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**PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE ARMAMENTS
IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**

**19.* COMMUNICATION FROM THE IRISH FREE STATE
GOVERNMENT**

Note by the Secretary-General:

At the request of the Irish Free State Government, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the Governments invited to the Disarmament Conference a letter, with an annex, from the permanent delegate of the Irish Free State to the League of Nations, dated September 14th, 1931, and giving information on the position of armaments in his country.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE IRISH FREE STATE DELEGATE TO THE
LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.**

September 14th, 1931.

I have the honour to refer to your Circular Letter 124.1931.IX, of June 13th, and to forward herewith, in accordance with the recommendations made in the report adopted by the Council of the League of Nations at its meeting on May 23rd last, a statement containing particulars with regard to the position of armaments in the Irish Free State.

The tables containing these particulars have been compiled in the forms recommended by the Council, and, in addition to the particulars asked for in your letter, certain additional information has been supplied in the attached statement. All the figures and details contained in the attached statement are given in respect of the financial year which ended on March 31st, 1931.

I am to request you to be good enough to communicate copies of this letter and its enclosures to all Members of the League and other Governments invited to the General Disarmament Conference.

(Signed) Sean LESTER.

* This figure indicates that 19 documents (with in addition one annex to document C.440.M.187, 1931.IX) in regard to the position of the armaments in the different countries have already been published.

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IX. DISARMAMENT

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PARTICULARS REGARDING THE ARMAMENTS
OF THE IRISH FREE STATE.

EFFECTIVES.

Model Tables Annexed to Article 30 (Part IV).

MODEL TABLES OF THE AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES REACHED DURING THE YEAR IN THE LAND ARMED FORCES AND LAND FORMATIONS ORGANISED ON A MILITARY BASIS.

Table I. — Land Armed Forces stationed in the Home Country.

a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in this table	b. Officers
6,440 (see Notes)	515

Table II. — Land Armed Forces stationed overseas.
None.

Table III. — Total Land Armed Forces.

a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in this table	b. Officers
6,440	515

Table IV. — Formations organised on a Military Basis.
None (see Note 5).

Table V. — Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed overseas.
None.

MODEL TABLES OF THE AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES REACHED DURING THE YEAR IN THE NAVAL FORCES.

Table VI. — Naval Forces.
None.

Table VII. — Sea Formations organised on a Military Basis.
None.

MODEL TABLES OF THE AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES REACHED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AIR ARMED FORCES.

Table VIII. — Air Armed Forces stationed in the Home Country.

a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in this table

Table IX. — Air Armed Forces stationed overseas.

None.

Table X. — Total Air Armed Forces.

a.

Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in this table

163

Table XI. — Air Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed in the Home Country

None.

Table XII. — Air Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed overseas.

None.

NOTES.

Further information will be found in the statement attached.

Table I.

1. The Irish Army Air Service is an integral part of the defence forces (land), and is included in the totals given in Table I.

2. The total of the average daily effectives has been compiled from the following figures :

Officers :

Regular officers (permanent)	498
Members of the Officers' Reserve who underwent training (30 days)	208
Volunteer reserve officers who underwent training (30 days).	None

Other Ranks :

Regular soldiers (permanent)	5,373
A Reservists who underwent training (30 days).	2,498
B Reservists undergoing initial training (90 days)	350
B Reservists (potential N.C.O.s) who underwent special training (90 days)	30
B Reservists who underwent annual training (30 days)	2,205
Volunteer reservists who underwent training (30 days)	409
Officers' Training Corps	469

3. The authorised establishment of the Regular (Permanent) Irish Defence Forces in 1931-32 is 508 officers and 6,037 other ranks.

4. Budgetary provision has been made in the financial year ending March 31st, 1932 (1931-32), for the following establishment :

Regular Forces :

477 Officers.
5,700 Other Ranks.

The Reserve :

Reserve of officers	230
A Reserve: Other ranks	4,800
B Reserve: Other ranks undergoing initial training	750
Other ranks undergoing annual training	3,750
Volunteer Reserve: Officers	26
Other ranks	777
Officers' Training Corps	450

Table IV.

5. There are no formations organised on a military basis (or otherwise) as defined in Article 4 of the draft Convention. The Civic Guard (Garda Siochana), though a centralised police force, are not armed and do not receive military training. Their total personnel numbers 6,940.

Tables VIII and X.

6. If detachments from other corps (Signal, Medical, etc.) are included, the total effectives would be 194.

7. In calculating the total effectives, volunteer officers, volunteer reservists (other ranks) and members of the Officers' Training Corps have all been credited with undergoing the maximum annual training period (in camp) and attending the maximum number of drills and week-end camps.

8. Particulars of the various categories of reservists and their periods of training will be found in the statement attached.

TABLE ANNEXED TO PART I, CHAPTER B.

The Irish Free State has a voluntary system of recruitment, and the particulars mentioned in Part I, Chapter B, of the draft Convention are not applicable.

NOTE.

