

**French Artillery Organizations  
1914**

|                | <u>Field</u><br><u>Battery</u>                  | <u>Horse</u><br><u>Battery</u>                             | 155mm QF<br>Heavy<br><u>Battery</u>               | 65mm<br>Mountain<br><u>Battery</u>   |
|----------------|---|--|---|--|
| Firing Battery | 4 guns<br>6 wagons                              | 4 guns<br>6 wagons   | 4 guns<br>4 carriages<br>1 observa-<br>tion wagon | 4 guns, 16 mules<br>16 ammo boxes<br>8 mules, 1 pack<br>mule with tools  |
| Combat Echelon | 6 wagons<br>1 forge<br>1 btry<br>store<br>wagon | 6 wagons<br>1 btry<br>wagon,<br>1 explo-<br>sives<br>wagon | 8 wagons<br>1 forge<br>1 btry<br>wagon            | 48 ammo boxes<br>24 mules, 1 pack<br>mule for tools,<br>5 pack mules,<br>1 pack mule for<br>spare parts,<br>2 mules for med-<br>ical equipment,<br>4 mules for<br>reserve forage,<br>5 spare mules |

Field or horse battery

- Firing Battery #1 - 1 gun & 1 ammunition wagon
- Firing Battery #2 - 1 gun & 1 ammunition wagon
- Firing Battery #3 - 1 gun & 1 ammunition wagon
- Firing Battery #4 - 1 gun & 1 ammunition wagon
- Firing Battery #5 - 2 ammunition wagons
- Firing Battery #6 - 3 ammunition wagons
- Firing Battery #7 - 3 ammunition wagons
- Firing Battery #8 - 1 field orge & battery, store wagon  
& spare horses battery, store wagon
- Firing Battery #9 - regimental train (3 supply & 1  
forage wagons)

Artillery Group: Consists of 3 batteries, each of four guns. The headquarters of the group consists of:

- 1 Major
- 4 Subalterns
- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 Veterinary Officer
- 1 Non-commissioned officer
- 2 Corporals
- 15 Men (8 riding & 11 draft horses)
- 1 1-horse medical cart
- 3 2-horse wagons (1 for meat & 2 for baggage & supplies)
- 1 4-horse observatory cart (2-wheeled)

Peacetime Strength - Foot Artillery Regiment

Headquarters

Men Horses  
1 2 Colonel  
1 2 Lt. Colonel  
2 2 Majors  
1 1 Capitaine-major  
2 2 Capitaines adjudants-majors  
2 2 Capitaines adjoints au service du parc  
1 1 Captain (mobilization)  
1 1 Captain (organization of shooting)  
1 - Lieutenant Paymaster  
1 1 Lieutenant (material)  
1 1 Sous-lieutenant  
varies - Doctors

Platoon hors-rang

Men Horses  
1 - Adjutant master armorer  
1 - Adjutant in charge of barracks & arms  
1 - Adjutant assistant paymaster  
1 - Sergeant-major artificier  
1 - Fencing Master (adjudant or sergeant)  
1 - Sergeant Quartermaster  
1 - Sergeant Clerk to Colonel  
1 - Sergeant Paymaster's Clerk  
1 - Sergeant Clerk to Material Officer  
1 - Sergeant Storkeeper  
1 - Sergeant in charge of regimental hospital  
1 - Corporal Trumpeter  
1 - Corporal Armorer  
1 - Corporal Assistant Fencing Master  
1 - Corporal Master Tailor  
1 - Corporal Master Shoemaker  
1 - Gunner Tailor  
1 - Gunner Shoemaker  
2 - Gunner Armorers  
1 - Gunner Clerk to colonel  
2 - Gunners Clerks to major  
1 - Gunner Clerk to Material Officer  
2 - Gunners Paymaster Clerks  
1 - Gunner Clerk to Adjutant in charge of arms

Note - Foot artillery regiments in large fortresses  
may have an additional two transport groups  
each with a strength of  
1 Adjutant  
4 Sergeants  
4 Corporals  
38 Drivers  
60 Draft Horses  
5 Riding Horses

Peace Time Strength Foot Artillery Battery

| In<br>France | "Rein-<br>forced" | In<br>Africa |                           |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1            | 1                 | 1            | Captain                   |
| 2            | 2                 | 2            | Lieutenant/2nd Lieutenant |
| 1            | 1                 | 1            | Adjutant                  |
| 1            | 1                 | 1            | Sergeant                  |
| 8            | 10                | 12           | Sergeants (a)             |
| 1            | 1                 | 1            | Quartermaster Sergeant    |
| 8            | 10                | 11           | Corporals (b)             |
| 6            | 8                 | 10           | 1st Class (gun) Layers    |
| 1            | 2                 | 2            | Master Metal Workers      |
| 4            | 6                 | 10           | Metal & wood workers      |
| 2            | 2                 | 2            | Trumpeters                |
| 88           | 119               | 150          | Gunners                   |

(a) Includes 1 mechanic, 1 electrician & 1 artificier.

