



ROYAL HUTT RIVER ARMY ARTILLERY

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS



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"The Field Artillery lends dignity to what otherwise would be nothing but a vulgar brawl.

Anonymous

"To insure success it is of vital importance that the army should have an overwhelming force of field artillery."

General William F. Barry

"The King of Battles!"

Major General H. G. Bishop

"Formerly to win a victory the fighting force needed only courage and strength; today it must have artillery."

Frederick The Great

"God fights on the side of the best artillery."

Napoleon

"The best generals are those who have served in the artillery."

Napoleon

"Now, more than ever, the artillery is the indispensable companion of the infantry."

General Colmar Von Der Goltz

"The last argument of kings."

Inscription on French Cannon Engraved by order of Louis XIV (circa) 1700

Throughout history, one simple fact remains clear: the value of an Army lies in the quantity and the quality of its Artillery. No other branch of service is regarded so highly, no other has such a long and proud history, no other has produced such a high quality of leaders. No army can long survive without an Artillery Branch of Service.

Principality of Hutt River

Royal Hutt River Defence Forces

Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Customs and Traditions

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Section One

Titles

In 2005 Prince Leonard authorized the creation of The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery as part of the Royal Hutt River Defence Forces. The First Regiment was Commissioned “The 1st Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery” on 6 June 2005.

Precedence

Batteries, when on parade with their guns, take the Right of the Line and march past at the head of all RHRA Units.

The following general rules apply to establishing precedence within the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery:

- Batteries;
- Training schools;
- Headquarters.

Mottos

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery has the following motto: “**Fortiter, Fideliter, Feliciter**” (Boldly, Faithfully, Successfully).

The Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

The Colonel-in-Chief is the ceremonial head of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery. The Colonel-in-Chief is the Sovereign of the Principality of Hutt River.

The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery

The office of Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery is a serving line command and is appointed by the Sovereign, the Commander of the Royal Hutt River Defence Forces, or the Commander of the Royal Hutt River Army.

Duties

The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery is the head of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery in all regimental matters, and traditionally, as the Sovereign’s advisor on artillery matters, takes a keen interest in the affairs of artillery throughout the world.

It is the duty of the Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery to:

- Administer the affairs of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery;
- Manage the recruitment of Personnel of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Regiments;
- Oversee the Artillery Training Courses of the Royal Hutt River Military College;
- Foster esprit-de-corps throughout the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery;
- Provide the channel of communication to the Colonel-in-Chief and to the Regimental Officers;
- Advise on all matters of significance to the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Regiments;

- Maintain close liaison between the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery and other military branches;
- Oversee affiliations with allied regiments, units, and artillery associations world-wide, including, but not limited to, the United States Field Artillery Association.

The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery sends loyal greetings to the Sovereign at Christmas, on St. Barbara's Day/RHRDF Day (4 December). He may also send loyal greetings on any other occasions which warrant such action.

The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery, as head of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery, should be consulted on arrangements for visits and celebrations involving other organizations and distinguished persons where a dramatic ceremonial salute is warranted.

Section Two

Uniforms

Details of the Royal Hutt River Army uniforms may be found in the Uniform Regulation manuals for the Officers of the Royal Hutt River Army and its amendments. Members of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery may wear the gold Crossed-Cannons pin on the lapels of their Dress Uniform Jacket, Mess/Formal Uniform Jacket, and Standard Uniform shirts.

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery also has a ceremonial uniform worn when working with cannons. Guidelines for this uniform may be found in the 1st Regiment of Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Handbook.

Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Badge

In 2009, The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery adopted a new Badge for the Branch of Service. It consists of a Shield Per Fesse Red and Blue, Two Cannon Barrels Crossed between Two Stacks of Cannon Balls surmounted by the Principality Coronet. All older Badges have been discontinued.



Figure 1. Artillery Badge

Section Three

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Colours

The colour of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery is red. The colour is used on historic dress.

The Artillery uses red over blue on standards and on regimental colours, and red on flags and guidons, and wherever else artillery colours are required. With the exception of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Standard and the Regimental Colours, all Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Flags have the HRP National Flag in the canton.

