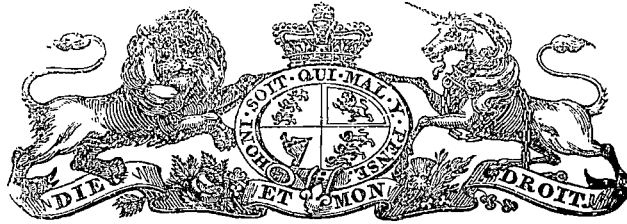


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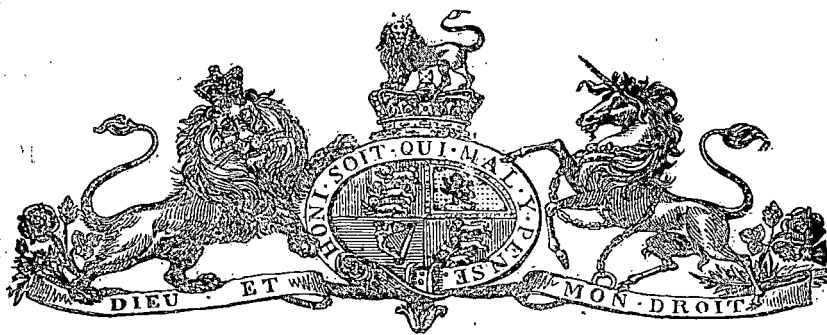
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TASMANIAN DEFENCE FORCE:

REPORT BY THE COMMANDANT.

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TASMANIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

REPORT BY CAPTAIN PARKER, R.N.

Head Quarters, Hobart, 13th May, 1895.

SIR,

In sending in the Annual Report on the Tasmanian Defence Force, I would draw attention to the fact that Colonel Warner was in command during 1894. I therefore confine myself to a mere statement of the events, &c. which occurred during the year.

Permanent Artillery.

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

It having been felt for some time that under the altered circumstances of the Colony, and in view of the fact that the Permanent Artillery were not now required to keep up the guard at Government House, it was not possible longer to accord to this corps certain immunities from work which were legally their due, an agreement was arrived at with them on the 1st October by which they consented, in addition to their statutory agreement, "to do any work for the Colony during any hours that may be considered necessary, or that may be ordered by the Commandant or Commanding Officer."

An alteration in the pattern of the vent sealing tubes supplied from England having necessitated the re-venting of the 8 in. M.L.R. guns, and the 6 in. and 5 in. B.L.R. guns, the necessary work was carried out during the year by Mr. Roberts, the Battery Artificer. In order to test the work I fired, on the 20th October, one round from each of the 8 in. M.L.R. guns in the Bluff Battery, and, on the 17th November, one round from each of the 6 in. B.L.R. guns and 5 in. B.L.R. gun at Alexandra Battery. The results were entirely satisfactory, showing the re-venting to have been properly done.

Launceston Artillery.

The strength of this corps on 1st January was 76 of all ranks. Between 8th and 11th November the usual Camp of Exercise of this corps was held at Low Heads. 56 men of all ranks were present, and were exercised in the infantry attack, and in shell firing from the 40-pr. and 12-pr. guns. 50 rounds were fired, 20 from the 40-pr. and 30 from the 12-pr. The firing and the bursting of the shrapnel shells was exceedingly good. A church parade was held on the 11th, and the men returned to Launceston the same day.

Southern Tasmanian Artillery.

The strength of this corps on 1st January was 62 of all ranks. The annual training of this corps commenced on 6th October, and was continued on two evenings in the week, and on alternate Saturday afternoons till 17th November. Shot and shell practice took place on 20th October from the Bluff Battery, when 6 common and 6 shrapnel were fired from the 80-pr. guns. On 17th November, 6 palliser shot and 6 common shell were fired from the 7 in. M.L.R. guns at Alexandra Battery. On both occasions the shooting was very good.

Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.

