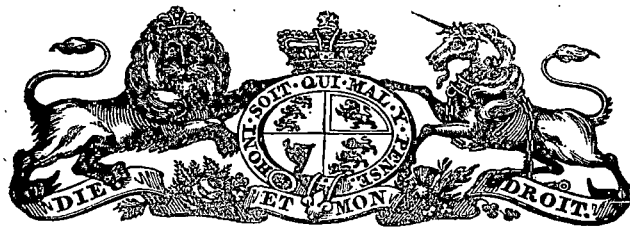


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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**VOLUNTEER FORCE.**

RETURN.

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Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, September 9, 1875, and ordered by the House to be printed.



MEMO.

THE Colonial Secretary requests Captain Tarleton to furnish a Return, in accordance with the subjoined Order of the House of Assembly, so far as relates to the Corps under his command.

B. TRAVERS SOLLY,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
31st July, 1875.

A Return of the state of the Volunteer Force at the present time in Tasmania; viz.—

1. How many Corps?
2. The number of Officers in Commission, and their respective ranks.
3. The number of Non-commissioned Officers, and their respective ranks.
4. The number of men on the Roll of each Corps.
5. When the Corps were last inspected in compliance with the Volunteer Regulations.
6. The number of Rifles and Accoutrements now issued to the said Corps, and who is responsible for them, and where are they now?
7. The condition of the said Arms and Accoutrements; when were they last officially inspected?  
(Mr. Lewis.)

Captain TARLETON, Commanding Hobart Town Volunteer Artillery.

MEMO.

THE information required by the House of Assembly is herewith supplied so far as it is in my power to furnish it.

W. TARLETON.  
Sept. 8, 1875.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Question No. 1.—The Hobart Town Volunteer Artillery.

Question No. 2.—Six; viz., 1 Captain Commandant, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 1 Surgeon, 1 Paymaster. The Commissions of the above officers not having been cancelled either by revocation, resignation, or the formal disbandment of the Corps, still remain in force.

Question No. 3.—Nil.

Question No. 4.—Nil.

The non-commissioned Officers and Gunners of the Corps engaged themselves in 1868 to serve for a period of three years, a term which has long since expired; they are accordingly no longer bound by the provisions of the Volunteer Act, and have long ceased to regard themselves bound to perform any volunteer duty.

Question No. 5.—On the 21st January, 1870, by Major Maycock, 14th Regt.

Question No. 6.—97 rifle carbines and sets of accoutrements are now outstanding in the hands of the late members of the Corps, the Government having never issued any orders for their recall. The men in whose hands they remain are, I presume, responsible for them under the Volunteer Act.

Question No. 7.—To the first part of this question I can make no reply. 21st January, 1870.

W. TARLETON.  
Sept. 8, 1875.

Launceston, 3rd August, 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, requesting a Return, as per order of the House of Assembly, of the state of the Volunteer Force under my command at the present time.

I now beg to forward you a Return comprising the required information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED HARRAP, Capt. Commdg. V.A.

B. T. SOLLY, Esq., Assistant Colonial Secretary,  
Hobart Town.

*RETURN showing the Number and Rank of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Gunners on the Roll of the LAUNCESTON VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY; when last officially inspected; the Number of Rifles and Accoutrements issued, who is responsible for them, where they are, in what condition, and when they were last inspected.*

| CORPS.   | DISTRIBUTION.   | Captain Commanding. | Lieutenant. | Surgeon. | Staff Sergeant Instructor of Artillery. | Sergeants. | Corporals. | Bombardiers. | Gunners. | Torai. | Date of last Official Inspection, by Major Maycock, 2-14th Regt. | No. of Rifles and Accoutrements originally issued to Corps. | Who is responsible for them. |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|---|------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Launceston Artillery   | Permanent Staff | 1                   | 1           | 1        | -                                       | 3          | 1          | 2            | 13       | 22     | 28th Jan. 1870.  | 100   | Capt. Commanding             |
|  | One Battery.... | -                   | -           | -        | 1                                       | -          | -          | -            | -        | 1      |  |   |                              |
|  |                 |                     |             |          |   |            |            |              |          |        | In what condition.   | When inspected.   |                              |
| No. of Arms issued to Members.....   |                 |                     |             |          |   |            |            |              | 20       | Good   | 24 May, 1875   |   |                              |
| No. of Arms in the Armoury at Volunteer Buildings in charge of the Sergeant Instructor ..... |                 |                     |             |          |   |            |            |              | 80       | Good   | Open to inspection at any time.                                  |   |                              |

REMARKS.—The state of the Volunteer Force having been so unsettled, I have only endeavoured to maintain a nucleus of the Force. When a man ceases to attend drill, he is struck off the Roll and his arms returned to store; this will account for the small number of men on the Roll, and the small number of arms which are out.

ALFRED HARRAP, Capt. Commandg. L. V. A.  
Launceston, 3rd August, 1875.