

## Appendix K.

### REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE FOR THE YEAR 1924.

#### SUMMARY OF CRIME FOR 1924.

The total of all cases reported to the Police during the year 1924 was 17,569 as against 14,200 in 1923 being an increase of 3,369 or 23.7%. The average for the last five years is 13,972.

In the division of these cases into serious and minor offences there were 4,509 serious cases in 1924 as against 4,011 serious cases in 1923 an increase of 498 cases, or 12.4%. There were 13,060 minor cases in 1924 as against 10,189 minor cases in 1923, an increase of 2,871 cases or 28.2%.

Table I shows the number and character of the serious and minor offences reported to the Police during 1923 and 1924 and number of persons convicted and discharged in connection with these offences.

The following table shows in detail the serious offences for 1923 and 1924 :—

Table I	Offence.	1924			1923						
		Charge Cases	Cases without charge	Total	Charge Cases	Cases without charge	Total	Increase total	Increase %	Decrease total	Decrease %
Column 2	Burglary .....	10	50	60	13	61	74	..	...	14	18.9
" 4 Part	House & Godown Break- ing .....	11	46	57	7	60	67	...	...	10	14.9
" 3 "	Larceny .....	1,449	1,185	2,634	1,180	980	2,160	474	21.9	...	...
" 3 "	" in Dwelling House	67	572	639	51	509	560	79	14.1	...	...
" 4 "	" on Ship & Wharf	73	102	175	26	153	179	...	...	4	2.2
" 1 "	Manslaughter .....	3	3	6	4	2	6	...	...	...	...
" 4 "	Murder .....	10	15	25	7	15	22	3	13.6	...	...
" 4 "	Attempted Murder.....	2	5	7	14	5	19	...	...	12	63.2
" 1 "	Robbery and Assault with intent to Rob .....	35	113	148	40	134	174	...	...	26	14.9
	Total .....	1,660	2,091	3,751	1,342	1,919	3,261	...	...	...	...
	Other serious offences not classified above .....	...	...	758	...	...	750	8	1	...	...
	Serious offences total ...	...	...	4,509	...	...	4,011	498	12.4	...	...

Other Serious Offences in Table 1 not specially classified above are as follows:—

Column	1924	1923
5 Offences against Ordinance for protection of Women and Girls .....	63	63
6 Unlawful possession .....	372	325
7 Kidnapping .....	22	11
4 Part Cutting and Wounding .....	41	36
„ „ Demanding money with menaces .....	4	28
„ „ Embezzlement .....	63	71
„ „ Forgery .....	18	9
„ „ Receiving Stolen Property .....	66	27
„ „ Child Stealing .....	...	3
„ „ Indecent Assault .....	7	3
„ „ Throwing corrosive fluid .....	...	1
„ „ Arson or Attempted Arson .....	1	2
„ „ Wounding and causing grievous bodily harm .....	...	12
„ „ Rape .....	2	4
„ „ Uttering forged bank notes .....	1	...
„ „ Falsification of accounts .....	1	...
„ „ Conspiracy .....	1	2
„ „ Aiding and abetting in a highway robbery	1	2
„ „ Aiding and abetting in a Murder .....	...	1
„ „ Having carnal knowledge of a girl .....	1	...
„ „ Accessory after a robbery with violence	1	...
„ „ Other Misc. Offences in Col. 4 .....	93	150
	<u>758</u>	<u>750</u>

Table 2 shows the Serious and Minor Offences for 1924 (under a different classification) with the number of charge Cases and Cases without charge. Number of persons convicted and Discharged, and Amount of Property Stolen and Recovered.

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

1. Mr. T. H. King remained on duty as Director of Criminal Intelligence until 5th April, 1924, when he proceeded home on long leave. Mr. C. G. Perdue acted as Director of Criminal Intelligence during the remainder of the year, assisted by Mr. L. H. V. Booth with effect from 13th November, 1924.

2. The strength of the Criminal Investigation Department on 31st December, 1924, was:—

	<i>Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors</i>	<i>Sergeants</i>	<i>Lance Sergeants</i>	<i>Constables</i>
European	12	4	16	...
Chinese	{ 1 Insp. 1 Sgt. Maj. }	12	20	97

3. While there was a large increase in the total number of cases coming under the heading of Serious Crime, the number of cases of Robbery, Murder, Attempted Murder, Burglary and House and Godown Breaking shows a decrease as compared with 1923. There was a small increase in the number of cases of Larceny in a Dwelling House, and a more considerable increase in Larcenies. Piracy continued to be a serious problem at the beginning of the year, and after the Piracy of the Sham Shui Po Ferry Launch "Kwong Shun On" on 2nd March, 1924, it was considered advisable to engage further temporary searchers for ferries plying within the waters of the Colony. The strength of the searching staff for Outgoing Steamers and Ferries, on 31st December, 1924, was :—

	<i>1924</i>	<i>1923</i>
Europeans .....	6	5
Chinese (regular) .....	39	30
Chinese (temporary).....	49	15
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Total.....	94	48
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Table III gives particulars of Piracies reported to the Police during 1924.

GUARDS.

Number of Guards employed during the year :—

	<i>1924</i>	<i>1923</i>
Steamer Guards (Indian) .....	371	326
Steam Launch Guards (Chinese)	18	22
Shore Guards (Indian) .....	406	420
Shore Guards (Chinese) .....	28	28
Special Guards, Lewis Gunner(Indian) 50		...
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Total.....	873	796
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Number of vessels which have entered into bond up to 31st December, 1924 :—

	<i>1924</i>	<i>1923</i>
Steamers .....	249	233
Steam Launches .....	45	40
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Total.....	294	273
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Police Guards are now divided into 3 categories, *i.e.*, (1) Ship Guards (2) Shore Guards (3) Special Guards (Lewis Gun).

*Duties.*

(a) Ship Guards are supplied to Shipping Companies whose vessels come under the provision of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance. The majority of these men are ex-soldiers, and have to pass a course in rifle and revolver shooting, before they are eligible for this employment.

(b) Shore Guards are supplied to Firms and Individuals requiring Indian Watchmen to guard against theft, etc. They are visited at least 3 times a week by Police Officers either by day or night, to see that they are doing their work properly and efficiently.

(c) Special Guards (Lewis Gun). When the Piracy problem became acute in March, 1924, it was decided to run the river steamers in convoy, the senior ship to be manned by a Lewis Gun Section of 1 sergeant and 8 men. These Sections were originally supplied by the Military Authorities and later by the Indian and Wei Hai Wei contingents of the Hongkong Police. This took too many men away from the Regular Duties, and it was decided to form a special squad of Indian Guards qualified to handle a Lewis Gun and rifle who would take over these duties. Pay: \$25.00 per mensem, free uniform and free rations.

A cadre of 10 such men was formed from amongst the ship Guards and S.M. Nur Mohamed was sent to India to recruit a further 40 ex-service Lewis Gunners. On their arrival these men were put through a Lewis Gun course, and under European Police Officers took over the duties of L.G. section on board senior convoy ships.

*Conduct*:—A large number of cases of "Missing Ship" occurred amongst the ship guards early in the year. Punishment for this offence by fining was found to be useless, but a sentence of a month's imprisonment with hard labour inflicted by the Marine Magistrate under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act was found to be an excellent deterrent to others, and very few cases occurred during the last 6 months of the year. 38 men were dismissed for misconduct.

*Musketry*.—721 men were put through a modified revolver course of whom 430 passed the requisite test and 291 failed.

Those who failed were employed on shore posts without arms.

IDENTIFICATION BY FINGER IMPRESSIONS.

	Number of finger prints examined.	Number of persons identified.	Number of records filed.	Number of convictions: Deportation Ordinance.	Number of convictions: under Market Ordinance.
1923	9,888	1,736	6,533	54	560
1924	10,658	2,281	10,513	115	684
Increase .....	770	545	3,980	61	124

DEPORTEES AND VAGRANTS.

Year.	Number of persons Banished from Hongkong.	Number of persons Discharged from Gaol.	Number of persons Deported from Singapore and sent off.	Number of Vagrants sent from Singapore.	Number of Undesirables arrived from D.F.L. and sent off.	Number of Vagrants sent from Saigon and sent off.	Number of persons, repatriated from Batikpapan.
1923	1,027	1,953	812	795	1,754	674	790
1924	1,261	2,908	912	784	2,346	1,793	129
Increase ...	234	955	100	...	592	1,119	...
Decrease ...	...	...	...	11	...	...	661

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT.

The Photography Department comprises two small rooms, separated by a fireproof partition. The entrance leads directly into the Studio which is laid out on a scheme resembling as near as possible that of the Photography Department, New Scotland Yard, London. From the Studio access is gained to the Dark-room and Laboratory adjoining by double doors; as in the Studio, both the apparatus used and the general lay-out closely resemble New Scotland Yard.

Since the Department was opened on the 9th April, 1923, the following is a summary of the work executed up to the 31st of December, 1924.

Photographs issued.	Size of Photo			
	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1/1	12 x 10
To Criminal Investigation Staff .....	480	260	44	35
Police Court and Supreme Court .....	...	...	24	321
Traffic Department .....	192	20	12	...
Divisional Inspectors .....	12	120	6	...
Totals .....	684	400	86	356

Grand Total.....1,526

The following is the list of Photos taken of the scenes of serious crimes :—

Murders .....	9
Armed Robberies .....	5
Highway Robberies .....	2
Burglary .....	1
Fatal Accidents .....	7
Fires .....	2

GAMBLING.

Three hundred and forty-four Gambling Warrants were successfully executed during the year as against 202 in 1923. There were eight cases in which no convictions were obtained.

There were eighty-one Lottery cases, compared with 74 in 1923.

PROPERTY REPORTED STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED.

The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$600,024.84 as against \$657,671.44 in 1923, a decrease of \$57,646.60 or 8.77%.

The average for the last five years is \$610,893.90 as against \$565,032.81 in 1923, an increase of \$45,861.09.

The value of Property recovered during the year was \$55,338.36 or 9.2% of the value of the Property stolen, as against \$55,073.68 or 8.3% of the Property stolen in 1923, an increase of 9.0% in the ratio between the Property stolen and Property recovered.

LOST PROPERTY.

