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Military Resources of Germany

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Y.S. Submitted

2. Enclosed was received by me in an envelope marked "Secret" under Y.S. direct therein I do not further acknowledge it.

3. I am I think right in saying that the Council office sends these ^{outside} confidential channels for the transmission of official information. All the information of any value is contained in the Annual Return of Naval and Military Resources which is confidential.

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Subsequent Paper.

~~Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.~~

M.O.3.,

**War Office,
London, S.W.**

B.M.Z.3004/M.O.3.

15 November, 1921,

Dear *Commandant*

We have just had printed the first post-war "Return showing Establishment, Strength, Organisation and Training of the Local Forces of the British Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates (exclusive of India and Egypt)". This publication, last printed in 1915, is compiled from the annual returns received from the Dominions and Colonies dated 31st. December, 1920.

2. The "Return" is an exceedingly useful book of reference for the War Office and is meant to give complete information regarding the local forces, including police, of the various portions of the Empire. Outside the War Office, it is the only source of information regarding the constitution, etc., of the Local Forces of the Empire.
3. It is realised that the information may, in some cases, require expanding, and may even be at fault in some details. Mistakes, where they exist will most likely be found in the details given under the headings of "Organisation" and "Training and Efficiency". We are anxious, however, for our next year's edition to be correct in every detail. I am, therefore, sending you the portion of the book which affects you and would be exceedingly obliged if you could let me have any corrections or additional details as regards the "Organisation" and the "Training and Efficiency" paragraphs. The figures relating to strengths and establishments of course came out of the annual returns you send in.
4. Although the annual returns received gave in themselves very complete information, difficulty in some cases was experienced in the compilation of the present edition on the following points :-
 - (1) Details of Organisation, etc. This was due to the fact that in some cases the War Office was not in possession of a complete set of Ordinances and in few cases did we possess the latest Rules and Regulations in force. I should be glad, therefore, if you would let me have a list of the Ordinances which have been promulgated since 1914, as well as a copy of the latest Rules and Regulations more especially as regards training and the requirements for "efficiency" of the various forces in your Colony.
 - (ii) In a few cases the details of training carried out in 1920 were lacking.
 - (iii) It will help us also if in Form "B", the number of machine guns, Lewis guns, rifles, etc., were entered under the heading of the various units to which they are allotted.

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I should also be much obliged if you could kindly obtain for me similar information and any corrections that are necessary in the case of the police. We are more particularly concerned with constabulary and semi-military police, their liability for military service, terms of service, etc. What we want to know is if the police in a Colony can be looked upon as available for use in formed bodies as part of a military organisation either for the maintenance of internal order or to resist aggression. This at present we do not in all cases know, since, if we ever had a complete set of police ordinances, they have been mislaid during the stress of war.

Yours sincerely,

*E. W. S. Charles,
Director G.S.*

The Commandant

Falkland Island Volunteers

*Stanley
Falkland Islands.*

	Establishment		Strength		Arms and Ammunition		Remarks
	Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks	Natures	Number and Source of Supply	
<p>FALKLAND ISLANDS.</p> <p>Volunteers.</p> <p>Falkland Islands Volunteers— Infantry—1 company.</p>		Not laid down.	1	71	M.L.E. rifles. 303 Maxim.	<p>M.L.E. short rifles, Mk. I. (130). M.L.E. long rifles, Mk. I. (15). 303 Maxim (tripod mounting, Mk. I.) (2). 12-pr. Q.F., Mk. I. (1). 2.5-inch R.M.L., Mk. I. (2). 9-pr. R.M.L. (2).</p> <p>All received from home government.</p>	<p>A small un-armed police force is maintained in the colony; it is not liable for military service.</p>

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Military Forces.

CONSTITUTION, ORGANIZATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

The *Volunteer Force* is constituted under the Volunteer Ordinance No. 5 of 1893 (amended by Volunteer Active Service Ordinance No. 4 of 1915). Volunteers are not liable for service beyond the limits of the colony without their consent. When on active service or undergoing training with His Majesty's regular forces, volunteers become subject to the Army Act where such Act is not inconsistent with the local Enactment. [It is laid down that no officer or volunteer shall for any offence be subject to the penalty of death.]

The volunteers are organized as any infantry company; included in the company is a Maxim detachment. A commandant of the force is appointed by the Governor. Half the force is recruited from the town of Stanley (headquarters) and half from the shepherds in the country districts. Men are British and may quit the service on giving 14 days' notice.

TRAINING AND EFFICIENCY.

1. For the instruction of the *Volunteers* a permanent instructor is retained.
2. For efficiency, recruits in their first year are required to attend 30 drills, complete a course of musketry and attend any annual inspection. Men in their second and subsequent years are required to attend 12 drills, a course of musketry and inspection. If absent from inspection both recruits and trained men are obliged to attend 2 extra drills.

The annual musketry course is 165 rounds per man and 200 rounds per machine gun.

POPULATION AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

<i>Estimated population</i> on 31st December, 1917	3,241
<i>Expenditure</i> for year ended 31st December, 1920, amounted to	£864

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

The Commandant,
Falkland Island Volunteers,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands



WAR OFFICE.

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