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Brief Soldiers Guide to answers to Mounted Troops
Firearms Safe Practice Examination

The soldier should demonstrate the appropriate knowledge, understanding and ability in the following.

1. Select the correct size and type of saddle, bridle and bit appropriate to the character and physiology of the horse provided, groom and tack up safely paying attention to fitting the tack correctly, attach all military equipment safely and in accordance with regulations for the branch of service.
2. Mount the horse safely and without assistance carrying personal equipment and weapons, dismount safely using the correct technique and procedures for edged weapons.
3. Using a proper seat and leg position move into the walk and complete a 20Meter circle on the left rein, repeat in trot and canter and then come to a halt. Repeat the exercise on the right rein. Demonstrating good control of the horse and an understanding of the correct aids.
4. Stand to Horse, Mount, Form fours, March, Halt, In to line, Prepare to dismount, Dismount, Dismiss.
5. Wheel and turn in all paces, draw and return all weapons at the walk, firing in line, the charge, the melee, attacking Infantry and Artillery.
6. Demonstrate safe combat with both mounted and dismounted troops using a safely prepared sabre, understand the cuts and guards, understand the safety of the horse and rider.
7. 15 Meters minimum safe firing distance with elevation when mounted, demonstrate safety with other horses and riders whilst spinning and in line. Show awareness of blasts, directions and consequences.
8. Safely load Black Powder pistols and cartridge firing carbines, prepare cartridges, load carbines and rifles whilst mounted, load blank firing pistols whilst mounted.
9. Weapon Maintenance; Safety of edged weapons, check safe operation of all personal weapons, strip and assemble safely, cleaning, boiling and storage.
10. Dealing with a misfire, dealing with a rim fire, dealing with a stoppage safely
11. Procedures for hand-to-hand combat with both mounted and dismounted troops using all weapons, what to do and what not to do.
12. Capping off and clearing weapons at the end of the battle, ensuring all chambers are fully discharged and cleared.
13. Artillery: when artillery loaded or in action keep clear of muzzle and arc of fire by no less than 25 meters.
If gun crew hold rammer or other tools upright – its loaded
If gun crew hold rammer or other X wise = misfire
14. Procedures for moving around infantry and bodies on the field, Man Down procedure, loose horse or bolted horse, Injured horse.
15. Understand and recognise real incidents, obey signals and commands
16. Ground charges – what are you looking for?
How far away do you have to be? Trip hazards