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REPORT BY THE COMMANDANT.

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TASMANIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

REPORT BY THE COMMANDANT.

Head Quarters, Hobart, 14th June, 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report.

Land Defences.

Since the date of my last Report (11th July, 1892), the water laid on to the electric light engine-room has been carried through the communicating gallery into the Alexandra battery. The 5-inch B.L. gun in the Alexandra redoubt was dismantled for alterations to the recoil cylinder. The work has now been completed by the battery artificer, and the gun remounted, and working very satisfactorily.

A four-roomed cottage has been erected by Mr. Garth on his land between the Alexandra battery and the Derwent. If this land is not purchased by the Government, steps should be taken to prevent the erection of any buildings that would in any way interfere with the fire of the guns between the battery and the sea. In the event of war it would be necessary to remove this building. In case of a premature explosion at practice the building is in a dangerous position.

The Military Adviser (Colonel Harman, R.A.) having recommended that the two 6-inch B.L. guns mounted in the Alexandra battery should not be fired until chase-hooped, I, on the 16th December, 1892, and on the 15th January, 1893, recommended that they should be sent to England for this purpose. The guns are now practically out of action.

In my Report for 1891 I drew particular attention to the fact that the land in rear of the Kangaroo Bluff battery was being fenced off into allotments, and in my 1892 Report that building material was being deposited on one of the allotments. I recommended—"On no account should any more buildings be allowed to be erected in rear of the battery, and this land should be purchased by the Government without delay." A two-storied brick house has now been erected within one hundred yards of the battery.

With regard to the Defence of the Tamar, I regret that, as there is an unexpended balance for this purpose, the recommendation of the Australian Defence Committee has not been carried out. (See Commandant's Report, 11th July, 1892.)

Torpedo Boat and Whitehead Torpedoes.

Report from Capt. Parker, R.N., marked A., will be found in the Appendix.

Permanent Artillery.

I regret that, in consequence of financial depression and the large reduction in the amount voted for defence purposes, a reduction in the numbers of the Permanent Force was necessary, but trust that, as soon as the circumstances of the Colony admit of it, the strength of the corps will be increased.

On the 10th September, 1892, the Government House and Magazine Guard was discontinued, and the duties taken over by the Territorial Police.

Sergeant-Major Robertson, R.A., returned to England in March last, on completion of his engagement.

During the past year 3 N.C. officers and 10 gunners were discharged, and one gunner deserted.

The present strength of the corps is 1 quartermaster-sergeant, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 1 bombardier, and 9 gunners.

Launceston Artillery.

The strength of this corps on the 1st June, 1893, was 85 of all ranks (an increase of 13 since 1st June, 1892), and cadets, 5.

On the 31st December, 1892, seventy-four of all ranks, and 16 cadets, classified as efficient.

The usual quarterly inspections have been held. On each occasion the attendance was excellent, the turn-out smart, and the drill good. I cannot speak too highly of the feeling of *esprit de corps* that exists, and the zeal displayed by all ranks in the performance of their duties.

On the 5th November, 1892, the corps proceeded by steamer *Wybia* to Low Heads to carry out the annual gun practice, and encamped there until the 9th. The usual guards were mounted, and the ordinary duties in Camp strictly carried out.

On Sunday, the 6th, Divine Service was held in the Parish Church.

On the 7th the corps was exercised at gun-drill, &c., and working parties sent out to erect targets, &c., for the practice.

On the 8th and 9th practice was carried out. 10 rounds of common shell and 10 shrapnel were fired from each of the 12-pr. B.L. guns, and the same number of rounds from the 2.5 inch R.M.L. guns.

On the afternoon of the 8th the men were exercised with M.H. ball in battle-firing.

At 3 P.M. on the 9th the main body re-embarked in the s.s. *Wybia* for Launceston, leaving a party to strike Camp and embark guns, &c.

Total strength in Camp—3 officers, 1 warrant officer, 7 sergeants, and 46 rank and file.

Surgeon-Major Gutteridge, Launceston Rifle Regiment, was in medical charge.

Since the date of my last Report twelve cadets have been transferred to the corps.

