I. WEST INDIES, THE AMERICAS AND ISLANDS IN THE ATLANTIC

**Bahamas.**
**Barbados.**
**Bermuda.**
**British Guiana.**
**British Honduras.**
**Falkland Islands.**

**Jamaica.**
**Leeward Islands** (Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat).
**Trinidad and Tobago.**
**Windward Islands** (St. Lucia, Grenada and St. Vincent.)

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**BAHAMAS**

**AREA AND POPULATION**

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**Local Forces.**

The Bahamas have no Military Forces, and the Local Forces consist only of the Police Force, which is not liable for Military Service.

**POLICE**

Its duties are of a purely civil nature, and there is no statutory power authorising the employment of the Force upon Military Service, although the training is of a semi-military nature. The Force, which has an establishment of 2 officers and 112 other ranks, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, is under the control of a Commandant. Headquarters are at Nassau. The officers are Europeans, men are negroes, of whom 60 per cent are recruited in Barbados.

Enlistment is for six years, with re-engagement thereafter for periods of five years up to twenty-one years, after which re-engagement is for one-year periods up to a maximum of thirty years.

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**BARBADOS**

**AREA AND POPULATION**

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Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Barbados consist of the following:

Military Forces ...... Barbados Volunteer Force.
Volunteer Reserves.
Cadet Corps.
Barbados Rifle Association.

Police ............ Barbados Police Force.

The Police Force is liable for Military Service.

MILITARY FORCES

(a) Barbados Volunteer Force.

The Force, which consists of 3 Infantry Companies, Machine-gun Section and Band, with an establishment of 26 officers and 238 other ranks, is liable for service within the Colony only, and may be called out in aid of the Civil Power. Members may volunteer to serve with any of the Imperial Forces outside the Colony.

The Reserve consists of men who have served at least one term of enrolment in the Volunteers; members are subject to the provisions of the Volunteer Act. There is also a Reserve of Officers.

(b) Cadet Corps.

The Cadet Corps, of which there are three Companies, is attached to the Volunteer Force. Boys must be over 12 years of age. Two Companies are at Bridgetown, and one Company is at St. John's. The establishment is 2 officers and 43 other ranks.

(c) Barbados Rifle Association.

The Barbados Rifle Association is composed of Volunteers, Police and Civilians. It receives assistance from the Government in the form of free ammunition, but is not under obligation to serve in a military capacity.

BERMUDA

AREA AND POPULATION

Area .......... 50 sq. km.
Population (1924) ... 23,820.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Bermuda consist of:

Militia.
Volunteers.
Cadets.
MILITARY FORCES

(a) Militia.

The Force, which is maintained by the Imperial Government, is liable for service within the Colony only. The Force consists of two heavy batteries, with an establishment of 6 officers and 232 other ranks, and a Permanent Staff of 1 officer and 4 other ranks, with Headquarters at Bermuda. Enlistment is for six years.

(b) Volunteers.

The Corps is liable for service in Bermuda only. The Corps consists of four Companies with an establishment of 15 officers and 304 other ranks. Enlistment is for four years, with re-engagement by periods of four years up to the age of 50. Only white men are embodied.

(c) Cadets.

The Bermuda Cadet Corps is a semi-military organisation, closely allied to the Volunteers.

BRITISH GUIANA

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 231,749 sq. km².
Population (1924) . . 307,290.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in British Guiana consist of:

Military Forces . . . . Militia (Artillery, Infantry and Reserve).
Police . . . . . . . . British Guiana Police.

The Police are liable for Military Service in defence of the Colony.

MILITARY FORCES

(a) Militia.

Every male person who is a British subject between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and who possesses certain qualifications, is liable for service in the Force, and must register his name. The register of such persons now shows a total of 1,165. The strength of the Force is maintained primarily by volunteers who are on the register, but should the numbers so obtained be insufficient, the deficiency is raised by ballot. The Militia is liable for service in the Colony only, and when on active service becomes subject to the Army Act.
The Force, which comprises one Platoon of Artillery, two Platoons of Infantry and a Band, with an establishment of 22 officers and 221 other ranks, is stationed as follows: The Artillery Platoon at Georgetown (Headquarters) and the two Infantry Platoons at Georgetown and New Amsterdam respectively.

The Artillery Platoon consists of Europeans. Of the Infantry, one Platoon are Europeans and Creoles, and the other Platoon Creoles and West Indians. Men are enlisted for three years. The Artillery is armed with 4.7-inch Q.F. and 9-pdr. R.M.L. guns, and the Infantry with S.M.L.E. rifles, machine-guns and Lewis guns.

The Reserve consists of men who have served for three years in the Active Militia, and has a total strength of 445. Members of the Reserve can leave the Colony at will; besides this, a great number of them are employed in the interior and country districts, so that at most not more than two-thirds of the total number would be available for duty.

(b) Permanent Staff.

The Permanent Staff of the Local Forces comprises a Staff Officer to Local Forces, Regimental Sergeant-Major, 1 Artillery Instructor, 1 Drill Instructor and 1 Armourer.

B. POLICE

The Police Force is a semi-military body. It is available for service in defence of the Colony against external aggression and for the repression of internal disturbance. The Force consists of Mounted and Foot Police. The establishment of the former is 40 other ranks, and of the latter 18 officers and 770 other ranks.

BRITISH HONDURAS

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 22,268 sq. km.
Population (1924) . . 47,132.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in British Honduras consist of:

Military Forces . . . . . Volunteers (British Honduras Territorial Force).

Police . . . . . . . . . British Honduras Police Force.

The Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

Volunteers.

The Force consists of twelve Companies (establishment 36 officers and 386 other ranks), and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, Vickers and Lewis guns. Members are not liable for service outside the Colony, except with their consent. In 1918 the Territorial Force (Compulsory Service) Ordinance was passed. This Act enabled the Governor during the Great War to increase the number of the Territorial Force by ballot if, in his opinion, it was insufficient
for the defence of the Colony. With certain exceptions, every male British subject between the ages of 18 and 50 years becomes eligible for service. The Act also gives power to the Governor to order universal service of eligible men to meet invasion or other emergency. Headquarters are at Belize; men are principally natives of the Colony and of the British West Indies; a small proportion are Europeans. Enlistment is for three years.

B. POLICE

In case of imminent danger of invasion or other sufficient emergency, the Governor can order that the Police Force shall become liable for Military Service and shall serve in any part of the Colony. Headquarters are at Belize, and the Force, which has an establishment of 2 officers and 141 other ranks, is distributed throughout the Colony. Men are natives of the Colony or of the British West Indies, and enlist for periods of one year.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 14,550 sq. km.
Population (1924) . . 3,534.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Falkland Islands consist of:

Military Forces The Defence Force (Active Force and a Reserve Force).
Police . . . The Police Force. Falkland Islands Police Force. (This Force is unarmed and not liable for Military Service.)

MILITARY FORCES

Every British male subject resident in the Colony, between the ages of 18 and 41 years, is liable for service in the Defence Force. The Defence Force is liable for service in the Colony only. Enrolment is for 2 years.

JAMAICA

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 11,526 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 916,620.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Jamaica consist of:

Military Forces . . . The West India Regiment.
Militia (Jamaica Militia Artillery).
Volunteers (Kingston Infantry and Jamaica Corps of Scouts).
Police . . . . . . . Jamaica Constabulary.

The Jamaica Constabulary is liable for Military Service in case of invasion.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The West India Regiment. — This is a regular Corps of the British Army and is liable for service outside the Colony. The Officers and Warrant Officers are seconded from the British Army Units. Other ranks are enlisted from West Indian native personnel. The regiment, which is organised with one Battalion, is administered by Military Headquarters at Jamaica and has an establishment of 23 officers and 670 other ranks.

