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LEAGUE OF NATIONS

**PARTICULARS WITH REGARD TO THE POSITION OF ARMAMENTS
IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES**

60. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

**LETTER FROM THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.**

Havana, November 24th, 1931.

In reply to your letter No. C.L.23.1931.IX of February 17th last, I have the honour to communicate to you the report of the Department of War and Marine concerning the state of the land, sea and air forces of the Republic, for the purposes of the Disarmament Conference opening at Geneva in February 1932.

(Signed) Eduardo USABIAGA,
Under-Secretary of State.

The Constitution of the Cuban Republic provides for compulsory military service.

At present, however, service with the sea and land forces is voluntary, in the form of enlistment for a period of at least two years.

Enlisted men cannot remain in the ranks beyond the age of 58, when they are retired.

Officers of the Army are recruited from cadets who have left the Cadet School after four years and non-commissioned officers who have passed through the Non-Commissioned Officers' School.

Officers of the Air Force are recruited from candidates who have passed through the Flying School, where the course lasts one scholastic year.

Officers of the Navy must pass three years at the Naval School and two years of practical work at sea (total 5 years).

"Assimilated" officers (advocates, doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, chemists and bandmasters) enter their special branch by examination.

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

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	13,155	867

NOTE. — These figures include the *rural guard* and air force, which form part of the army.

Table II. — Land Armed Forces stationed overseas.

a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
None	None

Table III. — Total Land Armed Forces.

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	13,155	867

NOTE. — These figures include the *rural guard* and air force, which form part of the army.

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

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers or officials ranking as officers
Cuba	None	None

Table V. — Formations organised on a Military Basis stationed overseas.

Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	a.	b. Officers or officials ranking as officers
None	None	None

Table VI. — Naval Forces.

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	1,159	153

Table VII. — Sea Formations organised on a Military Basis.

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	None	None

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

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	209	42

NOTE. — Including 8 vacancies for officers.

Table IX. — Air Armed Forces stationed overseas.

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	None	None

Table X. — Total Air Armed Forces.

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	209	42

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

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	None	None

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

High Contracting Parties	a. Total effectives, including the effectives specified separately in the present table	b. Officers
Cuba	None	None

TABLES ANNEXED TO CHAPTER B, PART II.

Table I.

Total tonnage on November 1st, 1931 5,680

Table II. — Classes.

(a) Capital ships	None
(b) Aircraft-carriers	None
(c) Cruisers :	
Light surface vessels :	
1. Guns of more than 6.1 inches (155 mm.)	None
2. Guns of less than 6.1 inches (155 mm.) :	
Over 20 years old :	
<i>Cuba</i>	2,055 tons
<i>Patria</i>	1,200 tons
(d) Destroyers and torpedo-boats	None
(e) Submarines	None

ANNEX TO CHAPTER B OF PART II.

Exempt Vessels.

13 gunboats of a total tonnage of 2,425 tons.
Guns of a calibre of 3 inches, 2.24 inches and 1.46 inches.

TABLES ANNEXED TO CHAPTER C OF PART II.

Table I. — *Aircraft of the Sea and Land Armed Forces.*

High Contracting Parties	a. Total aeroplanes of the armed forces		b. Aeroplanes stationed in the home country		c. Aeroplanes stationed overseas		d. Aeroplanes in aircraft carriers	
	Number	Total horse-power	Number	Total horse-power	Number	Total horse-power	Number	Total horse-power
Cuba.	16	5,590	16	5,590	None	None	None	None

Table II. — *Aeroplanes of the Land, Sea and Air Formations organised on a Military Basis.*
None.

Table III. — *Dirigibles of the Land, Sea and Air Armed Forces.*
None.

Table IV. — *Dirigibles of the Land, Sea and Air Formations organised on a Military Basis.*
None.

NOTE. — The above figures include all the aircraft of the armed forces (fighters, observation machines and instructional machines of the Flying School).

EXPENDITURE.

Table A.

SUMMARY OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1930-31.

	Total in pesos (dollars)
Land Forces	9,932,307.44
Naval Forces	1,223,697.32
Air Forces	<u>271,277.34</u>
Grand Total	11,427,282.10

Table B.

LAND FORCES.

Subhead	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL in pesos (dollars)
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>	
	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services :	
A	Pay and allowances of all kinds : Officers	1,606,064.77
B	<i>Ditto</i> : Earmarked	4,375,859.18
C	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel	75,410.34
D	None	
E	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A to C	1,986,407.20
Ebis	Sundry expenses	223,092.15
	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i>	
F	Horses and other animals, forage, harness and shoeing	1,211,118.92
G	Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses	142,064.77
	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i>	
H	Construction of new fortifications and defence works	None
K	Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture	436,092.59
	<i>Total : Heads I to III</i>	10,056,109.92
	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i>	
M	Arms, ammunition and fighting material	75,264.00
Mbis	Engineer and other warlike stores	72,210.86
N	Manufacture of war material in State establishments, etc.	—
	<i>Total : Head IV</i>	147,474.86
	GRAND TOTAL	10,203,584.78

Table C.
NAVAL FORCES.

Subhead	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL in pesos (dollars)
	<i>Head I. — Effectives.</i>	
	Personnel normally forming part of formations and services :	
A	Pay and allowances of all kinds : Officers	335,130.12
B	<i>Ditto</i> : Earmarked	392,324.40
C & D	<i>Ditto</i> : Civilian personnel, etc.	—
E & E bis	Maintenance of personnel referred to in subheads A and B	374,600.48
	<i>Head II. — Transport.</i>	
G	Coal, fuel, oil, petrol, lubricants, etc., and other transport expenses	45,774.40
	<i>Head III. — Buildings.</i>	
H	Construction of new fortifications and defence works	—
K	Barracks, other buildings, upkeep, furniture	73,243.92
	<i>Total: Heads I to III</i>	1,221,073.32
	<i>Head IV. — War Material.</i>	
L	Ships : new construction and maintenance	—
M	Arms, ammunition and fighting material	2,624.00
N	None.	
	<i>Total: Head IV.</i>	2,624.00
	GRAND TOTAL	1,223,697.32

Table D.

As the Air Force is part of the Army, expenditure connected therewith is included in Table B.

Annexed Tables.

Tables A to E.

None.

Table F. — Expenditure on Pensions for the Financial Year 1930-31.

I. Military personnel :	Total in pesos (dollars)
(a) Retired and seniority pensions	213,703.52
(b) Disability pensions	62,701.10
(c) Mixed pensions	—
II. Civilian personnel : pensions to the heirs of officers and enlisted men in the sea, land and air armed forces	190,231.05
III. War pensions.	None
IV. Pensions for premature retirement	<u>95,618.05</u>
Total	562,253.72

NOTE. — These figures include pensions paid in respect of the Army, Air Force and Navy.

Table G.

No previous statement has been sent.