



ROYAL HUTT RIVER ARMY



AFTER ACTION REPORT

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ACTIVITY:

Providing Artillery Manuals to the United States Army.

ACTIVITY DATE:

13 June 2005

ACTIVITY DETAILS:

One of the initial aims and purposes of the Royal School of Artillery has been accomplished. I have been in contact with Colonel Arthur Street who commands the antique artillery school for the United States Army Field Artillery Association (USFAA) and is an old friend and instructor of mine. I reached out to him as soon as the formation of the Royal School of Artillery was approved to see if he wanted to adopt our artillery manuals for his school (since it was the poor quality of the current manuals that induced me to write our current Artillery School curriculum).

He expressed a strong interest in collaborating to update the USFAA manuals and very much wanted to see my manuals. He knows the current manuals are bad and had formed a committee to look at their replacement, but the committee has accomplished nothing of substance. The USFAA school is under the protection of the United States Army which strongly supports the USFAA artillery school. Arthur agreed with my request to preserve the RHRA credits and copyrights on any use of or customizations to the manuals I am providing. I agreed to make any customizations he felt appropriate to ensure that our two artillery schools would be providing essentially the same courses of instruction so long as Principality and RHRA got author credits.

What this actually means is that the USFAA artillery school, in its official capacity as an extension of the United States Army, may, in the near future, be using artillery manuals that were written, provided, and copyright protected by the RHRA.

The manuals are currently under review by the senior instructors at Ft. Sill, the US Field Artillery Center and the location of the Training Command of the US Field Artillery. They will be conducting a final review of the manuals on the last weekend of September 2005, and I expect to hear from them shortly after that. Once we have agreed upon the content of the manuals, I will proceed to have the manuals copyrighted and placed on file with the Library of Congress to preserve our copyrights and author credits. We will also work out the financial arrangements for the USFAA's use of these manuals, although I am inclined to be generous with the financial arrangements since there is more value in having the RHRA and Principality credited with the authorship of the manuals than with fees. There are hundreds of

artillerists trained every year by the USFAA and this is an opportunity to get our Army and Nation better known within the artillery community.

ACTIVITY PURPOSE:

Participating in educational activities is a core function of the Royal Hutt River Artillery and the Royal School of Artillery. By providing educational materials that can be used by a branch of the United States Army, we build closer ties with this military organization and advance our goals of the recognition of the RHRA and the Principality.

ACTIVITY RESULTS:

Final results are pending.

REQUIRED/PLANNED FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY:

Continue working with Colonel Street on adopting the artillery manuals by the USFAA.