ESTONIA

Area . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 48,000 sq. km.
Population (xii. 1930) . . . . . . . . . 1,117,000
Density per sq. km. . . . . . . . . . . 23.3

I. Army.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

The army of Estonia comprises the land army and the military air
force. They are under the control of the Ministry of National Defence.
(For the navy, see chapter II.)

1. Higher units : 3 divisions of infantry distributed in three areas.

2. Arms and services :

   Infantry : 2 regiments ;
              12 independent battalions (36 companies).
Each regiment consists of 3 battalions of 3 rifle companies and 1 heavy
machine-gun company.

   Cavalry : 1 regiment consisting of 4 line squadrons and 1 heavy
            machine-gun squadron.

   Artillery : 5 groups of field artillery with 3 or 4 batteries each.

   Engineers : 2 battalions (10 companies).

   Armoured units : 1 regiment of armoured cars and tanks ;
                   2 regiments of armoured trains.

   Anti-aircraft defence : 3 aviation groups ;
                         1 artillery group.

   Air force¹ : 74 aeroplanes (total horse-power : 24,600).

¹ As on August 1st, 1931.
CIVIC GUARD AND FRONTIER GUARD

1. Civic guard.

The duty of the civic guard is to preserve order under the Constitution. In time of peace, it is under the Minister of National Defence, and, in time of war, under the Commander-in-Chief of the army. It consists of 29,000 men and 8,000 women. The latter form separate organisations.

2. Frontier guard.

The frontier guard is under the Ministry of the Interior; its strength is 1,200 men.

RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE

Military service is compulsory, and includes:

(a) Service in the active army;
(b) On furlough from the active army;
(c) Service in the reserve;
(d) Service in the territorial force.

The total period of military service is 35 years (from the age of 20 to the age of 55).

PERIOD OF SERVICE IN DAYS.

(Extract from the communication from the Estonian Government dated September 11th, 1931.)

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<th>Period of service</th>
<th>Land armed forces</th>
<th>Sea armed forces</th>
<th>Air armed forces</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Infantry, artillery and cavalry</td>
<td>Other troops</td>
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<td>First period</td>
<td>365</td>
<td>547</td>
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<td>Following periods</td>
<td>225</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>590</td>
<td>772</td>
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The period of service in the active army and on furlough is 5 years. After completing their period of furlough from the active army, men are transferred to the reserve up to the age of 45. Service in the territorial force lasts until the age of 55.

EFFECTIVES OF THE ARMED FORCES

I. EFFECTIVES OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE ON AUGUST 1ST, 1931.

(Extract from the communication from the Estonian Government dated September 11th, 1931.)

1. Land army.

Officers .................. 1,290
N.C.O.s and men ............ 12,243
Total ..................... 13,533

2. Air force.

Officers, N.C.O.s and men .... 467

II. SUMMARY TABLE OF BUDGETARY EFFECTIVES.

The figures in the following table, which are extracted from previous editions of the Armaments Year-Book, differ in character from the figures in the preceding table. These two kinds of returns are not comparable with each other.

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<td>1924</td>
<td>1,600</td>
<td>18,900</td>
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<td>1,500</td>
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<td>1926</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>15,840</td>
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<td>1929</td>
<td>1,300</td>
<td>12,000</td>
<td>13,300</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>1,200</td>
<td>10,800</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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II. Navy.

(Extract from the communication from the Estonian Government dated September 11th, 1931.)

NUMBER OF UNITS AND TONNAGE

2 destroyers ................ 2,585 tons

The Estonian navy comprises moreover 6 miscellaneous vessels (gunboats, transport, etc.) which are exempt in accordance with the draft Convention of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, as well as 2 special vessels (minelayers) with a total tonnage of 2,087 tons.

EFFECTIVES OF THE NAVAL FORCES
(Extract from the communication from the Estonian Government dated September 11th, 1931.)

On August 1st, 1931.

Officers ............ 77
N.C.O.s and men ....... 779
Total .......... 856

III. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

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<td><strong>Closed accounts</strong></td>
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<td>Ministry of War :</td>
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<td>Ordinary expenditure</td>
<td>1,469.3</td>
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<td>Extraordinary expenditure</td>
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<td>335.0</td>
<td>159.7</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>1,838.3</td>
<td>1,897.4</td>
<td>1,882.1</td>
<td>19.3</td>
<td>18.4</td>
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Index numbers of:
Wholesale prices (1913 = 100) ........ 124 114 116 121 114 100
Retail prices : Cost of living (1913 = 100) ........ 110 107 106 115 114 102

1 In terms of the new unit, the Kroon (= 100 Emks) created in April 1927, legally introduced on January 1st 1928.
2 Average for 1926.
3 Average, April to December 1930.

NOTE. — 1. Military pensions are not included in the figures above. They are shown under the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, jointly with other pensions.

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