A. SUPREME MILITARY AUTHORITY AND ITS ORGANS

His Majesty the King is head of the armed forces of the Crown. In time of war he may delegate the supreme command to a general officer.

1. The Supreme Council of National Defence is the permanent authority for ensuring the organisation of national defence.

2. The War Office deals with all matters relating to the preparation for war and the administration of the armed forces, and is responsible, in close co-operation with the General Staff, for the organisation, training and mobilisation of the armed forces and for the working-out of plans of campaign.

The War Office consists of:

The Minister of War, Head of the War Department;
The Department of the Minister;
The General Secretary;
The Supreme Army Council;
Three Army Inspectorates-general;
The General Staff, which includes:
- Chief of the Army General Staff;
- Department of the Chief of the Army General Staff;
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Offices;
- Secretariat of the Supreme National Defence Council;
- Staff College;
- Military Museum;
- Detachment of General Staff Troops.

Ten technical inspectorates of arms and services, with the corresponding advisory committees: infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers, navy, medical service, intendance, arms and ammunition, military training, air force;
Seven services: maps, personnel, control, finance and pensions, Judge Advocate-General’s Department, intendance, remounts;
Twelve directorates: infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers, navy, medical, intendance, arms and ammunition, army training, air force, technical, military lands;
War Office battalion;
War Printing Section.

B. TERRITORIAL MILITARY AREAS

1. The country is divided into seven military areas, corresponding to the seven Army Corps Commands. The military areas are fixed by Royal Decree in accordance with man-power available for recruiting purposes, mobilisation requirements and the territorial division of the country.

Each military area is under the command of the corresponding army corps commander, to whom all commands, units and services not included in the establishment of a division are subordinate, and who is also in charge of the administration of military law in the area.

The army corps commander will assist in the maintenance of public order in the area if requested by the civil administrative authorities.

2. In each military area there also exists, subordinate to the General Staff, a district headquarters staff responsible for the preparation and execution of mobilisation plans. This staff is charged with the compilation of statistics and the supervision, registration and control of men, material and animals required for mobilisation purposes, and with the preparation and execution of mobilisation plans.

3. The Divisional Commander deals with all questions relating to the administration, preparation for war and discipline of units and auxiliary services.

4. The Army Inspectorates-General include two or more army corps and other units and formations and are responsible for supervising all preparation for war. The areas of the Army Inspectorates-General are fixed by Royal Decree.
C. HIGHER UNITS

7 army corps, consisting of three divisions each and troops and services not included in the establishment of a division;
1 corps of mountain light infantry, consisting of 2 divisions;
2 cavalry divisions.

Total:
21 infantry divisions, each consisting of 3 infantry regiments, 1 artillery regiment and 1 howitzer regiment;
2 mountain divisions, each consisting of 3 light infantry groups, 1 group of mountain artillery and 1 regiment of mountain howitzers;
2 cavalry divisions, each consisting of 6 regiments of Red Hussars ("Rosiori"), and 1 group of horse artillery.

D. ARMS

I. INFANTRY.

(a) Number of units:

21 infantry brigades, each consisting of 3 regiments;
2 mountain brigades;
1 light infantry brigade, consisting of 2 regiments (at Bucharest).

Total:
66 regiments of infantry and light infantry;
12 mountain light infantry battalions;
2 cyclist companies;
1 tanks regiment.

(b) Composition of units:

Infantry and light infantry regiments:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist company; 2 to 3 battalions of 3 companies each; one machine-gun company; 1 depot company.

Infantry battalion:
Headquarters; 3 companies; 1 machine-gun company.

Light infantry battalion:
Battalion Headquarters; 3 companies; 1 machine-gun company; 1 depot company; Cyclist company (3 platoons).

Tanks regiment:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 tanks battalion (consisting of 3 companies and 1 transport company); 1 machine-gun motor battalion (consisting of 3 companies); 1 artificers company; 1 depot company.
(c) **Schools**.

2 military schools of infantry;
6 military colleges;
3 reserve-officers training schools;
2 schools for infantry non-commissioned officers;
1 advanced infantry training school headquarters, consisting of: the advanced infantry school; school of musketry; the technical infantry school and the special infantry school.

(d) **Training Centres**:

Training centre for mountain light infantry.

(e) **Infantry armament**:

Officers: sword, revolver.
Men: rifle with bayonet (revolver); automatic rifle; machine-gun; supporting artillery (53 mm. gun).

2. **CAVALRY.**

(a) **Number of units**:

6 brigades of "Rosiori";
1 brigade of Black Hussars ("Calarasi").

Total:
12 regiments of "Rosiori";
1 regiment of the Royal Escort;
7 regiments of "Calarasi" (1 to each army corps; these are not included in the establishment of a division);
8 train groups (1 group to each army corps; these are not included in the establishment of a division).