The following is a return showing Property lost or recovered:—

Year.	Articles reported lost.	Value lost.	Articles recovered and found but not reported lost.	Value of articles found.
1924	415	\$39,918.92	123	\$8,051.30
1923	375	59,373.56	132	3,708.61

*Weights and Measures.*

Weights and Measures examined	Correct	Incorrect	Total
Foreign Scales .....	156	25	181
Chinese Scales .....	1,008	56	1,064
Yard Measures .....	462	...	462
Check Measures .....	726	...	726
Liquid Measures.....	3	...	3
Total.....	2,355	81	2,436

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Weights and Measures Ordinance :—

Number of Cases	Convictions	Fines
15	13	\$310.

*Dangerous Goods.*

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance :—

Number of Cases	Convictions	Fines
46	46	\$1,425.

ARMS ORDINANCE.

Table IV shows Arms and Ammunition seized and confiscated during the year 1924.

*Traffic Regulations.*

The following prosecutions were instituted under the Traffic Regulations (Notification No. 377 : Government Gazette of 26th June, 1924) :—(For the purpose of comparison, 1923 figures are also inserted).

Year	Prosecutions	Convictions	With-drawn	Discharged	Remanded	Result
1924	4,790	4,390	158	145	106	\$17,937
1923	5,730	4,088	302	327	23	\$18,326
			Manslaughter			
1924	8	3	2	3	...	...
1923	2	1	...	1	...	...

*Examination of Motor Drivers.*

	1924.	1923.
Persons examined .....	839	389
Persons passed .....	439	210

The total number of accidents reported during the year was 350 as against 267 in 1923 :—

1. Motor Car .....	289	209
2. Truck.....	14	12
3. Ricksha and Chair .....	—	5
4. Tramcar.....	47	41
Total.....	<u>350</u>	<u>267</u>

The total number of fatal accidents was 44 as against 33 in 1923 :—

1. Motor Car .....	33	24
2. Truck.....	3	2
3. Traucar.....	8	7
Total.....	<u>44</u>	<u>33</u>

*Motor Vehicle Licencing Season 1924-1925.*

July 1st to 31st December, 1924.

*Mechanical Transport Inspection.*

Livery Cars examined and refused licences .....	28
Motor Buses       "       "       "       " .....	8
Taxi Cabs       "       "       "       " .....	23
Total.....	<u>59</u>

Livery Cars examined and granted licences.....	154
Motor Buses       "       "       "       " .....	113
Taxi Cabs       "       "       "       " .....	48
Commercial Motor Vehicles       "       " .....	157
Total.....	<u>472</u>



Livery Cars re-examined and found unfit for public use from various causes, and taken off the street to be re-examined .....	52
Motor Buses re-examined and found unfit for public use from various causes and taken off the streets to be re-examined .....	96
Taxi Cabs re-examined and found unfit for public use from various causes and taken off the streets to be re-examined .....	49
Commercial Motor Vehicles re-examined and found unfit for commercial use from various causes and taken off the streets to be re-examined .....	10
Total.....	<u>207</u>

The Total Number of Motor Vehicles licensed :—

From 1st July 1922 to 30th June 1923.....1185

From 1st July 1923 to 30th June 1924.....1663

*Mendicants.*

During the year 1924 one thousand two hundred and sixty two Mendicants were arrested and dealt with as follows :—

14	Mendicants charged before the Magistrate.
45	„ sent to Tung Wah Hospital.
5	„ handed back to parent.
48	„ sent to Shanghai.
1	„ „ to Pun U.
1	„ „ to San Hing.
6	„ let go by order of C. S. P.
1,051	„ sent to Canton once.
91	„ „ „ more than once.

*Dead Bodies.*

Table V shows the number of unknown dead bodies found by the Police in the Streets and elsewhere during the year.

*Licences.*

The following licences were issued during the year :—

	1924.	1923.
Public Jinrikshas .....	1,925	2,038
Private „ .....	1,486	1,441
Public Chairs.....	896	896
Private „ .....	191	243
Drivers and Bearers .....	25,561	29,404

Truck Licences .....	1,500	1,600
Motor Cars (Livery) .....	419	254
"    " (Private) .....	837	542
"    " (Drivers) .....	1,657	1,184
" Cycle (Licences) .....	440	405
"    " (Drivers) .....	491	475
Money Changers .....	206	212
Pawn-brokers .....	130	146
Chinese Wine and Spirits .....	435	459
Auctioneer Licences .....	4	3
Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys .....	4	3
Distillery Licences .....	39	38
Marine Stores .....	33	30
Game Licences .....	364	329
Hawkers .....	8,515	8,947
Dangerous Goods .....	934	1,519
Poisons .....	18	23

DOGS ORDINANCE.

	1924.	1923.
Dogs licensed .....	3,485	3,479
"    " (free) .....	23	20
" Impounded .....	497	134
" Destroyed .....	239	88
" Sold or Claimed .....	50	46

The Dogs Home at Yaumati was handed over to the S.P.C.A. on 1st November, 1924.

PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGES.

The following certificates were obtained during the year 1924:—

		1924			1923		
		Europ- eans.	Indians.	Northern Chinese.	Europ- eans.	Indians.	Chinese.
Cantonese	1st Certificate	8	32	6	19	31	...
"	2nd "	9	12	1	2	9	...
"	3rd "	...	10	3	...	15	...
Hoklo	1st "	...	...	...	...	...	...
"	2nd "	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hindustani	1st "	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandarin	1st "	2	...	...	3	...	...
"	2nd "	1	...	...	2	...	...
"	3rd "	1	1	...	...	1	...
English	1st "	...	24	3	...	21	...
"	Full "	...	7	1	...	7	...
"	2nd "	...	...	...	...	...	...

In addition to the above, one Cantonese obtained full English Certificate.

ANNUAL MUSKERTY COURSE 1923-1924.

EUROPEANS.

One hundred and ninety-seven Europeans fired their musketry course and were classified as under :—

	1924	1923
Marksmen .....	30	23
1st Class Shots .....	71	43
2nd „ „ .....	88	107
3rd „ „ .....	8	28
	<u>197</u>	<u>201</u>

Sergeant Carpenter obtained the highest score, *viz* :—176 out of a possible of 200 points.

INDIANS.

Four hundred and ten Indians fired their musketry course and were classified as under :—

	1924	1923
Marksmen .....	19	12
1st Class Shots .....	34	23
2nd „ „ .....	176	196
3rd „ „ .....	181	191
	<u>410</u>	<u>422</u>

L. S. B. 4 Hazara Singh obtained the highest score, *viz* :—172 out of a possible of 200 points.

REVOLVER COURSE.

EUROPEANS.

One hundred and eighty two Europeans fired their Revolver course and were classified as under :—

	1924	1923
1st Class Shots .....	72	23
2nd „ „ .....	109	133
3rd „ „ .....	1	12
	<u>182</u>	<u>168</u>

INDIANS.

There hundred and ninety five Indians fired their Revolver course and were classified as under :—

	1924	1923
1st Class Shots .....	110	99
2nd „ „ .....	162	270
3rd „ „ .....	89	30
Failed .....	34	..
	<u>395</u>	<u>399</u>

CHINESE.

Four hundred and seven Cantonese fired their Revolver course and were classified as under :—

	1924	1923
1st Class Shots .....	45	32
2nd „ „ .....	144	282
3rd „ „ .....	200	75
Failed .....	18	...
	<u>407</u>	<u>389</u>

WEI HAI WEI CONTINGENT.

One hundred and ninety-one fired their Revolver course and were classified as under :—

	1924
1st Class Shots .....	38
2nd „ „ .....	56
3rd „ „ .....	59
Failed .....	38
	<u>191</u>

CONDUCT

The conduct of the European Contingent (average strength 235) was good. The total number of reports against them was 127 as against 106 in 1923. There were 18 reports for being drunk or under the influence of drink as against 9 in 1923.

Two were reported for sleeping on duty as against 4 in 1923.

There were 22 reported for neglect of duty as against 25 in 1923.

The conduct of the Indian Contingent (average strength 504) was good. There were 529 reports as against 532 for the preceding year. For drunkenness there were 11 as against 23, for disorderly conduct 72 as against 30, for neglect of duty 93 as against 110, for absence from duty 131 as against 110, for gossiping and idling on duty 84 as against 81 and for sleeping on duty 18 as against 25.

212 men had no report as against 247.

2 Indian Policemen were convicted by the Police Magistrate, 1 for being absent from station and duty, and 1 for accepting bribes. Both were dismissed from the Force.

The behaviour of the Chinese Contingent (average strength 530) was fair. There were altogether 1253 reports as against 1389 in 1923. For drunkenness there was none as against one, 66 for sleeping on duty as against 95, 46 for disorderly conduct as against 29, and 1141 for minor offence as against 727, 215 men had no report as against 275 in 1923. 3 C.C.s were convicted by the Police Magistrate (and dismissed from the Force) 1 for larceny, 1 for demanding a bribe and 1 for being absent from station and duty.

The behaviour of the Chinese (Wei-hai-wei) Contingent (average strength 275) was disappointing. There were altogether 502 reports as against 51. For drunkenness there were 4 as against 2, 41 for sleeping on duty as against none in 1923, 56 for disorderly conduct as against 4, and 401 minor offence as against 48, 90 men had no report as against 78 in 1923. 11 P.C.D.s were convicted by the Police Magistrate (and dismissed from the Force) 2 for larceny, 2 for desertion, 1 for sleeping on duty and 6 for misconduct, neglect of duty and unlawful possession.

The conduct of seamen, coxswains, engineers and stokers (average strength 232) was fair. 179 reports as compared with 207 for the previous year. For disorderly conduct there were 11 as against 27 in 1923, 11 for neglect of duty as against 26, 126 for absence from station and duty as against 125, and 8 for sleeping on duty as against 10 for the previous year. 175 men had no report recorded against them as compared with 138 in 1923.

#### HEALTH.

Admissions to Hospital during the last three years were as follows:—

Nationality.	1922.		1923.		1924.	
	Establishment of the Force.	Admissions.	Establishment of the Force.	Admissions.	Establishment of the Force.	Admissions.
Europeans,...	188	145	220	235	235	93
Indians,.....	431	497	550	666	504	513
Chinese,.....	762	326	681	549	805	642

Return of Police treated in Government Civil Hospital for Fever or Dengue Fever during the year 1924 :—

Nationality.	Old Territories.		New Territories.	
	Establishment of the Force.	Treated.	Establishment of the Force.	Treated.
Europeans, .....	220	22	15	6
Indians, .....	475	145	29	8
Chinese, .....	664	179	141	391

In addition to cases treated in Hospital for Fever or Dengue Fever, the cases treated for Fever in the various stations in the New Territories without being removed to Hospital were :—

Europeans...19      Indians...18.      Chinese...606.