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Standard

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Standard is intended for ceremonial use only. It is not carried on parade. It is not broken and shall be flown from flagpoles. It is only flown on special occasions. All other times, it is displayed in the Headquarters of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery.

The occasions when it will be flown are at the discretion of artillery commanders, but in general will be: visits of royalty; visits and inspections by the Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery or artillery officers of brigadier-general rank and above; visits by allied artillery officers of comparable rank; visits and inspections by the Colonel-in-Chief and by civilian political representatives; regimental birthdays, St. Barbara's Day, Artillery Day and other Principality of Hutt River National days.

On such occasions, the Standard may be flown at all artillery headquarters including formations, Batteries and artillery schools. The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery may fly the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Standard at his residence at his discretion.

The Standard is 5' high by 6' wide and has gold fringe along the top, right side, and bottom.



Figure 2. Artillery Standard

The Regimental Colours of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

The Regimental Colours of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery are to identify the location of Regimental Commanders of Royal Hutt River Army Artillery. It may be flown at headquarters, camps and bivouacs daily from sunrise to sunset. It will be carried on parade.

Regimental Colours are authorized for use by field officers and above who are Battery commanders in order that all gunners and outside agencies readily recognize command position within the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery.

Regimental Colours should incorporate the new Royal Hutt River Army Artillery badge. The Colours of the 1st Regiment of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery are shown below. Regimental Colours are 5' high by 6' wide and may have gold fringe along the top, right side, and bottom.



Figure 3. Regimental Colours of the 1st Regiment of Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

The Battalion Flags of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

Battalion Flags are to identify specific battalions of specific regiments of Royal Hutt River Army Artillery. It may be flown at headquarters, camps and bivouacs daily from sunrise to sunset. It will be carried on parade.

Battalion Flags are authorized for use by field officers and above who are commanders of Battalions, in order that all gunners and outside agencies readily recognize command position within the Royal Hutt River Artillery.

Battalion Flags incorporate the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Battalion Badge and note the specific Battalion Number and Regimental Number. They are 3' high by 5' wide and have no gold fringe along the top, right side, and bottom.



Figure 4. Battalion Flag of the First Battalion of the First Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

The Battery Guidons of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

Battery Guidons are to identify specific batteries of specific battalions of specific regiments of Royal Hutt River Army Artillery. It may be flown at headquarters, camps and bivouacs daily from sunrise to sunset. It will be carried on parade.

Battery Guidons are authorized for use by field officers and above who are commanders of Batteries, in order that all gunners and outside agencies readily recognize command position within the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery.

Battery Guidons incorporate the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Battalion Badge and note the specific Battery Letter, Battalion Number and Regimental Number. They are 18” high by 28” wide and have no gold fringe along the top, right side, and bottom.



Figure 5. Battery Guidon of Battery A of the First Battalion of the First Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery

Section Four

Drill and Ceremonial

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery follows, in general, standard forms of drill and ceremonial. However, the Regiment does lay claim to certain prerogatives and has preserved some unique traditions.

The Right of the Line

The honour of “The Right of the Line”, on an army parade, is held by the Batteries of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery when on parade with their guns. On dismounted parades, Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Batteries take precedence over all other RHRA units.

Drill

Instructions for drill for all Batteries of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery are contained in the publications of the Royal Hutt River Military College.

Artillery Gun Salute

When gun salutes are fired by Royal Hutt River Army Artillery in conjunction with Royal or General salutes, they should commence as the final movement of the “Present Arms” is performed. On all other occasions the firing shall be controlled and timed by the battery commander.

The saluting troop should consist of no more than one battery.

The saluting troop should be deployed, if possible, in a prominent position and should be inspected by the Reviewing Officer during the parade.

Artillery Change of Command Parades

Although a Battery change of command can be a simple office signing ceremony, it is traditional that a Regimental parade be held to mark the occasion. The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery should be invited to all such parades.

Section Five

Significant Dates

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Birthday

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Birthday is 6 June.

The 1st Regiment, 1st Battalion, and A Battery Royal Hutt River Army Artillery were formed on 6 June 2005. As with Artillery Day, the Artillery Birthday may be celebrated with special parades, sports days, guest nights, parties, open houses and the like.