(b) **Composition of units**:

"Rosiori" Regiments:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist troop; 2 groups of 2 cadre squadrons each; 1 machine-gun cadre squadron; 1 depot squadron.

A group consists of Group Headquarters and 2 squadrons.

"Calarasi" Regiments:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist troop; 3 groups of 2 cadre squadrons each; one machine-gun cadre squadron; 1 depot squadron.

Regiment of the Royal Escort:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist troop; 1 group of 2 squadrons; 1 dismounted group of two squadrons, one of which is a cadre squadron; 1 machine-gun section; 1 depot squadron.

Train groups:
Group Headquarters; 2 squadrons; 1 depot troop.
3. Artillery.

(a) Number of units:
23 artillery brigades of 2 regiments each.
Total:
21 field artillery regiments;
21 howitzer regiments;
2 groups of horse artillery;
6 groups of mountain artillery;
2 regiments of mountain howitzers;
7 heavy artillery regiments (one per army corps; these are not included in the establishment of a division).

(b) Composition of units.
Field Artillery Regiment:
Regimental Headquarters; specialist battery; 3 groups of 2 or 3 batteries; 1 depot battery.
Field artillery group:
Group Headquarters; 2 or 3 normal batteries.
Howitzer Regiment:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist battery; 2 groups of 2 or 3 batteries; 1 depot battery.
Field Howitzer Group:
Group Headquarters; 2 or 3 normal batteries.
Horse Artillery Group:
Group Headquarters; 1 specialist section; 3 horse batteries; 1 depot battery.
Horse Artillery Battery:
Headquarters; 1 battery; ammunition section.
Mountain Artillery Group:
Group Headquarters; 1 specialist section; 3 mountain batteries; 1 depot battery.
Mountain Howitzer Regiment:
Regimental Headquarters; 1 specialist battery; 2 groups of 2 batteries; 1 depot battery.
Mountain Howitzer Group:  
Headquarters; 2 batteries.

Heavy Artillery Regiment:  
Regimental Headquarters; specialist battery; 2 groups of 3 batteries; 1 depot battery.

Heavy Artillery Group:  
Group Headquarters, 3 batteries.

(c) Schools.

Military School of Artillery;  
School of Gunnery and Artillery Specialists;  
Special Artillery School.

4. Engineers.

(Comprising field engineers, transport troops and signals.)

(a) Number of Units.

1 Railway Brigade Headquarters.  
1 Specialist Brigade Headquarters.  
Total:
2 Railway Regiments;  
1 Signals Regiment;  
1 Bridge Train Regiment;  
1 Motor Transport Battalion;  
7 Field Engineer Regiments (1 per army corps; these are not included in the establishment of a division).  
2 Mountain Engineer Battalions.

(b) Composition of Units.

Field Engineers Corps.  
Regimental Headquarters; Depot Company.  
1 Field Engineer Battalion, which consists of: Battalion Headquarters; 3 normal field companies; 3 cadre field companies each of 2 platoons.

Signal Battalions:  
Battalion Headquarters; 3 normal Telegraph and Telephone Companies (each of 3 Telegraph and Telephone Sections).

Transport Battalion:  
Battalion Headquarters; 1 bridging train company (consisting of 3 bridging train sections);  
1 Motor Transport Company (consisting of 1 Light Motor and Motor Bicycle Section and 1 Lorry Section);
Mountain Engineer Battalion:
Battalion Headquarters; Depot Company; 2 normal field companies (each consisting of 2 field platoons);
1 Cadre Field Company; 1 Signals Company (consisting of 3 Telegraph and Telephone, Wireless Telegraphy Troops, Signals and Carrier-Pigeon Sections);
1 Cadre Company of Funiculare Troops.

Corps of Signals and Communications.

1 Regiment of Railway Troops:
Regimental Headquarters.
Depot Company.
2 Railway Operating Battalions, comprising:
Battalion Headquarters,
4 operating companies (consisting of Establishment Service; Traffic Service; Transport and Shunting Services).
One railway construction battalion, comprising:
Battalion Headquarters,
4 Railway Construction Companies (composed of 1 railway construction section, 1 bridge construction section, and 1 demolition section).

Signals Regiment:
Regimental Headquarters;
Depot Company;
Signals Battalion (consisting of battalion headquarters, 2 wireless telegraph companies; 2 telegraph companies, 1 carrier-pigeon section).
1 Searchlight Battalion (consisting of battalion headquarters and 2 searchlight companies).
1 Labour Company.
1 Photograph and Cinematograph Section.
Regimental Band.

Regiment of Bridging Train Troops:
Regimental Headquarters.
Depot Company.
1 Battalion of Stream Bridging Train Troops (consisting of battalion headquarters, 4 companies — each of 2 platoons).
1 Battalion of River Bridging Train (consisting of battalion headquarters and 4 companies — each of 2 platoons).