Southern Tasmanian Artillery.

The strength of this corps on the 1st June, 1893, was 69 of all ranks. On the 31st December, 1892, 53 were classified as efficient.

The annual training of the corps in the Forts commenced on the 1st October and concluded on the 18th November, 1892. One battery attended on Monday and Thursday evenings, and the other on Tuesday and Friday. On alternate Saturday afternoons both batteries attended. The hours occupied in the evenings were from 7.30 to 10 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 to 6 o'clock. The Alexandra and Bluff Forts were used on alternate weeks for evening drills, and, on Saturdays, the Alexandra. The men received pay at the rate of 2s. for each evening and 3s. for each Saturday afternoon, but no gunner could earn more than £2. Officers received no pay. The object of the training,—viz., to get the men together continuously at drill in the Forts,—was fully realised.

The usual quarterly inspections were held. The musters were fair. The men turned out well, and the drill was good. All ranks take an interest in their work.

The Commanding Officer (Major Evans) is as zealous and energetic as ever in the performance of all duties and in his endeavours to recruit the corps up to its establishment, but it is 153 under. (See Reports for 1891 and 1892).

Bombardier Ashton A. St. Hill was appointed a Provisional Lieutenant on the 17th November, 1892.

Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.

Strength on the 1st June, 1893, 66 of all ranks. Classed as efficient on the 31st December, 1892, 59.

The usual quarterly inspections have been held. The attendance has been fair, and the turn-out good. The corps has greatly improved in handling their arms and company drill, and the signallers are fairly expert in transmitting and receiving messages both with lamps and flags.

The annual training commenced on the 15th October, and was concluded on the 10th December, 1892.

Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.

Strength on the 1st June, 1893, 140, including the Garrison Band. Efficients for the year ending 31st December, 1892, including Garrison Band, 106.

The usual quarterly inspections have been held. The musters on each occasion were only moderate. The corps is composed chiefly of young men, and it is necessary that company officers should devote more time to the training of their men, both on the drill ground and rifle range.

There has been an improvement in the attendance and drill during the last two months, and the corps is now making satisfactory progress, and a better feeling appears to exist in all ranks. Recruiting has also improved, 20 men having enrolled since the 1st January, 1893. The abolition of an annual camp of exercise is most detrimental to the infantry, as it is impossible to train an infantry soldier to his work in the field with night drills only, and daylight parades can only be obtained in the cities when payment is made for attendance.

Launceston Rifle Regiment.

Strength on the 1st June, 1893, including the Band, 115. Only 67 of all ranks, including Band, were classed as efficients on 31st December, 1892. I regret having again to draw attention to the large number of non-efficients in this Regiment. I trust the Commanding Officer has now weeded out all paper men, and that the result of the present year's efficiency will be more satisfactory.

Great difficulty is experienced in getting the majority of men in this corps to attend on the rifle range for the Musketry Course, and company officers are inclined to leave this most important part of an infantry soldier's training entirely to the Instructor, on the plea that they cannot spare the time. It is desirable that, before gentlemen accept commissions in the Force, that they feel confident that they can devote the requisite time for the satisfactory fulfilment of the duties they undertake.

The usual quarterly inspections have been held, the muster on each occasion poor; those that did attend turned out smartly, and the drill was, as a rule, good. The Cadet Corps attached to this Regiment now numbers 50; 33 rendered themselves efficient last year.

Changes in Officers:—Captain R. J. Sadler to Unattached List. Provisional Lieutenant A. J. Douglas resigned.

Auxiliary Force.

Strength on the 31st December, 1893, was 1260; of this number 939 made themselves efficient for 1892.

To be classed as an efficient a man must (in addition to Musketry Course) attend 14 drills.

The average number of drills attended by efficients for 1892 was 23.45. The detachments at Hastings and New Norfolk have been disbanded, the Don and Cleveland detachments discontinued, and men enrolled transferred respectively to Devonport and Campbell Town.

Applications have been received for the formation of new detachments, but with the reduced amount voted it is impossible to entertain them. I am strongly of opinion that any increase to numbers, or detachments, should be made along the line of railway, and not in out-of-the-way Districts, expensive to administer and difficult to mobilise in time of necessity.

