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REPORT BY THE COMMANDANT

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Head Quarters, Hobart, 11th July, 1892.

SIR,

Land Defences.

I DESIRE again to draw your attention to the Report of the Australian Defence Committee submitted with my last Annual Report, and to strongly urge that the recommendations for improvement of the defences generally be carried out as soon as practicable.

With regard to the Tamar, in the year 1885 (Loans Bill, 49 Vict. No. 45) £1000 was voted for the erection of a battery at Brown's Bluff. By reference to books in this office, I find £130 15s. 2d. recorded as having been spent on purchase of land, &c., which leaves an unexpended balance of £869 4s. 10d. I strongly advise that this amount be spent in erecting a work on the elevation south east of Garden Island for the reception of the two 40-pr. B.L. guns and the one 64-pr. M.L. gun, as recommended by the Australian Defence Committee, and that, if possible, the services of Major Hannay, R.E., be obtained from the Victorian Government to plan and superintend the work.

In my last Report I drew particular attention to the fact that the ground in rear of the Kangaroo Bluff Battery was being fenced off into allotments, and concluded, "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."

Bricks and other material are now being deposited on one of these allotments, and I understand it is the intention of the owner to build a house.

Camp of Exercise.

I greatly regret that, in consequence of the financial depression existing, the Camp of Exercise was struck out of the programme of military instruction for this year. No Camp was held in 1888, and the uncertainty since that date as to whether there is to be a Camp or not has had an injurious effect on the Defence Force, which is not improved by its omission this year. The necessity for a Camp increases every year. Men get tired of the monotony of night drills on the Barrack Square; and every man who takes an interest and desires to become an efficient soldier looks forward to the annual training in camp to be taught practically the manifold duties which must fall to his lot if called out for service. It also causes a healthy spirit of rivalry, each Corps endeavouring to excel the other in "turn-out" drill and the performance of the various duties. The strict discipline enforced for the four days is most beneficial to all ranks. With the Auxiliary Force it is even more essential, as it is the only occasion in the year that the Force is brought together and can be exercised as a battalion. It must be remembered that the Auxiliary Force is distributed in 46 detachments all over the Colony. Great interest in the Camp is taken by all ranks, and its suspension this year has caused the greatest disappointment all over the Colony.

Permanent Artillery.

Present strength :—Warrant officer, 1 ; quartermaster sergeant, 1 ; sergeant, 1 ; corporals, 2 ; bombardiers, 2 ; acting bombardier, 1 ; gunners, 20. Total, 28.

Since my last Report 3 non-commissioned officers and 3 gunners re-engaged on expiration of their engagements for a further term of service. Two non-commissioned officers and 5 gunners took their discharges on completion of engagement. One of these gunners subsequently re-enlisted.

One gunner was dismissed for drunkenness.

The corps was struck off all duty for its annual training on the 8th November, 1891.

Launceston Artillery.

The strength of this corps on the 1st June, 1892, was 72 of all ranks. Cadets, 18. Five cadets have since my last Report been transferred to the corps. Classified as efficient for the year ending 31st December, 1891, 73 of all ranks and 18 cadets.

The two 12-pounder B.L. guns have been issued to the corps, and a sum of money sanctioned for annual training and horsing the guns on certain occasions, which places this corps on the same footing as the Southern Tasmanian Artillery.

I have held since my last Report four inspections. As is usual with this corps, the muster on each occasion was excellent, and the turn-out smart. All ranks take great interest in their work, and are zealous in the performance of their duties.

On the 7th November, 1891, the corps proceeded to George Town to carry out their annual gun practice, and encamped there until the afternoon of the 9th. The advance party, with guns and camp equipment, proceeded on the 6th, and returned to Launceston on the 10th. The Marine Board kindly placed the steam-tug *Wybia* at the disposal of the Defence Authorities to convey the troops to and from George Town.

The cadets attached to this corps are sturdy, well-grown lads. They take a pleasure in their work, and are a credit to the corps.

Southern Tasmanian Artillery.