Motor Transport Battalion: battalion headquarters, depot company, 1 light motor car company, 2 light lorry companies, 1 motor lorry company, 1 motor cyclist company, 1 training centre.
(c) **Schools.**

Engineer Schools Headquarters.
Army Engineer School.
Technical Engineer School.
Training School of Field Engineering.

5. **AIR FORCE.**

The Air Force consists of all flying and balloon units subordinate to the Department of the Technical Air Director, who has under his command the Supreme Air Directorate. The latter consists of:

Department of the Director of Aviation;
Department of the Director of Civil Aviation;
Meteorological Department;

(a) **Flying and Balloon Units.**

3 groups of scouting planes, each consisting of:
Group Headquarters; 1 Depot Flight; 1 Flight of specialists (including: Liaison and signals section; Section for air photography and meteorology; Machine-gun section; Engine and hangar section; 3 normal Scouting Flights; 1 cadre Flight; 1 park with workshops.

(b) **Fighting Squadron.**

Squadron Headquarters; Depot Flight; Flight of Specialists; Group of bombing planes (consisting of: Group Headquarters; 3 normal Flights; 2 cadre Flights); 1 Group of fighting planes (consisting of Group Headquarters; 4 normal Flights; 2 cadre Flights); 1 Park with workshops.

(c) **Service Flying Group,** consisting of:

Group Headquarters; Depot Flight; Service Flight; 1 Park with workshops.

(d) **Naval Flying Group.**

Group Headquarters; Depot Flight (including Meteorological Section; Section for Air Photography); Seaplane Flight; Park.

(e) **Balloon Group,** consisting of:

Group Headquarters; Depot Company; 5 normal Balloon Companies; 2 Balloon Companies at reduced establishment; 1 Technical Company.

(f) **Flying Training Centre:**

Headquarters; Corps of Instructors; Depot Flight (including 1 Meteorological Section; 1 Air Photography Section); Flying Courses (Pilots’ Course, Observers’ Course, Training Course, Air Fighting Course, Specialists’ Course, Gunnery and Bombing Course, Course for Reserve N.C.O.s); Park with Workshops.
(g) **Technical Aviation School**, consisting of:
Corps Headquarters; Company of Airmen; 2 Cadet Companies.

(h) **Air Arsenal**:
Arsenal Headquarters; Technical Services; Administrative Services; Manufacturing Services; Battalion of Airmen.

(i) **Air Material Depot** consisting of:
Depot Staff, 8 Sections, Accountancy Service.

(j) **Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment**, consisting of:
Regimental Headquarters; i Mechanical Transport group (consisting of: 2 normal batteries mounted on motorcars, i cadre Motorcar Section, i normal Railway Battery, i cadre Railway Battery); i Horse Transport group (consisting of 2 normal Batteries, 2 cadre Batteries); i semi-mobile group (consisting of 2 normal Batteries, 2 cadre Batteries); i stationary group (consisting of 2 normal Batteries, 2 cadre Batteries); i special group (consisting of 2 normal Batteries, i cadre Battery).

**E. NAVY**

The navy is under the command of a technical Naval inspectorate which also has under its orders the Department of the Naval Director.

**I. DANUBE DIVISION.**

Headquarters of the Division.
Naval river force, consisting of:
Headquarters;
7 monitors;
7 patrol boats;
Vessels of the "Maican" class;
Vessels of the "Macin" class.
Service vessels (auxiliary).

Land river defence force, consisting of:
Headquarters;
Mine-laying groups;
Coast Artillery and "Splepuri Armate".

Naval river base, consisting of:
Headquarters;
Labour Company, Company of Officers' Servants, depots and workshops;
Royal Yacht "Stefan cel Mare" and Service vessels;
Wireless telegraph stations, school of wireless telegraphy, school of pilots.

Naval arsenal, including:
A school for mechanical and electrical engineers.
II. MARITIME DIVISION.

Headquarters.

Maritime naval force, consisting of:
  Headquarters;
  Two destroyers;
  6 torpedo boats;
  5 gun-boats;
  5 boats for hydrographical services (Masuri);
  2 tug-boats.

Land maritime defence force, consisting of:
  Headquarters;
  Coast battery;
  Mine-laying group (mine torpedo).

Naval maritime base, consisting of:
  Headquarters;
  Companies of Customs House officers and officers' servants;
  Service Vessels.

Naval Training School, consisting of:
  Headquarters;
  Preparatory training section;
  Advance training section;
  Maritime Institute.

F. SERVICES

In peace-time the Army Services are divided into two categories:

1. Services not included in the establishment of a division, but consisting of Army Corps troops:
   1. Administrative battalion of 3 companies per Army Corps;
   Army Corps repair workshop;
   Army Corps arms and ammunition depot;
   Medical Company (consisting of garrison hospitals, a sanatorium, sick-wards, dispensaries and an Army Corps medical depot);
   Military courts;
   Local military prisons and headquarters.