The Force now consists of forty-one detachments, scattered all over the Colony, and the further proposed reduction in the Defence vote for 1894 will, if carried out, necessitate the discharge of two Instructors.

The fifth Class of Instruction for Officers and N.C. Officers commenced at Hobart on the 16th May, and terminated on the 26th. Eight Officers and 30 N.C. Officers attended, many at personal inconvenience and pecuniary loss. The Officers received (with the exception of one, who, having attended two previous classes, received nothing) 5s. per diem and travelling expenses; N.C. Officers, travelling expenses only, and were quartered and rationed in Barracks.

The strictest discipline was maintained, and all submitted cheerfully and willingly to it. I cannot speak too highly of zeal for their work displayed by all.

Two Officers and 17 N.C. Officers passed the necessary examination for confirmation in their appointments, and one N.C. Officer passed the qualifying examination for appointment as Lieutenant. Major Wallack was placed in command. I desire to record my thanks to him for the excellent work performed, and his indefatigable endeavours to render the class as efficient as possible. The two Instructors, Sergeant-Majors Welsh and Costello, are deserving of commendation for the cheerful and willing manner in which they devoted their spare time in imparting extra instruction to all deserving it. Captain Jones, Quarter-master Auxiliary Force, had charge of the Commissariat, and gave every satisfaction.

I held two very successful daylight inspections, viz.:—Midland Rifle Company, near Ross, on the 14th December, 1892, 64 of all ranks being present, and Mersey and West Devon Companies at Devonport East on the 1st April, 1893, 80 present. Major Wallack's report on the class of instruction will be found in the Appendix.

General.

On the 10th April, 1893, circulars were sent out to officers, corps, and detachments notifying that "the alarm" would be given within the next three weeks. At 1 o'clock P.M. on the 20th April, telegrams were despatched to all country corps, and at 7 P.M. the alarm signals were given at Hobart and Launceston. At 8 o'clock P.M. on that night 908 men under arms, and of that number (exclusive of Hobart) 448 were paraded at railway stations. The result was very satisfactory. The Auxiliary Force responded most enthusiastically to the call.

A Church Parade was held at Hobart on Sunday, 21st May. The Rev. J. B. Woollough officiated. The Church Parade at Launceston had to be postponed in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. The usual Queen's Birthday Parades were held at Hobart and Launceston on the 24th May. At Hobart 300 (including 24 Hutchins School Cadets) were present; at Launceston 187 (including 32 Cadets).

Martini-Henri ball ammunition was issued free to both Hobart and Launceston Police for Musketry Course, 1892.

The following Returns will be found in the Appendix :—

- A. Report on Torpedo Boat and Whitehead Torpedoes, by Capt. Parker, R.N.
- B. Efficiency Return for the year ending 31st December, 1892.
- C. Strength of Tasmanian Defence Forces on the 1st June, 1893.
- D. Recruits enrolled in Active Force between the 1st January and 1st June, 1893.
- E. Result of Musketry Course, 1892, Trained Men, Active, and Auxiliary Forces, and Hobart and Launceston Police.
- F. Result of Musketry Course, 1892, Recruits, Active, and Auxiliary Forces, and Hobart and Launceston Police.
- G. Result of Volley and Field Firing, 1892, Active and Auxiliary Forces and Hobart and Launceston Police.
- H. Return of Efficient and detached Return of Musketry Course, Auxiliary Force, 1892.
- I. Report on Class of Instruction, Auxiliary Force, 1893.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. WARNER, *Colonel Commandant.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

From the Commander of Batteries to the Commandant.

The Barracks, Hobart, 2nd June, 1893.

SIR,

In accordance with your request, I beg to inform you that the Torpedo Boat is now in a perfectly serviceable condition, consequent on the repairs done to her at the end of last year. Her weapons (the four Whitehead torpedoes) have also been repaired and are now quite efficient.

Whether the boat and her weapons will remain serviceable for any time depends upon whether the Admiralty requirements on these heads are carried out or not. These are detailed in my letter of 15th December, 1892, to which I beg to refer you.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

PHILIP R. H. PARKER, *Commander of Batteries.*

B.

