

Background Information

Selected Clauses from the Treaty of Versailles

War guilt clause

Germany was required to accept blame for starting the war.

Financial clauses

Reparations: Germany was to pay for the damage caused by the war. The figure of £6,600 million was set some time after the signing of the treaty.

Military clauses

Army: German army was to be reduced to 100 000 men and no tanks were allowed.

Navy: Germany was only allowed six ships and no submarines.

Air force: Germany was not allowed an air force.

Rhineland: The Rhineland area of Germany was to be kept free of German military personnel and weapons.

Territorial clauses

Anschluss: Germany was not allowed to unite with Austria.

Land: Germany lost land to a number of other countries. Alsace-Lorraine was returned to France, Eupen and Malmedy were given to Belgium, and North Schleswig was given to Denmark. Other areas were given to Czechoslovakia and Poland. The League of Nations took control of Germany's overseas colonies.

*Adapted from Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, *Treaty of Versailles*, posted at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Versailles#Overview (Accessed October 2007).