2. Services directly under the Central War Department (technical inspectorate of services) : depots, workshops and other Army establishments.
G. FRONTIER GUARDS

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for the guarding of the frontier and has at its disposal a corps of frontier guards.

These troops are formed into a frontier guard corps, consisting of:
Corps headquarters;
Training brigades headquarters;
2 frontier guard brigades headquarters;
4 regiments of frontier guards, consisting of:
regimental headquarters;
3 frontier battalions (each consisting of battalion headquarters and 3 frontier companies);
2 training battalions (each consisting of battalion headquarters, 3 infantry companies and one machine-gun company);
1 depot company;
1 specialist company;
Regimental band.

A Group of Frontier Patrol Boats, comprising:
Headquarters;
1 training company;
1 company of patrol boats;
Inspection and patrol boats;
Repair workshops and stores depot.

These troops are under the Ministry of War as regards their recruiting, posting of officers, and equipment.

H. HOME POLICE FORCE

The Home Police is under the Ministry of the Interior, which has a gendarmerie corps at its disposal. The Gendarmerie Corps consists of:
The Corps Headquarters,
4 Gendarmerie brigade headquarters,
11 Gendarmerie regiments,
The Gendarmerie Battalions at Bucharest.

The Gendarmerie regiments include training battalions and territorial companies. These forces are distributed throughout the country, their duty being to maintain public order.

Gendarmerie units receive their instruction, in the first instance, from the Ministry of the Interior, and are directly subordinate to the latter. At the same time they collaborate with the executive authorities and are responsible for carrying out the orders of the War Office in localities in which there is no military garrison command.
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* 7 squadrons of machine-guns, with the Calarasi Regiment.

1 Including 8 battery cadres.
2 Including 12 frontier battalions.
3 Including 36 frontier companies.
4 Instruction of battalion.
5 Territorial companies.
I. RECRUITMENT

I. RANK AND FILE.

(a) Territorial division for recruiting purposes.

The seven military areas are divided into seventy-two recruiting districts.

The recruiting districts of each military area are under the area commander.

(b) General provisions.

Military service is universal and personal. All Roumanians, without distinction of race, language or religion are liable to military service.

Men are recruited either by recruiting districts or by military areas; or throughout the country as a whole.

Nationals of a foreign country may not serve in the army.

The following categories are debarred from military service:

- Persons who have been sentenced for crime,
- Persons who have been sentenced by a Court of law to more than two years' imprisonment.

Persons who, as the result of a sentence, have forfeited the right to bear arms or serve in the Army.

(c) Exemption, postponement and dispensation. Volunteers.

Young men who are disabled or physically unfit for military service are exempted from service in any arm or branch.

Young men may obtain postponement of service for a period not exceeding two years, on account of under-developed physique.

Young men completing their education may, on application, obtain postponement up to 27 years of age.

The following are provisionally exempted from service and placed in the militia: Only sons, legitimate or adopted, or eldest sons who are the sole support of poor families.

Young men between 18 and 21 may enlist as volunteers for a period of not less than three years, provided that they fulfil the conditions contained in the Recruiting Law.

2. CADRES.

(a) Officers of the regular army.

Officers are recruited among cadets who have completed 7 and 8 classes in a secondary school or, in exceptional cases, among N.C.O.s of the regular army on the results of an entrance examination to the military schools.

The preparatory courses in the military schools last two years for all arms.

(b) Officers of the reserve are recruited among young soldiers who perform only one year's service, have taken the courses at the
preparatory training schools for officers of the reserve, and have successfully passed the leaving examination.

(c) N.C.O.s (*re-enlisted*). These are recruited from N.C.O.s who have completed the course at an N.C.O.s school.

(d) **Sergeants and Corporals** are appointed from among young soldiers who have been incorporated after taking a N.C.O.s course. Each arm has its own schools.

3. **MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ARMY AND DURATION OF MILITARY SERVICE.**

The armed forces consist of:
- The regular army with permanent cadres.
- The regular army reserve.
- The militia.

The duration of military service is for 29 years between the ages of 21 and 50. This period is divided as follows:
- 2 years in the regular army or 3 years in the navy;
- 18 years in the reserve and
- 9 years in the militia.

Upon completing 19 years of age young men are at the disposal of the War Office and are liable to be called up for preparatory training.

**J. BUDGETARY EFFECTIVES**

1. Officers (Budget of the War Office).

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Total: 11,379

2. Re-enlisted (Budget of the War Office) 10,185

3. N.C.O.s and men (Budget of the War Office) 125,000

4. Civil Servants employed by Army 2,768

**Source.**

Information given by the Government.