(b) Militia. — Jamaica Militia Artillery. — The Corps (107 officers and other ranks) consists of one Heavy Battery, and is liable for service in Jamaica only.

(c) Volunteers. — Kingston Infantry Volunteers. — The Corps, which consists of one Company with an establishment of 4 officers and 100 other ranks, is constituted under the Volunteer Force Law of 1914, and is liable for service in Jamaica only.

(d) Jamaica Corps of Scouts. — The reorganisation of the Corps, which is a mounted body, is under consideration. At present there is only one Section in existence, with Headquarters at St. Ann, with a strength of 1 officer and 24 other ranks.

B. POLICE

The Force is partly under military organisation and discipline but is essentially a civil body.

LEEWARD ISLANDS

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . 1,816 sq. km.
Population (1922) . . . 122,505.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Leeward Islands consist of:

Cadets: Dominica Grammar School Cadets.

Police . . . . . . . . Leeward Islands Police Force.

The Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) Defence Forces. — (1) Antigua. — Members of the Force are not liable for service beyond the limits of the Presidency. The Force, Headquarters of which are at St. John, consists of one Company of Infantry, and is commanded by a Volunteer Officer. The strength of the Force is 67 all ranks.
(2) St. Kitts-Nevis. — This Force consists of one Company, and has a total strength of 80.

(3) Dominica. — This Force consists of one Company, with Headquarters at Roseau, with a total strength of 40.

(4) Montserrat. — This Defence Force consists of one Company, with Headquarters at Plymouth, with a strength of 1 officer and 25 other ranks.

(b) Defence Reserves. — Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica and Montserrat. — The Reserves are practically Rifle Clubs, whose affairs are managed by Committees, but whose members are liable for enrolment in the Defence Forces in case of need.

(c) Cadets. — There is a Cadet Corps in the Island of Dominica entitled the "Dominica Grammar School Cadets", which has a strength of about 30 boys.

B. POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 6 officers and 162 men, is under a Chief Inspector of Police and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles. Beyond the performance of ordinary police duties, the Force can be utilised for the defence of the Colony against external aggression, and is called out for actual service by the same proclamation as that calling out the Defence Forces.

Officers are Europeans; other ranks are coloured and black West Indians.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 5,118 sq. km.
Population (1924) . . 381,753.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Trinidad and Tobago consist of:

Military Forces . Volunteers (Trinidad Light Horse; Trinidad Light Infantry and Reserve).
Volunteer Reserve.
Cadets.

Police . . . . . Trinidad Constabulary.

The Trinidad Constabulary is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) Volunteers. — The Volunteers are liable for service within the Colony only. The Force, under its own officers, is subject to the orders of the Commandant of the Local Forces, who is also Inspector-General of Constabulary.

The strength of the Force is as follows:

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(b) Cadets — There is a Cadet Force in the Colony with an establishment of 5 officers and 150 other ranks.

B. CONSTABULARY

This Force, which has an establishment of 20 officers and 877 constables, is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and machine-guns, and is liable for employment in the defence of the Colony as a Military Force.

An Ordinance dated September 24th, 1920, authorised the establishment of a Police Force for duty in connection with the Government Railway.

WINDWARD ISLANDS

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 1,349 sq. km.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Windward Islands consist of:

Military Forces . Volunteers (St. Lucia Volunteer Corps; St. Vincent Volunteer Corps).
Volunteer Reserves. 
Grenada — St. George’s Rifle Club.

Police . . . . . . . St. Lucia Police Force.
Grenada Police Force.
St. Vincent Police Force.

The Police Forces are all liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) St. Lucia Volunteer Corps. — This Force, which comprises one Section of Mounted Infantry, one Company of Infantry and a Machine-gun Section, is armed with Ross rifles and Maxim machine-guns, and is liable for military service within the Colony only. Headquarters and all Units of the Corps are at Castries. Men, who are natives of the West Indies (negro or mulatto), enlist for three years.

The Force has an establishment of 5 officers and 98 other ranks.

(b) The St. Vincent Volunteer Corps is liable for Military Service within the Colony only. The Force consists of one Company of Infantry, with an establishment of 3 officers and 62 other ranks, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles. Men who enlist for three years are either white, black or coloured West Indians.

B. POLICE

(a) St. Lucia Police Force. — The Force has an establishment of 3 officers and 66 men, armed with M.L.E. rifles. The Force is liable for Military Service.

(b) Grenada Police Force. — The Grenada Police Force (1 officer and 90 men) is now liable to be called on for Military Service.
(c) St. Vincent Police Force. — This Force, which has an establishment of 1 officer and 49 men, armed with M.E. rifles, is liable for Military Service within the Colony, and when on actual Military Service is subject to the provisions of the Army Act.

2. EUROPE

CYPRUS. — MALTA.

CYPRUS

AREA AND POPULATION

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Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Cyprus consist of the Police Force, which is not liable for Military Service.

Effective:

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MALTA

AREA AND POPULATION

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Local Forces.

At the present time the Local Forces consist of:

The Royal Malta Artillery.
The Royal Engineers (Militia), Malta Division.
The King's Own Malta Regiment.

The Royal Malta Artillery.

(a) Constitution. — This is a Regular Corps of the British Army and is liable for service outside the Colony. Enlistment is confined to Maltese.
(b) Terms of Service. — As for the Regular Army.
(c) Establishment:

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<td>421</td>
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**The Royal Engineers (Militia), Malta Division.**

(a) The Corps is not liable for service outside the Colony. Enlistment is voluntary and confined to Maltese.
(b) Terms of Service. — Enrolment is for five years. Re-engagement is permitted for periods of four years up to the age of 45.
(c) Establishment. — The officers are included in the establishment of the Fortress Company R.E., of the regular garrison.

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**The King’s Own Malta Regiment.**

(a) Constitution. — Enlistment is voluntary. The Unit is liable to service outside the Colony, and personnel when embodied are subject to the Army Act.
(b) Terms of Service. — 1 year with the Colours; 7 years with the Reserve. Re-engagement is permitted by periods of 1 year at a time for service with the Cadre.
(c) Establishment:

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3. **AFRICA**

(a) **EAST AFRICA**

**East Africa Military Forces in General.**

Tanganyika Territory.
Zanzibar Protectorate.
Somaliland.

**Kenya Colony.**

**Nyasaland.**

**Uganda.**

**East Africa Military Forces in General.**

I. Composition.

The Military Forces in East Africa consist of:

(a) The King’s African Rifles comprising:

1st Battalion, stationed in Nyasaland.

2nd » » » Tanganyika Territory.

¹ This is subject to variations, and will ultimately be reduced by 50.
² Establishment not yet decided.
3rd Battalion, stationed in Kenya Colony.
4th " " " Uganda.
5th " " " Kenya Colony.
6th " " " Tanganyika Territory.

(b) The Somaliland Camel Corps.
(c) Supply and Transport Department in Kenya Colony.
(d) A Reserve to the King's African Rifles.

The establishments for (a) and (b) are as follows:

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<td>Somaliland Camel Corps, K.A.R.</td>
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<td>Supply and Transport Department, K.A.R.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>11</td>
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¹ Included in the total of native other ranks are the Vickers and Lewis gun-carriers.

2. ORGANISATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) King's African Rifles. — The functions of the King's African Rifles, like those of the West African Frontier Force, are to ensure internal security and to suppress raids into the Colonies from outside.

Command, etc. — The King's African Rifles, which are constituted under similar Ordinances in Kenya Colony, Uganda, Nyasaland, and Tanganyika, are administered and trained under the Colonial Office by an Inspector-General with one Staff-Officer, with Headquarters at the Colonial Office. The King's African Rifles may be called upon to serve in any part of the world. In each Colony or Protectorate, the troops are under the orders of the Governor and quite independent of the troops in the other territories.