Information as to the terms and periods of service in the Irish Defence Forces is given in the statement attached.

MATERIAL.

A. AIR MATERIAL. — TABLES ANNEXED TO ARTICLE 36.

Model Table I. — Aeroplanes of the Land, Sea and Air Armed Forces.

a. Total aeroplanes		b. Aeroplanes stationed in the home country (Optional)		c. Aeroplanes stationed overseas (Optional)	d. Aeroplanes in aircraft-carriers (Optional)
Number	Total horse- power	Number	Total horse- power		
24	8,641	24	8,641	None	None

Fifteen aeroplanes, with a total horse-power of 6,445, are capable of use in war in operational units.

There are no aeroplanes in reserve which are capable of being used in war with operational units.

Nine aeroplanes, with a total horse-power of 2,196, are suitable for use in training establishments, but not in war in operational units.

Model Table II. — Aeroplanes of the Land, Sea and Air Formations organised on a Military Basis.

None.

Model Tables III and IV. — Dirigibles.

None.

B. NAVAL MATERIAL.

Tables annexed to Chapter B of Part II.

None.

C. LAND MATERIAL.

The following figures give the total stocks of material held either in units or in reserve (see Notes):

Rifles	9,878
Lewis machine-guns (0.303)	669
Vickers machine-guns (0.303)	198
Revolvers	2,649

Artillery:

18-pounder guns	20
4.5-inch howitzers	4
Quick-firing 3-inch, 20 cwt. high-angle guns (anti-aircraft)	4

Armoured Cars, etc.:

Tank, 12-ton (medium type)	1
Rolls-Royce armoured cars	13
Peerless cars (3 not serviceable)	7

NOTES.

1. *Rifles.* — Of the remaining stocks, 27,704, it is intended to render 8,000 fit for use. The remainder will be scrapped.

2. *Lewis machine-guns.* — These were part-worn when acquired. A number of these are now unserviceable and are used for "drill purposes" only.

3. Practically all of the armoured cars are due for replacement.

MODEL STATEMENT.

Table A.

RETURN OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1930-31.

	£
Land forces	1,251,739 ¹
Naval forces	None
Air forces	(78,165) ²
Grand Total.	£1,251,739

¹ The above figures are subject to audit, but it is not anticipated that any material alteration will be made in them.

² The Irish Army Air Service is an integral part of the land forces, and the expenditure thereon is included in the figures given for the land forces.

Table B.

Sub-head	Category of expenditure	Land Forces				Total
		Armed forces stationed in the home country (Optional)	Armed forces stationed overseas (Optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed in the home country (Optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed overseas (Optional)	
		1	2	3	4	
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>	£				£
A	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services : Pay and allowances of all kinds : Officers	232,477				232,477
B	<i>Ditto</i> : N.C.O.s and men	418,011				418,011
C	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel	119,918				119,918
	Personnel not normally forming part of formations and services :					
D	Persons undergoing preparatory military training, reservists and reserve organisations	94,282				94,282
E	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A to D	165,260				165,260
	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i>					
F	Horses and other animals, forage, harness and shoeing	14,145				14,145
G	Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses	20,348				20,348
	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i>					
H	Construction of new fortifications and defence works	—				—
K	Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture	110,084				110,084
	Total : Heads I to III	£1,174,525				£1,174,525
	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i>					
M	Arms, ammunition and fighting material	64,303				64,303
M (a)	Engineer and other warlike stores	12,911				12,911
N	Manufacture of war material in "non-autonomous" State establishments (expenditure not divisible between subheads M and M (a))	—				—
	Total : Head IV.	£77,214				£77,214
	GRAND TOTAL	£1,251,739				£1,251,739

NOTES TO TABLE B.

1. Subhead A includes the sum of £1,540 paid to officers on resignation or retirement from the forces during the financial year 1930-31. This figure is also included in Table F, IV.
2. Subhead B includes the sum of £19,097 paid to N.C.O.s and men on discharge from the forces during the financial year 1930-31. This figure is also included in Table F, IV.

Table C.

NAVAL FORCES.

None.

Table D.

Sub-head	Category of expenditure	Air Forces				Total
		Armed forces stationed in the home country (Optional)	Armed forces stationed overseas (Optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed in the home country (Optional)	Formations organised on a military basis stationed overseas (Optional)	
		i	2	3	4	
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>	£				£
A	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services : Pay and allowances of all kinds: Officers	12,680				12,680
B	<i>Ditto</i> : N.C.O.s and men	10,355				10,355
C	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel	5,272				5,272
D	Personnel not normally forming part of formations and services : Persons undergoing preparatory military training, reservists and reserve organisations	646				646
E	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A to D	5,864				5,864
G	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i> Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses	1,776				1,776
K	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i> Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture	14,732				14,732
	Total: Heads I to III	£51,325				£51,325
M	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i> Arms, ammunition and fighting material	26,840				26,840
	Total: Head IV.	£26,840				£26,840
	GRAND TOTAL	£78,165				£78,165

Note. — In the accounts for the Irish Army land forces separate figures in a number of details are not kept for the Air Service, and consequently the expenditure under a number of headings has had to be calculated on a proportional basis. The above figures, therefore, for the Air Service must be regarded as approximate.