The strength of this corps on the 1st January, 1895, was 40 of all ranks. No money being available, there was no training of this corps in 1894. Lieutenant W. H. Buckland resigned his commission owing to private affairs.

Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.

The strength of this corps on the 1st January, 1895, was 121 of all ranks, including the Garrison Band.

H. C. B. Petersen, Esq., was gazetted Lieutenant on the 22nd August, 1894.

Surgeon-Captain E. O. Giblin, M.D., was promoted Surgeon-Major on the 19th December, 1894.

Launceston Rifle Regiment.

The strength of this corps on the 1st January, 1895, was 109 of all ranks, including Band, and 47 Cadets.

Captain T. H. Gould died on the 12th September, 1894, and was buried with military honours.

Lieutenant L. A. Burrows, having passed the necessary examination for a commission in the Imperial Army, was gazetted Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment on the 22nd December, 1894.

Auxiliary Force.

The strength of this corps on the 1st January, 1895, was 990 of all ranks.

Summary for the Year 1894.

During the year 1894 the following promotions and appointments were made by His Excellency the Governor:—Sergeant-Major John Anderson to be Captain. Lieutenant W. G. Hope, promoted Captain. Sergeants H. J. D. Drew and J. Gatty, promoted provisional Lieutenants. Messrs. D. Jones and L. D. Archer appointed provisional Lieutenants.

Death.

Lieutenant J. R. D. Bethune died on the 10th April, 1894.

Resignations.

The undermentioned Officers resigned their commissions:—Captain: H. Berresford. Lieutenants: W. M. Bisdee, F. M'C. Clerke, S. J. Kellaway, A. A. Reid, H. U. Baker, J. G. Fitzpatrick, W. M. Lester, F. D. Tregaskis, and J. Miles.

Disbandments.

The following detachments were disbanded under the provisions of Section 24 of "The Defence Act, 1889" (53 Vict. No. 36); viz.—Bothwell Detachment, Clyde Company. Tunnack Detachment, Somerset Company. St. Helen's Detachment, Portland Company.

General.

A Church Parade was held at Hobart and Launceston on the 20th May, 1894.

The usual Queen's Birthday Parades were held; and Colonel Warner carried out the four quarterly inspections.

The torpedo boat has been laid up all the year.

The Rev. J. B. W. Woollnough, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, 3rd Class, was, on the 2nd February, 1894, promoted to be Chaplain to the Forces, 2nd Class, with the honorary rank of Major.

During the year it has been found necessary from financial pressure to dispense with the services of the following officers and non-commissioned officers; viz.—Staff: Captain T. Jones (R.), late Durham Light Infantry; Mr. George Rea, Staff Clerk, late Royal Artillery; Mr. Charles Milner, Torpedo Artificer, late Royal Navy (time expired). Tasmanian Rifle Regiment: Sergeant-Major Instructor J. Costello, late Royal Irish Fusiliers. Launceston Rifle Regiment: Sergeant-Major Instructor Wm. Welsh, late Border Regiment. Auxiliary Force: Sergeant-Major Instructor J. Rafferty, late Derbyshire Regiment.

The above all enjoyed pensions from the Imperial Government, with the exception of Sergeant-Major Wm. Welsh.

PHILIP R. H. PARKER,
Commander of Batteries.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

STATE of the Tasmanian Defence Force on December 31st, 1894.

Corps.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Surgeons.	Pay and Quarter Masters.	Warrant Officers	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters and Buglers.	Band.	Rank and File.	Total of all Ranks.	Remarks.	Cadets.
General Staff	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Tasmanian Permanent Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	11		
Ditto Torpedo & Artificers...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2		
Launceston Artillery	1	1	1	...	...	1	3	4	2	...	63	76		
Southern Tasmanian Artillery...	1	1	3	1	1	...	...	4	2	...	49	62		
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	5	2	...	30	40		
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	1	2	2	1	1	...	2	13	3	...	70	95		
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	1	...	4	1	2	...	6	5	3	22	65	109	...	47
Garrison Band .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	24	...	26		
Auxiliary Force	1	12	20	...	1	59	23	...	874	990		
TOTALS	6	17	31	3	5	3	14	91	35	46	1161	1412	...	47

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The Commander of Batteries.

