

## Musket Safety Inspection Procedure

### Inspection of Arms

- Gently lift and drop hammer, twist rammer seated in the barrel to detect foreign matter; the end of the rammer should not extend more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.
- If the weapon has been live-fired, slide the rammer up against the walls of the barrel to detect broken-off back ring.
- Check vent and hammer screws; an unstable hammer screw may be indicated by a wide or figure-eight impact circle on the face of the hammer.
- The cone should be tight and clean.
- The trigger should have at least a 10-pound pull; check this at half- and full-cock by pushing on the hammer with a thumb.
- All three bands must be present.
- The front site must be present.
- The stock must be in good conditions.

### Safety Check

- Arms will be inspected in camp. Any that fail and cannot be quickly rendered safe will be left in camp (with its owner).
- Arms will be inspected a second time in regimental formation under the direction of the regimental staff.
- Arms will be checked in regimental formation by capping off into the ground. Any weapon that is not clear and cannot be cleared with a second or third cap will fail and be returned to camp (with its owner).
- Cleared arms will be loaded and fired in an elevated position, in the regimental formation. Any weapon that does not fire and cannot be made to fire with one or two more caps will fail and be returned to camp (with its owner).