The term of enlistment is for six years, with periods of re-engagement for three years each up to a maximum of eighteen years.

Officers, Warrant Officers and a certain number of N.C.O.s are seconded for service from the Regular Army.

(b) Reserve. — A Reserve for the King's African Rifles was formed under the King's African Rifles Reserve Force Ordinance of 1914, consisting of men who have completed the term of service in the King's African Rifles, and who enlist in the Reserve. Reservists enlist for three years, and may engage for a further period of three years. Reservists may be called up in aid of civil power or on permanent service in case of emergency and for training not exceeding thirty-one days in any one year.

Each Battalion has its own separate Reserve.

3. TRAINING.

(a) The King's African Rifles are trained continuously on the lines laid down for the Regular Army, and the latest Musketry Regulations are taken generally as a guide in musketry training.

(b) Police. — See under the several Colonies.

(c) Defence Forces and Volunteers. — See under the several Colonies.
KENYA COLONY

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . 541,942 sq. km.
Population (1921) . . 2,639,632.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Kenya Colony consist of:

Military Forces. . . 3rd and 5th Battalions King's African Rifles.
Supply and Transport Services, King's African Rifles (Headquarters and two Districts).
Territorial Force. 1 Reserve, King's African Rifles.
Police. . . . . . . Kenya Police.

The Kenya Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

i. ORGANISATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) King's African Rifles. — The troops in the Colony are under the command of an O.C. Troops.

3rd Battalion King's African Rifles. — The 3rd Battalion consists of four Companies, including one Platoon of Mounted Infantry, a Depot, and a Band. Headquarters and the Depot are at Nairobi. In Turkana there are detachments of two and a half Companies at Lodwar, Mururessi, Karpeddo, Kakuma and Kalosia, and there is also a detachment at Gobwen, in Jubaland. The Mounted Infantry Platoon is employed in Turkana. The establishment of the Battalion is 27 officers and 781 other ranks.

5th Battalion King's African Rifles. — The 5th Battalion consists of four Companies, including one Mounted Company. Headquarters, the Depot and half Company of the Battalion are at Meru, and there are detachments at Barsaloi, Wajheir, Neboi, Marsabit and Moyali, in the Northern Frontier District, at Sankuri, Dolo and Serenli, in Jubaland. The total establishment is 29 officers and 943 other ranks. For further information, see East Africa, Military Forces in General.

(b) Reserve, King's African Rifles.— A Reserve, limited to an establishment of 500 other ranks, is maintained in the Colony as a reinforcement in an emergency for either or both Battalions.

(c) Supply and Transport Service, King's African Rifles. — This is a locally constituted Corps for service with the Military Forces in Kenya Colony only. It comprises mechanical (light Ford lorries), ox, donkey, and water transport Units.

(d) Territorial Force. — Ordinance No. 49 of 1921 (amended in 1922) provides for a Territorial Force based on compulsory and voluntary service of Europeans only. By the Ordinance the Force is liable to be called out for active or military service within the limits of the Colony and Protectorate, in aid of the civil power or for the prevention and suppression of internal disorder. When called up for service the Force is subject to military law. The term of service is for a minimum period of three years. The Ordinance provides for a Reserve of officers and also for the training of all boys between the ages of 12 and 17 years who are members of Cadet Corps. The Force is not yet established.

1 Has not yet (1925) been established.
(e) Reserve. — The Territorial Reserve, as provided for in the principal Ordinance, will consist of a Reserve of Officers and a Reserve of the rank and file. The Reserve of Officers is to be composed of officers who have previously served in the Regular or Territorial Army. They will serve in the Reserve for 2 years, with extension for a further period not exceeding 3 years. The Reserve of other ranks is to be composed of non-commissioned officers and men who have previously served with a satisfactory discharge certificate in either the Regular or Territorial Army.

2. Training.

(a) The King’s African Rifles. — See East Africa, Military Forces in General.

(b) Territorial Force. — Recruits in their first year: 40 drills, recruits’ course of musketry and the annual camp. Trained men: 10 drills, musketry course and the annual camp.

(c) Reserve. — Members of the Reserve will be attached to a Unit of the Territorial Force (Active) and will parade with such Unit at each annual inspection by the O.C. Troops. In addition, they will annually perform certain drills and complete a musketry course, as arranged by the O.C. Troops.

B. POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 23 officers and 1,956 men armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and Webley pistols, is a civil institution both as regards organisation and duty in time of peace. It can, however, be employed as a military Force when called upon by the Governor to discharge military duties. The Force is under the control of the Governor and is commanded by a Commissioner. Members are mostly natives of Africa, with a few Indians. The term of engagement is for three years.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . 124,947 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 1,210,165.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Nyasaland consist of:

Military Forces . . . 1st Battalion King’s African Rifles.
Reserve, King’s African Rifles.
Volunteer Reserve.

Police . . . . . Nyasaland Police.

The Nyasaland Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) 1st Battalion King’s African Rifles, which consists of two Companies, one Machine-gun Section (4 guns) and a Depot Company, is stationed at Zomba. For information regarding King’s African Rifles, see East Africa, Military Forces in General. The establishment is 17 officers and 424 other ranks.
Reserve. — A Reserve is maintained with an establishment of 200 and 376 other ranks for service in the 1st and 2nd Battalions, K.A.R., respectively.

(b) Volunteer Reserve. — On December 31st, 1921, the Volunteer Reserve had a strength of 270 (239 Europeans and 31 Indians) armed with S.M.L.E. rifles. In the event of war or serious disturbance threatening the Protectorate, the Governor may call out the members for service within the Protectorate.

B. POLICE

The Force is liable for Military Service in defence of the Protectorate against external aggression and for the repression of internal disturbances.

The Force, which has an establishment of 13 officers and 446 men, armed with M.L.E. rifles, is under a Chief Commissioner, and may consist of Europeans and natives, the period of enlistment for the latter being two years, with re-engagement for periods of one year. Headquarters and the Depot are at Zomba and the Force is distributed at that place and nineteen other stations.

UGANDA

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . . . 285,700 sq. km.
Population (1924) . . . 3,145,449.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Uganda consist of:

Military Forces . . . 4th Battalion King's African Rifles.
Reserve, King's African Rifles.
Volunteer Reserve (Uganda Rifle Corps).

Police . . . . . . . Uganda Police Force.

The Uganda Police is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The 4th Battalion King’s African Rifles consists of three Companies of three Platoons each, a Machine-gun Section and a Depot. Headquarters, Depot and one Company are at Bombo, and there are detachments of two Platoons at Entebbe, with the remainder of the Battalion distributed on the North-east Frontier. The establishment of the Battalion is 20 officers and 659 other ranks.

Reserve. — The Reserve has a strength of 750.

(b) Volunteer Reserve. — The Force may consist of Corps the minimum strength of each of which is not less than fifteen members.

The establishment of each District Rifle Corps is 100 all ranks.

In the event of war or disturbance threatening the Protectorate, the Governor may call out the members for service in the Protectorate.

B. POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 20 officers, and 1,316 native other ranks, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and machine-guns, was commanded and superintended up till February 1922 by an Inspector-General.

When a declaration of the existence of a state of war has been made, the Force may be called upon to serve with regular troops in the defence of the Protectorate.
TANGANYIKA TERRITORY

AREA AND POPULATION

Area ........ 937,634 sq. km.
Population (1921) .... 4,125,000.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Tanganyika Territory consist of:

Military Forces .... 2nd and 6th Battalions King's African Rifles.
Reserves, King's African Rifles.

Police ........ Tanganyika Police Force.

The Tanganyika Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The 2nd Battalion King's African Rifles consists of four Companies and 1 Machine-gun Section. Headquarters and 2 Companies are at Tabora, and there are detachments of one Company at Mwanza, Massoko and Iringa.

