

General Duties.

Captain commands and is responsible as Group Commander for the regular and efficient use of his gun in all respects.

Never to be fired without his word of command. In practice he is responsible that the Gun is never fired on a target ordered.

Never gives Quadrant Elevation to elevating gun, as they cannot read the means themselves.

When fuzes are employed, he bores or sets

Layer.—His special duty is the laying of the gun. When laying at a moving target, the Gun Layer is to remain on the bow waterline, unless ordered by the Gun Group Commander.

He directs the elevating and traversing numbers by the Gun Layer.

He tends to vent and makes ready.

He cleans, rams home, replaces rammer, runs down and sponges.

He uncaps fuze or removes safety pin, and runs up and traverses.

He supplies side arms, runs up, elevates and

supplies wedge wads and runs up.

He hands cartridge store and supplies No. 3

He hands shell store, fixes fuzes and brings

To Prepare for Action and Examine Gun.

Gun Group Commander

"Prepare for Action and Examine Gun."

Gun Captain

"Prepare for Action."

At "Prepare for Action" each number brings up his stores as follows :—

Gun Layer.—Sights, tubes, tube box, lanyard, prickler, vent service, and 6 ft. handspike, and for drill purposes a drill tube.

No. 2.—Side arms and support, and a 6 ft. handspike.

No. 3.—A 6 ft. handspike.

No. 4.—Elevating screw, 6 ft. handspike, and assists No. 2 with side arms.

No. 5.—6 ft. handspike, wedge wads, and assist No. 7.

No. 6.—Two cartridge cases, bucket filled and brush, and for drill purposes a drill cartridge.

No. 7.—Fuzes, and fuze implements, piece of chalk, waste, and for drill purposes a drill shell, running back tackle and one or two selvagees.

The stores having been brought up, they will be laid down as follows :—

Gun Layer.—Receives the tubes from the shell store. He straps the tube box round his waist on right side, and lays the lanyard over the cascable, placing the loop over, and the hook through the lanyard guide. He fixes sights, taking care that the fore-sights fit correctly, and that the deflection leaves of the hind sights work easily. He places the prickler in the loop on the side of carriage, examines the vent server and places it in the vent with the loop over one of the hind sights, and his handspike in rear of the carriage, bevel up, clear of the recoil.

2 places the side arms on right of carriage, parallel to gun, heads to the rear rammer nearest gun. He