RHRDF Day/St. Barbara's Day

RHRDF Day and Saint Barbara Day are celebrated 4 December.

RHRDF Day and St. Barbara's Day, 4 December, may be celebrated by artillery formations and Batteries with church parades, sports days, guest nights, cocktail parties, open house, and other activities.

Artillery Battery Birthdays

Each Battery may celebrate its particular birthday by artillery formations and Batteries with church parades, sports days, guest nights, cocktail parties, open house, and other activities.

The following are the birth dates of the Royal Hutt River Artillery:

Royal Hutt River Army Artillery	6 June 2005
1 st Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery	6 June 2005
1 st Battalion, 1 st Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery	6 June 2005
Battery A, 1 st Regiment Royal Hutt River Army Artillery	6 June 2005

Section Six

Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Rank Structure

The following is the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Rank Structure.

Type	Size	Command Structure
Division	2-3 Brigades	1 Major General, 1 Adjutant Lt. Colonel, Plus Brigade Commanders
Brigade	2-3 Regiments	1 Brigadier General, 1 Adjutant Lt. Colonel, plus Regiment Commanders
Regiment	2-3 Battalions	1 Colonel, 1 Adjutant Lt. Colonel, 1 Warrant Officer Class 1 (RSM), plus Battalion Commanders
Battalion	2-3 Batteries	2 Batteries - 1 Major, 1 Adjutant Captain, plus Battery commanders 3 Batteries - 1 Lt. Colonel & 1 Adjutant Major, plus Battery Commanders
Battery	2-3 Sections, 1 Ordnance Detail, and 1 Fire Control Unit	1 Captain, 1 Adjutant Lieutenant & 1 Warrant Officer Class 2, plus Section Commanders, Ordnance Detail Commander, and Fire Control Unit Commander
Section	2-3 Cannon Crews	1 Lieutenant & 1 Sergeant, Plus Cannon Crew Commanders
Cannon Crew	Minimum of 4 soldiers	4-6 soldiers - 1 Corporal 7-10 soldiers - 1 Sergeant & 1 Corporal
Fire Control Unit	Minimum of 4 soldiers	1 Lieutenant plus Forward Observer Unit Commander & 4-6 soldiers - 1 Corporal 7-10 soldiers - 1 Sergeant & 1 Corporal
Forward Observer Unit	Minimum of 4 soldiers	4-6 soldiers - 1 Corporal 7-10 soldiers - 1 Sergeant & 1 Corporal

Figure 11. Rank Structure

Brigade and Division levels will only be used in the event that the RHRA is organised in multiple Army Corps or Divisions. If the RHRA is comprised of only a single Corps or Division, the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery will be organised as a Regiment, and the Commander of that Regiment will be the Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery with the Sovereign Prince as the Colonel-in-Chief.

The actual ratio of privates to NCOs and Officers will be determined by the Unit Commander, with the goal to be as few Officers and NCOs as practical. Additional Ranks, such as Quartermasters, Chaplains, Colour Bearers, Adjutants, Clerks, Trumpeters, Pipers and Orderlies may be added at the discretion of Battery Commanders and above.

Battery Warrant Officer Class 2s will be responsible for all enlisted personnel in the individual Batteries. The Warrant Officer Class 2 is the Drill Sergeant, and as such is responsible for coordinating the Battery's education and combat readiness. Eligibility for a Warrant Officer Class 2 requires a qualified Battery of 2 or more minimum Sections. There shall be only one Warrant Officer Class 1 (RSM – Regimental Sergeant Major) per Regiment, who shall be responsible for the combat readiness and operating effectiveness of the entire Regiment.

Artillery unit leadership is a position that requires time, effort, and commitment. Therefore, each individual seeking or accepting a unit commander position must be willing and prepared to serve their units faithfully. No one should seek or accept unit command just for the prestige of a rank. A unit leader's job is to support the soldiers of their unit, prepare the soldiers of their unit for combat, and support the overall goals and objectives of the RHRA field commanders.

Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Battery Rank Duties

The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery Battery is a self contained unit. It has everything necessary to conduct military engagements on its own, but it may also work in concert with other Batteries and forces. Many of the support units of a Battery may also exist at higher levels (Regiment, Brigade, &c.), but the Battery is designed as an independent unit. A minimum Battery following this structure would have approximately 70 artillerists, while a Battery at full strength following this structure could have as much as 220 artillerists.

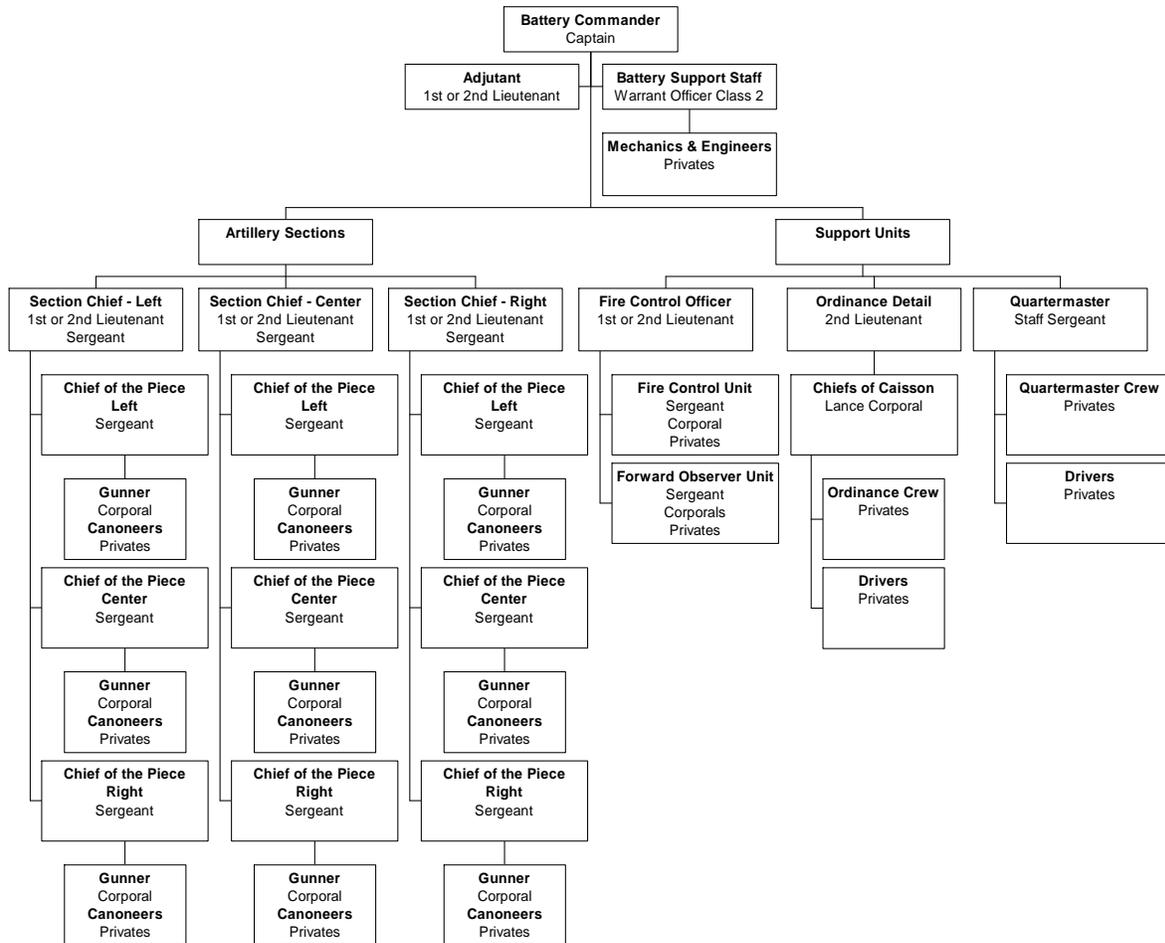


Figure 6. Field Artillery Battery Organisation Structure

CAPTAIN (Battery Commander)

Has overall command, control, and responsibility for the training, serviceability, and combat operation of the Battery Company's personnel and equipment. He is not only the chief recruiter of the Battery, but also is responsible to keep his Battery in the best possible condition. Depending on the organization of the army and the deployment of Artillery forces with Infantry forces, the Captain receives his orders from either an artillery Battalion Commander, a Division "Chief of Artillery", or an infantry Brigade Commander.