The strength of this corps on the 1st June, 1892, was 78 of all ranks. Number of efficient on the 31st December, 1892, 58.

The annual training was carried out in October last.

As pointed out in my last Report the deficiency in the numbers required to man the guns in the batteries at Hobart is most serious. Every endeavour has been made to recruit the corps up to its establishment, but without success. For the remedy I can only refer to my recommendations in last year's Report.

Four inspections have been held by me. The musters were fair, the turn-out smart, and the drill good. All ranks are zealous in the performance of their duties.

Captain Castray has been placed on the Unattached List, Mr. L. S. Forrest appointed a Provisional Lieutenant, and Quartermaster-Sergeant C. R. Atkins to Quartermaster.

Torpedo Corps.

Strength on the 1st June, 1892, 67 of all ranks. Classed as efficient on the 31st December, 1891, 57.

I have held four inspections of this corps. As a rule the attendance has been good. The men turn out well and have improved in their infantry drill and manual and firing exercises. I was particularly pleased with the signalling of the corps. Great improvements have taken place in the arrangement of appliances, &c. for instruction of the men in their duties as submarine miners. The annual training of the corps was commenced on the 2nd November and concluded in December, 1891.

The engagement of the Instructor, Sergt.-Major Hardy, R.E., expired on the 10th February, but, with the consent of the War Office Authorities, he has renewed his engagement with the Colony for a further term of five years.

Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.

Strength on the 1st June, 1892, 134 of all ranks. Classed as efficient for year ending 31st December, 1891, 102.

Four inspections have been held during the past twelve months; the attendance has only been fair. The abolition of the Camp this year has not tended to improve the attendance.

The rank and file consist chiefly of young men who require a great deal of careful training. The drill is improving. A small amount has been placed at my disposal this year for daylight drills, which I trust will have the effect of greatly improving the efficiency of the corps.

The instructor to this corps, Sergt.-Major Alderton, after rendering long and faithful service to the Colony, was, on 1st April, 1892, granted nine months' leave of absence on retirement. I was fortunate in obtaining the services of a N.C. officer to replace him, who had only been discharged from the Imperial Army on the 27th December, 1891, (Colour-Sergt. J. Costello, Royal Irish Fusiliers). This N.C. officer is in possession of excellent certificates from the commanding officers as to his conduct and capabilities as a drill instructor.

The whole of the Sergeants are now attending a special class conducted by Sergt.-Major Costello on Thursday evenings, for instruction in "The Provisional Infantry Drill Book, 1892."

The lamented death of Captain E. P. Wilson removed from this regiment an officer who had always taken great interest in its welfare. The other changes in officers are Captain J. B. Penny to unattached list; Lieut. W. J. J. Reynolds to be Captain, *vice* Wilson; Mr. J. T. B. Hickson (late Captain N.Z.V.F.) to be Provisional Lieutenant.

In consequence of the corps being considerably under its establishment I have not considered it advisable to fill up the vacant captaincy caused by the transfer of Captain Penny to the unattached list.

Launceston Rifle Regiment.

Strength on the 1st June, 1892, 150. Classed as efficient for the year ending 31st December 1891, 85, inclusive of band.

I regret having to remark on the large percentage of non-efficient in this regiment. The Commanding Officer is most zealous and energetic, and the Instructor, Sergt.-Major Welsh, indefatigable in his exertions, and yet the percentage of non-efficient is considerably in excess of all other corps. When addressing the men on parade I have made a practice of pointing out that unless men intend to be efficient they had better not enrol. I believe the attraction at the Launceston Exhibition at the latter end of the year is partly the cause of the small number efficient.

Four inspections have been held by me. The attendance was only moderate, and consisted principally of men who take an interest in their work, and are regular attendants. The turn-out was clean and smart, and, as a rule, the drill good.

