

NEW ENGLAND BRIGADE  
ARTILLERY MISFIRE PROCEDURE DRILL

*The Piece has Misfired:*

1. ( ) *Cannoneers # 1 & 2 hold up crossed implements about tube to indicate a 'fouled gun'*
2. ( ) *Three (3) minutes are allowed to elapse prior to any other actions on piece*
3. ( ) *Chief of Piece hands Cannoneer # 2 the appropriate tool (pliers or gimlet) from misfire pouch, to clear the primer from the vent*
4. ( ) *Cannoneer # 2 either throws tool and primer on the ground, or hands them to Chief of Piece*
5. ( ) *Chief of Piece hands vent pick to Cannoneer # 2, who re-picks the charge*
6. ( ) *Cannoneer # 4 hands Cannoneer # 2 a new primer attached to the lanyard*
7. ( ) *Cannoneer # 2 places new primer in vent and Cannoneer # 2 holds lanyard with two fingers until nodded out by Cannoneer # 4*
8. ( ) *Cannoneer # 2 scans area for safety purposes and commands "Ready", and then "Fire"*
9. ( ) *If piece still does not fire, piece may be re-primed and attempted to be fired after three additional minutes. Implement held up over the piece while re-primed to indicate a misfire*
10. ( ) *If piece still does not fire, further actions such as flooding the charge with water through the event and or blowing out the charge with a Fire Extinguisher may be tried. Extreme safety to crew and spectators should be observed (move everyone back)*
11. ( ) *If these actions fail to clear the piece, outside assistance may be sought to rectify the misfire*

**MISFIRE DRILL INSPECTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PASS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_