FIRST & SECOND LIEUTENANT (Section Chiefs)

Has command of, and responsibility for, their respective sections consisting of two Artillery Crews, and their equipment. The Section Chiefs receives their orders from the captain and performs various additional duties such as: Brigade/Division artillery inspector; requisitioning ammunition, clothing, tools, tentage, and Battalion officer of the day. Occasionally a Section from a Battery will be ordered out on picket duty or a special detail with a small infantry force. In the event the Captain is absent, the Senior Lieutenant takes command of the Battery.

FIRST & SECOND LIEUTENANT (Fire Control Officer)

Has command of the Fire Control Communications Centre and the Forward Observers.
Has responsibility for the communications between the Forward Observers, the Section

Chiefs and Chiefs of the Piece, and the Battery Commander. Coordinates the relay of information and commands to ensure the best possible deployment and effect of artillery fire on the target. Also referred to as the “Signal Corps Commander”.

SECOND LIEUTENANT (Chief of the line of Caissons – Ordnance Detail Officer)

The junior officer of a Battery has command of, and responsibility for all the caissons and ordnance. The personnel under his direction includes the Chiefs of Caisson (Lance Corporals) and any extra men assigned him. This officer is also frequently assigned the additional duty of Adjutant. During battle his duties are to insure maximum protection of the caissons and his men from hostile fire - yet keep them in close enough proximity to the battery and battle lines that the demand for ammunition can be satisfied quickly.

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2 (First Sergeant)

The ranking staff NCO works for, and answers to, the Captain only. He carries out all details desired by the Captain that pertained to the Battery, not an individual segment of it. He assists the Captain in the supervision of the Battery's operations and is responsible for the administration work of the Battery. He prepares reports, calls roll, maintains the fatigue and duty rosters, and makes recommendations on personnel actions. He also assigns, assists, supervises, and checks the various details such as: posting guards and equipment repair. He is the overseer of training and discipline, and instructs the Sergeants on their NCO duties. During battle he has no combat station, but stays near the Captain and carries out any orders issued him. If the Battery happens to be short an officer due to leave, sickness, or death, the Warrant Officer Class 2 takes up the duties of the Chief of the Line of Caissons by direction of the Captain. He remains assigned until replaced or promoted to the Junior Lieutenant. Only in extreme necessity will the Warrant Officer Class 2 have command of a Section.

STAFF SERGEANT (Quartermaster Sergeant)

This staff NCO receives his direction from the Warrant Officers or the Captain. As the Staff Sergeant he is responsible for drawing and issuing clothing, personal gear, rations, and sometimes small arms ammunition to the enlisted men of the Battery, and keeps the appropriate records. In battle the Staff Sergeant, like the Warrant Officers, has no combat assignment. He is to keep with the Commander and carry out any orders issued him. However, most often he is detailed to remain with the gear and supplies assigned the Battery or the parent artillery Battalion and see to their safe keeping.

SERGEANTS (Chiefs of the Piece – Gun Crew Commander)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Gun Crew. The personnel consists of the gunner and his cannoneers, and the Chief of Caisson and his drivers. The sergeant assigns all duty positions in his Gun Crew, except for the Corporals, and he insures that the cannoneers and drivers are not only properly trained, by that they can switch roles on an individual basis if necessary. During battle he takes his post in rear of his piece. In action he is to: follow, repeat, and carry out the Section Chief's orders promptly; insure that the Gunner selected the correct target and used the proper range and projectile; and check that the Chief of Caisson is prepared to bring forward ammunition as necessary. The Sergeants are ranked in order of seniority, i.e., Second Sergeant, Third Sergeant, Fourth Sergeant, etc.

SERGEANTS (Fire Control)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Fire Control Communications Centre. During battle each carries out the orders of the Fire Control Officer. He ensures that the Fire Control Unit is effectively relaying information between

the Battery Commander, the Forward Observers, and the Section Chiefs and Chiefs of the Piece. Has responsibility for training and deploying Fire Control Unit soldiers.