With a view to improving the efficiency of the corps, a similar amount to that granted to the Tasmanian Rifle Regiment has been set aside for daylight drills. A class of instruction for N.C. officers in "Provisional Infantry Drill, 1892," is now being conducted by Sergt.-Major Welsh.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the Commanding Officer was able again in November to take advantage of the transport provided for the Launceston Artillery to carry out their annual practice, and formed a camp at George Town from the 7th to the 9th November. On the last day they were inspected by me. Number present, L.R.R., 9 officers and 55 N.C. officers and men; Tamar Company Auxiliary Force, 1 officer, 19 N.C. officers and men; Cadets, 26; and also the High School Cadet Corps. Good work was done at this camp, and credit is due to those who attended.

The Cadet Corps attached to this regiment now numbers 70. Thirty-two rendered themselves efficient last year. Captain Kirkland is still in command. Eight cadets have since my last Report been transferred to the Rifle Regiment.

The following officers have retired:—Provisional Captain E. L. Chambers and Lieut. G. Cragg.

Auxiliary Force.

The strength of this Force on the 31st December, 1891, was 1251, and the number of all ranks who made themselves efficient for the year 1891 is 941. This is a considerable improvement in the percentage of efficient as compared with the previous year, when the enrolled strength was 1490, and the efficient only numbered 869. The reduction in the enrolled strength may be accounted for—

1. By the non-enrolment by officers commanding detachments of men who did not show any zeal by regular attendance at drill and had no excuses for not making themselves efficient.
2. By the occupations of others compelling them to leave the district.

The present strength of the Force is 1272.

Four detachments have been disbanded, viz. :—Moorina, Latrobe, Oatlands, and Ouse.

The Head Quarters of the East Devon Rifle Company has been transferred to Sheffield. The Northdown detachment has been transferred from the East Devon to the Mersey Company.

Two new detachments have been formed, one at Castra and the other at Waratah, with an enrolled strength of 40 each. Both give every promise of being a success.

The formation of a company in the Clarence District, to be called "The Clarence Rifle Company," was approved and gazetted on the 17th March last, but up to this date I have received no roll of members enrolled.

The Force consists of 46 detachments, forming 17 companies, and are scattered all over the Island. To visit all these detachments I have only the full services of two Instructors appointed for the Auxiliary Force, and the partial services of the two Infantry Instructors of the Defence Force. I do not consider this number sufficient to impart the necessary instruction to make the men thoroughly efficient. In Victoria an Instructor is allowed for each company of "The Rangers," which is a similar Force to the Auxiliary Force of Tasmania.

I have, in my estimate for expenditure in 1893, recommended the appointment of another Instructor, which, if sanctioned, will be of great assistance in increasing efficiency. But as soon as the financial depression is removed, I would strongly recommend a further increase in the number of Instructors, which would enable me to bring up the efficiency of the Force equal to that of any other Colony.

The Fourth Class of Instruction for officers and N.C. officers commenced at Hobart on the 10th May last and concluded on the 28th May. Eleven officers and 36 N.C. officers attended, many at great personal inconvenience and at a pecuniary loss. The officers received travelling expenses and 5s. per diem, N.C. officers travelling expenses, messing, and lodgings only. The latter were accommodated in barracks. I trust that as soon as the present Industrial School buildings are handed over to the Defence Department I shall be able to provide quarters for the officers in the Barracks.

I cannot speak too highly of the conduct and zeal of those who attended this class. All did their best, but in one or two instances I observed that sufficient care had not been exercised by officers commanding detachments in selecting intelligent men for appointment as N.C. officers. The class was placed under the command of Major Wallack. His report will be found in the Appendix.

On Saturday, the 16th April, I held a very successful daylight inspection of the Mersey and West Devon Rifle Companies at East Devonport, 106 of all ranks being present.

General.

Church parades were held at Hobart and Launceston on the 23rd May: The usual Queen's Birthday parades were held at Hobart and Launceston on the 24th May. At Hobart, 327, including school cadets, were present; at Launceston, 214.

M.H. ammunition for Musketry Course, 1891, was issued free to both Hobart and Launceston Police.

I have much pleasure in reporting that Major Wallack, Staff Adjutant, has during the past twelve months rendered me every assistance, and has been zealous in the performance of his duties.

School Cadet Corps.

The Hutchins' School Cadet Corps at Hobart is progressing, and attended the Church and Queen's Birthday parades.

