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ACCL International is proud to announce it is the main sponsor of HMS Raleigh's Field Gun Crew for 2014.

The annual Field Gun competition features 22 crews from across the UK and Gibraltar, competing for the coveted Brickwoods Trophy. The competition is fast and furious and requires 18-man teams to run, dismantle, reassemble and fire a field gun and limber gun, in the shortest possible time, traditionally in heats of 6 crews at a time.



Origin of the Race

The event commemorates events in 1899, during the second Boer War, when the town of Ladysmith (South Africa) was under siege for 120 days from the persistent Boers. The Royal Navy landed guns from HMS Terrible and HMS Powerful to help in the relief of the siege. The Naval Brigade transported guns over difficult terrain and brought them into action against the Boers.

The Royal Navy landed two 4.7-inch (120 mm) guns and four 12-pounder naval guns creating improvised field guns using makeshift gun carriages. The guns were transported inland by rail and then drawn on makeshift carriages by oxen. For the final part of the journey, sailors from the Naval Brigade manhandled the guns over very difficult terrain. One story tells of sailors carrying one of the 12-pounder guns for 2 miles (3.2 km) after one of the wheels collapsed.



<http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2014/may/22/140522-field-gun-flying-start>

<http://youtu.be/MME09qhYHoM>

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