SERGEANTS (Observers)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Forward Observer Unit. During battle each carries out the orders of the Fire Control Officer. He communicates to the Fire Control Communications Centre the location of targets and the effects of artillery fire on the target. Has responsibility for training and deploying Observers.

CORPORALS (Gunnery)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Gun Crew. During battle each carries out the orders of his Chief of the Piece. He aims and sights the piece and gives the orders for its combat firing. According to the Section Chief he controls the rate of fire. Also referred to as "Bombardier".

CORPORALS (Fire Control)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Fire Control Communications Centre. During battle each carries out the orders of the Fire Control Officer or Sergeant. He ensures that the Fire Control Unit is effectively relaying information between the Battery Commander, the Forward Observers, and the Section Chiefs and Chiefs of the Piece.

CORPORALS (Observers)

Has command of, and responsibility for the men and equipment of a Forward Observer Unit. During battle each carries out the orders of the Fire Control Officer or Sergeant. He communicates to the Fire Control Communications Centre the location of targets and the effects of artillery fire on the target.

LANCE CORPORALS (Chiefs of Caisson)

Primary job is the care of the limbers and caissons, especially in seeing that the ammunition in them is properly packed and in good condition. These Corporals have limited authority over the drivers of their respective companies, but the drivers are first subject to the wishes of the Chief of Line of Caissons and the Chief of the Piece. In battle he helps direct the caisson into a secured position as directed by the Chief of Line of Caissons. Once reaching the position he, with any extra men assigned, readies ammunition for transfer to the forward limber. Also referred to as "Lance Bombardier".

PRIVATES (Cannoneers)

Has active participation in the loading and firing of the piece they are assigned, and are trained according to numbers that describe the duties of each particular gun position. Though each is trained in a priority position, they are generally trained on all positions and also that of driver. The cannoneers receive their battle commands from the Gunner with the Chief of the Piece supervising the overall action of the Gun Crew.

PRIVATES (Fire Control)

Has active participation in relaying information and commands between the Battery Commander, the Forward Observers, and the Section Chiefs and Chiefs of the Piece. Fire Control sets up their Communications Centre with the Battery Commander, but must be prepared to move quickly as battle lines shift. Fire Control must ensure that all communications systems are working properly at all times. Fire Control receive their battle commands from the Fire Control Officer.

PRIVATES (Observers)

Has active participation in locating the target, communicating target position to the Fire Control Communications Centre, and observing and communicating the effects of artillery fire on the target to aid in aiming the artillery pieces and achieving the artillery fire objectives. Observers take position between the artillery line and the target, or in some other position that affords an unobstructed view of the target and the surrounding terrain. Observers must move to and from their positions in secret to avoid injury and prevent warning the target of impending artillery fire. The Observers receive their battle commands from the Fire Control Officer.

PRIVATES (Ordnance Drivers)

Are the drivers that play an active part in moving the ordnance equipment. During battle they bring the ordnance into position under the direction of the Sergeant. The caisson drivers are directed into position by the Chief of Line of Caissons, frequently taking position under hostile fire. The drivers must be alert at all times in case the ordnance has to be removed from its position in haste.

PRIVATES (Quartermaster Drivers)

Are under the direction of the QM Sergeant and are assigned to drive and care for the gear and equipment. Often the teamsters are detailed to the Battalion or Brigade Quartermaster.

PRIVATES (Mechanics/Engineers)

These men are specialists who repair the Battery equipment and guns, as well as aid in the deployment of artillery in rough terrain. They receive their instructions from the Warrant Officer Class 2 and travel in the rear of the Battery near their tools.

PRIVATES (Extra men)

Almost all batteries retain a number of extra men above the minimum required for the battery to function properly. These men are assigned to the Gun Crews for training and for quick replacement of battle casualties, hospitalised sick, and furloughed men. Usually the complement is placed under charge of the Chief of Line of Caissons (Ordnance Detail) and remain with the caissons during active campaigning. Occasionally some of these men are detailed to the Staff Sergeant (Quartermaster). The Warrant Officer Class 2 also uses them as a ready pool of manpower when the battery is in drill status so miscellaneous work can be accomplished. This position is not an official assignment nor are men placed here in a permanent status. All Privates are to be trained in the duties of cannoners and drivers alike.

