

Artillery School – Test of Knowledge

Part 3 – Ceremonial Artillery Battery Command/ Battery Strategy Test.

Chief of the Piece/Gunner Commands

1. What are the By Detail Drill commands? _____

2. What are the commands when By Detail is not used? _____

3. What is the command given if the cannon does not fire properly? _____

4. What are the Misfire Drill Commands? _____

5. What are three options a Gunner has if the cannon does not fire properly?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

6. What does the command “Load and Hold” mean? _____

7. How do others know that a cannon is loaded, but not being fired at that time?

8. What happens when the command “Fall In On The Piece” is given? _____

9. When is this command typically given? _____

10. What happens when the command “Advance The Piece” is given? _____

11. What happens when the command “Withdraw The Piece” is given? _____

Section Chief Commands

1. What commands are given by the Battery Commander and repeated by the Section Chiefs? _____

2. Does the Section Chief repeat the Fire commands from the Battery Commander?

Battery Commander Commands

1. What commands are given if the Battery Commander wants the entire battery to fire at the same time? _____

2. What Commands are given if the Battery Commander wants the middle two guns of a six gun battery to fire? _____

3. What Commands are given if the Battery Commander wants the entire battery to fire one at a time, starting with the left most gun to the right most gun? _____

4. What Commands are given if the Battery Commander wants to fire the left cannon in the right section of the battery? _____

5. What Commands are given if the Battery Commander wants to fire the right three guns of a six gun battery? _____

6. What Command is given if the Battery Commander wants the battery to begin firing, but in no particular order? _____

Battery Deployment Strategies

1. What is the most favorable ground for placing artillery? _____

2. What ground should be avoided when placing artillery? _____

3. What should be the character of the ground 50-100 yards in front of the artillery? _____

4. How far away from the enemy's infantry should the guns be placed (minimum safe distance) without cover? _____

5. With favorable ground and atmospheric conditions, how far away from the enemy can the guns effectively open fire? _____

6. What should determine the projectile being used? _____

7. What are two methods to permanently disable a gun? _____

8. What are two methods to temporarily disable a gun? _____

9. What is done with the Implements when artillery is abandoned? _____

10. What is done with the Carriage when artillery is abandoned? _____

11. What is done with the Ammunition when artillery is abandoned? _____

Name the Angles of Fire described below. Choose from the words at the bottom.

A battery placed to form an angle with the front of the object to be struck. _____

A battery of guns placed parallel to the face of the enemy's works, or their line of troops, so that the projectiles struck it perpendicular. _____

A battery placed to fire a projectile at such an angle that it described a lofty curve through the air before it fell, such as the fire from a mortar battery. _____

A battery fired at a slight elevation so that the shot bounced destructively from target to target along the enemy's works or lines of troops. _____

A battery of guns placed at right angles to the enemy's works, or their line of troops, so that the projectiles fell in a parallel line to the works, striking a number of targets from one end of the line to the other. _____

A battery placed to fire projectiles to strike the interior slope of the parapet at an angle greater than 30 degrees. _____

A battery placed so the shot struck the interior slope of the parapet, forming with it a horizontal angle, not greater than 30 degrees. _____

A battery placed to fire projectiles from a higher position above the enemy's works. _____

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| Direct | Reverse |
| Enfilade | Ricochet |
| Oblique | Slant |
| Plunging | Vertical |