

Setting a Compass for Night Marching



The method is the same as that explained earlier, that is to take a magnetic bearing by daylight, or a grid bearing from the map, and convert it to a magnetic bearing. Now set the graduated circle to the appropriate bearing at the Line of Travel and turn the whole compass until the north end of the compass needle coincides with the letter N. Hold the compass in front of you and march in the direction of the Line of Travel Arrow. So long as the needle and the North Arrow coincide the Direction of Travel Arrow will remain on the required bearing.

Practise this in daylight so as to gain confidence in the skill before doing it after dark.

