



# Handling of a Musket

Ca. 1600

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# What is a Musketeer?



A Mercenary equipped with a musket is called a musketeer.

The handling of a musket was fairly complicated and had to be trained over and over.

A musketeer was one of the very respected mercenary in the battle field.

The shown loading of a musket is according Jakob de Gheyn, Den Haag, Netherlands, 1608.

# Loading of a Musket



## Step 1:

After he had shot, the musketeer puts the supporting fork and match into his left hand.

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## Step 2:

The musketeer removes the match from the cock.

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## Step 3:

The musketeer fills the flash pan with priming powder and closes the lid.

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## Step 4:

The musketeer takes the musket into his left hand, takes a powder shell from his bandoleer and opens it up.

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## Step 5:

He pours the required amount of powder into the barrel of the musket.

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## Step 6:

The musketeer takes a bullet from the bullet pouch on his bandoleer, puts it into the barrel and pushes it down with the ramrod.

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## Step 7:

According to custom, the musketeer reports, “loaded” and says a short prayer.

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## Step 8:

The musketeer wedges the end of the match into the lock of the musket and sets it.

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## Step 9:

The musketeer checks the length of the match and by blowing it, brings the ember of the match to a strong glow.

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## Step 10:

The musketeer holds the trigger and is ready for a quick shot.

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## Step 11:

The musketeer lays his musket onto the supporting fork, aims and shoots.

**Musketeer**

**Ca. 1608**



**Musketeer 1**

**Ca. 1608**  
**Musketeer**



# Ca. 1610: Musketeer



# Ca. 1610 Musketeer



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