Reserve.—A Reserve, limited to 376 other ranks, is maintained in Nyasaland for this Battalion.

The personnel of this Reserve are all Nyasaland Africans.

(b) The 6th Battalion King's African Rifles consists of four Companies, 1 Machine-gun Section and a Depot. Headquarters, Depot and one Company, are at Dar-es-Salaam, and there are detachments at Arusha and other places.

For further information regarding King's African Rifles, see East Africa, Military Forces in General. The Senior Battalion Commander acts as O.C. Troops.

Reserve.—A Reserve, limited to 132 other ranks, is maintained for the 6th Battalion.

The personnel are Tanganyika natives and all reside in that territory.

B. POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 69 officers and 1,764 other ranks, and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, is under the command and direction of a Commissioner of Police, subject to the orders of the Governor. The Force can be employed as a Military Force when called upon by the Governor to perform military duties.

ZANZIBAR PROTECTORATE

AREA AND POPULATION

Area .... 2,642 sq. km.
Population (1924) .... 216,790.

Local Forces.

There are no Military Forces in Zanzibar Protectorate. The Police Force is organised on the lines of an armed constabulary and has an establishment of 6
officers and 613 other ranks. It consists of 4 Companies and is under a Commandant with headquarters at Zanzibar. The British Resident is empowered to call upon the Force to discharge military duties in the event of an emergency. The men are enlisted for 3 years for service in the Protectorate only.

The Force is exercised daily in the use of arms and every member fires an annual musketry course.

SOMALILAND

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . 86,000 sq. km.
Population (1926) . . 247,000.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Somaliland consist of:

Military Forces . . . Somaliland Camel Corps.
Somaliland Camel Corps Reserve.
Police . . . . . . . Somaliland Police Force.

The Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The Somaliland Camel Corps was raised in 1912 for the purpose of protecting our friendly tribes from raids and of repressing internal disorders, but was purely a civil body, and carried out non-military duties.

The Camel Corps has recently been incorporated in the King's African Rifles and it is administered under the same conditions. It now consists of Regimental Headquarters, 2 Camel Companies, 1 Pony Company, 1 Machine-gun Troop and 1 Depot.

(b) The Somaliland Camel Corps Reserve was formed on July 1st, 1920. It consists of one Company of 150 men, with Machine-gun Troop, and is recruited from men who have served their time in the Somali Companies. If necessary, the Company, on being called up in time of emergency, can be mounted, and full mounted equipment, etc., is available at the Depot.

B. POLICE

The Police Force, which has an establishment of 8 officers, 6 British warrant officers and 537 men, all of whom are Somalis or Africans from Nyasaland, is controlled by the Governor, and is under a Commandant, assisted by six Officers. Warrant Officers are seconded for a period of three years from their British regiments. Enlistment is for five years, with re-engagement. The Force, less a certain number of men who are required for town and district duties, is available for military purposes, and a Company of 150 men was formed and took part in the operations against the Mullah (1919-1920).
West Africa Military Forces in General.

1. Composition.

The Military Forces in West Africa, excluding Imperial Units, consist of:

(a) The West African Frontier Force, comprising the Nigeria Regiment, the Gold Coast Regiment, the Sierra Leone Battalion, and the Gambia Company.

(b) The Police in the various Colonies.

(c) Volunteer Corps and Rifle Clubs in the various Colonies.

2. Organisation, Command and Administration.

(a) West African Frontier Force. — This Force was raised in 1901, and is composed of whole-time Colonial Troops trained and armed like the Regular Army. It is administered and trained under the Colonial Office by an Inspector-General, assisted by two Staff Officers, with Headquarters at the Colonial Office.

Officers and white N.C.O.s are seconded from the Regular Army for a first tour of service in West Africa of 18 calendar months and for further tours of similar periods if recommended by the local authorities in the country.

The function of the West African Frontier Force in each Colony is threefold:

(a) For internal security.

(b) To provide a striking force to deal with inter-tribal trouble or insurrections.

(c) To supply a small Reserve, should it be required, to assist in case of trouble in any neighbouring West African Colonies.

Terms of enlistment: Six years with the Colours and three years with the Reserve, with re-engagement by terms of three years up to eighteen years with the Colours. Soldiers who have served twelve years or upwards with the Colours are exempt from service with the Reserve. The regimental transport is all carrier, no animals being employed.

(b) Establishment:

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Note. — These numbers include a total establishment for the W.A.F.F. of about 110 non-combatants for clerical and other non-fighting duties.
(c) Reserve.—A separate Reserve, for all Units of the West African Frontier Force, is in being and is constituted under separate and similar Ordinances for each respective Colony.

This Reserve consists of men who have completed a term of 6 or 9 years’ Colour service in the active Force and such other ex-soldiers of the W.A.F.F. as voluntarily enlist.

3. Training.

The Units of the West African Frontier Force are trained progressively on the lines laid down for the Regular Army. The latest manuals in all branches of training form the basis of all instruction.

4. Police.—See under the several Colonies.

5. Volunteers and Rifle Clubs.—See under the several Colonies.

GAMBIA RIVER COLONY

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 10,702 sq. km.
Population (1921) . . 210,530.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Gambia consist of:

Gambia Company Reserve.


The Gambia Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The Gambia Company, West African Frontier Force. — This Company, which consists of three Platoons, is charged with the defence of the Colony and Protectorate and with the maintenance of order.

It has a total establishment of 148 ranks.

(b) Reserve to Gambia Company, West African Frontier Force. — The establishment laid down for the Reserve is 100 other ranks. They are called up for training with the active Force for one month each year.

B. POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 2 officers and 154 other ranks, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and mountain guns, can be employed in the defence of the Colony by the authority of the Governor either within or without the limits of Gambia.
GOLD COAST

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . . 207,805 sq. km.
Population (1921) . . 2,078,043.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Gold Coast consist of:

   The Gold Coast Regiment Reserve, West African Frontier Force.
   The Gold Coast Volunteers.
   The Railway and Mines Volunteers.

Police . . . . Northern Territory Constabulary.
   Gold Coast Police.

The Northern Territory Constabulary is liable for Military Service, but the
Gold Coast Police is not.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) Gold Coast Regiment (West African Frontier Force). — The Regiment
   consists of:
   Headquarters.
   1 Pack Battery of 3.7-inch howitzers.
   4 Companies of Infantry.
   1 Machine-gun Platoon.
   1 Signal School.
   Depot.

The Regiment is recruited principally from the Northern Territories. The
total establishment is 36 officers and 1,062 other ranks.

For further information, see West Africa, Military Forces in General.

Reserve to the Gold Coast Regiment (West African Frontier Force). — The
establishment laid down for the Reserve is 380 other ranks.

(b) Gold Coast Volunteers. — The Volunteer Force consists of four
Companies of Infantry, one Section of Artillery, one Machine-gun Section and
one Ambulance Section. The officers are Europeans and the men natives.
Headquarters are at Accra, and detachments are at Cape Coast, Sekondi and
Quittah. In the event of invasion or rebellion the Force may be called out on
active service, but cannot be employed outside the limits of the Colony and
Ashanti. The officers, chiefly Government officials, are appointed by the
Governor.

The Artillery is armed with 7 pdr. R.M.L. guns, and the Infantry with
S.M.L.E. rifles.

(c) Railways and Mines Volunteers. — The Railways and Mines Volunteers
is a separate Corps, but is constituted under the same Ordinance as the Gold
Coast Volunteers and has similar liabilities. Its chief rôle in an emergency is to
protect the railways. Enrolment is for a period of 3 years.

