

# 08b Inspecting The Troops

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Book by Thomas K. Hunter

Act I Scene 10

Music Composed by Thomas K. Hunter  
Arranged and Orchestrated by John Herberman

CUE: CH "I say lads, stand to!" (as two officers emerge from tent)

**4**  $\text{♩} = 96$

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CONDUCTOR'S NOTE: The snare drum part is meant to mimic the action on stage. Each section is repeatable for flexibility in performance. An ad lib approach is encouraged.

**a tempo**

Voice

KEYBOARD II

KEYBOARD III

Bass

Drum Set/ Snare Drum

KEYBOARD I

Tacet

Tacet

Tacet

Tacet

Tacet

S.D.

Two officers and one soldier slowly emerge

*p* *very sparse-ad lib* *p* *fp*

repeat if necessary

**6** CH begins to inspect each man

S. D.

*mp* straight military time

**15** faster ( $\text{♩} = 108$ )

ON CUE: CH recognizes Gilbert... *rit.*

ON CUE: The scratching increases until each man is in a frenzy...

S. D.

*pp* *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

S. D.

3 3 3 3 3 5

S. D.

3 3 3 3 5 5 3 5

repeat if necessary

**25** faster ( $\text{♩} = 120+$ )

ON CUE: CH "...on the lice!" - playing stops abruptly when actors freeze

CUE: Men wriggle free and start scratching each other frantically...

S. D.

*ad lib chaos - military feel but chaotic, frenzied, and not strictly to meter or time*

S. D.

continue ad lib, getting faster, more chaotic and frenzied...

Action builds with CH falling to the ground

S. D.

ON CUE: CH ".God's teeth!" - playing stops abruptly when actors freeze