EFFICIENCY Return of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Year ending 31st December, 1892.

Corps.	Number of Efficient:	Cadets.	TOTAL.
Launceston Artillery	74	16	
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	53		
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	59		
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	83		
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	67	33	
Garrison Band	23		
Auxiliary Force.....	943		
TOTALS	1302	49	1351

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Staff Adjutant.*

30th May, 1893.

C.

STRENGTH of the Tasmanian Defence Force on 1st June, 1893.

Distribution.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Surgous.	Paymasters.	Quarter-masters.	Warrant Officers.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters and Buglers.	Band.	Rank and File.	Total all Ranks.
General Staff	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Permanent Artillery .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	11	13
Ditto Torpedo and Artificers .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	3
Launceston Artillery	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	4	4	2	...	70	85
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	1	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	5	2	...	55	69
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.....	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	5	2	...	55	66
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	1	2	2	1	1	...	1	2	15	3	24	88	140
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	2	1	3	1	1	1	...	6	5	5	21	69	115
Auxiliary Force	1	13	23	...	...	...	2	...	69	29	...	991	1128
Cadets.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	50	55
TOTALS	8	20	34	3	2	2	8	15	108	44	45	1389	1678

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Staff Adjutant.*

Hobart, 14th June, 1893.

D.

RETURN of Recruits enrolled in Corps of the Defence Force from 1st January to 1st June, 1893.

Corps.	Number of Recruits.
Launceston Artillery	5
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	12
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	1
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	20
Launceston Rifle Regiment	8
Garrison Band.....	3
TOTAL	49

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Staff Adjutant.*

E.

*FIGURE of Merit of Trained Men of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1892.
(Individual Firing.)*

Corps.	No. of Men Fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds fired per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.				Remarks.
						Marksmen.	First Class Shots.	Second Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.	
Tasmanian Permanent Artillery ...	13	M.-H. C.	50	1491	45·87	...	4	5	4	Voluntary course. Ditto. Ditto.
Launceston Artillery	23	M.-H. R.	60	2945	42·68	...	8	7	8	
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	32	M.-H. C.	50	3464	46·18	6	5	9	12	
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	26	M.-H. R.	60	4300	55·12	8	9	5	4	
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment	51	M.-H. R.	60	8118	53·05	12	21	11	7	
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	29	M.-H. R.	60	3844	46·59	13	6	6	4	
Auxiliary Force	510	M.-H. R.	60	78,902	51·56	150	146	101	113	
Launceston Police.....	22	M.-H. R.	60	3431	51·98	5	8	6	3	
Hobart Police.....	18	M.-H. R.	60	2543	47·09	3	5	6	4	

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Instructor of Musketry.*
25. 3. 93.

F.

FIGURE of Merit of Recruits of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1892, (Individual Firing).

Corps.	No. of Men fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds fired per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.		Remarks.
						First Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.	
Launceston Artillery	9	M.-H. R.	Course carried out incorrectly. Classification not carried out. Voluntary course.
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.....	20	M.-H. R.	30 to 60	2073	46·06	14	6	
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	49	M.-H. R.	30 to 60	5209	45·49	29	20	
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	25	M.-H. R.	30 to 60	2110	42·20	8	17	
Auxiliary Force	675	M.-H. R.	30 to 80	63,667	45·64	430	245	
Launceston Police.....	9	M.-H. R.	30 to 60	758	56·56	9	...	
Hobart Police	25	M.-H. R.	30 to 70	2569	40·45	10	15	

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Inspector of Musketry.*
27. 4. 93.

G.

FIGURE of Merit of Volley and Field Firing of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1892.