(b) Includes 1 quartermaster corporal.

Composition of a Foot Artillery Group Staff in Africa (Peace):

| Men | Horses |   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1   | 2      | Major   |
| 1   | 1      | Captaine-major                                  |
| 1   | 1      | Capitaine Adjutant-major                        |
| 1   | -      | Lieutenant Paymaster                            |
| 1   | -      | Lieutenant in charge of material                |
| 1   | -      | Adjutant-chef (supplementary)                   |
| 1   | -      | Adjutant of Barracks & Armament                 |
| 1   | -      | Adjutant master armorer                         |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant-major artificier                       |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant Quartermaster                          |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant Commanding officer's clerk             |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant Paymaster Clerk                        |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant Storkeeper & clerk to Material Officer |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant Clerk to Mess Committee                |
| 1   | -      | Sergeant (in charge of sick personnel)          |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Clerk to major                         |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Asst' Fencing Master                   |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Trumpeter                              |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Armorer                                |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Master Tailor                          |
| 1   | -      | Corporal Master Shoemaker                       |
| 1   | -      | Gunner shoemaker                                |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Tailor                                   |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Armorer                                  |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Commanding Officer's Clerk               |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Clerk to Major                           |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Paymaster's Clerk                        |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Clerk to Material Officer                |
| 1   | -      | Gunner Clerk to Adjutant in charge of armament  |

Composition of Staff of a Regiment of Field or Heavy Artillery (Peace):

| Men    | Horses |  |
|--------|--------|--|
| 1      | 2      | Colonel  |
| 1      | 2      | Lt. Colonel                                    |
| 4      | 8      | Majors   |
| 1      | 1      | Major for Administration                       |
| 1      | 1      | Captain (Riding Master)                        |
| 2      | 2      | Captains adjudant-majors                       |
| 1      | 1      | Captain Director of Park                       |
| 1      | 1      | Captain in charge of mobilization              |
| 1      | -      | Captain Paymaster                              |
| 1      | -      | Captain in charge of material                  |
| 1      | 1      | Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant (supplementary)  |
| varies | -      | Doctors  |
| 1      | -      | Adjudants-chefs (supplementary)                |
| 1      | 1      | Adjudants of barracks                          |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant (asst paymaster)                      |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant (in charge of arament & harness)      |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant (master farrier)                      |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant (master armorer)                      |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant or Sergeant (Fencing master)          |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Major (mechanic)                      |
| 1      | 1      | Trumpet-Major                                  |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Quartermaster                         |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Colonel's clerk                       |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Major's clerk                         |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Paymaster's clerk                     |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Clerk to Material Officer             |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Garde Magazine (store keeper)         |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Armorer                               |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant (in charge of regimental hospital)    |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Clerk to Captain Paymaster            |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Clerk to Material Officer             |
| 1      | 1      | Corporal Trumpeter                             |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Fencing Master                        |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Tailor                         |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Saddler                        |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Shoemaker                      |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Saddler                                 |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Shoemaker                               |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Tailor                                  |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Armorers                                |
| 1      | -      | Gunner For sick lines                          |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Colonel's clerk                         |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Major's clerks                          |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Paymaster's clerks                      |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Clerks to officer in charge of material |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Clerks to adjudant of armaments.        |
| 39     | 3      | Total  |

Composition of Headquarters of a Mountain Artillery Regiment (Peace):

| Men    | Horses |  |
|--------|--------|--|
| 1      | 2      | Lieutenant Colonel                                 |
| 3      | 6      | Chefs d'escadron (Majors)                          |
| 1      | 1      | Major in charge of administration                  |
| 2      | 2      | Capitaines adjudants-majors                        |
| 1      | 1      | Captain (Park Director & incharge of mobilization) |
| 1      | -      | Captain Paymaster                                  |
| 1      | -      | Captain in charge of material                      |
| 1      | 1      | Lieutenant or sous-lieutenant (supplimentary svc)  |
| varies | -      | Doctors & veterinary surgeons                      |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant Asst to paymaster                         |
| 1      | 1      | Adjutant of barracks & armament                    |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant master farrier                            |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant Master Armorer                            |
| 1      | -      | Adjutant or Sergeant Fencing Master                |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Quartermaster                             |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Lt. Col.'s Clerk                          |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Clerk                                     |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Paymaster's Clerk                         |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Clerk to Material Officer                 |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Messing Committee Clerk                   |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Storekeeper                               |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant in charge of regimental hospital          |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Paymaster's clerk                         |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Material Officer's clerk                  |
| 1      | 1      | Corporal Trumpeter                                 |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Assistant Fencing Master                  |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Armorer                                   |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Tailor                             |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Shoemaker                          |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Saddler                            |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Saddler                                     |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Shoemaker                                   |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Tailor                                      |
| 2      | -      | Gunners Armorers                                   |
| 1      | -      | Gunner for sick lines                              |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Lt. Col.'s clerk                            |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Major's clerks                              |
| 2      | -      | Gunner Paymaster's clerks                          |
| 2      | -      | Gunners Clerks to Material Officer                 |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Clerk to Adjutant for armament              |
| 37     | 2      | Totals   |

