

Aide Memoir for Examiners of F.S.P.C [Art]

1. No 1 Sponges & Rams – No 2 Worms – No 3 Closes the vent & primes it.
2. In order to create a vacuum and so extinguish any embers that may cause a premature discharge.
3. For safety reasons, you only take commands from the gun captain [No 3] on the gun you are servicing, and no one else.
4. In order to protect their hands from [a. Sparks. [b. Splinters. [c. and Blisters.
5. On the command „Load“ from the Gun Capt. [no 3] No's 1&2 move to the inside of the wheels to carry out their assigned initial tasks then move to the outside of the wheels and show „Gun Loaded“ by placing their respective implement on the hub or top of the wheel.
6. A Linstock or slow match attached to a pole is used to ignite the secondary charge, when the normal primers fail.
7. Shooters Ear defenders are better suited than ordinary Ear plugs for re-enacting as they still allow the wearer to hear verbal commands but still protect the Ear's from the noise of the Guns.
8. An Arc of 25 metres from the front of the barrel of the Cannons.
9. 3 metres. Ammunition Box/Limber lid always opens with its top towards the Guns to avoid any stray sparks from igniting any loose powder.
10. Because it's a Society rule which is strictly observed, also you have to treat it with respect.
11. If you have your thumbs around the implement, and there is a premature discharge, you will not only get burned, but will also become part of the tool as it is shot out of the Cannon, so injuring you even more,
12. In order to make sure everyone who goes on the Cannons during a Battle scenario is fully trained and complies with the rules as set out by H&S and the Society.
13. Before an event the Barrels are wormed out to make sure there is now debris in them and are dry sponged in order to make sure the bore is dry, so avoiding any likelihood of Misfires. And after an event they are wormed, wet & dry sponged in order to make them safe.
14. [a. Implements held vertically on the Hub or Rim of the Cannon wheels denotes „Gun Loaded“. [b. Implements crossed over the barrel denotes a „Misfired Gun“.
15. In order to make the area safe for the public after an event. Aluminium Foil when compressed will generate heat and could cause burns.
16. As there may be remnants of Blackpowder not ignited, which will flare up and could cause burns.
17. Unload or discharge it safely and get it checked by someone, as you are not allowed to go into public area's until it is done, then secure it.
18. Never fire at them directly, and never within 25 metres, do not run when one approaches, stand still and the cavalryman will go around you, do not wave your hands-musket-hat or sword at the animals head/eyes, as this could startle them and unseat the rider, which results in an uncontrollable hazard to you and others.
19. 15 metres.
20. Fallen debris, so never look up after one has gone off, The effects of any blast associated, Detonation wires could trip you, watch out for piles of freshly dug earth in neat piles, also blown ground charge holes could trip you.
21. A whistle blast
22. Squat down and await orders, If close by you may render assistance to the medics if they ask you to, clear any weapons and if not licensed yourself hand them to someone you now is.
23. In order that hand to hand combat can be done safely, as each party knows what the other is going to do, and so avoiding injury to themselves and others..