Corps.	Volley Firing at 400 yards.				Field Firing at 540 yds. to 220 yds.				Remarks.
	No. of Men Fired.	Rounds per Man.	No. of Hits.	Figures of Merit.	No. of Men.	Rounds per Man.	No. of Hits.	Figures of Merit.	
Tasmanian Permanent Artillery	10	10.	32	32·00	Field firing not carried out. Ditto. Ditto.
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	27	10	118	43·70	26	10	26	9·62	
Launceston Rifle Regiment ...	9	10	64	71·11	...	...	...	...
Auxiliary Force.....	385	10	2357	61·22	382	10.	982	25·71	
Hobart Police	9	10	58	64·44	...	...	...	...
Launceston Police	22	10	161	73·18	22	10	79	35·90	

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major, Inspector of Musketry.*
25. 3. 93.

H.

AUXILIARY FORCE.

RETURN showing Result of Annual Course of Musketry for Trained Men, and Number of Efficient for the Year 1892, and Number exercised through Recruits' Course, with their Classification.

No. in Order of Merit as a Company.	Name of Company.	No. in Order of Merit as a Detachment.	Detachment.	No. who commenced the Practice.	Points obtained in Individual Firing.				Average of Individual Firing.	Classification.				Company Figure of Merit.	Detachment Figure of Merit.	Volley Firing at 400 Yds.			Field Practice Attack 540 to 200 Yds.			Best Shot of Detachment.		No. of Efficient.	Recruits' Course.							
					200 and 300 Yards.	400, 500, and 600 Yards.	700 Yards.	TOTAL.		3rd Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	Marksmen.			No. of Men.	Points.	Average.	No. of Men.	Points.	Average.	Rank and Names.	No. of Points.		No. who commenced Course.	Classification.						
																										Remaining Recruits "in a Musketry sense."	First Class.					
1	Dorset.....	1	Scottsdale	18	1200	1959	564	3723	206.83	...	...	2	16	62.10	08.94	17	93.5.58	17	42.2.47	Private	Easterbrook, R. W.	255	26	17	...	17					
		13	Derby	19	1037	1684	450	3171	166.89	6	8							5	55.63	17	50.2.94	17	26.1.52	Corporal	Scott, H.....	199	29	17	...	17
5	Mersey	3	Devonport E.* .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54.74	62.	3	22.7.33	3	11.3.66	Sergeant	Henry, J. H.....	230	19	19	...	19						
		18	Devonport W.....	5	351	460	119	930	186.00	1							4	54.74	62.	3	22.7.33	3	11.3.66	Corporal	Clarke, T.....	210	18	18	8	10
6	Midland	20	Campbell Town.	19	975	1427	485	2387	151.94	3	5	7	4	54.52	50.64	16	124.7.75	16	38.2.37	Private	Murtagh, D.....	210	39	26	7	19						
		11	Ross	27	1692	2246	699	4637	171.74	1	5	9	12							57.24	27	176.6.51	27	97.3.59	Corporal	Brown, G.....	253	37	10	2	8	
13	West Devon	12	Ulverstone	13	805	1176	222	2203	169.46	1	4	2	6	50.22	56.48	13	53.4.07	13	23.1.76	Private	Boyles, F.....	209	23	11	4	7						
		31	Forth	13	619	858	214	1691	130.07	7	2	1	3							43.35	12	78.6.50	12	42.3.50	Sergeant	Hayes, E. C.....	202	18	8	2	6	
		25	Penguin	18	843	1374	306	2583	143.50	4	4	8	2							47.83	17	88.5.17	17	40.2.35	Private	Cameron, A.....	190	24	8	6	2	
		17	Castra	19	979	1620	417	3016	158.73	4	3	6	6							52.91	18	80.4.44	18	18.1.00	Sergeant	M'Donald, T. W....	248	26	27	1	26	
12	Clyde	35	Bothwell	13	576	746	237	1559	119.92	6	3	4	...	50.42	37.66	5	32.6.40	4	5.1.25	Cr.-Sergt.	Ibbott, A.....	183	20	20	9	11						
		5	Hollow Tree.....	13	764	908	702	2374	182.61	1	...	5	7							60.87	12	81.6.75	12	21.1.75	Sergeant	Andrews, E.....	217	12	...	...	...
3	Channel	6	Little Oyster Cove	17	910	1610	542	3062	180.11	...	3	5	9	57.33	60.03	16	79.4.93	16	102.6.37	Private	Jackson, S. H.....	228	17	4	2	2						
		32	Kingston	10	409	686	162	1257	125.70	6	3	1	...							41.90	...	...	...	...	Cr.-Sergt.	Firth, H. C. C.....	137	10	...	...	...
		2	Margate	11	660	1160	397	2217	201.54	...	...	3	8							67.18	11	96.8.72	11	40.3.63	Corporal	Meredith, E.....	237	13	4	...	4
2	East Devon...	7	Sheffield	26	1595	2369	660	4624	177.84	1	4	8	13	59.28	59.28	25	205.8.20	25	67.2.68	Private	Wootton, T.....	240	50	32	14	18						
9	South Channel ...	16	Dover	7	391	553	194	1338	162.57	...	1	6	...	51.12	54.19	7	34.4.85	7	15.2.14	Private	Davis, J.....	178	20	13	3	10						
		22	Hastings	9	489	672	155	1316	145.11	2	3	4	...							48.74	...	...	...	...	Private	Price, J.....	179	22	17	5	12
4	Wellington ..	4	Burnie	15	955	1436	386	2777	185.13	1	2	2	10	55.38	61.71	...	...	...	...	Sergeant	Tong, J.....	246	30	18	3	15					
		23	Somerset	14	766	993	288	2047	146.21	4	4	3	3							48.73	14	107.7.64	14	34.2.42	Private	Holmes, R. E.....	205	13	5	...	5	
		14	Table Cape	8	499	650	166	1324	165.40	...	3	2	3							...	55.16	8	33.4.12	8	15.1.87	Private	Stutterd, T.....	210	21	13	3	10
		...	Waratah*	23	30	11	19