PRIVATES (Guidon)

The Colour Bearer, more appropriately the Guidon Bearer, holds a position on the Captain's staff. The importance of the Guidon is realized when considering that armies manoeuvre on small parcels of land with thousands of troops. Coupled with road dust, confusion, and battle smoke, the Battery needs a marker the Sergeants can see so they can direct their Crews onto the battlefield. The Guidon fulfils this need by indicating the direction of deployment the Captain wants taken. When arriving at a position to form a battle line, the Guidon first halts to establish the right or centre of the proposed line. The Colour Bearer is selected on special trust and confidence by the officers. His duties in camp are as an orderly or clerk. In camp the Colours were furled and cased to protect them from the elements and usually kept in the officer's quarters.

Section Seven

The Royal Hutt River Military College School of Artillery

In 2005, the Royal Hutt River School of Artillery was formed as part of the Royal Hutt River Army Artillery. In 2007, the Royal Hutt River Military College was formed to add educational activities related to other ceremonial activities to the existing activities related to ceremonial artillery. At that time, the Royal Hutt River School of Artillery became the Royal Hutt River Military College School of Artillery.

The Artillery Instructors of the Royal Hutt River Military College School of Artillery are dedicated to teaching the drill, safety procedures, commands, equipment, and range management for muzzle loading artillery. The instructors are also dedicated to ensuring the accuracy and safety of muzzle loading artillery.

The Crest of the Royal Hutt River Military College School of Artillery

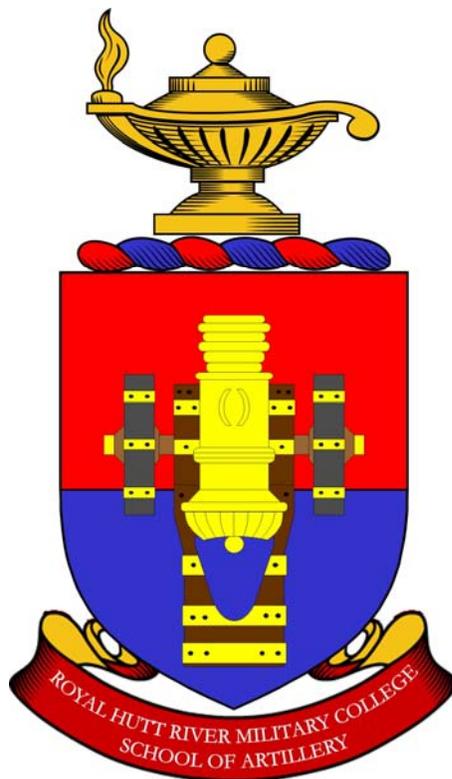


Figure 7. School Crest



Figure 8. School Badge

Courses of Instruction

The Artillery Instructors of the Royal Hutt River Military College School of Artillery teach a Basic Course (The School of the Piece), an Advanced Course (The School of the Battery), as well as the Instructors Certification course.

The Basic Course of Instruction

The Basic Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery is also referred to as The School of the Piece. This course is designed to teach the procedures for each position of a cannon crew. Students are taught: nomenclature and care of artillery pieces and equipment; drills for loading, firing, and servicing the piece; procedures for clearing misfires; procedures for rolling, preparing, and storing charges; and, safety procedures for operating the piece and maintaining a safe firing range.

The Advanced Course of Instruction

The Advanced Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery is also referred to as The School of the Battery. This course is designed for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers who will command sections and batteries. This course includes both the content of the Basic Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery, as well as additional instruction on commands, procedures, and the strategies for deploying artillery during re-enactments and tacticals.

The Instructors Certification Course of Instruction

The Instructors Certification Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery has several components and is only open to those serious students of Muzzle Loading Artillery who have the desire and capacity to teach the various programs offered by The Royal School of Artillery of the Royal Hutt River Army. The course has two main components.

