

To Make Men Traitors

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In reply I have the honour to inform you that the Imperial German Government agrees to your proposal and accepts the conditions under which the Brigade might possibly be formed, as laid down in the statement annexed to your letter of the 23rd inst., and enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be, dear Sir Roger,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) ZIMMERMANN.

Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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Secret.

In the first five Articles of the Convention concluded between Sir Roger Casement and the German Government it is stipulated that an Irish Brigade is to be formed out of the Irish soldiers and other Irishmen at present prisoners-of-war in Germany. They are to wear a special Irish uniform, to be trained and fight under the Irish flag, and to be officered exclusively by Irishmen "as soon as suitable Irishmen can be procured from Ireland or from the U.S.A." German officers will be appointed to act provisionally, but no military operation is to be undertaken by the Brigade whilst it is under German officers. It is further stipulated that the Brigade will under no circumstances be employed for the furtherance of any German object, but will fight solely "for the cause of Ireland"; that the German Government will supply uniforms, rations, arms and ammunition to the Brigade. "of its own free will and without any