B. POLICE

(a) Northern Territory Constabulary. — The Force, which is a semi-military
one, with an establishment of 5 officers and 419 men, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles
and Vickers guns, is under the command of a Commandant, and is statutorily
liable for Military Service within or beyond the limits of the Colony and Protectorate.

(b) *Gold Coast Police* (including Togoland). — The Force, which is a civil one, has an establishment of 28 officers and 1,517 men, armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, M.E. carbines and 12-bore shot guns, and is liable for service only in the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti.

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**NIGERIA**

**AREA AND POPULATION**

Area . . . . . . . 871,470 sq. km.
Population (1921) . . . 18,152,091.

**Local Forces.**

The Local Forces of Nigeria consist of:

Nigeria Regiment Reserve.

Police . . . . . . . Northern Police Force.
Southern Police Force.

The Police Forces are liable for Military Service.

**A. MILITARY FORCES**

(a) *The Nigeria Regiment* (West African Frontier Force). The Nigeria Regiment consists of:
- Headquarters.
- 1 Battery of Artillery (3.7-inch howitzer).
- 4 Battalions of Infantry.
- 1 Light Mortar Unit.
- 1 Signal School.
- Depot.

It has a total establishment of 3,599 ranks.

(b) *Reserve.* — The establishment for the Reserve is limited to 682 other ranks.

**B. POLICE**

(a) *The Northern Provinces Police Force.* — The Force has an establishment of 25 officers and 1,235 men, and is armed with M.E. carbines.

The Governor has power to call out the Force for Military Service in case of necessity, either within or beyond the limits of Nigeria.

The term of engagement is for six years, and men may be re-engaged up to eighteen years. The Headquarters of the Force are at Kaduna, and there are twelve Provincial Detachments, varying in strength from 60 to 180 men, according to local conditions.

(b) *The Southern Provinces Police Force* is commanded by an Inspector-General, who has under him a Deputy Inspector-General and a Staff Officer.

The Force has an establishment of 66 officers, 33 of whom are natives, and 2,006 men, and is armed with S.M.L.E. carbines.

The Force is divided into seven divisions, as follows: Colony, Western, Central, Owerri, Eastern, Anitsha and Cameroons Divisions. Each division is commanded by a Senior Commissioner, with one or more Commissioners or Assistant Commissioners to help him, and a certain number of native officers.
SIERRA LEONE

AREA AND POPULATION

Area ........ 70,586 sq. km.
Population (1921) .... 1,541,311.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Sierra Leone consist of:

Military Forces . . . The West African Regiment.
The Sierra Leone Battalion, West African Frontier Force.
The Sierra Leone Battalion Reserve, West African Frontier Force.

Police . . . . . Sierra Leone Police Force.
The Police Force is not liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) There is a Regular Regiment of Infantry, enlisted on the same lines as the British Regular Army, from West African natives, and is quartered at Freetown. The liabilities of the Regiment are the same as for the Regular Army.

Establishment:

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<td>Headquarters wing 3 Companies</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>16</td>
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(b) Sierra Leone Battalion (West African Frontier Force). — The Battalion consists of Headquarters and two Companies, each of three Platoons, and a Signalling School, all commanded by a Major. Headquarters and one Company are at Daru. One company is at Makene. The total establishment is 14 officers and 380 other ranks.

(c) Reserve to the Sierra Leone Battalion (West African Frontier Force). — The establishment for the Reserve to the Sierra Leone Battalion is limited to 100 all ranks.

B. POLICE

The establishment is 8 officers (British) and 303 other ranks (African). The Force, which is not statutorily liable for Military Service, is organised with 4 (district) divisions stationed at Freetown and in the Sherbro District, and at Waterloo. Men are armed with Lee-Enfield rifles.
(c) SOUTH AFRICA

Basutoland.
Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Northern Rhodesia.
Southern Rhodesia.
Swaziland.

BASUTOLAND
AREA AND POPULATION

Area .................................. 30,344 sq. km.
Population (1926) ................. 540,000.

Local Forces.

There are no Military Forces in Basutoland. The Police Force is liable for Military Service.

POLICE

Its duty is to maintain order in the Territory. In time of war or other emergency, the Force, which has an establishment of 12 British officers, 5 British and 278 Basuto other ranks, armed with Lee-Enfield rifles, Maxim, Vickers and Lewis guns, may be employed as a military force at the discretion of the High Commissioner.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE
AREA AND POPULATION

Area .................................. 712,000 sq. km.
Population (1921) ................. 152,983.

Local Forces.

There are no Military Forces in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 9 British officers, 18 British and 240 Basuto other ranks, armed with rifles and guns, is so small that, in case of war, no portion of it would be available for service beyond the borders of the Protectorate.
NORTHERN RHODESIA PROTECTORATE

AREA AND POPULATION

Area (Northern and Southern Rhodesia) . . . 1,140,000 sq. km.
Population (1921) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,882,726

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Northern Rhodesia consist of:

- Police . . . . . Northern Rhodesia Police Force.

The Northern Rhodesia Police Force is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCE

The Force, which consists of one Company of Rifles armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and a Medical Corps, is organised for the internal defence of Northern Rhodesia.

The establishment of the Volunteer Force is 6 officers and 750 other ranks.

B. POLICE

The Northern Rhodesia Police (including the officers and the British other ranks) is maintained by the British South Africa Company, and the Commanding Officer, styled the Commandant, is responsible to the Administrator. The Corps, which consists of 19 British officers, and 32 British and 667 native other ranks armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, Vickers, Maxim and Lewis guns, is divided into two branches, Military and Town and District Police, with Headquarters at Livingstone.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Southern Rhodesia consist of:

- Military Forces . . . Southern Rhodesia Volunteers.
  The Cadet Force.
- Police . . . . . British South Africa Police.

A. MILITARY FORCES

I. ORGANISATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Volunteers. — The Volunteer Corps, which is partly mounted and has a strength of 3,000 ranks, armed with M.L.E. rifles, Lewis guns and Vickers machine-guns, can only be called up for Military Service within the limits of Southern Rhodesia with the approval of the Administrator, in whom the control of the Force is vested.
Enrolment in the Volunteers is for a minimum period of one year.

(b) Cadets. — Members of the Cadet Corps must be between the ages of 12 and 17 years. They are not enrolled for service. The total number of Cadets on December 31st, 1922, was 31 officers and 1,203 other ranks.

2. Training.

(a) Mounted and Dismounted Volunteers, to become efficient and earn the Capitation Grant, are required to perform a minimum of twelve and ten drills a year respectively, fire the prescribed musketry course of 200 rounds, and attend an annual field training of not less than three days' duration.

(b) Cadets must fire an annual course of musketry of 200 rounds in order to obtain the Capitation Grant.

B. POLICE

In time of peace the British South Africa Police is a Civil Force under the Administrator, and can only be employed on active service with the consent of the High Commissioner, who, through the Commandant-General, controls the Force when on active service. The B.S.A. Police has an establishment of 27 officers, 457 men and 390 horses, and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and machine and Lewis guns.

In case of an emergency, the Governor can call out the Force for active service, either within or beyond the borders of the Colony; but members are not at any time subject to the provisions of the Army Act.

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SWAZILAND TERRITORY

AREA AND POPULATION

Area .................................. 17,296 sq. km.
Population (1924) .................. 115,750.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Swaziland consist of the Swaziland Rifle Club and Police. The latter is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

Swaziland Rifle Club. — The Rifle Club consists of 400 members (British), who are provided with S.M.L.E. rifles by the Government.

B. POLICE

This Force, which has an establishment of 2 officers and 157 men (20 white, the remainder natives), and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, is raised for the maintenance of order and public security in Swaziland. Under the Regulations of 1920 the Force may be employed as a Military Force anywhere in South Africa at the discretion of the High Commissioner.
4. ASIA AND ISLANDS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

British North Borneo.
Ceylon.
Hong-Kong.
Malay Peninsula:
I. Straits Settlements.
II. Federated States.
III. Unfederated States.
Mauritius.
Seychelles.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 80,563 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 258,000.