The first component includes both the content of the Basic Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery, and the Advanced Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery. In addition, students are taught the proper way to give instructions to ensure that all procedures are being followed correctly. Special emphasis is given on safety, as well as people skills required to effectively share information and preserve the reputation and integrity of the School.

The second component is a probationary period. Once the student has completed the first component, they will act as Assistant Instructors in subsequent offerings of the Basic Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery, and the Advanced Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery. The Certified Instructors of the School will evaluate the Assistant Instructor's performance and provide guidance in ways to improve. The Assistant Instructors will be evaluated for ***no less than*** two offerings of ***both*** the Basic Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery, and the Advanced Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery. Once the Certified Instructors are satisfied that the Assistant Instructor has achieved the requirements necessary to become a fully Certified Instructor, and that, as a Certified Instructor, the Assistant Instructor will preserve the reputation and integrity of the School, the School Commander will grant the rank of

Certified Instructor to the Assistant Instructor. The Certified Instructors evaluating the Assistant Instructor's performance must be in agreement that the Assistant Instructor is ready for Certification, and Certification will not be granted until then ***regardless of the number of Courses of Instruction the Assistant Instructor has helped teach***. There is no exception to this rule.

Not everyone attending the Certified Instructors Course of Instruction on the Drill, Safety, and Operation of Muzzle Loading Artillery will receive Certification. This is not a sign of failure, but, rather, a sign of how seriously the School takes its responsibilities for teaching and preserving the safety of Muzzle Loading Artillery.

Section Eight

The Military Orders of St. Barbara Service Award



Figure 9. St. Barbara – The Patron Saint of Artillerists

Field Artillery branches around the world have awards that recognize outstanding service known as the Order of St. Barbara, who is the patron saint of artillerists world-wide. The Royal Hutt River Army Artillery manages The Military Orders of Saint Barbara, which are service awards of the Royal Hutt River Army. Both field artillerists along with their military and civilian supporters are eligible for these awards.

Two levels of recognition exist: The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara and The Honourable Order of Saint Barbara. The most distinguished level is the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara and those who are selected for this award have achieved long-term, exceptional service to the field artillery surpassing even their brethren in the Honourable Order of Saint Barbara. The receiving of this award links field artillerists of the past and present in a brotherhood of professionalism, selfless service and sacrifice.

Receipt of The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara and The Honourable Order of Saint Barbara service awards is based on nominations from existing recipients of each award and must be approved by the Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery. Candidates for The Ancient Order of Saint Barbara must be recipients of The Honourable Order of Saint Barbara.

In the present calendars, the feast of Saint Barbara falls on December 4th (also the RHRDF Day) and is traditionally recognized by a formal Dining-In or military dinner, often involving presentations of the Military Order of Saint Barbara service awards.



FRONT
Actual Size 1 3/4"



BACK
Actual Size 1 3/4"

Figure 10. Honourable Order of St. Barbara Medal – Silver



FRONT
Actual Size 1 3/4"



BACK
Actual Size 1 3/4"

Figure 11. Ancient Order of St. Barbara Medal – Gold

Wearing the Military Order of Saint Barbara Medals

The medallion will be worn with the image of Saint Barbara facing out and in view. The Military Order of Saint Barbara medals will be worn ONLY at official Royal Hutt River Army Artillery functions such as Saint Barbara's Day celebrations, Artillery Balls, or other military events where the wearing of medals is appropriate. The Chief of the Royal Hutt River Artillery may designate other occasions for wear as appropriate.

Dress (Mess) Uniform. The Order of Saint Barbara medallion will be worn with the red ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medallion will hang at full length of the ribbon.

Service Uniform. The Order of Saint Barbara medallion will hang with the red ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medallion will hang over the four-in-hand necktie near the collar and above the top button of the coat. Proper positioning may require pinning the ribbon together approximately three inches from the ends.

Historical Period Dress Uniform. The Order of Saint Barbara medallion will be worn with the red ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar, outside the waistcoat, and inside the coat collar. The medallion will hang at full length of the ribbon.

Emblems of the Military Orders of Saint Barbara

There are two emblems of the Military Orders of Saint Barbara: the Seal and the Logo.



Figure 12. MOSB Seal



Figure 13. MOSB Logo