HEALTH OF POLICE AT NEW TERRITORY.

(NORTH) STATIONS, 1924.

During 1924, the general health of Police throughout the Northern District of the New Territory was not good, due mainly to the prevalence of malaria which affected all ranks and the Wei Hai Wei Police in particular.

At certain stations—notably Sha Tau Kok, Sha Tin New Station, Ta Ku Ling and Castle Peak—fever was particularly virulent and persistent, refusing to yield to quinine although the latter was issued freely and in strict accordance with medical instructions. At one period of the year—September—90% of the Police at Sha Tau Kok were down with malaria.

The total admissions to hospital from all stations during the year was 403 and the total number of fever cases treated in station, 530.

Anti-malaria measures were recommended at various stations by Major Hingston, R.A.M.C. and by Dr. Moore.

It has been decided :—

- (a) To drain the parade ground at Sha Tin Kok Station.
- (b) To provide efficient wire netting for the windows and doors at Sha Tau Kok, Ta Ku Ling, and Sha Tin Stations.

In addition to above special measures, the Botanical and Forestry Department has done excellent work thinning the trees and clearing the undergrowth at Sha Tin and also at Castle Peak. The Botanical and Forestry Department will also take in hand the systematic thinning of trees and clearing of undergrowth at all New Territories Stations in future.

#### WATER POLICE.

Details concerning the Water Police are contained in Annexe A.

#### RECRUITING.

Details concerning recruiting and the Police Training School will be found in Annexe B.

#### “SPECIAL EVENTS”

##### *Piracy.*

On the 2nd of January, 1924, the S. S. Tai Lee was pirated between Wang Mun and Kong Mun by a gang of armed men who travelled on the ship as passengers. Captain Willox, master of the ship, and one Indian Guard, were killed, and two Indian Guards were seriously wounded.

On the 2nd of January, 1924, the Norwegian Steamer “Salen” was pirated in the Canton River about five miles from the Escape Creek by a gang of about 60 armed men who travelled on the ship from Canton disguised as coal coolies. Property valued at £1,600 was taken away by the pirates. There were no casualties.

On the 23rd of March, 1924, the Steam Launch Kwong Shun was pirated in Hongkong Harbour by a gang of armed men who boarded the Launch as passengers at Sham Shui Po. The Launch passengers and crew were taken to an unknown destination. The launch subsequently returned to Hongkong, but a number of the passengers were held for ransom in Chinese Territory for a considerable time.

On the 11th April, 1924, an attempt was made again to pirate the S.S. Tai Lee between Kong Mun and Wang Mun by a gang of armed men who travelled from Kong Mun as passengers. The pirates drew the ship's fires and tried to beach the vessel but they did not succeed.

The pirates then jumped overboard and swam ashore, several of them being shot in the water by the ship's guards. During the attempt to pirate the ship several shots were fired by the pirates in the between decks, resulting in the wounding of several Chinese passengers.

### POLICE CONSTABLE MURDERED.

On the 20th of April, 1924, Police Constable Batchan Singh was found murdered on the hillside near the Kowloon Reservoir with a bullet wound in his back. He had been missing since the 16th of April on which date he went out on patrol duty. His service revolver was also missing. Apparently a case of revenge.

### ATTACK ON POLICE BY ARMED ROBBERS.

At 08.15 hours on the 29th of December, 1923, 5 men entered the 2nd floor of No. 206D Canton Road, Yaumati. Four of them were armed with revolvers and one with a dagger. They bound and gagged the occupants and ransacked the floor. Whilst the robbery was in progress the Police received information and intercepted the robbers as they were about to leave the house. Shots were exchanged and four robbers were arrested, three of whom were wounded. During the shooting A.P.S. A46 Fender was shot in the right arm, L.S. A119 Robertson was shot in the abdomen, L.S. B267 Magber Singh also shot in the abdomen, and Man Wan, Detective C551 shot in the right leg.

At the May, 1924, Criminal Sessions, 1st, 2nd and 3rd robbers were sentenced to 15 years hard labour each, the 3rd robber was sentenced to a further 10 years hard labour (25 years in all) for shooting with intent. The 4th robber is still in the Government Civil Hospital under treatment.

On 1st August, 1924, the 4th Wei Hai Wei Contingent consisting of 1 Inspector, 1 Police Sergeant, 100 men and 5 Interpreters arrived in the Colony. 30 of these men were posted to the P. T. S. and the remainder drafted to different Stations in Hongkong, Kowloon and New Territory.

### REWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS.

P. C. C. 226 Tang Shing was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$25 for alertness on duty in effecting the arrest of 2 men, one with a dummy pistol and the other with 6 coils of thin wire, at 02.00 hours on the 14th December, 1923, at Morrison Hill Road. The men were thus intercepted on the point of committing a serious crime.

L. S. A. 100 Elwood was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for alertness on duty in securing the arrest of Li Chap-wa and Li Ting-chuen, Police Telephone clerks, on 11.12.23. The 1st defendant was charged with being in possession of an offensive weapon and fined \$125. Both were dismissed.

P. S. C. 180 Wong Lau was commended by His Honour the Chief Justice and the Captain Supt. of Police for good work and energy in securing the arrest of a man named Wong Ying who



was indicted for wounding with intent at the January Criminal Sessions. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Detective P. C. C. 649 Chung Wai was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for diligence in conducting enquiries in the case of the Murder of Li Man-kwong on 31.8.23, whereby the person suspected was arrested, January 1924.

P. C. C. 626 Mak Po-tai was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for his intelligent and successful enquiries in a case in which a man was supposed to have been murdered in Monmouth Path on 16.11.23. It was subsequently proved that the man was a habitual criminal, who had been shot dead while attempting to commit a highway robbery on one Tsang Kai-fong.

P. C. C. 161 Tsoi Ying was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for jumping into the Harbour and saving a coal coolie who had accidentally fallen into the water.

I. L. S. B. 116 Ajaib Singh was commended and granted a reward of \$25.00 for alertness on duty in securing the arrest of one Ip Fat for Murder at Connaught Road Central on 4.11.23. The indictment against the murderer failed only owing to some discrepancy in the evidence for the prosecution.

P. C. C. 19 Wong Wing-ye and I. P. C. B. 438 Ata Mohamed were commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for the prompt and determined manner in which they arrested a Highway Robber at King's Park, Kowloon, on 3.12.23. The indictment against the prisoner failed owing to the poor evidence of the principal witness.

P. C. C. 263 Lam Man was commended and granted a reward of \$150 by the Captain Supt. of Police for zeal and vigilance on duty on 15.1.24, which led him to arrest on suspicion 2 men who, on being searched, were found to have in their possession 3 revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition. They were convicted and sentenced to 2 years hard labour at the February Criminal Sessions 1924.

Detective P. C. C. 596 Chu Pui was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for diligent work in the investigation of a case of larceny from s.s. "Yuen Sang" between 4th and 7th February 1924. Six men were arrested, 2 convicted, and most of the stolen property recovered.

P. C. C. 427 Chan Cheuk-lam and P. C. C. 226 Tang Shing were commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for courage and energy displayed on 7.12.23 in securing the arrest of two robbers who had taken part in an Armed Robbery at No. 2 Ching Kai

Lane. The two prisoners as well as one other robber were sentenced to 10 years hard labour and ten strokes of the "Cat" at the January Criminal Sessions 1924.

S. I. Cockle was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for diligence in conducting enquiries into a case of Armed Robbery at No. 2 Ching Kai Lane on 7.12.23 in which 3 of the robbers were convicted and sentenced to 10 years hard labour and 10 strokes of the "Cat" at the January Criminal Sessions 1924.

L. S. C. 447 Chan Tim was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for intelligence and forethought in the handling of information with the result that a Burglar's Den at Chi Ma Yuen was raided on 20.3.24 and 3 men were arrested therein. Another confederate was subsequently arrested at 419 Shanghai Street, ground floor. A large amount of booty was recovered. The 4 men, who were charged with Burglary in different localities and on divers dates, were all convicted and sentenced to imprisonment.

P. C. C. 36 Pang Chi was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for zeal and intelligence while on patrol duty on 22.2.24 when he arrested on suspicion a Portuguese, who was found to have in his possession pawn tickets relating to stolen property. Property to the value of \$18.50 was recovered and the prisoner was sentenced to 12 months hard labour.

Inspector Pincott was commended by His Excellency the Governor for the care and thoroughness with which he carried out investigations and prepared the case for the prosecution in the Ka Ngo Piracy case.

Detective L. S. C. 179 Chan Hung, who obtained information leading to the first two arrests and the seizure of a large quantity of property which had been stolen during the Ka Ngo Piracy. (the two men were leaders) was reinstated in the rank of Police Sergeant, commended by the Captain Supt. of Police, and granted a reward of \$50.00.

L. S. A. 13 Kirby during the routine search of the s.s. "Hanoi" detected the presence of a number of passengers of an unusual type. Later he found others in possession of loaded revolvers and had the whole gang detained. He was granted a 4th Class Medal.

Detective L. S. C. 237 Cheng Kwong and Detective P. C. C. 368 Kong Shiu-hong during the routine search on s.s. Hydrangea found arms concealed in a basket with false sides, being carried by a passenger. The arms were well concealed and it was only by a very careful search that they were discovered. During the routine search on the s.s. Hanoi a few days previously, they made the first discovery of one man in possession of arms, which ultimately led to the arrest of the whole gang. They were granted a 4th Class Medal each.

L. S. A. 54 Dungey was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for his prompt assistance to Detective L. S. C. 179 Chan Hung which resulted in the arrest of two of the leaders of the Ka Ngo piracy gang.

Detective P. C. C. 653 Yau Chung was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for zeal and devotion to duty in effecting the arrest of a man who had taken part in an attempted Armed Robbery at 8 East Street, Quarry Bay, on 27.2.24. At the March Criminal Sessions defendant was found Guilty and sentenced to 5 years hard labour and 10 strokes of the "Cat".