Local Forces.

There are no military Local Forces in British North Borneo, but the British North Borneo Constabulary is liable for Military Service.

A. POLICE

The British North Borneo Constabulary is liable for Military Service in or beyond the limits of the State of North Borneo, when so ordered by the Governor. The Force has an establishment of 15 officers, of whom 7 are British, and 763 other ranks (Sikhs, Punjabis, Mahommedans, Pathans, Chinese and natives).

CEYLON

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 65,608 sq. km.
Population (1924) . . 4,861,670.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Ceylon consist of:

Cadets.
Volunteer Rifle Association.

Police . . . . . Ceylon Police Force.

The Ceylon Police Force is not liable for Military Service.
A. MILITARY FORCES

I. ORGANISATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Ceylon Defence Force.—The 1914 Ordinance provides for the formation of Town Guards in time of war or other emergency. The 1916 Ordinance provides for obligatory enlistment of all men between the ages of 18 and 41 years (other than members of His Majesty's Forces or their Reserves or of the Police Force of the Colony) in a Volunteer Corps or the Colombo Town Guard. Men between 41 and 50 have to enrol themselves in a Town Guard. The Ceylon Defence Force is at present recruited by voluntary enlistment of persons between the ages of 18 and 40, and other British subjects of European descent are merely registered. The Force now consists of:

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<td>Mounted Rifles — 2 Squadrons</td>
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<td>Garrison Artillery — 2 Companies</td>
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<td>29</td>
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<td>30</td>
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<td>Colombo Town Guards — 2 Companies</td>
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In case of emergency the Governor may call out any Corps for active service and may place them under the command of officers of His Majesty's Regular Forces. When called out for service members become subject to the Army Act.

In every Corps a Reserve is formed of Volunteers who have been efficient for five years (Artillerymen seven years) or men who have served for six months in the Regular Army or permanent Colonial Forces. The strength of the Reserve on December 31st, 1921, was 627. Units of the Ceylon Defence Force, as well as the Reserve, are armed with S.M.L.E. and M.L.E. rifles, machine-guns and Lewis guns.

(b) Cadet Battalion.—Members of the Cadet Battalion, on attaining the age of 16 years, are transferred to Passed Cadet Companies. Cadets are enrolled for service and take the oath of allegiance. The strength of the Cadet Battalion on December 31st, 1921, was 22 officers and 922 other ranks.

(c) Volunteer Rifle Association.—There is a Volunteer Rifle Association the strength of which on December 31st, 1921, was 145.

2. TRAINING.

In the Ceylon Defence Force the efficiency requirements are as follows:
### COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES

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| Engineers:  |          |             |
| Squad drills|          |             |
| Electric light instruction | |             |

| Mounted rifles: |          |             |
| Drills         |          |             |

| Light Infantry: |          |             |
| Drills         |          |             |

| Planters' Rifle Corps: |          |             |
| Drills               |          |             |

| Medical Corps: |          |             |
| Drills        |          |             |

 Mounted Rifles and Infantry Reserves: members must fire the prescribed course of musketry annually.

 Members of the Artillery Reserve must attend coast camps for five days every second year.

 All Cadets are required to attend thirty-six drills annually and to qualify in musketry in order to become efficient. Members who have left school also attend the camps of exercise as prescribed for the Light Infantry.

### B. POLICE

Its strength in 1925 was 38 officers (including 27 British Europeans) and 3,063 rank and file (including 37 British Europeans). The total is 3,025.

### HONG-KONG

#### AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . 1,013 sq. km.

#### Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Hong-Kong consist of:

- Military Forces . . . Hong-Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.
- Police . . . . . . . Hong-Kong Police Force.

The Police Force is not liable for Military Service.
A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The Hong-Kong Volunteer Defence Corps consists of:
- 1 Headquarters Staff;
- 1 Artillery Company;
- 1 Engineer Company;
- 1 Armoured Car Company;
- 1 Mounted Infantry Company;
- 6 Platoons of Infantry (including 1 Reserve Platoon) and 1 Medical Section;
- Volunteer Reserve Association.

The establishment of the Defence Corps is not fixed, but the strength on December 31st, 1922, was 17 officers and 309 other ranks.

Units are armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, machine-guns and Lewis guns and two 4.5-inch howitzers. Members are not liable for service beyond the limits of the Colony without their consent.

(b) The Hong-Kong Volunteer Reserve Association is a Rifle Club under the management of a Committee. The Association is composed wholly of Europeans.

B. POLICE

The Hong-Kong Police Force is not a military body. The Police Force comprises British police and Indian police. The establishment of the former is 8 officers and 235 other ranks, and of the latter 1,309 other ranks.

MALAY PENINSULA

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Malay Peninsula consist of the Military Forces (Volunteers) and Police Forces in the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States and Unfederated Malay States respectively.

I. STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

AREA AND POPULATION

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A. MILITARY FORCES

1. ORGANISATION, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

There are three classes of Volunteers:

(a) Colour Service Volunteers, comprising those volunteers between the ages of 18 and 40 years who enrol for a period of not less than 4 years' service.

(b) Auxiliary Service Volunteers, comprising such persons as are:

(i) medically unfit for Colour service, or

(ii) over 40 years of age, or

(iii) have satisfied the Commanding Officer that they are, for other reasons, unable to fulfil the conditions for Colour service.

(c) The Reserve of Officers consists of officers who have:

(i) completed not less than five years' commissioned service with the active Volunteer Force, or
(ii) have satisfied the General Officer Commanding that, by reason
of previous training, they can perform efficiently the duties of
officers, and by reason of age or special circumstances are unable
to join the Colour service.

The Force is armed with 4.5-inch Q.F. howitzers, Vickers machine-guns,
Maxims, S.M.L.E. rifles and Lewis guns, and has the following establishment:

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<th>Unit</th>
<th>Officers</th>
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<td>Headquarters S.S.V.F.</td>
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1. Singapore Volunteer Corps:

| Headquarters                           | 3        | 3           |
| 1 Battery of Artillery (4.5-inch howitzer). | 5        | 85          |
| 2 Field Sections                       | 5        | 87          |
| 1 Signal Section                       | 2        | 38          |
| 1 Machine-gun Platoon                  |          |             |
| 3 Companies of Infantry                | 15       | 474         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 6        | 158         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 6        | 158         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 6        | 158         |
| 2 Sections Field Ambulance             | 2        | 87          |
| Total                                   | 52       | 1,250       |

2. Labuan Volunteer Detachment

3. Penang and Province Wellesley Volunteer Corps:

| Headquarters                           | 1        | 2           |
| 2 Companies of Infantry                | 30       | 403         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 4        | 158         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 4        | 158         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 4        | 158         |
| 1 Signal Section                       | 1        | 87          |
| Total                                   | 44       | 966         |

4. Malacca Volunteer Corps:

| Headquarters                           | 1        | 1           |
| 1 Sub-section Machine-guns             | 1        | 17          |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 5        | 158         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 5        | 119         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 4        | 119         |
| 1 Company of Infantry                  | 3        | 78          |
| 1 Signal Section                       | 1        | 18          |
| 1 Field Ambulance                      | 1        | 48          |
| Total                                   | 21       | 558         |

2. Training.

Under the Ordinance the following are the yearly requirements for efficiency:

A. Colour Service Volunteers.

(a) (i) Infantry and Field Ambulance, 18 parades.

(ii) Engineers and Signals, and Machine-gunners, 24 parades.

(b) To qualify in musketry by passing the standard approved by
the General Officer Commanding.