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B.

FIGURE of Merit of Trained Men of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Musketry Course ending December 31st, 1894, (Individual Firing.)

Corps.	No. of Men Fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds fired per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.			
						Marksmen.	First Class Shots.	Second Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.
Launceston Artillery	21	M.-H. R.	42	2560	58.04	12	4	3	2
Southern Tasmanian Artillery...	28	M.-H. C.	36	1644	32.61	—	5	7	16
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	20	M.-H. R.	42	1851	44.07	2	4	7	7
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment	46	M.-H. R.	42	3913	40.50	3	8	14	21
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	28	M.-H. R.	42	2559	43.52	5	4	6	13
Auxiliary Force	382	M.-H. R.	42	41,082	50.46	86	97	131	68
Launceston Police.....	23	M.-H. R.	42	2395	43.76	6	3	11	3

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C.

FIGURE of Merit of Recruits of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1894, (Individual Firing.)

Corps.	No. of Men fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds fired per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.		Remarks.
						First Class Shots.	Recruits in Musketry Sense.	
Launceston Artillery	14	M.-H. R.	28	778	39.69	5	9	
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	3	M.-H. R.	28	83	19.76	...	3	
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment ...	25	M.-H. R.	28	1060	30.28	4	21	
Launceston Rifle Regiment ...	22	M.-H. R.	28	999	32.43	5	17	
Auxiliary Force	350	M.-H. R.	28	19,839	41.15	102	248	
Launceston Police	2	M.-H. R.	28	156	55.78	2	...	

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AUXILIARY FORCE.

STATE of the Auxiliary Force on December 31, 1894, showing Number of Efficient, and Result of Musketry Course.

Company.	Detachment.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Buglers.	Rank and File.	TOTAL.	No. of Efficient.	No. of Trained Men Fired.	Figure of Merit.		No. of Recruits Fired.	Figure of Merit.		Best Shot in Detachment, with No. of Points gained.	Remarks.
											Individual Firing.	Field Firing.		Individual Firing.	Individual Attack.		
Dorset.....	Scottsdale	1	...	3	1	35	40	15	18	55.26	80.50	7	50.20	...	Private H. B. Holmes points 153 Sergeant T. Wall 153	
	Derby .....	...	...	...	2	...	24	26	18	15	55.11	45.11	4	46.42	...
Mersey	Devonport, East.	1	...	1	1	20	23	23	No record of musketry..... Did not fire course..... Only one man fired (Corp. T. Clarke.) Lieut. Pitt 150 Sergt. H. W. Brown 149 Private W. Cotton 186	Efficient only in drill. Ditto. Ditto.
	Devonport, West .....	...	...	...	2	1	25	28	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Northdown .....	...	...	1	1	...	21	23	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midland	Campbell Town.	1	1	1	2	43	48	41	23	53.54	89.47	19	38.94	76.31	Lieut. Pitt 150 Sergt. H. W. Brown 149 Private W. Cotton 186	
	Ross .....	...	...	2	2	1	36	41	38	36	49.40	55.92	4	51.07	76.66
	Swansea.....	...	...	2	1	17	20	18	18	13	45.53	59.64	7	33.97	56.66
West Devon	Ulverstone*	1	...	3	1	18	23	14	Musketry course not carried out... Private G. Wellard 142 Private T. Stott 144 Sergt. T. Bingham..... 112	Ditto:	
	Forth.....	1	1	1	19	22	16	9	36.57	46.66	6	36.66			66.66
	Penguin	2	...	29	31	12	14	48.87	...	10	48.21			48.33
	Castra	1	1	...	29	31	16	11	40.69	...	11	26.88			...
Clyde	Hollow Tree.....	1	1	12	14	10	14	58.91	68.37	Col.-Sergt. E. Andrews 146	
Channel	Little Oyster Cove	1	1	...	17	19	18	11	63.37	77.33	7	37.85	52.85	Private H. E. Meredith 170 Private F. Groombridge 130 Sergt. C. C. Meredith 163	3rd best shot in Regiment.
	Kingston .....	...	...	...	2	...	10	12	7	7	45.44	81.80	3	44.76	...
	Margate .....	...	...	...	1	...	18	19	19	15	56.31	44.21	7	45.81	...
East Devon.....	Sheffield	1	1	4	1	40	47	46	23	65.27	78.07	24	41.45	64.78	Sergt. J. Maclean 174	Best shot in Regiment.
South Channel.	Dover	1	...	1	1	19	22			
Wellington ..	Burnie	1	...	2	...	18	21	9	7	69.93	57.33	2	55.35	40.00	Sergt. J. Tong 171 Private W. H. Old, recruit 90 Private F. Stutterd 112 Private S. H. Emmett 142 Col.-Sergt. J. Crawford 153	2nd ditto.
	Somerset .....	...	...	1	1	...	15	17	6	1	...	...	10	46.44	64.44
	Table Cape .....	...	...	1	1	...	9	11	6	6	47.61	81.11	...	...	...
	Stanley .....	...	...	1	3	1	23	28	26	13	48.31	42.85	11	43.50	73.62
	Waratah .....	...	...	1	1	1	29	32	21	16	47.79	...	12	38.57	...