Detective P. S. C. 185 Tang Sang was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for his zeal and ability in the investigation of a case of larceny from the person in Hing Hon Road on 26.3.24. The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to 6 months hard labour and to receive 12 strokes with the birch.

Sub-Inspector R. Shannon was commended by H. E. the Governor for the excellence of his work in supervising the Indian guards.

Detective L.S.C. 52 Tam Kni was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$25 for diligence in obtaining valuable information which led to the arrest of 5 and conviction of 4 bad characters who had taken part in several larcenies in the Western District. A large quantity of stolen property was recovered.

Detective C. C. 311 Chan Sze was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for alertness on duty whereby he secured the arrest of two pick-pockets in Queen's Road Central on 24.4.24. The prisoners were sentenced to one year hard labour each.

L. S. A. 95 Knowles was granted a 4th Class Medal for courage and presence of mind on the occasion of an Armed Robbery at 145 Portland Street on 11.11.23. L.S.A. 95 Knowles grappled with a man whom he might reasonably suppose to have been armed, knocked him down and arrested him. A loaded revolver was found on the ground shortly afterwards. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to 17 years hard labour and 20 strokes with the "Cat".

S. I. Cotton was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for his resource in capturing a ricksha coolie who endeavoured to pick his pocket on 9.5.24. The coolie was sentenced to 4 months hard labour.

Detective P. S. C. 269 Man Tam was granted a 4th Class Medal for excellent work in the New Territory during the period from 7.7.17. to May 1924 and for the capture of 5 robbers in the Man Kam To Brickworks Armed Robbery and Kidnapping case on 9.1.24. The 5 robbers were shot by Chinese Authorities at Sham Chun.

Acting L. S. A. 166 Jessop was granted a 4th Class Medal for courage and resource when in charge of the Police guard on the occasion of the Attempted Piracy of the s. s. "Tai Lee" on 12.4.24.

The following rewards were granted to the undermentioned Police Officers for bravery and resource on the occasion of the affray with armed robbers at 206 Canton Road, Yaumati. on 29.12.23.

Inspector T. Murphy recommended for the King's Police Medal (Since granted). P. S. 180 Wong Lau granted a 3rd Class Medal and reward of \$100.

4th Class Medals granted to :—

P. S. 110 Kelly.  
P. S. 46 Fender.  
L. S. 37 McEwen.  
L. S. 119 Robertson.

L. S. 53 Clark commended by His Excellency the Governor.

4th Class Medals and rewards of \$100 granted to :—

C. C. 551 Man Wan.  
C. C. 526 Wong Kan.  
L. S. 55 Li Cheung.  
L. S. 345 Shek Tui.  
I. L. S. 267 Maghar Singh.

P. C. C. 37 Mak Iu granted a reward of \$100 in addition to a 3rd Class Medal.

Rewards of \$50 and Commendation of His Excellency the Governor to :—

I. P. C. 125 Narain Singh.  
" 94 Chattar Singh.  
" 154 Norata Singh.  
P. C. C. 540 Ip Chak.  
" 265 Tsui Wing.  
" 322 Cheng Sham.  
" 419 Man Lung.  
" 229 Ip Fu.  
I. L. S. 96 Khoshal Singh.

A reward of \$50 granted to Wong San, now C. C. 109, who, at the time of the robbery, was not in the Force.

Sub Insp. McWalter was commended by His Excellency the Governor for his resource and energy in prosecuting the case of armed robbery at 145 Portland Street on 11.11.23.

L. S. B. 294 Maklmat Gul was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$50 for securing the arrest of a man for attempted Armed Robbery on board cargo boat No. 2867V on 11.4.24. At the May Criminal Sessions 1924 the prisoner was convicted and sentenced to 7 years hard labour and 12 strokes with the "Cat".

I. P. C. 250 Nadha Singh was commended by His Excellency the Governor and granted a reward of \$50 for courage and resource on the occasion of the affray with armed robbers at 206 Canton Road, on December 29th, 1923.

Detective L. S. C. 166 Kwan Hing Nam was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for discovering the identity of a Chinese who in self defence had shot a robber who with two others attempted to rob him at Monmouth Path on 16.11.23.

Inspectors Nawab Khan and Mohinder Singh were granted as a personal distinction the titles of Khan Sahib and Sirdar Sahib respectively by His Excellency the Viceroy of India.

Drill Corporal B 321 Ali Mohamed, P. C. B. 309 Ramyan Khan, P. C. B. 347 Fatteh Khan and P. C. B. 311 Farzand Ali were commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$25 each for courage and resource which they displayed on board the s. s. "Tai Lee" at the time of the attempted piracy on 12.4.24. Two of the pirate ringleaders were shot by them while attempting to leave the ship.

P. C. C. 218 Chau Ping Kwan was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$50 for alertness displayed by him in connection with the arrest of one Yeung Kwai-sang on board the s. s. "Shan Tung" on 20.5.24. This man had committed a Robbery with Violence at 33 Portland Street, 1st floor, on the same date, and was subsequently at the June Criminal Sessions 1924 sentenced to 7 years hard labour and to receive 12 strokes of the "Cat".

Detective P. C. C. 311 Chan Shu was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$50.00 for intelligence and alertness on duty in securing the arrest of a Chinese who had committed a Robbery with Violence at No. 2 Lok Hing Lane on 17.5.24. The prisoner was sentenced at June Criminal Sessions to 8 years hard labour and 10 strokes with the "Cat".

Sub Inspector Booker was commended by H. E. the Governor for hard and successful work in enlisting and training three contingents of Wei Hai Wei Police during the past two years.

Detective L. S. 113 Kwong Lun was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for the smart arrest on 30.5.24 of one of the two robbers who had attacked with a dagger an old man in the Sha Tin Gap Road on 29.5.24. The prisoner was sentenced to 7 years hard labour at the June Criminal Sessions 1924.

I. P. C. B. 40 Sirdar Ali was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for his prompt action in rescuing and applying artificial respiration to a Chinese boy who had fallen stunned into a pool. His prompt action saved the boy's life.

Detectives P. C. 634 Tse Yuk and C 609 Yeung Ching were commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$10 each for good work in connection with the breaking up of a gang of Triads in the Taipo District. 15 persons were arrested of whom 9 were convicted and the other 6 discharged.

Detective Sub.-Insp. Reynolds was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for diligent and efficient way in which he conducted the case *Rex v Wickersham*. Defendant was at the Police Court on 2.9.24. sentenced to 4 months imprisonment.

Detective L. S. C. 166 Kwan Hing Nam was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$20 for smart work in connection with the arrest of 6 men who had committed several larcenies in Wanchai District. All six were convicted and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

Detective P. S. C. 84 Ho Hung and P. C. C. 257 Chau Fuk were commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for good work done in arresting one Li Yan for participation in an Armed Robbery at British Sha Tau Kok on 14.7.24. At the August Criminal Sessions 1924, the prisoner was convicted and sentenced to 10 years hard labour and 12 strokes with the "Cat".

I. P. C. B. 5 Jaggat Singh was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$10 for smartness on duty in arresting 2 men for robbing a European while intoxicated at Lee Yuen Street West on 25.8.24. The prisoners were convicted by the Police Magistrate and sentenced to 6 weeks hard labour each.

I. P. C. B. 68 Milkha Singh was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for jumping into the Harbour and saving the life of a drunken Chinese male on 31.8.24 who had accidentally fallen into the water and could not swim.

L. S. A. 1 G. W. Moreton was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for good work in exposing extensive frauds on the part of Chinese Distilleries in Sai Kung District who were systematically conspiring with wine dealers in Hongkong to employ used duty labels on bottles and jars of wine supplied wholesale from the Distilleries.

P. S. B. 230 Atta Mohamed was commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for resource and zeal in the execution of his duty. on the 26.9.24. P. S. B. 230, assisted by a number of P. C.s. dispersed a large crowd of men who were making a hostile demonstration outside Pokfulam Police Station and his prompt action prevented what might have been a serious affray.

P. S. C. 192 Kong Yee was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for good work done in effecting the arrest of a Chinese male, who had committed several larcenies at the Peak. Defendant was sentenced to 6 months hard labour.

P. C. C. 368 Kong Shiu Hong was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for vigilance while on duty at Yaumati on 18.10.24, whereby he arrested one man who had stolen money and jewellery to the value of \$1,155 from No. 2 Tai Yuen Street, Wanchai. Property recovered.

P. C. C. 579 Un Hang was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$15 for alertness on duty on 4.10.24 when he arrested a man for unlawful possession of 28 bottles of medicine of different assortments. A woman who had stolen these and other articles from A. S. Watson & Company's Laboratory at North Point where she was employed as a packer was also arrested. Both prisoners were charged, convicted and sentenced to 3 months hard labour each.

I. P. C. B. 402 Bhay Singh and I. P. C. B. 406 Dadan Khan were commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for general good work done during their eleven years service, which they both have completed without a single report against them.

P. C. C. 538 Lo Tung was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police and granted a reward of \$10 for alertness on duty at Un On Wharf on 18.10.24 in arresting a man who had kidnapped a small boy. Defendant was charged and sentenced to 9 months' hard labour and 12 strokes with the birch.

P. C. C. 161 Tsoi Ying was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for alertness on duty on 26.10.24 and the smart capture of 3 men who had stolen jewellery, money and clothing from a dwelling at 8 Pitt Street. Stolen property to the value of \$256 was recovered. The defendants were sentenced to 5 months hard labour each.

The following rewards were granted to the undermentioned Police Officers for courage and prompt action whereby 6 men, who had committed an armed robbery at Sham Cheng village, Tsun Wan District, were captured :—

Sergeant A.139 Hourihan \$100 and commendation by His Excellency the Governor.

P. C. D. 107 Wong Fung Yan \$50 and commendation by His Excellency the Governor.

P. C. D. 104 Tsao Tsu Chwan \$25 and commendation by the Captain Supt. of Police.

P. C. C. 7 Wong Tat was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for alertness on duty in securing the arrest of a man named Yeung Chun at Connaught Road West on the 18th November 1924. The prisoner was convicted of Manslaughter at the November Criminal Sessions and sentenced to 15 years hard labour.

Detective C. C. 311 Chan Sze was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for alertness on duty on 7.12.24, in effecting the arrest of a man who had committed a burglary at 22 Wing Wo Road and recovery of half of the stolen property. Defendant was convicted and sentenced to 6 months hard labour.