(c) To attend an annual inspection which will be held by the General
Officer Commanding or his deputy, and will count as one of the
qualifying parades.
B. Auxiliary Service Volunteers.

To attend such parades or perform such duties as ordered by the Commandant to render them efficient in the duties they have elected to perform if called out.

B. POLICE

(a) Constitution. — The Straits Settlements Police Force consists of:

(i) A Regular Police Force, whose duties are to maintain law and order in the Colony, and, though armed, is essentially a civil body.

(ii) A Volunteer Police Reserve in each Settlement, composed entirely of British subjects.

(b) Terms of Service. — The Volunteer Police Reserve is liable to be called out by the Governor for active service within the limits of the respective Settlements in case of actual or apprehended tumult or riot or attack on the Colony. Members of the Police Force, either the Regular or Volunteer, do not at any time become subject to the provisions of the Army Act.

Members of the Regular Police Force are, however, liable to be employed on service in any Malay State when the Governor deems it necessary for the preservation of law and order.

(c) Establishment. — The establishment of the Regular Police Force is:

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<tr>
<td>Officers (British Europeans)</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>Officers (Sikhs)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other ranks (British Europeans)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Other ranks (Asiatics)</td>
<td>3,318</td>
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Total 3,423

The Force is distributed in the Settlements of Singapore, Penang, Malacca and Labuan.

There is no fixed establishment for the Volunteer Police Reserve.

II. FEDERATED STATES

AREA AND POPULATION

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<th>Area</th>
<th>71,239 sq. km.</th>
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<td>Population</td>
<td>1,418,455</td>
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A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) Constitution. — Enrolment for the Malay States Volunteer Regiment is confined to persons of unmixed European parentage, and that for the Malayan Volunteer Infantry to Asiatics.

(b) Terms of Service. — There are three classes of Volunteers similar to those in the Colony of the Straits Settlements.

The first term of engagement is for a period of 2 years, with re-engagement for successive periods of 1 year at a time.

Officers on first appointment are commissioned by the High Commissioner.

(c) Establishment. — There are two Regiments in the Federated Malay States Volunteer Force — the Malay States Volunteer Regiment, which is entirely composed of Europeans, and the Malayan Volunteer Infantry, which is composed of Asiatics only. Both these Units have detachments in the various States which are organised as separate State Corps.
Establishment:

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<th>Remarks</th>
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<td>Headquarters, F. M. S. Volunteer Force.</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Europeans</td>
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<td>(1) The Selangor Volunteer Force, comprising:</td>
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<td>Headquarters</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>2 Companies (Infantry), Malay States Volunteer Regiment</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>665</td>
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<td>8 Platoons (Infantry), Malayan Volunteer Infantry</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>680</td>
<td>Malays, Chinese, Tamils and Eurasians</td>
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<td>1 Unit (Medical), Malayan Volunteer Infantry</td>
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<td>(2) The Perak Volunteer Corps, comprising:</td>
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<td>2 Companies (Infantry), Malay States Volunteer Regiment</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>598</td>
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<td>7 Platoons (Infantry), Malayan Volunteer Infantry</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>572</td>
<td>Chinese, Malays and Indians</td>
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<td>(3) The Negri-Sembilan Volunteer Corps, comprising:</td>
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<td>1 Company (Infantry), Malay States Volunteer Regiment</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>299</td>
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<td>4 Platoons (Infantry), Malayan Volunteer Infantry</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>(4) The Pahang Volunteer Corps, comprising:</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Europeans</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 Platoons (Infantry), Malayan Volunteer Infantry</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>Malays</td>
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<td>Malay States Volunteer Regiment (No Unit has yet [1925] been formed)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>3,469</td>
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(d) Command and Staff. — The Force is under the orders, command and general direction of the G.O.C. Troops, Malaya, who has the assistance of the two Staff Officers to Local Forces referred to under Straits Settlements, with Headquarters at Singapore.

(e) Training. — Colour Service Volunteers, to become efficient, must annually:

(i) Attend 18 parades, if a trained man, and 40, if a recruit.
(ii) Qualify in musketry by passing the standard approved for the time by the G.O.C. Troops, Malaya.
(iii) Attend the annual inspection of their Unit.

Auxiliary Service Volunteers must annually:

(i) Attend two practices of the local defence scheme.
(ii) Fire a musketry course.
(iii) Attend the inspection of their Unit.

B. POLICE

Federated Malay State Police. — The Force, which has an establishment of 112 officers (83 Europeans and 29 Asiatics) and 3,636 other ranks, is under a
Commissioner, subject to the orders and control of the Chief Secretary, and is liable for service in any part of British Malaya and the Colony of the Straits Settlements. The Force is purely a civil body. The establishment of other ranks includes 1,616 Sikhs, Pathans and Punjabi-Mohammedans, and 2,020 Malays. The Force is armed with S.M.L. rifles and Webley revolvers

III. UNFEDERATED STATES

AREA AND POPULATION

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<td>Johore</td>
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<td>Kedah</td>
<td>338,544</td>
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<td>Kelantan</td>
<td>309,203</td>
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<td>Perlis</td>
<td>40,091</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trengganu</td>
<td>153,092</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>1,123,264</td>
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Local Forces.

The Local Forces of the Unfederated Malay States consist of:

A. Military Forces.

(a) In the State of Johore.

(i) The Johore Military Forces. (This is a regular regiment of the State, raised, maintained and under the entire control of the Sultan of Johore).

(ii) The Johore Volunteer Infantry (under the entire control of the Sultan).

(iii) The Johore Volunteer Rifles. (This is a European Corps under the command of the G.O.C. Troops, Malaya).

(b) In the State of Kedah.

No Military Forces.

(c) In the State of Perlis.

No Military Forces.

(d) In the State of Kelantan.

(i) The Kelantan Volunteer Rifles (British Europeans).

(ii) The Kelantan State Volunteers (Asiatics).

(e) In the State of Trengganu.

No Military Forces.

B. Police.— The Johore Police Force.

The Kedah Police Force.

The Perlis State Police.

The Kelantan State Police.

The Malay Police in the State of Kelantan.

The Trengganu State Police.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The Johore Military Forces are commanded by, and entirely under the control of, the Sultan, who is their Colonel Commandant. Officers are appointed by and hold commissions from the Sultan. Terms of service are for any period not exceeding five years, with re-engagement for periods not exceeding five years. The Force is composed of Malays, except the Artillery,
which is composed of Pathans. A British officer is engaged by the Sultan as chief instructor. Discipline is governed by the Johore Military Forces Enactment of 1915.

Establishment:

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<td>23</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Companies of Infantry</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Signal Section</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Battery of Artillery (7 pdr. R.M.L.)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>97</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>35</strong></td>
<td><strong>534</strong></td>
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The **Johore Military Forces Reserve Force** consists of men who have completed five or more years' service in the Johore Military Forces. The Reserve may be called out in whole or in part by the Sultan, or any Commanding Officer in any town or district, in aid of the civil power, and on permanent service, in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, by the Sultan in Council.

(b) The **Johore Volunteer Infantry**, which has an establishment of 21 officers and 379 other ranks, is composed of Malays, and is under the entire control of the Sultan in the same manner as the Johore Military Forces. The Corps can only be called out for active service by the Sultan, and when on active service members are deemed to be serving with the Johore Military Forces, and are subject to the same laws of discipline with certain exceptions. No member is liable for service outside the State of Johore without his consent. Officers receive their commissions from the Sultan.

(c) The **Johore Volunteer Rifles**. — Members are Europeans, and are liable for service in any part of the Malay Peninsula or the adjacent islands. The Corps, which has an establishment of 8 officers and 166 other ranks, and is armed with M.L.E. rifles, is under the jurisdiction of the Governor of the Straits Settlements, and the officers hold their commissions from him with the concurrence of the Sultan. The Corps is called out for active service by the Governor, but, in case of great emergency in the State of Johore, it may be called out by the Sultan with the concurrence of the General Adviser to the Johore Government.

