

**The Parole:** The Parole is given ONLY to those officers authorized to issue orders to the guard, go on the grand rounds, or otherwise visit or inspect the guard. The division staff issues new orders to the guards and the parole is a means whereby the Officer of the Guard could ensure that new orders came only from the staff.

**The Countersign:** The countersign is given to those who require to pass through the guard posts. The correct method of using the Countersign is as follows:

A party approaches a sentry. The sentry comes to Port Arms and calls out  
*Halt! Who Comes There?*

The reply would be;

### A Friend, with the Countersign

The sentry will direct;

Advance Friend with the countersign

The sentry will come to the “guard against infantry” as the party approaches. The sentry should not allow the party to get any closer than the point of his bayonet. The party will **whisper** the countersign. If the sentry is authorized to pass persons, he will command: *Pass, Friend.*

If a large group approaches the sentry, he is to allow only one member of the party to advance. The sentry will direct:

### Advance One Friend with the Countersign

And then follow the same procedure. Mounted men; either a single one or a group are required to dismount and have one of their party give the countersign.

If they do not know the correct countersign the sentry will hold them there and call for the corporal of the guard. He is not to fire at the party unless they make an attempt to force their way past him or try to escape.

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