

Chargez en douze temps

Chargez vos armes - start from Portez position.

First Move

	Left Foot	Turns on heel from 10.30 to 12.00	
	Right Foot	Turns from 1.30 to point to 3.00 moves behind L.Foot with arch of R.Foot pressed against L.Heal	
	Torso and Head	Turn from 12.00 to 1.30	
	Left Hand	12.00 to 3.00 (so that trigger points to 9.00)	
	Right Hand	Moves across body to hold small of stock	

Second Move

	Right Hand	Carries musket across to priming position	
	Left Hand	Rises to hold stock at first band. Musket priming position: musket points to 12.00 small of stock 2 inches below right nipple against body, muzzle at eye level; LEFT ELBOW rests against body, RIGHT ELBOW rests on top of butt	

Third Move

	Right Hand	Releases small of stock, turns to place knuckles on horizontal line; fingers close, thumb points to 12.00, tip of thumb rests against frizzen.	
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SECOND COMMAND – OUVREZ LE BASSINET

First Move

	Right Thumb	Opens frizzen	
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Second Move

	Right Hand	Passes between body and musket, moves to and opens giberne, takes hold of cartouche	
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THIRD COMMAND – PRENEZ LA CARTOUCHE

One Move

	Right Hand	Holds cartouche between thumb and first two fingers, raises cartouche to mouth passing between body and musket, places end of cartouche between teeth.	

FOURTH COMMAND - DECHIREZ LA CARTOUCHE

First Move

		Bite end of cartouche to open it	
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Second Move

	Right Hand	Carries cartouche down to 1inch from pan fingers flat, vertical, palm towards body.	
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FIFTH COMMAND – AMORCEZ

First Move

		Look down at pan (only time you ever do this during all commands)	
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Second Move

		Prime pan (very small quantity needed)	
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Third Move

		Look Up	
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Fourth Move

	Right Hand	Flat, vertical, palm towards body, moves to rest third, and little fingers against front of frizzen, R.BELOW down	
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SIXTH COMMAND – FERMEZ LE BASSINET

First Move

	Right Hand	Third and little fingers shut frizzen	
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Second Move

	Right Hand	Moves back to hold small of stock, with heel of palm above and third and little fingers hooked under small of stock (thumb,	
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		forefinger and middle finger hold cartouche).	
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SEVENTH COMMAND – L'arme a gauche

First Move

	Left Foot	Turns on heel from 12.00 to 10.30.	
	Right Foot	Moves forward to rest pointing to 1.30 with R.HEEL against arch of L.FOOT.	
	Left Hand	Rises to front of L.SHOULDER raising musket to vertical	
	Right Hand	Carries small of stock down across body to left hip, turns musket so trigger points to 6.00 supports hammer on top of thumb (musket vertical).	
	Torso and Head	Turn to face 12.00	

Second Move

	Left Hand	Carries musket down to rest butt on ground with musket touching left thigh and muzzle at centre of chest, L.HAND rest against L.HIP.	
	Right Hand	Releases stock, rises flat, vertical palm towards body, rests 1 inch to right of muzzle, RIGHT ELBOW down.	

EIGHTH COMMAND – Cartouche dans le canon.

First Move

	Right Elbow	Rises to shoulder height	
	Right hand	Turns palm away from body, places cartouche in barrel	

Second Move

	Right hand	Rests flat, horizontal, back of hand facing body, 1 inch above muzzle.	
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NINTH COMMAND – Tirez la baguette

First Move

	Right hand	Thumb and forefinger hold ramrod head, push rod up to halfway out.	
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Second Move

	Right hand	Moves down, holds rod at middle, hand is flat, vertical, palm facing 12.00, rod rests on back of thumb joint and tip of forefinger. R.HAND draws rod, turns rod by closing fingers, inserts rod half way into barrel.	
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TENTH COMMAND – Bourrez

	Right hand	Rises, thumb and forefinger hold end of rod, ram down, up, and down again.	
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ELEVENTH COMMAND – Remettez la baguette

First and Second Move

		Identical to ' Tirez la baguette replace rod in pipe.	
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Third Move

	Right hand	Rests, nearly flat, horizontal, palm down, on top of ramrod head, R.Elbow against body.	
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TWELFTH COMMAND – Portez- vos armes

First Move

	Left Hand	Rises to L.Shoulder, raises musket to vertical	
	Right Hand	Takes hold of small of stock	

Second Move

	Left Hand	Lowers to hold butt	
	Right Foot	Moves back to normal position symmetrical to L.Foot. Heels together.	

Third Move

	Right Hand	Releases stock and moves to right side normal position	
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Movements for opening fire – starting from Portez

First Command - Apprêtez vos armes

FRONT RANK	Left Foot	Turns on heel from 10.30 to 12.30	
1 st Move			
	Left Hand	Turns from 12.00 to 3.00 (so trigger points to 9.00)	
	Right Hand	Moves across body to hold small of stock	
2 nd Move	Right Foot	Moves back and approx. 1 foot to right of and 1 foot in front of Left Heel.	
	Right knee	Lowers to rest on ground approx 1 foot to right of and 1 foot behind Left Heel	
	Right Hand	Carries musket down to rest, vertical, on ground with butt approx 1 foot to right of L.Heel	
	Left Hand	Holds musket at first band, L.Elbow rests against body.	
Third Move	Right Hand	Thumb and forefinger draw hammer down to arm and remain holding hammer.	
SECOND AND THIRD RANK			
1 ST Move		Identical to first movement of 'chargez vos armes'.	
2 nd Move	Right Hand	Carries musket to centre of body (trigger	

		points to 11.00)	
	Left Hand	Holds stock, little finger touching lock spring, thumb vertical at Chin level, L.Elbow against body	
3 rd Move	Right Hand	Thumb arms hammer, R.Hand holds small of stock.	

SECOND COMMAND – Joue

Raise butt to R.Shoulder, lower muzzle, dip Head, aim. Elbows down, L.Hand slides forward to first band.

Third Rank : right foot moves 8 inches toward 3.00

THIRD COMMAND – Feu

Pull trigger, Remain immobile until order.

If misfired, fall out to rear and inform officer commanding.

ALTERNATIVE COMMANDS

Oblique à gauche - joue - Start from Apprêtez

First and Second Rank	Identical to Joue but aim left
Third Rank	Identical to Joue but: Left foot advances 6 inches towards 10.30 Torso leans slightly forward. Musket aims to LEFT of 2 nd rank man in front.

Oblique à droite - joue - Start from Apprêtez

First and Second Rank	Identical to joue – aim right, but
First Rank	L.Knee moves 3-4 inches toward 3.00
Third Rank	Identical to Joue but

	Left Foot advances 6 inches towards 1.30 Torso leans slightly forward aiming right.

Chargez – after Feu

1 st Move	All ranks resume final position of 'Chargez vos armes' (front rank stands etc.) except for Right Hand. After oblique left fire, 2 nd and 3 rd ranks muskets remain pointing left.
2 nd Move	Right hand : thumb and forefinger hold hammer

Portez – after Chargez

Right hand pulls up hammer to Safety, closes frizzen, then holds small of stock

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1 st Move	Left Foot	Turns on heel from 12.00 to 10.30
	Right Foot	Moves to position symmetrical with L.Foot pointing to 1.30 , Heels together.
	Left Hand	Rises to L.Shoulder , raising musket to vertical
	Right Hand	Carries small of stock to front of L.Hip
	Both Elbows	Touching body
	Torso and Head	Turn from 1.30 to 12.00
2 nd Move	Left Hand	Drops to hold butt
3 rd Move	Right Hand	Drops to normal position at R.Side