

## 0708. Positions of The Standard

a. **The Order.** The Standard pole and Standard are held with the right hand at that part of the pole where the lowest corner of the Standard reaches, the pole is kept perpendicular, and the bottom of the pole rests on the ground in line with and against the right toe, the right elbow is kept close to the body. (Fig 7-5).

**Note.** *The Standard should not be stretched taut down the staff, but allowed to hang naturally and with the Crest prominent to the front.*

b. **The Stand at Ease.** As for the Order, but the left foot is carried off 300mm (12 inches) to the left, the left arm remaining at the side.



c. **The Carry.** The Standard and pole held as for the Order, but supported in the socket of the Colour belt with the staff perpendicular; the right hand close to and in line with the mouth, back of the hand to the front and elbow close to the body. (See Fig 7-21 which shows a White Ensign at the carry).

d. **The Port.** The Pole and Standard held in both hands at an angle of 45° across the body, with the pinnacle of the pole to the left. The bottom of the pole to be

approximately a foot above the ground, the right hand to be in line with the waist and the left hand in line with the left shoulder. Both elbows are to be kept close to the body (as for Fig 7-4).



e. **The Slope.** The Standatd pole is held at an angle of 45° resting on the right shoulder, the right elbow close into the right side and the forearm parallel with the

ground. The Standard is held as for the order but should hang over and cover the right shoulder and arm with the Crest prominent. (Fig 7-6).



f. **To Let Fly the Standard** Release the Standard with the right hand and seize the staff pole immediately.

**Note.** *The Standard is let fly only when saluting.*

g. **To Catch the Standard** Seize the Standard with the left hand, transfer the Standard to the right hand and then resume the position of the Carry.

**Note.** *The pole may be removed from the socket of the colour belt and brought down in front of the body temporarily to assist in gathering in the Standard in a high wind.*

h. **To Lower the Standard at the Halt.** At the National Anthem or Last Post, raise the staff just clear of the socket of the carry belt with the right hand, using the left hand at the socket to assist

in the removal of the base of the staff. Carry the Standard well to the right and lower it with a sweeping motion to a position in front of and in line with the right toe, at the same time the left arm is cut away to the left hand side of the body. The pinnacle of the pole resting on the ground, the Standard being spread on the ground on the right of the pole. In the final movement the right arm forces the pole to the rear and is held underneath the armpit, the back of the hand towards the ground, the right elbow close to the body. (Fig 7-7).

**Notes:**

1. Care must be taken by the Standard Bearer to look straight to the front when lowering the Standard and not to follow it with the eyes.
2. If the ground is wet or muddy the Standard is held at the position as for the dip on the march. Both hands can be used to hold the pole.
3. For the Act Of Remembrance or Funerals, the head is bowed as the pole is pulled to the rear.



i. **To Lower the Standard on the March.** At the caution, 'Eyes' the Standard is let fly. At the order, 'Right' the Standard is lowered in front of the body, except that the pole is held horizontally in front of the body and resting underneath the right forearm. The left arm continues to swing. When there is no room to lower, the salute may be made by letting fly without lowering (see Fig 7-8).



**To Carry the Standard from the Lowered Position.** Raise the Standard to the position of the Carry with the right hand and then gather in the Standard with the left hand.



