

NEW ENGLAND BRIGADE
ARTILLERY DRILL INSPECTION FORM

DATE: _____

BATTERY: _____

Position / Cannoneer # 1:

1. () *Advances wet sponge using proper footwork and positioning at the muzzle*
2. () *Sponges all the way to the breech, with eyes / ears oriented towards the vent*
3. () *Twists sponge around fully in breech to extinguish any / all embers*
4. () *Places rammer head at the muzzle to indicate 'Loading'*
5. () *Rams charge firmly, but gently using an under hand, one handed grip*
6. () *Charge not rammed too softly, nor slammed down to breech*
7. () *Rammer placed on wheel hub to indicate loaded gun*
8. () *Assumes the proper "Ready" position, body and rammer held at an angle away from muzzle and watching muzzle*
9. () *Regains an upright position after firing to be ready for wet sponging*
10. () *Stays behind muzzle as much as possible, especially when firing, to minimize exposure*

Position / Cannoneer # 2:

1. () *Waits for vent to be tended and stopped*
2. () *Handles the worm gently but firmly using underhand method*
3. () *Gently eases worm to base of the breech and twists the worm clockwise to extract material*
4. () *Does not slam worm down into breech face*
5. () *Dry sponges after # 1 wet sponges*
6. () *Twists sponge around fully in breech to mop up any excess water*
7. () *Ready's / positions himself to accept charge from # 5; front towards limber*
8. () *Takes charge from haversack, protects it with his body, and inserts it into muzzle*
9. () *Does so in a timely manner to diminish any risk, without touching wheel*
10. () *Stays behind muzzle during ramming and when gun is firing to minimize exposure*

Position / Cannoneer # 3:

1. () *Tending of the vent, entirely with left hand to minimize exposure*
2. () *Brushes vent after each firing thoroughly*
3. () *Wipes vent*
4. () *Stops vent thoroughly with thumbstall (ceasefire is called if air is heard escaping vent)*
5. () *Continues to stop vent until gun is loaded, then steps clear of wheel*
6. () *Upon command of "Ready", steps back in towards vent to pierce the charge*
7. () *Remains to assist #4 by holding lanyard with two fingers on the breech top*
8. () *Remains there until nodded out by #4*
9. () *Steps in to tend the vent immediately after gun fires*
10. () *Keeps left hand, face and upper body away from vent to minimize exposure*

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Position / Cannoneer # 4:

1. () *Has friction primer attached to lanyard ready to insert into vent*
2. () *Inserts primer into vent and waits for # 3 to hold lanyard with two fingers*
3. () *Carefully steps outside wheel, extending lanyard to taut position*
4. () *Nods # 3 gunner out when ready*
5. () *Turns to inform Chief of Piece that gun is ready to fire*
6. () *Pulls lanyard sharply and with enough force to fire it on the first pull*
7. () *Always uses only right hand near the vent and keeps hand, face and upper body away from vent to minimize exposure*

Position / Cannoneer # 5:

1. () *Takes position halfway between gun and limber box on left side of gun*
2. () *Wears haversack over left shoulder, with bag on right side*
3. () *Remains attentive to Chief of Piece to advance round when called upon*
4. () *Brings haversack, and opens it for # 2, to take round out easily*
5. () *Never touches round*
6. () *Returns to limber box for next round*

Positions / Cannoneers #'s 6, 7 & 8:

1. () *Tend to the limber box as needed*
2. () *Are sure to keep limber box lid open only when necessary*
3. () *Ensures limber box is closed when ANY gun is firing*
4. () *Keeps records / inventory of rounds and primers fired / remaining*

Chief of Piece: (regardless of rank)

1. () *Supervises all aspects of Drilling on, and Firing of, the piece*
2. () *Gives all commands to work the piece*
3. () *Acts as primary safety officer*
4. () *Has on their person a "Misfire" Kit or Pouch*
5. () *Is knowledgeable of all aspects of firing*
6. () *Is responsible for training and actions of crew*

Battery Commander: (regardless of rank)

1. () *Demonstrates overall Command of Battery*
2. () *Demonstrates overall Responsibility of Battery*
3. () *Demonstrates overall Safety concerns of Battery*
4. () *Demonstrates overall Knowledge of Battery*
5. () *Demonstrates overall knowledge of Drill and Procedures,*
6. () *Manages condition of gun, limber and equipment in good repair*

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Inspection Discrepancy Notes:

Position / Cannoneer # 1:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Position / Cannoneer # 2:

- 1.
- 2.
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- 10.

Position / Cannoneer # 3:

- 1.
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Position / Cannoneer # 4:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

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Position / Cannoneer # 5:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Positions / Cannoneers # 6, 7, 8:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Chief of Piece:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Battery Commander:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

DRILL INSPECTED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____ **PASS:** _____ **FAIL:** _____