P. C. B. 417 Makhan was commended by the Captain Supt. of Police for his prompt action while off duty on the 17th December, 1924, in assisting to arrest a violent Chinese who had committed assault and attempted larceny from the person in Ice House Street. Defendant was convicted and sentenced to 9 months hard labour.

Return shewing the Establishment and Casualties in the Force during the year 1924 :—

Nationality.	Establishment of the Force.	Enlistments.	Deaths.	Resignations through sickness.	Resignations through expiry of terms of service or otherwise.	Dismissals or Desertions.	Total Number of Casualties.
Europeans, ...	235	43	1	16	14	3	34
Indians, .....	504	82	5	7	12	37	61
Chinese, .....	805	175	6	1	23	41	71
Total, ...	1,544	300	12	24	49	81	166

This number includes the Police paid by other Departments, also the Engineers, Coxwains, Stokers, etc., but it is exclusive of :—

- 1 Captain Superintendent.
- 1 Deputy Superintendent of Police (Kowloon).
- 1 Director of Criminal Intelligence.
- 1 Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence.
- 4 Assistant Superintendents.
- 2 Probationers.



- 1 Accountant.
- 1 Assistant Accountant.
- 2 Storekeepers.
- 1 Police Secretary.
- 20 Clerks.
- 10 Telephone Clerks.
- 68 Interpreters.
- 124 Messengers and Coolies.
- 2 Indian and 2 Chinese Constables who are employed by Private Firms.
- 2 Shroffs.

*Actual Strength on the 10th December, 1924.*

	Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	Total.
Present, .....	200	437	761	1,398
Sick or Absent on leave, .....	35	67	35	137
Excess over Estimates	7	7	...	14
Vacancies, .....	...	...	9	9
<b>Total, .....</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>1,558</b>

EXECUTIVE STAFF.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence proceeded on 10 months leave to the United Kingdom on April 5th, 1924, and Mr. C. G. Perdue was appointed to act during Mr. King's absence as Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Mr. D. Burlingham proceeded on leave of absence to the United Kingdom for 10 months on May 3rd, 1924.

Captain H. F. Bloxham was temporarily appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police in charge of Indian Guards on February 1st, 1924.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth proceeded on 7 months leave of absence to the United Kingdom on April 5th, 1924, and was appointed to act as Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence on his return from leave on November 13th, 1924.

Inspector W. G. Gerrard was appointed to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police on April 5th, 1924.

Mr. W. Le Bart Sparrow was appointed Police Probationer on October 25th, 1924, and Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop was appointed Police Probationer on November 27th, 1924.

Table showing the Total Strength, Expenditure and Revenue of the Police Department for the years 1914 to 1924:—

Year	Total Strength	Expenditure	Revenue
1914 .....	1,304	\$ 739,100	\$ 193,915
1915 .....	1,289	765,911	185,589
1916 .....	1,215	703,743	192,796
1917 .....	1,229	694,115	210,071
1918 .....	1,228	727,233	219,012
1919 .....	1,228	840,977	225,031
1920 .....	1,281	1,165,084	229,122
1921 .....	1,341	1,443,627	259,876
1922 .....	1,381	1,533,772	376,347
1923 .....	1,589	1,633,847	349,443
1924 .....	1,774	1,877,948	389,176

### Annexe A.

#### REPORT ON THE WATER POLICE.

I have the honour to report that the strength of the Water Police as it now stands is 2 Inspectors, 2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Crown Sergeants, 18 Lance Sergeants and 3 European Constables, 34 Coxswains, 4 Boatswains, 116 Seamen, 36 Engineers, 34 Stokers, 2 Barrack Sergeants, 2 Station Sergeants, 2 Carpenters, 2 Painters, 1 Sailmaker, 1 Motor Mechanic, 12 Detectives and 17 Boatmen making a total of 292.

The above is the actual strength on the 31st December, 1924, and includes all the detectives at Water Police Station and those under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance.

Yearly return of changes in the establishment during the year 1924.

Resignations .....	18
Dismissals .....	22
Struck off .....	6
Medically unfit .....	—
Retirements .....	3
Deaths .....	2
Total.....	51
Enlistment.....	66

During the year under review the four large Cruising Police Launches Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 have all been thoroughly overhauled besides being slipped quarterly when minor repairs were effected. These launches are now in good running order.

Four of the six patrol launches 5, 6, 7, 8, have been kept on harbour beats during the year. They have been overhauled and are in a satisfactory condition except No. 8 which should be replaced in 1926.

Motor Boats 10, 11 and 12 have all been overhauled every three months and are in good running order.

Searchlights have been installed on Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and No. 14 Launches.

One new launch No. 14 was taken over during 1924.

All Pulling Boats and gear are in good order and condition.

The usual Rifle and Vickers gun practices have been carried out by Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 launches.

The traffic in Arms, principally from Europe continued during the year. Several important seizures were made by a special staff of Searchers.

A special staff was employed throughout the year in carrying out searches under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance.

I attach details of the principal seizures of arms by the Water Police and the Searchers under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance during the year.

P. P. J. WODEHOUSE,  
*Deputy Superintendent of Police.*

*List of arms cases (with arrest) during 1924.*

Date.	Name of Defendants.	Charge.	By Whom arrested.	Results.
6.1.24	Chan Chun-chau...22 Hung Kwai-ting ...34 Hung Yau-wa .....27	Possession of 5 Automatic pistol (loaded) 7 Revolvers and 110 rds. of ammunition on board steamship "Hanoi".	L.S.A. 13	10 years each C. No. 1782.
11.1.24	Chung Sau .....24	Possession of 3 loaded revolvers and 2 daggers on "Hydrangea"	A. 13 and C. 368.	9 years and 10 Strokes C. No. 1715.
16.3.24	Chan Man-lai .....46	Possession of 2 Automatic pistol 2 spare magazine and 562 rds. of ammunition (President Wilson).	C. 553.	\$1000. Fine C. No. 4406.
22.4.24	Chan Tak-fu .....20 Tsing Tsat-fat.....25 WongCheong-chun 27 Chung Sau-hung...22	Possession of 39 revolvers and 3900 rds. of revolver ammunition and 85,080 rds. of Mauser ammunition on s. s. Paul Lecat.	P.S.A. 58.	12 months each.
22.4.24	Ko Shing.....27	Possession of 18 Mauser pistol and 8,800 rds. of ammunition on s.s. Paul Lecat.	P.S.A. 58.	12 months.
17.8.24	Wong Fun, Pantry Boy	Possession of 3 revolvers and 500 rds. ammunition on s.s. Paul Lecat.	A. 136.	3 years C. No. 3300.
15.8.24	Ma Hing, fireman ...	Possession of 3 revolvers and 40 rds. of ammunition on "President Wilson".	R.O. 40.	Fine \$1000 or 12 months.

*List of arms cases (with arrest) during 1924,—Continued.*

Date.	Name of Defendants.	Charge.	By Whom arrested.	Results.
18.8.24	Li Kam-lun .....42	Possession of 1 Luger pistol and 600 rds. of ammunition on s.s. Empress of Asia.	C. 605.	Fined \$500 C. No. 3299.
30.8.24	Yeung To.....54	Possession of 3 revolver, 1 Luger pistol, 600 rds. and 6 pistol clips on s.s. President Cleveland.	C. 553.	Fined \$1000 C. No. 3537.
15.9.24	Liu Hing .....43	Possession of 1 revolver on s.s. President Harrison.	Watchman 301.	12 months C. No. 3858.
13.9.24	Yeung Wai Kam...50	Possession of 7 revolvers, and 1,100 rds. of ammunition on "President Cleveland".	C. 553.	Fined \$1000 C. No. 3831.
22.9.24	William Earl Hasting	Possession of 2 revolvers and 324 rds. of ammunition on s.s. "President McKinley".	R.O. 1.	12 months C. No. 4063.
27.9.24	Lam Tak-chi .....38	Possession of 1 Mauser pistol, 1 Revolver and 190 rds. of ammunition on s.s. "President Pierce".	R.O. 20.	Fined \$500 C. No. 4132.
7.10.24	Juwa Khan .....	Possession of 2 revolver and 100 rds. of ammunition.	A. 58.	5 years.
7.12.24	Cheung Yuen .....45	Possession of 2 rifles and 120 rds. of ammunition on President Jefferson.	R. 145.	Fined \$500 C. No. 5786.

LIST OF SEIZURE OF ARMS & AMMUNITION

DURING THE YEAR OF 1924.

25.1.24. Brought to station by A. 13 Kirby from on board S.S. Bandosan 62 revolvers, 3 Automatic pistols (Mauser) 10,000 rounds of pistol ammunition, 5,400 rounds of revolver ammunition.

4.2.24. Brought to station by A. 71 Waller from on board S.S. President Hanison found by F.S. Moody 4th Officer, 1 Mauser rifle, 6 revolvers, 1 Automatic pistol and 1,532 rounds of ammunition.

26.3.24. Brought to station by A. 71 from on board S.S. President Wilson, handed over by William Hasting 1st Officer, 350 S. & W. .38 revolver ammunition, 620 Mauser revolver ammunition.

29.3.24. Brought to station by female searcher No. 5, Li Tai from on board S.S. Lu Chow, 1 Automatic pistol, 1 magazine, and 99 rds of ammunition.

21.4.24. Brought to station by A 58 from on board S.S. Paul Lecate found by Chief Officer, 18 Mauser pistols, 8,800 rounds of ammunition (Mauser).

21.4.24. Brought to station by A. 58 from on board S.S. Paul Lecate handed over by Chief Officer, 39 revolvers, 3,900 rounds of ammunition (revolver) and 85,980 rounds of Mauser ammunition.

19.5.24. Brought to station by A. 136 from on board S.S. Phranang, 16 revolvers, 1,050 rounds of ammunition, 10 Luger pistols, 8 Luger stocks, 15 Luger Magazines, 1,600 rounds of ammunition, 8 Automatics complete and 100 rounds of ammunition and 4,925 rounds of Mauser ammunition.

11.6.24. Brought to station by A. 58 found by him on board Licensed Junk No. 795, having been thrown on board from S.S. Carnarvanshire, 3 Mauser pistols, 2 Automatic pistols and 584 rounds of ammunition.