The High School Cadet Corps at Launceston is also in a very satisfactory state, and attended the Church and Queen's Birthday parades at Launceston. I have received most favourable reports of their steadiness in the ranks.

A cadet corps has also been formed at Horton College. I have not yet had an opportunity of inspecting them, but I understand from reports received that very satisfactory progress has been made.

Mounted Rifle Company.

I trust a capitation grant, to enable this company to be formed, will be provided for 1893.

The following Returns will be found in the Appendix :—

- A. Return of Efficients for year ending 31st December, 1891.
- B. Strength of the Tasmanian Forces on the 1st June, 1892.
- C. Recruits enrolled for Defence Force between the 31st December, 1891, and the 1st June, 1892.
- D. Result of Musketry Course, 1891, Trained Men and Auxiliary Force.
- E. Result of Musketry Course, 1891, Recruits, Defence Force.
- F. Report on Class of Instruction, Auxiliary Force.
- G. Return of Efficients, and result of Musketry Course, Auxiliary Force, for 1891.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. WARNER, *Colonel, Commandant.*

The Honorable the Minister of Defence.

A.

EFFICIENCY Return of the Tasmanian Defence Forces for the Year ending 31st December, 1891.

Corps.	Number of Efficients.	Cadets.	TOTAL.
Launceston Artillery.....	73	18	
Southern Tasmanian Artillery.....	58		
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.....	57		
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	102		
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	85	32	
Garrison Band.....	23		
Auxiliary Force.....	941		
TOTALS.....	1339	50	1389

A. H. WARNER, *Colonel, Commandant.*

B.

STRENGTH of the Tasmanian Defence Force on 1st June, 1892.

Corps.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Surgeons.	Pay & Quarter- masters.	Warrant Officers	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters and Buglers.	Band.	Rank and File.	TOTAL.	Remarks.	Cadets.
General Staff.....	3	4	7	Includes Commander of Batteries and two Instructors for Auxiliary Force.	18
Tasmanian Permanent Artillery.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	25	28
Ditto Torpedo and Artificers	2	1	2	5	Includes Submarine Mining Instructor, Torpedo Expert, and Battery Artificers.	80
Launceston Artillery	1	2	1	...	...	1	3	4	2	...	58	72
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	1	1	2	1	1	6	2	...	64	78	...	70
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps.....	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	5	2	...	56	67
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment.....	1	2	2	1	1	...	2	12	7	...	106	134		
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	2	2	5	1	2	...	5	16	4	23	90	150		
Transport Corps	1	8	9	This state is compiled from returns rendered by the Commanding Officer of each Corps.	88
Garrison Band .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	23	...	25
Auxiliary Force .....	...	14	31	...	1	...	...	80	36	...	1110	1272
TOTALS	8	22	43	3	5	9	13	126	53	46	1519	1847	...	

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

RETURN of Recruits joined since 31st December, 1891, to 1st June, 1892.

Corps.	Recruits joined.
Launceston Artillery	3
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	3
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	3
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment	8
Launceston Rifle Regiment	18
Ditto, Cadets	19
Garrison Band	6
TOTALS	60

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

D.

FIGURE of Merit of Trained Men of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Force for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1891.

Corps.	No. of Men Fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.				Remarks.
						Marksmen.	First Class Shots.	Second Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.	
Tasmanian Permanent Artillery ...	27	M.-H. C.	60	3152	183·77	16	6	1	4	
Launceston Artillery	17	M.-H. R.	60	2022	165·99	5	4	7	1	Musketry course voluntary.
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	30	M.-H. C.	60	2779	125·96	10	7	6	7	Musketry course voluntary.
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	38	M.-H. R.	50	3366	88·57	9	7	6	16	Musketry course voluntary.
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment	73	M.-H. R.	50	6015	53·61	4	15	14	40	
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	52	M.-H. R.	50	4226	48·26	9	5	7	31	
Auxiliary Force	1048	M.-H. R.	50	91,541	73·60	167	196	178	507	

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

E.