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11	Tamar	15	Lefroy	18	1009	1487	482	2978	165.44	1	4	9	4	50.56	55.14	18	1045.77	18	321.77	Private	Parish, G.	207	33	24	6	18
		28	Beaconsfield	10	504	648	197	1349	134.90	4	3	2	1		44.96	10	767.60	10	222.20	Sergeant	Williamson, W.	216	19	13	6	7
		37	George Town	2	75	122	27	224	112.00	2	...	...	...		36.66	...	...	...	...	Private	Lathey, J.	122	11	12	11	1
7	Esk	8	Longford	7	395	658	191	1244	177.71	...	1	3	3	53.75	59.23	7	486.85	7	527.42	Private	Herbert, C.	219	28	23	7	16
		30	Carrick	4	195	288	47	530	132.50	3	...	...	1		44.16	4	287.00	4	317.75	Private	Turner, W. J.	195	16	17	12	5
14	Cornwall	26	Fingal	21	1028	1138	830	2996	142.66	7	5	6	3	49.72	47.55	23	1596.91	23	592.56	Private	Hoskins, T.	201	30	18	8	10
		15	Avoca	7	392	598	162	1152	164.57	...	1	5	1		54.85	...	...	...	...	Private	Goss, T.	204	5	5	2	3
		19	St. Mary's	9	492	711	168	1371	152.33	3	2	2	2		50.77	9	455.00	9	161.77	Private	Binns, W.	216	22	13	6	7
8	Huon	9	Geeveston	13	764	1151	380	2295	176.53	1	1	5	6	53.71	58.84	13	967.38	13	201.53	Private	Lambert, G.	243	15	18	6	12
		29	Franklin	7	33	466	132	928	132.57	3	1	2	1		44.19	...	...	...	...	Corporal	Skinner, W.	193	21	14	9	5
10	Meander	10	Deloraine	20	1078	1831	544	3453	170.15	3	3	6	8	50.76	57.55	...	...	...	...	Private	Archer, C. M.	238	39	25	12	13
		33	Westbury	7	328	397	111	836	119.42	3	2	2	...		39.80	6	508.33	6	81.33	Sergeant	Drew, H.	156	19	16	11	5
		27	Chudleigh	13	588	951	264	1803	138.69	5	3	5	...		46.23	8	486.00	6	233.83	Private	Horne, V.	179	17	5	1	4
16	Derwent	40	New Norfolk	12	511	390	91	992	82.66	9	...	...	3	28.37	27.55	...	...	...	...	Cr.-Sergt.	Zelley, B.	197	19	22	4	18
		39	Brighton	12	652	400	...	1052	87.56	9	3	...	...		29.22	...	...	...	...	Sergeant	Webb, A.	147	12	10	6	4
15	Portland	41	St. Helen's	1	48	23	...	71	71.00	1	...	...	...	34.11	23.66	...	...	...	...	Corporal	M'Michael, C.	71	8	22	9	13
		36	Gould's Country	6	299	291	89	679	113.16	3	...	3	...		37.72	4	246.00	4	71.75	Private	Johnston, W.	162	11	12	10	2
		38	Blue Tier	7	279	328	76	683	97.57	6	1	...	...		32.52	5	71.40	5	3.60	Sergeant	Coltheart, J.	146	10	7	3	4
		34	Tunnack	9	399	526	131	1056	117.33	4	3	2	...		39.11	9	364.00	9	91.00	Private	Wilson, W.	169	19	28	14	14
		21	Stanley	10	560	745	197	1502	150.20	2	4	1	3		50.06	10	444.40	10	282.80	Private	Harman, C.	226	37	26	6	20
24	Swansea	9	451	701	158	1310	145.55	1	5	2	1	48.51	9	333.66	9	4.44	Private	Cotton, W.	206	18	13	9	4			
TOTALS				510	27,484	39,434	11,984	78,902	154.70	113	101	146	150	51.56	385	23576.12	382	9822.57				...	943	675	245	430

