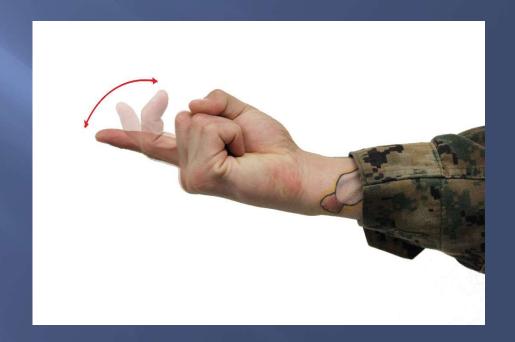
- Extend one arm vertically overhead
 - Wave hand and arm to the front
 - Left
 - Right
 - Rear
 - Palm toward the direction on each movement



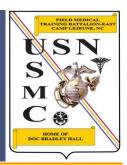


LEADERS JOIN ME

Extend arm toward the leaders and beckon leaders with finger



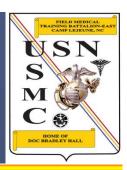
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND



- Raise both hands to hip level
 - Elbows bent
 - Palms up
 - Shrug shoulder



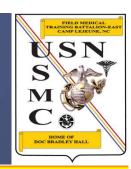
FORWARD



- Move to the desired direction
 - Extend arm horizontally to the rear
 - Swing arm overhead and forward
 - Palm down



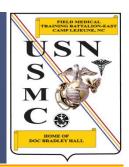
HALT



- Carry the hand to the shoulder
- Palm to the front
- Thrust hand upward
- Extend arm and hold in position till signal is understood



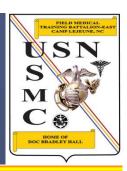
FREEZE



- Make the signal for halt
- Make a fist with the hand
- Do Not Move!



DISMOUNT, DOWN, TAKE COVER



- Extend arm sideward at a 45 degree angle above horizontal
- Palm down
- Lower arm to the side



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MOUNT

- Extend arm sideward at a 45 degree angle below horizontal
- Palm down
- Raise arm above head

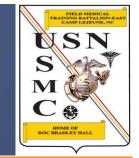


DISREGARD PREVIOUS COMMAND



■ Face the unit or individual being signaled, then raise both arms and cross them over the head, palms to the front





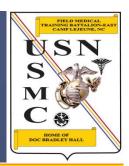
RIGHT (LEFT) FLANK

Extend both arms in direction of desired movement





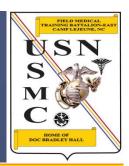
DOUBLE TIME



- Closed fist to shoulder level
- Rapidly thrust upward
- Arm fully extended
- Move up and down several times



HASTY AMBUSH

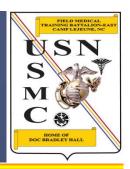


- Raise fist to shoulder
- Thrust in desire direction several times





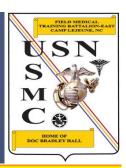
RALLY POINT



- Touch belt buckle with hand
- Point to the ground

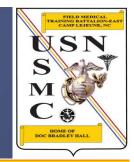


OBJECTIVE RALLY POINT



- Touch belt buckle with hand
- Point to ground
- Make circular motion

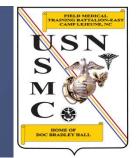




PACE COUNT

Tap the heel of the boot repeatedly with open hand

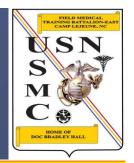




HEAD COUNT

Tap the back of the helmet repeatedly with open hand



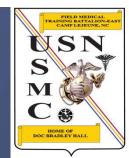


DANGER AREA

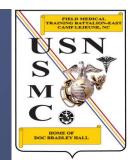
 Draw the right hand, palm down, across the neck in a throat-cutting motion from left to

right



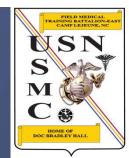


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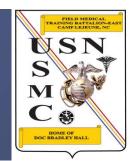


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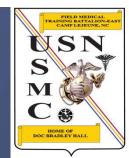
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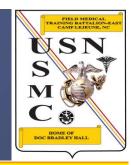


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