

# Heavy Artillery at Cambellpur, India 1895



The Royal Artillery had 4 heavy batteries in India. Each of these included 6 guns - 4 pcs. 40 pds. rifled cannons and 2 pcs. 6.3 inch leavng howitzers. In addition to the 12 elephants, a battery included a crew of a total of 254 men - Europeans and natives, and for the many wagons and carts a total of 262 oxen.

Among the natives, the mahouts were key figures. Without a mahout on the back of each, the female elephants became completely useless.

By the way, the clever animals also became useless under fire. On the other hand, 10 buckets of oxen for each cannon allowed themselves to be driven forward voluntarily, despite all the unpleasantness.

Fabrication: John Buntzen (1913-1988), highly regarded member of Chakoten, modeled originals and made molds for elephants and oxen. Cannons and other things: Hans Chr. Wolter