Establishment of Batteries (Peace)

## Field Artillery

| Rein-  |        | <u>Mountain</u> |        |       |        |        |       |                    |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Normal | forced | France          | Africa | Heavy | France | Africa | Horse |                    |
| 1      | 1      | 1               | 1      | 1     | 1      | 1      | 1     | Captain            |
| 2      | 2      | 2               | 2      | 2     | 3      | 2      | 2     | Subalterns         |
| 1      | 1      | 1               | 1      | 1     | 1      | 1      | 1     | Adjutant           |
| 1      | 1      | 1               | 1      | 1     | 1      | 1      | 1     | Sergeant Major     |
| 8      | 10     | 8               | 8      | 8     | 8      | 10     | 10    | Sergeants          |
| 1      | 1      | 1               | 1      | 1     | 1      | 1      | 1     | Quartermaster Sgt  |
| a      | a      | a               | a      | a     | a      | a      | a     | Farrier Sergeant   |
| 7      | 8      | 7               | 7      | 7     | 8      | 10     | 9     | x                  |
| a      | a      | a               | a      | a     | a      | a      | a     | Farrier Corporal   |
| 6      | 6      | 6               | 6      | 6     | 6      | 6      | 6     | 1st Class Layers   |
| 1      | 1      | 1               | 1      | 1     | 1      | 1      | 1     | Master Mechanic    |
| 1      | 2      | 2               | 2      | 2     | 2      | 2      | 2     | Mechanics          |
| 2      | 2      | 2               | 2      | 2     | 2      | 3      | 2     | Saddlers           |
| 1      | 2      | 2               | 1      | 2     | 2      | 2      | 2     | Asst Farriers      |
| 2      | 2      | 2               | 2      | 2     | 2      | 3      | 3     | Trumpeters         |
| 78     | 103    | 91              | 77     | 105   | 139    | 136    | 136   | Gunners & drivers  |
| 4      | 4      | 4               | 4      | 4     | 4      | 5      | 4     | Officer's horses   |
| 23     | 26     | 21              | 23     | 8     | 16     | 75     | 75    | Other saddle horse |
| 62     | 84     | 90              | 62     | 6     | -      | 100    | 100   | Draft horses       |
| -      | -      | -               | -      | 86    | 104    | -      | -     | Mules              |

a. One battery in each group has a farrier sergeant and the other two have farrier corporals.

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### Composition of headquarters of an African Field Artillery Group (Peace)

| Men    | Horses |  |
|--------|--------|--|
| 1      | 2      | Major  |
| 1      | 1      | Captaine major                                   |
| 1      | 1      | Capitaine adjudant-major                         |
| 1      | -      | Lieutenant Paymaster                             |
| 1      | -      | Lieutenant Material Officer                      |
| varies | -      | Doctors & veterinary surgeons                    |
| 1      | 1      | Adjutant-chef (supplementary)                    |
| 1      | 1      | Adjutant in charge of barracks & armament        |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Quartermaster                           |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Major's clerk                           |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Paymaster's clerk                       |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Storekeeper & clerk to material officer |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant Clerk to mess committee                 |
| 1      | -      | Sergeant in charge of regimental hospital        |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Major's clerk                           |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Armorer                                 |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Fencing Master                          |
| 1      | 1      | Corporal Trumpeter                               |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Tailor                           |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Shoemaker                        |
| 1      | -      | Corporal Master Saddler                          |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Saddler                                   |
| 1      | -      | Gunner Shoemaker                                 |

|    |   |                                   |  |
|----|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1  | - | Gunner Tailor                     |  |
| 2  | - | Gunners Armorers                  |  |
| 1  | - | Gunner Commanding Officer's clerk |  |
| 1  | - | Gunner Capitaine major's clerk    |  |
| 1  | - | Gunner Paymaster's clerk          |  |
| 1  | - | Gunner Clerk to Material Officer  |  |
| 24 | 3 | Total                             |  |

Peacetime Total Numbers of Batteries

Batteries in France & Corsica

|                    |     |    |
|--------------------|-----|----|
| Foot Artillery     |     | 68 |
| Field Artillery    | 618 |    |
| Heavy Artillery    | 58  |    |
| Mountain Artillery |     | 14 |
| Horse Artillery    | 30  |    |

Batteries outside of France

|                    |    |   |
|--------------------|----|---|
| Foot Artillery     |    | 7 |
| Field Artillery    | 17 |   |
| Mountain Artillery |    | 8 |

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