FIGURE of Merit of Recruits of the under-mentioned Corps of the Tasmanian Defence Force for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1891.

Corps.	No. of Men fired.	Weapon.	Rounds per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.			Remarks.
						First Class Shots.	Second Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.	
Launceston Artillery	9	M.H.R.	50	566	62.88	1	3	5	
Southern Tasmanian Artillery	Nil.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tasmanian Torpedo Corps	3	M.H.R.	50	285	95.00	2	—	1	
Tasmanian Rifle Regiment	31	M.H.R.	50	3110	100.32	7	15	9	
Launceston Rifle Regiment.....	24	M.H.R.	50	1388	57.83	—	8	16	

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

F.

From the Staff Adjutant to the Commandant.

Head Quarters Office, Hobart, June 1st, 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report on the Class of Instruction for Officers and N.C. Officers of the Auxiliary Force, which closed at the Barracks, Hobart, on the 28th of last month. The hours of parade were the same as at the last class, viz., 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., and 2.15 P.M. to 4.15 P.M., and 7.30 P.M. to 8.45 P.M.

Accommodation was provided for the N.C. Officers in the Barracks, two rooms being set apart for them.

The Class commenced on May 10th, when 3 Officers and 7 N.C. Officers joined; others kept on arriving till the 21st; the total number being as follows:—Officers, 11; Non-commissioned Officers, 36; total, 47.

This is the largest Class yet held. The course of instruction comprised Squad and Company Drill, Manual and Firing Exercises, Theoretical Principles of Musketry, Guards and Guard Mounting.

Lectures were given in the evening on the Defence of Defiles, Bridges, Woods, and Fire Discipline, by the Commandant; and on Drill, Musketry, and Guards, &c., by myself.

I again have great pleasure in bringing to your notice the zeal shown by all members of the Class, and the cheerful way in which they submitted to the strictest discipline.

During the Class, 4 Officers and 21 N.C. Officers passed satisfactory examinations. Six of the Corporals passed the examination laid down for Sergeants.

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

I also enclose certificates for issue to the successful candidates.

I should add the Class was instructed in the New Infantry Drill of 1892.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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

G.
AUXILIARY FORCE.

RETURN showing Result of Annual Course of Musketry and Number of Efficient for the Year 1891.

