

In the diminution of this excess, however, may be reckoned the following officers now borne on the estimates of the reserve forces who are included in the new proposed organisation, viz. :—

Militia Adjutants.....	132
“ Quartermasters.....	113
Staff Officers of Pensioners.....	66
Superintendents of Recruiting and District Paymasters.....	11
Chatham and Chichester Depot.....	11
Assistant Adjutant Generals for Recruiting and Inspectional purposes*	8
Total.....	341

still leaving an excess of 102 officers, an excess which has been occasioned by the increase of the establishment of subalterns of all the battalions at home to admit of a proportion of the sub-lieutenants of every regiment being withdrawn for instruction.

137. As regards non-commissioned officers—	N. C. Officers.
The number proposed to be employed exceeds the number now borne on the estimates of the Regular Army by.....	2 419
Against which are to be reckoned non-commissioned officers now borne on the Militia estimates.....	3,058
Showing a saving of non-commissioned officers of.....	639

138. As regards drummers—	Drummers.
The number proposed exceeds the number now borne on the estimates of the Regular Army by.....	500
Against this are to be reckoned drummers now borne on the Militia estimates.....	821

Showing a saving of drummers.....	321
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139. The details showing establishment of battalions at home and abroad, and of depot centres is given in Appendix (B).

The total numbers of each rank or grade is compared with the present numbers as shown in Appendix (C).

The distribution of the Army between home and abroad as applied to 66 local centres and rifle depots is appended, marked (D).

The estimated cost of the pay of these establishments and the estimated sums available to meet the additional expense is shown in Appendix (E).

#### CAPACITY OF DEPOT CENTRES.

140. The calculations must be based on the number of casualties which each district would have to supply yearly, in time of peace, for its Line and Militia battalions.

Casualties of 2 Line battalions (one being at home) say 1,640 rank and file, at 15 per cent.....	247
Casualties of 2 Militia battalions, say 1,640 at 12 per cent.....	197

Total yearly casualties.....	441
Allowing, therefore, for a maximum number of recruits at the depot at any one period during peace.....	200
And for old soldiers.....	50

Total..... 250  
The total number of 250 supplies the basis of calculation as to the capacity and construction of depot centres, which is given in the appendix (H).

141. It is proposed to provide storage at each depot centre for the arms, clothing,

and all articles of personal equipment belonging to the local Infantry force of its district.

Storage for personal equipment of Militia Artillery should be afforded either at the artillery centre of the artillery district or at the depot centre of the infantry district to which any Militia Artillery regiment territorially belongs according as plan (a) or (b), detailed on page 11, may be applied to particular localities.

For articles of general equipment central issuing stores have been formed in sufficient numbers to admit of convenient groups of infantry districts being attached to their own respective issuing stores for such supplies, and among them camp equipment, as it would not be profitable to store at depot centres.

142. An approximate estimate of the cost of building, &c., involved in the foregoing scheme is appended and marked (K).

The estimate embraces the following services, viz. :—

The formation of depot centres in Great Britain and Ireland.

Construction of training barracks in Great Britain, for the training of successive Militia battalions where practicable.

Additions to, and alterations in, existing barrack accommodation consequent on the above measures.

The purchase of a large exercising ground in the north of England.

#### ON THE CONCENTRATION OF REGULAR TROOPS IN BRIGADES OR DEMI-BRIGADES COMPOSED OF THE THREE ARMS.

143. The concentration above specified would not in any way interfere with the general plan proposed in this Report, which seeks to effect the organisation of Great Britain and Ireland in Administrative Brigades consisting of reserve forces and depot centres, by means of which last the reserve forces of each district would be closely connected with each other and with the Line.

144. The concentration of regular troops, as proposed by the quartermaster general, would accomplish the organisation and quartering of all the regular forces stationed at home, excluding only the regular element of the depot centres, in tactical brigades of the three arms; and the advantage to the efficiency of the army of such a system of quartering troops over that which now prevails can hardly be exaggerated.

145. According to the general scheme explained in this Report, 40 stations or existing barracks have been recommended to be appropriated for depot centres; in exchange for which, compensating accommodation would require to be provided elsewhere. And it is recommended that such accommodation shall be provided, as far as possible, with a view to the concentration of troops of all arms at important stations.

146. The total cost of creating the compensating accommodation alluded to will be found under heads 6 and 8 of Appendix (K) and includes the purchase of land for a large training and tactical station in the north of England, which might afford a site for the quartering of one of the tactical brigades or demi-brigades contemplated by the quartermaster-general, as well as for a Militia training barrack and depot centre; besides supplying a valuable exercising ground for the Regular and Reserve Forces of the surrounding districts.

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not accountable for the disasters of Sedan, and that he was the only man there who seemed to understand what the crisis demanded, the capitulation was the only resource left, and he concluded it at the right time. The whole misfortune arose from the action of his ministry which was forced on him by the Representatives of France, so much for Representative Governments.

The remaining departments will be evacuated when the war indemnity is paid.

The Carlists are in arms in Spain, several engagements have occurred between them and the Royalist troops in which some hundreds are reported to have been killed. Disaffection is reported as rife amongst the troops, and it is evident the stability of the Sardinian dynasty of Spanish Sovereigns stands on a slight foundation. It is not possible just yet to get at the real facts of this insurrection, but it has been of an extensive character. Bismarck has sent 10,000,000 francs to King Amadeus to aid in putting down the rebellion.

Mount Vesuvius has been in an active state for some time, its eruptions lately have been attended with great loss of life and property.

The Washington Government have been endeavouring to get over the difficulties which the claims for consequential damages has involved that Cabinet and country in. Its immediate effect has been to paralyze all financial measures connected with United States in the European money markets, the stagnation of business, the fall in securities and rise in rate of interest has been too much for the politicians and a back down is inevitable. We are informed that President Grant and his Cabinet are busily engaged devising measures for avoiding the dilemma and offering a compromise, which simply concedes the points on which Great Britain insists.

Fighting is the order of the day in Mexico, it is said revolutionists are gradually assuming the ascendancy, as in Spain it is impossible to tell anything of the actual state of affairs.

In Canada the Parliament is in Session, busily engaged in legislating for the good of the Dominion at large.

The Revenue returns are before the country and show a surplus of over three million of dollars.

The now Governor General will leave England on the 11th June for New York, we should prefer his landing at Quebec, but there is no accounting for tastes.

Throughout the Dominion the signs of enterprise are manifest, great activity prevails, and there can be no doubt of the progressive prosperity which has blessed the land.

Reports from Lake Superior point to rich deposits of minerals in the country surrounding that inland sea, and the same may be looked for towards the North in that territory.

All indications point to an early spring and a season fully as prosperous as the one passed.

\*The assistant adjutants-general of the North British, the Northern, and the Western Districts, will each continue to require assistance for Reserve Forces correspondence. This might be afforded by a deputy assistant adjutant-general in each case.