Annexed Tables.

Table A. — Expenditure on pay of reserves for the year 1930-31 :

	£
1. Remuneration outside periods of training of personnel not employed.	47,544
2. Remuneration during training of reservists called up.	30,397

Table B. — Expenditure on shipbuilding for the year 1930-31 :

1. New construction	Nil
2. Maintenance and repairs	Nil

Table C. — Statement of the amount outstanding, at the end of the financial year 1930-31, of block credits voted in respect of expenditure for more than one year. £ Nil

Table D. — Statement of the amount outstanding on March 31st, 1931, in respect of purchases on credit or deferred payments relating to goods delivered or services rendered, in cases where the due dates of payment are later than those customary in contracts of the same kind which do not provide any special credit facilities. Nil

Table E. — Statement for the financial year 1930-31 of loans made to, or participations acquired in, enterprises having among their objects the furnishing of goods or services for armament purposes, where these have been excluded from the return on the ground that they are not regarded as armament expenditure Nil

Table F. — Expenditure in respect of pensions for the year 1930-31 :

I. Military personnel :

(a) Service pensions	141,752
(b) Invalidity pensions	58,807
(c) Mixed pensions	Nil

II. Civil personnel : pensions Nil

III. War pensions, if a distinction is made in the national budget between ordinary pensions and war pensions (if not, these pensions must appear under headings I and II) Nil

IV. Pensions or other compensation granted, apart from the regulations regarding normal pensions, for premature retirement, discharge or loss of office resulting from a reduction of the forces 20,637

Table G. — Principal modifications made since the last return in :

1. Provisions relating to the grant of pensions of any contributions made by the personnel towards the cost of these pensions.	} No previous return rendered
2. Provisions relating to the taxation of the pay or pensions of the personnel	
3. Provisions relating to social insurance or analogous benefits of the personnel and to the contributions made by the personnel for this purpose	

Appendix A.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE VOTES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE IRISH FREE STATE ON WHICH THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE SET OUT IN TABLE A OF THE MODEL STATEMENT IS BORNE.

	£
Vote 64. Army.	1,189,514
Vote 17. Rates on Government property	31,089
Vote 11. Office of Public Works	22,753
Vote 22. Stationery and printing	3,693
Vote 62. Posts and telegraphs	4,690
Grand Total	£1,251,739

ALLOCATION OF SUBHEADS OF THE ARMY APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT 1930-31, VOTE 64, TO HEADS AND SUBHEADS OF THE MODEL STATEMENT.

Subhead of account	Description	Subheads of Model Statement										Totals	
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	K	M	M(a)		
A	Pay of officers, cadets, N.C.O.s and men	£ 150,325	£ 305,212	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ 455,537
A, 1	Military educational courses abroad for specially selected officers.	1,790											1,790
A, 2	Resignation, retirement and discharge gratuities	1,540	19,097										20,637
A, 3	Expenses of equitation teams at horse shows						1,834						1,834
B	Marriage allowance		56,623										56,623
C	Pay of civilians attached to units.			63,920									63,920
D	Pay of chaplains and officiating clergymen	3,711		709									4,420
E	Pay of officers of medical service, etc.	20,761					813						21,574
F	Medicines and instruments					1,658							1,658
G	Lodging, subsistence and other allowances	27,424	12,484										39,908
H	Transport of troops	821						8,113					8,934
I	Conveyance of stores, etc.							1,377					1,377
J	Mechanical transport							55			5,490		5,545
K	Provisions and allowances in lieu of petrol and oils	15,267	18,003			103,229							136,499
L	Petrol and oils							5,011					5,011
M	Clothing and equipment	10,838	2,456			49,892							63,186
N	Animals and forage							11,770					11,770
O	General stores					894		541		502	27,154	2,037	31,128
O, 1	Assistance to civil aviation												
P	Warlike stores										37,149	4,764	41,913
Q	Engineer stores								1,713			620	2,333
R	Fuel, light and water in kind, and fuel oils									28,589			28,589
S	Barrack maintenance and minor works									17,004			17,004
T	Military lands.									1,760			1,760
V	Barrack services						5,653			2,861			8,514
W	Insurance		3,753	1,928									5,681
X	Incidental expenses						3,021		223	120			3,364
X, 1	Telegrams and telephones								2,656				2,656
X, 2	Contributions to hospitals for treatment of wives and families of soldiers		383										383
Y	Office of Minister for Defence			51,094									51,094
Y, 1	Travelling expenses of office inspection staff			131					169				300
Y, 2	Army reserve				94,032								94,032
—	Vessels.								440				440
—	Balances irrecoverable						100						100
	Totals	£232,477	£418,011	£117,782	£94,032	£165,260	£14,145	£18,044	£52,549	£64,303	£12,911	£1,189,514	