Tamar	Beaconsfield	...	...	2	1	22	25	22	8	44-46	74-46	15	34-80	40-00	Private I. Dazeley	136	
	George Town	...	...	1	1	14	16	8	...	...	...	8	34-46	55-55	Private A. G. Lane	141	
Esk	Longford & Cressy	...	1	1	1	1	46	50	47	14	44-18	70-92	35	26-28	50-42	Private G. Drew	163
	Carrick	...	...	...	2	...	12	14	13	5	46-00	62-62	9	37-30	50-00	Private W. J. Turner	110
Cornwall	Fingul	...	1	...	1	...	18	20	18	12	51-23	72-96	6	41-54	68-33	Private M. Curtis	142
	Avoca	...	...	...	2	1	14	17	17	4	46-90	81-39	13	36-75	71-53	Sergt. A. Barnes	114
	St. Mary's	...	...	1	...	...	26	27	10	5	49-04	62-29	13	31-64	77-50	Private W. Binns	147
Huon	Geeveston	...	1	...	2	1	36	40	24	6	50-63	61-76	23	47-70	...	Corp. J. Drake	137
	Huonville	...	...	1	1	...	26	28	9	8	44-58	68-83	12	40-60	63-63	Private W. Ball	131
Meander	Deloraine	...	1	1	3	1	38	44	43	14	55-30	68-86	28	39-33	47-77	Lieut. B. Smith	152
	Westbury	...	...	1	1	1	19	22	16	6	45-29	74-16	13	47-77	60-00	Corp. C. Barnard	111
	Chudleigh	...	...	...	1	1	15	17	16	14	51-04	62-82	3	+	...	Private V. Horne	126
Derwent	Brighton	...	...	1	1	...	21	23	20	8	52-55	54-52	17	47-64	62-72	Lieut. J. Gatty	154
Portland	Gould's Country	...	...	1	...	1	11	13	11	6	53-54	49-00	4	40-35	57-50	Private A. Robinson	132
	Staff	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS		1	12	20	59	23	874	989	705	382	50-46	64-28	350	41-15	58-87		

* No returns received at Head Quarters till April 5.

† Wrong course.

The Commander of Batteries.

ERNEST T. WALLACK, Major, Staff Adjutant.
April 5, 1895.

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