11.6.24. Brought to station by R.O. Lanigan from on board S.S. Carnarvanshire 14 Mauser pistols with wooden stocks, 18 Automatic pistols, 1 wooden stock and 3,145 rounds of ammunition.

15.7.24. Brought to station by A. 13 from on board S.S. Kitana Maru, 2,900 rounds of ammunition.

28.7.24. Brought to station by A. 58 from on board S.S. Victoria, 9 Lee Enfield rifles, 1,000 rounds of Mark VII ammunition, 33,950 rounds of Luger Automatic ammunition.

1.9.24. Brought to station by A. 122 from on board S.S. Andre Lebon handed over by Capt. Wettely, 4 Luger pistols, 5 Long revolvers, 2 short revolvers, 1,980 rounds of Luger ammunition, 300 rounds of revolver ammunition, 700 rounds of revolver ammunition.

23.9.24. Brought to station by A. 136 from on board Empress of Russia found by Staff Captain William David Chef, 30 Mausers with stocks and 50 magazines and 2,940 mauser ammunition, 150 rds. of Winchester ammunition and 200 rounds of S. & W. long ammunition.

24.9.24. Brought to station by Sergt. Simpson from on board Empress of Russia handed over by Staff Captain William David Chef, 2 Winchester Rifles, 400 rounds of Winchester ammunition.

24.9.24. Brought to station by Sergt. Dorling from on board S.S. West Carmona on the 13th inst. and reported vide morning report of the 24th inst. 200 rounds of S.W. revolvers, 20 Thompson Machine guns and 60 magazines, 19,950 rounds of Machine gun ammunition, 19,750 rounds of 32 cal. revolver ammunition and 6 cleaning rods.

27.9.24. Brought to station by L.S.A. 13 Kirby two 32 revolvers, 2 Luger, 1 Mauser and 380 round of ammunition found unclaimed on board S.S. President Pierce.

28.9.24. Brought to station by L.S. 136 Simpson, 2 Mauser revolvers and 1 Automatic pistol, 107 rounds of ammunition, 1 Mauser magazine and 2 spare parts found unclaimed on board the S.S. Chantilly.

30.9.24. Brought to station 5 Smith Wesson revolvers and 950 rounds of ammunition found unclaimed on No. 5 Wharf, H.K. & K. Godown by R.O. Lanigan.

31.10.24. Brought to station by L.S.A. 136 Simpson, 2 Smith and Wesson revolvers, 359 rounds of ammunition, found unclaimed on S.S. President Madison.

2.12.24. Brought to station by L.S.A. 136 Simpson, 33 Automatic revolvers, 5 Mausers Pistols and 5,600 rounds of ammunition found unclaimed on board the S.S. Rosanda.

5.12.24. Brought to station 2 Smith and Wesson revolvers found unclaimed on board the S.S. Taiyo Maru by the chief officer and handed over to Sergt. Carson.

23.12.24. Brought to station 19 Mauser pistols, 4 Luger pistols and 3 spare chambers 16 sec chamber revolvers, 1,440 rounds of revolver ammunition, 4,650 rounds of Mauser ammunition and 540 rounds of Luger ammunition by L.S.A. 27 Sampson handed over to him by the Captain of the S.S. Taming.

### Annexe B.

#### POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1924.

##### *I. Staff.*

The following changes were made in the personnel of the P.T.S. Staff during 1924 :—

- (1) Inspector Paterson was appointed acting Principal vice Inspector Gerrard appointed acting A. S. P. Tai Po.
- (2) Sub-Inspector W. Shannon was appointed Assistant Principal, vice Inspector Paterson. S. I. Shannon was granted one months sick leave in November, and left for the United Kingdom on leave in December : Sub-Inspector A. Clark was appointed to the vacancy thus created, to take effect from 5th January 1925.
- (3) Sub-Inspector Barnett was appointed Drill Instructor vice Sub-Inspector J. Clark returned to regular duty.
- (4) A. P. S. 5 Baker was appointed Physical Training Instructor and Barrack Sergeant, vice A. P. S. 114 Condon on leave.
- (5) Sub-Inspector McNab Wilson discharged the duties of Musketry Instructor from March to December, during the absence on leave of P. S. 90 Carpenter.
- (6) L. S. 33 Wynne was appointed Assistant Musketry Instructor.
- (7) A. P. S. 52 Dickson was attached in July to P. T. S. on return from Wei Hai Wei, to supervise the instruction of Northern Chinese recruits and to take charge of the Northern Contingent generally.
- (8) Sergt. Major Kwong Tin-kan was re-appointed to P. T. S. to take charge of the Cantonese Contingent recruits.
- (9) Mr. Lo Yu-hung was appointed clerk, vice Mr. Kwok Lun-ying resigned.
- (10) P.S.D. 56 Pi Lung-yiu was appointed drill Instructor and attached to P.T.S. to assist in the supervision of the Northern Contingent Chinese recruits and trained men.



- (11) Mr. Fu Wo-chang was appointed Shan Tung teacher and Interpreter in July, and resigned in October.
- (12) Interpreter Ku Yuan-pin was attached to P.T.S. from August to November, to assist in the instruction of the Northern Contingent.
- (13) Interpreter Wong Kui-shin was in November appointed Shan Tung teacher and interpreter, vice Ku Yuan-pin returned to regular duty.

PRESENT STAFF.

Principal.....	Insp. Paterson.
Assistant Principal.....	S. I. Clark.
Indian Teacher and Interpreter .....	Mr. K. Sohan Singh.
First Chinese Teacher and Interpreter...	Mr. Pun Yau-tong.
Second " " " " .....	Mr. Yeung Siu-nung.
Northern " " " " .....	Mr. Wong Kui-shin.
Chinese Vernacular Teacher .....	Mr. Ng Cheuk-wah.
Clerk .....	Mr. Lo Yu-hung.
Indian Sub-Inspector .....	Miriam Baksh.
Chinese (Cantonese) Sergt. Major .....	Mr. Kwong Tin-kan.
European Drill Instructor .....	Sub-Insp. Barnett.
" Musketry Instructor .....	P.S.A. 90 Carpenter.
Assistant " " .....	L.S.A. 33 Wynne.
Physical Drill Instructor and Barrack Sergt. at P.T.S.....	A.P.S. 5 Baker.
European i/c Northern Chinese .....	A.P.S. 52 Dickson
5 Indian Drill Instructors .....	
2 Chinese " " Cantonese ...	
1 " " " Northern ...	

II.—Recruiting Table from 1st January, 1924 to 31st December, 1924.

	Eur- opean.	Indian.	Chinese (Canton- ese).	Chinese (North ern).	District Watch- men.
Continuing instruc- tion from 1923 ...	26	49	9	—	6
Recruited .....	51	84	65	16	37
Passed out to duty ...	51	73	19	—	38
Resigned .....	3	—	2	—	2
Dismissed .....	—	—	4	—	—
Struck Off .....	1	15	6	—	—
Died in G.O.H. ....	—	1	—	—	—
Invalided.....	7	1	—	—	—
Continuing Instruc- tion .....	15	43	44	16	3

In addition to the above recruits, the following men passed through the P.T.S. :—

Northern Chinese Contingent (for final training).....95  
 Shameen Municipal Council Police (for training) ...15

### III.—EXAMINATIONS.

During the year 15 examinations for promotion were held at P.T.S. The following table shews the number of officers who qualified for the various ranks :—

	In- spectors.	Sub In- spectors.	Sergeant.	Lance Sergeant.
Europeans ...	7	10	11	51
Indians .....	—	—	10	21
Chinese .....	—	—	—	—

### IV.—CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE.

The conduct and discipline of recruits was satisfactory with the following exceptions :—

Europeans : 3 were permitted to resign and one was struck off as unlikely to become efficient.

Indians : 15 were struck off as unsuitable for police duty.

Chinese

(Cantonese) : 1 was permitted to resign and 6 were struck off as unsuitable. 4 were dismissed for misconduct (one of these latter four was charged before a Magistrate and awarded 6 weeks imprisonment for persistently absenting himself from duty. The conduct of the Cantonese contingent was on the whole a great improvement on 1923.

Chinese

(Northern) : No cases of misconduct: the first of these recruits was enlisted locally in September.

V. CURRICULUM.

Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	District Watchmen Recruits.
Police Regulations and General Instructions. Ordinances—all those that apply to Police. Police Code. Sections and Beats. Local Knowledge. Educational Subjects. Police Court Routine. Observation Lessons. Physical Drill. Squad and Rifle Drill. Musketry Course. Revolver Course.	Police Regulations and General Instructions. Ordinances—selected. Sections and Beats. Local Knowledge. Police Court Routine. Observation Lessons. Physical Drill. Squad and Rifle Drill. Musketry Course. Revolver Course. Urdu and/or Gurmukhi and/or English.	Police Regulations and General Instructions. Ordinances—selected. Sections and Beats. Local Knowledge. Police Court Routine. Observation Lessons. English and Arithmetic—elementary. Geography of China. Excerpts from Books of Morals. Physical Drill. *Squad and Rifle Drill. Musketry Course. Revolver Course. *Northern contingent only	Police Regulation Book—selected portions and General Instructions. Ordinances—selected. Local Knowledge. Physical Drill. Squad Drill.

Note :—Defaulters sent to School (Indians and Chinese) receive special instruction according to the subject in which they are reported to be inefficient.

\* Indians and Chinese were also instructed in First Aid to the injured.

Table I.

RETURN OF SERIOUS AND MINOR OFFENCES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED DURING THE YEARS 1923 AND 1924.

Serious Offences.						Minor Offences.						6 Total of all cases															
3 Larcenies and Larcenies in Dwelling- Houses.	4 Murder, Manslaughter and Other Felonies.	5 Offences against Ordinance of Protection of Women and Children.	6 Unlawful Possession.	7 Kidnapping.	1 Assault and Disorderly Conduct.	2 Gambling.	3 Drunkenness.	4 Nuisances.	5 Miscellaneous Offences.																		
Discharged.	Cases.	Convicted.	Cases.	Convicted.	Cases.	Convicted.	Cases.	Convicted.	Cases.	Convicted.	Cases.	Discharged.															
1	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	39	38	9															
1	1	...	2	2	9	...	15	...	3	3	...	30															
2	2,897	1,052	306	435	230	148	63	57	14	352	262	134	11	8	2	2,827	218	22	21	251	282	26	8,382	12,100	1,384	14,085	
2	2,899	1,053	307	438	235	148	63	57	14	352	262	134	11	8	2	2,827	218	67	65	2	251	282	26	8,424	12,141	1,393	14,200

  

Total Minor Offences 10,189.																														
...	...	...	...	...	3	4	2	...	...	22	22	...	...	...	...	29	31	1	57											
...	5	3	2	4	3	...	...	1	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	13	15	...	33											
1	3,443	1,487	269	324	143	77	62	61	2	437	381	92	22	11	608	920	120	485	2,776	223	15	15	370	385	29	11,505	17,413	1,413	17,179	
1	3,448	1,490	271	330	149	80	63	62	2	438	381	93	22	11	615	928	122	485	2,776	223	43	44	...	370	385	29	11,547	17,459	1,444	17,569

Offences 4,011.