* Recruits' Course only.

Figure of Merit of the individual firing is obtained as laid down in paragraph 120 of the Musketry Regulations, 1892, based on the total number of rounds (60) allotted for individual Practices.

Musketry Badges are to be worn on the left forearm, one inch above point of cuff. No man can wear more than one Musketry Badge. These badges are only worn for one year, i.e., badges issued for Annual Course 1891 will be discontinued when the badges for Annual Course 1892 are issued. Officers in command of Detachments are responsible that this regulation is carried out.

A. H. WARNER, Colonel Commandant.

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From the Staff Adjutant to the Commandant.

Head Quarters Office, Hobart, May 27th, 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the Class of Instruction for Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of the Auxiliary Force, which terminated at the Barracks yesterday.

The hours of parade were 9 A.M. to 12 noon, 2.15 P.M. to 4.15 P.M., and 7.30 P.M. to 9 P.M.

The Non-commissioned Officers were, as usual, provided with accommodation in the Barracks, three-rooms being set apart for them.

The Class commenced on May 16th; when 3 Officers and 6 Non-commissioned Officers commenced work; others kept on arriving till the 19th; the total number being 8 Officers and 30 Non-commissioned Officers.

The course of instruction was carried out on the same lines as in previous Classes, and all ranks were well grounded in Squad and Company Drill, Manual and Firing Exercises, Theoretical Principles of Musketry, Guard Mounting, &c.

Lectures were given in the evening on Discipline by the Commandant, and on Drill, Musketry, and the Regulations of the Force, by myself.

The strictest discipline was enforced, and the cheerful way the members of the Class submitted to it was most satisfactory. The average attendance of each member at the class was ten days,—a great improvement on past years.

On Thursday, the 25th instant, I marched the Class to the Rifle Range, and put all ranks through the new Individual Attack and the Section Attack, as laid down in the Imperial Musketry Instructions for 1892. Both practices were carried out in a satisfactory manner.

On the 24th the Class took part in the Review held in honor of Her Majesty's Birthday.

I forward herewith Returns which show the work done by the members, and which also give the dates of the arrival and departure of each.

Two Officers and seventeen Non-commissioned Officers passed satisfactory examinations for confirmation in their respective ranks. I enclose certificates for issue to them.

In conclusion, I desire to bring to your special notice the excellent work in connection with this Class performed by Sergeant-Major Welsh and Sergeant-Major Costello. These warrant officers, in addition to the long hours on parade, devoted nearly the whole of their off-time to coaching up the Non-commissioned Officers for their examinations.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST T. WALLACK, *Major,*
Commandant School of Instruction.