COSTA RICA

GENERAL

Area .......... 54,000 sq. km.
Inhabitants (1913) .. 498,435
Per sq. km. ...... 9.2

Army.

The President of the Republic is the supreme head of the Army. The Department of Public Security is under the direction of a Secretary of State. There is also a Commander-in-Chief, a local commandant, an infantry instructor and a cavalry instructor.

The regular army of Costa Rica consists of infantry and artillery. The infantry consists of:
- 20 officers,
- 15 non-commissioned officers (excluding corporals),
- 140 corporals and soldiers,
- 175 Total.

The artillery consists of:
- 20 officers,
- 15 non-commissioned officers (excluding corporals),
- 115 corporals and rank and file,
- 150 Total.

Total establishment of the regular army for 1925:
- 325.

Military Police. The Department of Military Police is also part of the Department of Public Security. The total establishment of the military police for 1925 is 513 officers and other ranks.

RECRUITING.

All citizens of Costa Rica between the ages of 18 and 50 are required to serve in the army.
The army is divided into two parts: the active army and the reserve.
The former includes all men between 18 and 40, the latter men between 40 and 50.

There is also a National Guard consisting of men between 50 and 60. The total number of men enrolled is 50,485, of whom 37,280 belong to the active army. The latter consists of 33 battalions, which may be mobilised in case of necessity.

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<th>Military Expenditure.</th>
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