Total Minor Offences 13,060.



Table II.

YEARLY RETURN OF CRIME FOR THE WHOLE COLONY FOR THE YEAR 1924.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.	1923.			1924.			% Charge cases to total.	PERSONS CONVICTED.			PERSONS DISCHARGED.			VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN \$ c.	VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED. \$ c.			
	Charge cases.	Cases without charge.	Total cases.	Charge cases.	Cases without charge.	Total cases.		Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.			Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.
Arms, .....	218	...	218	155	...	155	1	151	...	45	...	...	...	...	...			
Assault, .....	304	...	304	353	...	353	1	396	...	91	...	...	...	...	...			
Assault with intent to rob, .....	5	...	5	3	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	1,923.63			
Burglary, .....	13	61	74	10	50	60	...	13	...	1	...	...	12,296.98	...	...			
Coinage Offences, .....	14	...	14	16	...	16	...	13	...	5	...	...	...	...	...			
Deportation, .....	58	...	58	99	...	99	...	99	...	1	...	...	...	...	...			
Embezzlement, .....	22	56	78	16	47	63	...	9	...	7	...	...	30,338.46	93.00	...			
House and Godown Breaking, .....	7	60	67	11	46	57	...	9	...	6	...	...	19,344.70	1,444.50	...			
Intimidation and Extortion, .....	23	...	23	44	...	44	...	42	...	28	...	...	...	...	...			
Kidnapping, .....	6	5	11	20	2	22	...	22	...	11	...	...	...	...	...			
Larceny, .....	180	980	2,160	1,449	1,185	2,634	...	1,333	...	232	...	...	197,597.56	32,310.22	...			
Larceny from Dwelling House, .....	51	509	560	67	572	639	...	79	...	16	...	...	122,144.11	14,941.05	...			
Larceny on Ship and Wharf, .....	26	153	179	73	102	175	...	75	...	21	...	...	24,315.64	...	...			
Manslaughter, .....	4	2	6	3	3	6	...	5	...	4	...	...	...	...	...			
Murder, .....	7	15	22	10	15	25	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Murder, Attempted, .....	14	5	19	2	5	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Obtaining by False Pretences, .....	35	20	55	52	28	80	...	37	...	...	...	...	130,840.89	20.00	...			
Receiving and Unlawful Possession, .....	352	352	352	438	...	438	...	381	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Robbery, .....	35	134	169	32	113	145	...	34	...	19	...	...	59,419.50	3,610.26	...			
Rogue and Vagabond, .....	46	...	46	77	...	77	...	66	...	20	...	...	...	...	...			
Women and Girls, .....	63	...	63	63	...	63	...	61	...	2	...	...	...	...	...			
Other Serious Offences, .....	204	42	246	137	35	172	...	113	...	60	...	...	3,727.00	...	...			
Total, .....	1,687	2,042	4,729	3,130	2,203	5,333	...	2,948	...	688	...	...	600,024.84	55,338.36	...			

Table II.—Continued.

YEARLY RETURN OF CRIME FOR THE WHOLE COLONY FOR THE YEAR 1924.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES.	1923.			1924.			% Charge cases to total.	PERSONS CONVICTED.			PERSONS DISCHARGED.			VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN.	VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED.	
	Charge case.	Cases without charge.	Total cases.	(Charge cases.	Cases without charge.	Total cases.		Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	Europeans.	Indians.	Chinese.	Europeans.	£	c.
Damage to Property,.....	29	1	30	16	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Dangerous Goods,.....	35	..	35	34	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Drunkennes,.....	67	..	67	43	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Forestry Offences,.....	467	..	467	601	..	601	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Gambling,.....	455	..	455	485	..	485	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hawking Offences,.....	4,899	..	4,899	6,233	..	6,233	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Lottery Offences,.....	74	..	74	112	..	112	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mendicants,.....	32	..	32	23	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Merchant Shipping Ordinance,.....	169	..	169	276	..	276	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Morphine,.....	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nuisances,.....	251	..	251	370	..	370	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Opium,.....	1,608	..	1,608	2,607	..	2,607	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Revenue,.....	238	..	238	186	..	186	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Stowaways,.....	43	..	43	30	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vagrants,.....	30	..	30	27	..	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vehicles and Traffic,.....	454	..	454	482	..	482	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Other Miscellaneous Offences,.....	517	97	614	639	72	711	90%	8	10	898	3	137	..	..	..	
Total,.....	9,373	98	9,471	12,164	72	12,236	..	56	24	20,705	3	1,600	..	..	..	
Grand Total,.....	11,060	2,140	14,200	15,204	2,275	17,569	..	60	33	23,653	3	2,288	600,024,84	55,338,36	..	

Table III.

PIRACIES, 1924.

Date.	Ship and Address of Complainant.	Place of Occurrence.	Estimated No. of Pirates. Dialect Spoken.	Estimated Value of Property Stolen.	No. of Persons Kidnapped.	Remarks.
21st January, 1924.	s.s. Tai Lee, Sze Yap S.S. Company.	Between Wong Mnn and Kong Mnn.	8 members of the crew and 12 others.	\$150,000.00	Nil.	Capt. Willox and one Indian Guard killed and two Guards wounded.
26th January, 1924.	Norwegian Steamer "Saleu".	Canton River: 5 miles from Secape Creek.	60 men, Dialect unknown.	£1,500, 0. 0.	Nil.	No Casualties, Pirates came on board at Canton disguised as coal coolies.
2nd March, 1924.	S/L Kwong Shun, Hongkong Sham Sui Po Ferry Coy.	Hongkong Harbour.	12 men, Punti.	Not stated.	75 males, 11 females.	Pirates boarded as passengers at Sham Sui Po.
30th March, 1924.	Trading Junk No. T. 5122 H.	Off Tung Head, Tai Laug Hau.	6 men, Hoklo.	\$3,800.00	Nil.	Pirates boarded from a sailing boat.
11th April, 1924.	s.s. Tai Lee, Sze Yap S.S. Coy. (attempted).	About 9 miles from Wongmun.	10 men, Punti.	Nil.	Nil.	Seven Chinese passengers were wounded.
12th June, 1924.	S/L Lee On & two Lighters of Hongkong.	Near Sai Ling Chinese Waters.	12 men, Punti.	Not stated.	3 males.	Pirates boarded from small boats.
19th June, 1924.	S/L Moonshine of Hongkong.	Near Tai Nam Mei in Chinese Waters.	40 men, Punti.	\$9,000.00	4 males.	Pirates boarded from the Gun-boat "Kwan On".



Table III.—Continued.

## PIRACIES, 1924.

Date.	Ship and Name and Address of Complainant.	Place of Occurrence.	Estimated No. of Pirates. Dialect Spoken.	Estimated Value of Property Stolen.	No. of Persons Kidnapped.	Remarks.
25th June, 1924.	S.S. Wai Hoi, Chinese owned.	Near Tai Wo Hau, in Chinese Waters.	4 men, Dialect unknown.	\$7,000.00	32 persons.	Pirates travelled as passengers from Wu Chat.
30th July, 1924.	S/L Wai Hung of Hongkong.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Commandeered by Chinese Troops.
5th August, 1924.	Lic. Fishing Junk No. 141 H.Y. (Attempted).	Off Ko Lan in Sheki district.	30-40, Dialect unknown.	Nil.	Nil.	Pirates were in two Steam Launches, 2 members of Junk's crew wounded. No casualties.
27th September, 1924.	S/L Tung On, Tung Fat S/L Company.	Off Sai Ma Ling in Chinese Waters.	9 men, Punji.	\$300.00	Nil.	No casualties.
25th October, 1924.	S.S. Wai Hoi, Chinese owned.	At Ong Sung Kong in Chinese Waters.	12 men, Punji.	\$10,000.00	Nil.	1 member of the crew killed and 1 wounded.
22nd November, 1924.	S/L Koung Mo and Lighters, of Hongkong.	Off Shui Lam in Heungshan District.	15 men, Dialect unknown.	\$510.00	Nil.	Pirates boarded from small boats, no casualties.
7th December, 1924.	Lic. Fishing Junk No. 3140 H.A.	Off Ping Hoi, Chinese Waters.	7 men, Hoklo.	\$434.00	Nil.	Pirates boarded from a sailing boat, no casualties.

**Table IV.**

Arms and Ammunition seized and confiscated during the year, 1924.

Description of Arms.	Arms seized.	Ammunition seized.	In Store on 31st December, 1924.	
			Arms.	Ammunition.
Winchester Rifles .....	3	862	56	4,310
Rifles—Various makes, ...	27	3,604	25	16,611
German Rifles.....	3	...	15	...
Mauser Pistols .....	932	237,250	2,530	458,338
Automatic Pistols .....	256	25,292	83	23,022
Revolvers .....	627	66,408	188	16,255
Shot Guns .....	1	300	2	200
Luger Pistols .....	172	58,143	312	10,727
Thompson Sub Machine Guns .....	20	19,950	...	...
Machine Guns, Locks ...	2	...	...	...



REPORT BY THE CHIEF OFFICER  
HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

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1. *Cost of Fire Brigade.*—The cost of the Fire Brigade for the year 1924 was \$199,570.00 as compared with \$166,786.00 in 1923 and \$177,799 in 1922. Special Expenditure amounting to \$49,187.00 is included. This heading comprizes the addition of 1 First Aid Fire Tender and other equipment enumerated in the Superintendent's Report.

