

Aramaic Orders

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These are orders to be used by the Achaemenid Persian forces. Aramaic was the *lingua franca* of the Achaemenid period - everyone across the region could speak it, including all of the forces under the control of the Achaemenids ([Kuhrt 2017:11-12](#)).

These orders will be used at shows, and the expectation is that members can understand what the order is asking them to do. This cheat sheet will be used in training sessions to make members familiar with them, and to get used to hearing them in stressful situations.

Emergencies:

Emergency stop: 'hold'

Movements:

Advance : hillúku

Fall back/retreat: l'ḥwry (pronounced 'lahoory')

Charge: yaqúpu

Run (double-time): rehútu

Return (skirmishing): túbu

Flee: 'erúqu

Stop: qúmu

Turning:

Turn left: penúyu semmāl

Turn right: penúyu yammīn

Turn: penúyu

Right: yammīn

Left: semmāl

Troop types:

Army: gēs

Skirmishers: māṭelōwnayya-

Archers: qashātā

Infantry: nayzəḵāyyā

Maneuvers:

Step on: daḥúqu

Brace/hold: qabbel

Prepare/be ready: 'etádu

centre man: meṣ'ā

one rank: ḥypā

2 ranks/4 ranks (to divide): 'apreš

There!: tammān

Rally on the banner: syṭwn (pronounced 'sitoon')



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