No. in Order of Merit as a Company.	Name of Company.	No. in Order of Merit as a Detachment.	Name of Detachment.	No. of Members 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.			Attack Practice 540 to 150 Yds.			Rank and Name of Best Shot in each Detachment.		No. of Efficient.	No. of Extra Efficient.
					100 to 300 Yards.	400 to 600 Yards.	700 Yards.	TOTAL.		3rd Class.	2nd Class.	1st Class.	Marksmen.			No. of Men.	No. of Points.	Average.	No. of Men.	No. of Points.	Average.	Rank and Name.	No. of Points.		
1	Midland	23	Campbell Town	35	1358	1142	557	3057	87.34	15	9	9	2	131.79	75.91	25	712.84	25	411.64	Corporal	Phillips, W.	153	36	18	
		1	Ross	39	1951	1909	859	4719	121.	—	5	22	12		208.17	36	2085.77	36	1363.77	Lieut.	Bennett, W. R.	175	38	23	
		34	Cleveland	10	322	288	85	695	69.50	6	2	1	1		29.50	7	131.85	5	20.4	Sergeant	Murtagh, D.	135	6	3	
2	East Devon	...	Latrobe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	127.78	84.62	16	96.6	16	684.25	Corporal	Clarke, T.	138	17	4
		19	Northdown	16	632	566	256	1454	90.87	8	1	4	3		146.96	36	2958.19	36	72.2	Private	Bilson, W.	162	35	9	
3	Dorset	11	Scottsdale	26	1197	1160	478	2835	109.03	9	4	5	8	108.08	124.42	18	734.05	18	392.16	Cr.-Sergt.	Ellis, S.	166	22	7	
		7	Sheffield	36	1659	1595	637	3891	108.08	9	4	12	11		90.38	23	592.56	24	281.16	Sergeant	Wall, T.	139	20	4	
4	Derwent	37	New Norfolk	13	443	351	106	900	69.23	9	2	2	...	103.78	15.38	...	...	...	...	Private	Silbereison, H. P.	113	9	...
		4	Brighton	12	675	486	156	1317	109.75	—	4	7	1		176.41	11	1059.54	11	413.72	Private	Webb, A. L.	131	12	...	
5	Channel	10	Ouse	13	647	475	205	1327	102.07	4	2	5	2	101.54	125.15	...	...	...	...	Private	Hanley, J.	137	5	...
		3	Little Oyster Cove	20	947	973	493	2413	120.65	3	2	4	11		180.65	19	301.57	19	743.89	Private	Jackson, W. C.	158	13	3	
6	Clyde	19	Kingston	19	529	570	169	1268	66.73	15	3	...	1	101.06	Nil.	...	...	...	...	Sergeant	Firth, H. C.	135	33	2
		9	Margate	16	702	682	320	1704	106.50	5	2	1	8		131.50	...	...	...	...	Sergeant	Meredith, C.	154	...	...
7	Mersey	33	Bothwell	25	956	772	301	2029	81.16	15	7	3	...	100.77	33.16	22	602.72	22	20.90	Private	Love, W.	126	4	2	
		2	Hollow Tree	18	885	862	370	2117	117.61	2	...	10	6		195.38	18	1126.22	18	351.94	Sergeant	Andrews, E.	146	12	...	
8	Cornwall	...	Devonport E.	98.30	22	11	No Rifle Range available.
		15	Don	9	406	365	136	937	100.77	4	1	...	4		100.77	Sergeant	Finlayson, G.	165	8	...
9	West Devon	26	Fingal	36	1423	1268	584	3275	90.97	18	6	8	4	97.94	74.30	36	216.6	36	772.13	Private	Lync, H.	152	35	10	
		6	Avoca	20	1065	905	327	2297	114.85	3	3	8	6		154.85	19	1326.94	19	894.68	Private	Clay, G. A.	158	20	10	
10	Meander	22	St. Mary's	26	1080	879	330	2289	83.03	14	1	3	8	80.81	76.49	20	87.4.35	20	783.90	Sergeant	King, J.	149	24	9	
		21	Ulverstone	24	1023	858	319	2200	91.66	9	9	3	3		79.16	24	813.37	24	451.87	Captain	Brown, H. G.	155	22	9	
10	Meander	24	Forth	28	1193	938	383	2514	89.78	14	4	5	5	80.81	75.49	29	1003.24	29	501.72	Sergeant	Hays, E. C.	161	28	18	
		8	Penguin	27	1300	1202	421	2923	108.25	6	7	7	7		137.88	27	1776.55	26	562.15	Lieut.	Bruce, J.	158	27	13	
10	Meander	...	Castra	80.81	30	...	No Rifle Range available.
		30	Deloraine	34	1242	1121	466	2829	83.20	19	6	3	6		53.79	34	2056.02	34	1955.73	Captain	Smith, C. J. L.	147	36	4	
10	Meander	20	Westbury	19	781	606	220	1607	84.57	8	4	5	2	80.81	79.31	10	47.4.70	10	303.	Sergeant	Baird,	147	7	3	
		5	Chudleigh	15	718	622	295	1635	109.	1	6	6	2		155.67	12	796.58	12	625.16	Private	Horne, L. L.	146	14	...	

No returns.