Service is for a period of not less than two years.

(d) The **Kelantan Volunteer Rifles**. — Officers (3) and men (100) are Europeans, and may, in case of emergency, be called up on active service by the High Commissioner.

(e) The **Colour Service Volunteers** consist of men who are over 18 and under 40 years of age. They are enrolled for a period of not less than 4 years, with re-engagement for successive periods of 1 year at a time.

(f) The **Auxiliary Service Volunteers** consist of those men who have applied to be enrolled but are medically unfit for Colour service, or are over the age of 40 years.

The **Reserve of Officers** consists of officers who have completed not less than 5 years' commissioned service in the Force and have expressed a desire to be transferred and of officers who have satisfied the G.O.C. Troops, Malaya, that by reason of previous training they are efficient and, by reason of age or special circumstances, are unable to join the Colour service.

The establishment for the Corps is unlimited.

B. POLICE

(a) The **Johore Police Forces**, which has an establishment of 34 officers and 930 other ranks, armed with M.E. carbines, is under a Commissioner of
Police subject to the control of the Sultan. Members can be ordered to serve at any place in the Malay Peninsula.

(b) The Kedah Police consists of the North Kedah Police, with an establishment of 12 officers and 400 other ranks; the South Kedah Police, with an establishment of 3 officers and 144 other ranks; and the Central Kedah Police, with an establishment of 5 officers and 192 other ranks.

(c) The Police in Kelantan consists of the Kelantan Police, which has an establishment of 2 officers (one of whom is a European, who is the Chief Police Officer) and 68 men, and the Malay Police, which has an establishment of 7 officers (including 1 European, who is Chief Inspector) and 308 other ranks. The Kelantan Police are armed with M.L.E. rifles and the Malay Police with M.E. carbines, but neither body is liable for Military Service.

(d) The Perlis State Police, consisting of Malays, Pathans and Siamese, has an establishment of 2 officers and 71 other ranks and is armed with M.L.E. rifles and revolvers. It is not liable for Military Service.

(e) The Trengganu Police have recently been placed under the control of a European officer. The men are all Malays. The establishment is 11 officers and 227 men, armed with Snider rifles. They are not liable for Military Service.

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MAURITIUS

AREA AND POPULATION

Area . . . . . . . . 1,865 sq. km
Population (1926) . . 393,708.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Mauritius consist of:

Military Forces . . . Volunteer Force.
Police . . . . . . . Mauritius Police Force.

The Mauritius Police Force is not liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

The Volunteer Force consists of:

Permanent Staff.
Artillery: One Company.
Engineers: One Company.
Infantry: Three Companies.
Mobile Company.
Medical Corps: One Section.

Note. — The Mobile Company is formed as a temporary measure. The men are posted temporarily from other companies.

Members of the Volunteer Force are not liable for service beyond the limits of the Colony without their consent. The Corps is commanded by a Volunteer officer, appointed by the Governor, and has the assistance of a permanent staff with Headquarters at Port Louis.

The Force is composed of Europeans and non-Europeans, and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles and Lewis guns.

The Headquarters of all Units are at Vacoas, except one Company Infantry and Band at Port Louis, and one Company Infantry at St. Pierre.

The present establishment is 30 officers and 635 other ranks.
B. POLICE

The Force, which is not liable for Military Service, is subject to the control and direction of the Inspector-General, under the Governor. The Force has an establishment of 19 officers and 622 other ranks, and is armed with M.E. carbines. Headquarters are at Port Louis, and the Police are distributed throughout the Colony. Enlistment is for a term of three years, after a period of probation of six months during which recruits pass through the Training Depot. Re-engagement is for successive periods of three years subject to the approval of the Inspector-General.

SEYCHELLES

AREA AND POPULATION
Area . . . . . . 405 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 25,847.

Local Forces.

There are no Military Forces in the Seychelles. The Police Force is not statutorily liable for Military Service.

POLICE

The Force, which has an establishment of 1 officer and 85 other ranks, is controlled by an Inspector under the Governor, and its function is the maintenance of internal order. The term of enlistment is for a period not exceeding three years. Men are eligible for re-engagement for periods of five years.

PACIFIC OCEAN

Fiji.
Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.
Solomon Islands Protectorate.

FIJI

AREA AND POPULATION
Area . . . . . . 19,256 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 162,045.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in Fiji consist of:
Military Forces . . Fiji Defence Force (including Rifle Clubs).
Cadets.
Reserve.
Police . . . . . . Fiji Constabulary.
The Fiji Constabulary is liable for Military Service.
A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) The Fiji Defence Force is constituted under Ordinance No. 13 of 1923. The Ordinance provides for liability to compulsory training for 3 years, with a further period of 3 years in the Reserve, of all youths who are British subjects of European descent, or one of whose parents is of European descent, between the ages of 18 and 21 years, except in certain specified cases.

The Commandant is responsible to the Governor for the administration of the Force.

Members are not liable for service outside the limits of the Colony without their consent.

There are 3 companies in the Force, one being composed entirely of Europeans, while the other two are mixed, Europeans, Fijians and coloured.

The establishment is 23 officers and 753 other ranks.

The Defence Force is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles, Vickers and Lewis guns.

(b) Cadets. — Cadet Units are formed in connection with and attached to the Defence Force. The number of these Units is such as the Governor may determine. No member of a Cadet Unit is deemed to be a member of the Defence Force.

(c) Reserve. — The Reserve consists of members who are under 50 years of age and have either completed 3 years' service with the active Force or who, with the permission of the Governor and Commandant, have been permitted to enlist directly into this Reserve.

B. POLICE

It is a semi-military body maintained for the performance of police duties and for the defence of the Colony against external aggression. The Force, which consists of 10 European officers and 208 other ranks, mainly Fijians and Indians, is commanded by an Inspector-General, whose Headquarters are at Suva. The term of service is three years. Constables are armed with S.M.L.E. rifles.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY

AREA AND POPULATION

Area ........ 466 sq. km.

Local Forces.

The Local Forces in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony consist of:

Military Forces . . Fanning Island Volunteer Reserve.
Ocean Island Defence Force.

Police . . . . . . Armed Constabulary.

The Armed Constabulary is liable for Military Service.

A. MILITARY FORCES

(a) Fanning Island Volunteer Reserve. — Ordinance No. 5, of 1918, provides for a Defence Force, which, however, is not yet in existence. The
Ordinance provides for voluntary or, in case of sudden emergency, compulsory enrolment in the same manner as Ocean Island Defence Force Ordinance No. 10 of 1917, to which it is exactly similar.

(b) *Ocean Island Defence Force.* — Ordinarily enrolment (for three years) is voluntary, but provision is made for compulsory service of all male British subjects, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, in case of sudden emergency, if the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific thinks fit. Members are not liable for service outside Ocean Island without their consent.

**B. POLICE**

The Force is under the command and superintendence of the Resident Commissioner. Besides the performance of ordinary police duties, the Force may be used to defend the Colony against external aggression. Enrolment is for a period of not less than two years. The Constabulary has a strength of 5 officers and 45 other ranks, armed with Lee-Enfield rifles.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE**

**AREA AND POPULATION**

Area . . . . . . . . 38,000 sq. km.
Population (1925) . . 150,586.

**Local Forces.**

The only Force in the Solomon Islands Protectorate is the Armed Constabulary, which is liable for Military Service.

**ARMED CONSTABULARY**

*The Armed Constabulary* has an establishment of 3 officers and 150 men and is armed with S.M.L.E. rifles. Besides normal police duties, its function is to repress internal disturbances and to defend the Protectorate against external aggression.