2. *New Fire Float.*—Tenders were called for the new Fire float referred to in my 1923 Report and construction commenced late in 1924. The accepted tender amounting to \$170,000.00 calls for delivery of this float, which is provided with a goitre telescopic tower fitted with a powerful monitor, within 9 months. There are two monitors capable of delivering 2,000 gallons per minute each. The increasing number of fires in the harbour added to those on shore near the water front shows the wisdom of making this further provision for ships and water front fires.

3. *New Central Fire Station.*—During the early part of the year the steel framework of the building was completed. A regrettable delay in starting work on the superstructure followed and the actual contract for completing the building was not let until September last. However the new contractors Messrs. Trollope and Colls have got to work with commendable energy and it is anticipated that the structure should be near completion by the end of 1925.

4. *Recruits.*—The difficulty of obtaining suitable recruits and of retaining men after completing their training continued throughout the year. However there is now a fair prospect of obtaining all the men required. On completing their training they enter into an agreement to serve for 3 years. This arrangement should considerably reduce the number of resignations. The firemen recruited shortly after the reorganization of the Brigade have now reached a high state of efficiency as two demonstrations given during the year showed. The provision of a Challenge Cup for the best Motor Escape team and other prizes has proved a most useful incentive to increased efficiency. The thanks of the Brigade are due to those firms which have contributed so generously to the Prize Fund.

5. *Sub-Officers.*—The appointment in 1924 of four native Sub-Officers with a good knowledge of English has proved a step in the right direction and a great improvement on the old interpreters who had no knowledge of fire fighting, and fully justifies the further provision of such officers in the 1925 Estimates.

6. *Motor Drivers School.*—The question of providing an adequate number of competent drivers has been satisfactorily

settled by the provision, rather in the nature of an experiment in 1923, of a Fire Brigade Motor Drivers School under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of the Brigade and the Chief Motor Mechanic, Kowloon Canton Railway. This school successfully turned out 9 drivers during the year fully competent to take charge of the powerful Fire Brigade pumps and other appliances and it may now be regarded as a permanent institution in the Brigade. All drivers trained in this School are under agreement with the Brigade for 5 years on an incremental scale of pay.

7. *General and Fire Inspection Work.*—Full details of the work of the Fire Brigade are contained in the Superintendent's report. Particular attention must be drawn to the Fire inspection work which is rapidly increasing with the construction of a large number of premises exceeding 5 stories in height. This work falls within the special province of the Superintendent himself, whose work in this branch of the fire service is proving most valuable and efficient. Practically every new large building has now its own fire service together with augments pumps for increasing the pressure of water in the building and also adaptors enabling Fire Brigade pumps to be coupled up from outside to the private fire installation and thus increase the pressure in the fire mains throughout the building.

8. *Fires and Loss of Life.*—The actual number of fires, though less than in 1923, show 7 serious fires in 1924 as against 3 in 1923, several unfortunately attended by serious loss of life. The loss of one fireman, who was killed when the verandah of No. 191 Queen's Road West, collapsed during a fire on these premises is greatly regretted.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade.*

1st April, 1925.

Annexe C.

NUMBER OF CALLS, FIRES, ETC.

The Brigade received 148 calls to fires, or supposed fires, the number for the year 1923 being 170. The number of fires, excluding chimney fires, attended by the Brigade was 91 of which 7 were serious fires. (*See Table IV*).

LIVES LOST.

Ten persons, including 1 Fireman (H.K.F.B.) lost their lives at fires and two received such injuries that they subsequently succumbed.

Brief details are set out hereunder :—

*12th July, 03.23 hrs. 191 Queen's Road W.*—Building of 3 floors, used as electrical accessories and fancy goods shop and tenement dwellings :—When the Brigade arrived the whole building was a mass of flames. One female who was found in the street severely burned, and injured by jumping from the 2nd floor verandah, was despatched to Hospital near by; she succumbed later in the day. As soon as entry could be effected the incinerated bodies of 1 woman and 2 children were found on the 2nd floor verandah. These bodies were about to be removed when the verandah suddenly collapsed precipitating the bodies and 2 Firemen into the street, the falling masonry dislodging Fireman (No. 32) Lo Fook from the first floor ladder, killing him instantly, also injuring Station Officer Mr. Moss (both feet fractured) and 8 Firemen. The injured were despatched at once to Hospital on Brigade appliances and all have since recovered. The bodies of another woman and child were found amongst the debris on the first floor verandah.

The fire originated in rear of the shop and immediately under the staircase which on becoming instantly involved, precluded the occupants gaining exit by its means. Those who did escape were all males who were able to clamber around outside the verandahs to the next building.

*17th July, 03.46 hrs. 36 Sai Street, Victoria C.*—Building of 3 floors, used as laundry and tenement dwelling :—This was a late call. The fire originated in the drying room at rear of ground floor and the inmates made several vain attempts to extinguish it. When the Brigade arrived the whole building was involved, the roof had collapsed and both upper floors followed shortly after. When the fire was almost extinguished it was reported that 1

woman and 2 children were missing. Their bodies were found amongst the debris below where the staircase had originally been.

*28th October, 00.45 hrs. 77 Wellington Street, Victoria, C.*—Building of 4 floors, used as sun helmet and cotton quilt makers, upper floors as tenement dwellings:—Fire originated amongst some raw cotton stored in cock-loft over which was the staircase and a wooden ceiling. Owing to the inflammable nature of the contents the whole building was quickly involved. A female child aged 4 years was rescued, terribly burned, from the first floor and taken to Hospital but died a few hours later.

*1st December, 15.50 hrs. 19 & 17 Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, W.*—Two buildings, each of 3 floors, adjoining and communicating, used as rattan store and tenement dwellings:—Fire originated on the first floor of No. 19 which floor was stocked with rattan. The 2 upper floors of both buildings were well alight when the Brigade arrived. A girl injured (leg broken) by jumping from the second floor, was discovered in the yard at rear and despatched to Hospital (since recovered). The second floors and roofs of both buildings collapsed simultaneously bringing with them the incinerated body of a woman aged 63 years.

#### MEN KILLED OR INJURED

The number of members killed or injured in the execution of their duties was 15, summarised as follows:—

Killed .....	1
Contusions .....	4
Injuries to head and face .....	1
Injuries to hands and arms .....	2
Injuries to legs .....	7

#### SICKNESS AND DEATH

There were 168 cases of illness, 2 of which resulted in death.

#### STAFF CHANGES

During the year 2 European Foremen (Police) and 62 other ranks were struck off the strength of the Brigade; 34 men were trained as Firemen and passed out of the Drill Class into the Brigade, while 18 men were appointed to positions as Sub-Officers, Telephone Clerks, Motor Drivers and Fitters.

STRENGTH OF BRIGADE

The authorised strength of the Brigade on the 31st December 1924 totalled 184 including all ranks, viz :—

FIRE STAFF	CLERICAL, TECHNICAL AND OTHER STAFF
<i>Europeans</i>	
1 Chief Officer (Hon. C.S.P.)	<i>Europeans</i>
1 Superintendent	
2 Station Officers	2 Overseers (P.W.D.)
1 Consulting Engineer (A.G.M.S.)	1 Dangerous Goods Inspector (Police)
<i>Chinese</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
4 Sub-Officers	3 Interpreters
1 Head Foreman	6 Telephone Clerks
3 Foremen	2 Motor Mechanics
3 Asst. Foremen	3 Fitters
85 Firemen	6 Ambulance Attendants
26 Motor Drivers	3 Artisans
4 Coxswains	2 Liftmen
2 Engineers	1 Caretaker
6 Engine Drivers	
10 Stokers	
6 Seamen	
155	29

THEATRE AND OTHER DUTIES

The number of duties performed by members of Brigade at public and private entertainments during the year was 516 ; the number of four hour duties being 184 and eight hour duties 332, thus a total of 3,392 hours.

MOTOR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Motor Ambulance Service shows a considerable increase in the number of cases during 1924 when compared with previous years. Nos. 1 and 2 Motor Ambulances, stationed at Central Fire Station and Kowloon Fire Station respectively have attended no fewer than 2,129 cases as shewn in the undermentioned summary :—



	Cases		Total	Distance Run (Miles).
	Police	Private		
No. 1 Ambulance (Houk Kong)	686	989	1,675	12,413
No. 2 „ (Kowloon)	205	249	454	3,414
Total.....	891	1,238	2,129	15,827

Ambulance Calls.	1924	1923	1922	1921
Nos. 1 & 2 Ambulances.....	2,129	1,712	1,185	420

REVENUE.

Theatre and Other Duties.....	\$ 1,911
Motor Ambulance Service.....	\$ 6,387
Total.....	<u>\$ 8,298</u>

ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND INAUGURATIONS.

STATIONS.

*Temporary Sub-Station, Mong Kok.*—The premises formerly used as a Police Station at Mong Kok were converted into a Sub-Fire Station and occupied during the year and a duty with one Motor Tender (No. 7, transferred from Kowloon F.B. Station) and 8 men commenced.

*Kowloon Station.*—Drill yard surfaced with tarred macadam.

*Temporary Sub-Station, Wanchai.*—Drill yard enlarged and surfaced with cement.

APPLIANCES.

*No. 10 Machine "Tilling-Stevens".*—A new First-aid Motor Fire Tender, carrying a 45 ft. Double-Extension Ladder was added to the equipment during the year. Its adoption is mainly for use

in the Hill District. The "first-aid" apparatus comprises a small pump, a tank holding 140 gallons of water and a reel on which is 250 ft. of rubber tubing. The Tender also carries hose for getting to work from hydrants.

*No. 1 Machine "Merryweather".*—Supplied in 1912 and formerly a Tender was converted into a Motor Lorry for Brigade use.

#### APPARATUS

*Street Fire Alarms.*—The inauguration of Street Fire Alarms in the Kowloon Peninsula was effected during the year and six fire alarms were installed in important areas.

*Pedestal Hydrants.*—The installation of 23 Pedestal Hydrants in Hongkong during 1924 marks a further welcome advance in the fire fighting equipment of the Colony.

#### WATER SUPPLY

The water supply has been considerably improved during the year in the Eastern and Western areas of Hongkong and, on the Kowloon side, in the districts of Kowloon City Reclamation and Mong Kok Tsui respectively.

Larger mains, to replace smaller ones have been laid and pedestal hydrants fitted in the above areas of Hongkong; while new mains have been laid, pipe lines extended and additional hydrants fitted in various Districts in Kowloon.

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