

Each Subdivision 6.....	24
“ Serjeant 1.....	4
“ Staff do 1.....	2
“ Combatant officer 1.....	4
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Total.....	34

There should be as well, at least 2 spare horses, so the in that event of horses becoming non effective through sickness or casualty the drill would not be interfered with.

The non combatant Staff such as Surgeon and Vet. Surgeon need not be mounted for annual drill, as their duties do not require them to attend drill parades, and as they usually attend to their private practice, as well as their Battery duties, they are hardly ever present with the Battery except at their own sick parades, which usually occupy very little time.

For Active service the strength of the Batteries both in men and horses is much too small, and does not leave any margin for casualties, which are sure to occur, such as sickness, absence, etc., etc., Col. Robertson Ross, late Adjutant General, in his report for 1870, recommends the following as the proper establishment of the Battery.

Major	1	Bombardier's	4
Captain	1	Trumpeter	1
Lieutenants	3	Farrier	1
Serjeant Major	1	Gunners and Drivers	80
Serjeants	4		—
Corporals	4	Total.....	100

With 60 horses exclusive of Officers horses. He adds, in speaking of the above. “ By the adoption of the above recommendation, this very important branch of the service, which cannot be hastily organised, would, I am confident, eventually attain a very high degree of efficiency.” Colonel Ross omits altogether in this estimate, Surgeon, Veterinary Surgeon and Quarter-Master Serjeant, very important personages to a Field Battery on Active Service.