No Rifle Range available.
Ditto

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11	Wellington ...	14	Burnie	30	1358	1059	453	2870	95.66	11	6	4	9	73.99	102.33	26	1154.42	26	29	1.11	Sergeant	Tong, J.....	174	22	1			
		12	Somerset	19	850	744	243	1837	96.68	7	3	6	3		107.20	17	824.82	17	32	1.88	Private	Holmes, R. E.	152	17	8			
		35	Table Cape	28	1010	856	225	2091	74.67	19	5	3	1		21.10	28	1124.	28	25	.89	Sergeant	Tyrell, T. J.	132	28	6			
12	Tamar	29	Lefroy	40	1634	1292	498	3424	85.60	21	10	6	3	44.	55.60	37	1082.91	37	66	1.78	Private	Adams, C. C.	139	41	1			
		17	Beaconsfield	23	885	857	330	2072	90.08	8	7	5	3		90.08	21	1245.90	21	33	1.57	Private	Allison, W.	148	22	...			
		...	George Town ...	19	515	317	80	912	49.57	17	1	1	...		...	15	473.13	15	14	.93	Private	Lathey, J.	111	11	1
13	Huon	36	Geeveston	33	1150	834	372	2356	71.39	23	5	5	...	36.06	16.85	...	...	...	...	...	Private	Lambert, G.	117	24	5
		28	Franklin	29	1012	984	380	2376	81.93	16	4	6	3		56.79	17	201.17	...	...	...	Private	Coleman, W.....	141	23	3
		25	Longford	26	1100	900	352	2352	90.46	14	2	5	5		29.45	...	75.08	20	1326.60	20	151	7.55	Private	Drew, G.	144	24	5	
14	Esk .....	...	Carrick	18	540	269	135	944	52.44	17	...	1	...	29.45	...	18	744.11	18	51	2.83	Corporal	Eastoe, C.	108	18	10		
		31	Dover	30	1264	919	351	2534	84.46	19	3	3	5		47.79	25	1034.12	25	115	4.60	Corporal	Pulfer, J.	141	26	...			
		...	Hastings	29	867	613	198	1678	57.86	23	2	4	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	Lieut.	Hay, J.	123	25	...
15	South Channel	...	St. Helen's	20	546	381	124	1051	52.55	18	2	...	...	20.53	...	...	...	...	...	...	Corporal	MacMichael, C.	98	12	7
		32	Gould's Country	20	681	605	263	1549	77.45	13	1	4	2		...	42.45	19	573.	19	22	1.15	Private	Meredith	134	19	6		
		...	Blue Tier	20	663	411	157	1236	61.80	15	4	...	1		...	16	342.12	16	12	.75	Private	Johnstone, W. ...	136	16	4			
16	Portland	13	Oatlands	12	513	460	184	1157	96.41	4	3	2	3	...	104.74	...	...	...	...	...	Private	Jones, T.	141	3	1
		...	Tunnack	32	834	422	106	1362	42.56	29	3	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	Private	Hyland, M.	91	6	4
		27	Stanley	40	1473	1343	602	3423	85.57	23	5	3	9		58.07	40	1674.17	40	98	2.45	Lieut.	Spicer, H. G. ...	161	41	13			
17	Somerset ...	18	Swansea	20	917	645	284	1846	92.30	7	7	3	3	...	87.32	20	668.30	20	26	1.30	Private	Cotton, W.	147	18	3			
		TOTAL.....			1048	41,959	35,441	14,141	91,541	87.34	507	178	196		167	73.60	—	761	3487	4.58	742	1930	2.60			—	941	242

The Figure of Merit is obtained by adding to the average of Individual Firing the percentage of First Class Shots and Marksmen, and then deducting the percentage of Third Class Shots.
Efficients are those members who attended 14 drills and upwards during the year ending 31st December, 1891.
Extra Efficients are those who made themselves Efficients as above, and also attended Camp of Exercise, 1891.

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ADDENDUM TO PAPER No. 44.

FIGURE of Merit of Trained Men of the under-mentioned Corps for the Musketry Course ending 31st December, 1891.

Corps.	No. of Men fired.	Weapon.	No. of Rounds per Man.	Total Points.	Figure of Merit.	Classification.				
						Volley Firing Figure of Merit.	Marksman.	First Class Shots.	Second Class Shots.	Third Class Shots.
Hobart City Police, Trained Men	30	Martini-Henry Rifle.	50	2215	23·32	—	1	5	3	21
Launceston City Police, Trained Men	26	Ditto	50	3005	146·34	7·04	7	8	4	7
Hobart City Police, Recruits...	4	Ditto	50	413	108·25	—	—	—	4	—

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