CUBA

Armed Forces: General Information.

GENERAL

Area .............. 118,831 sq. kilom.
Inhabitants (1923) ... 3,143,210.
Per sq. kilom. ....... 26.5.

I.

Army.

Military Areas and Their Composition.

Cuba is divided into eight military areas.

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Province</th>
<th>Units</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Western province</td>
<td>Staff, 1 cavalry regiment and 10 squadrons of gendarmerie.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Camaguey</td>
<td>Staff, 1 cavalry regiment and 6 squadrons of gendarmerie.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Santa Clara</td>
<td>Staff, 1 cavalry regiment and 5 squadrons of gendarmerie.</td>
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<td>Matanzas</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Havana (except for Columbia and the municipal district of Havana)</td>
<td>Staff, and 6 squadrons of gendarmerie.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Columbia</td>
<td>Staff, 4 infantry battalions, a signallers' corps, an aviation section and 1 cavalry regiment.</td>
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<td>7</td>
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<td>Staff, 3 coast artillery battalions, 1 field artillery battery, 2 mountain artillery batteries and 1 corps of engineers.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Pinar del Rio</td>
<td>Staff, 1 cavalry regiment and 6 squadrons of gendarmerie.</td>
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Arms and Services.

The Cuban army consists at the present time of:
General Staff,
8 Staffs corresponding to the 8 areas,
6 Cavalry regiments,
4 Infantry battalions,
3 Coast artillery battalions,
1 Field artillery battery,
2 Mountain artillery batteries,
38 Squadrons of gendarmerie,
1 Corps of engineers,
1 Corps of signallers,
1 Aviation section.

Cavalry. — Each cavalry regiment consists of a staff, 3 squadrons, a machine-gun section and a horse transport section.

Infantry. — Each infantry battalion consists of a staff, 4 companies, a machine-gun section and a horse transport section.

Coast Artillery. — Each battalion consists of a staff, 4 companies, a machine-gun section and a horse transport section.

Engineers. — The corps of engineers consists of a Staff, a railway company and a company of sappers and field engineers.

Signallers. — The corps of signallers consists of a Staff, a wireless company and a telegraph and telephone company.

Summary of Units.

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<th>Section</th>
<th>Regiments</th>
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BUDGET EFFECTIVES ¹
1924.

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<th>Majors</th>
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<th>Lieutenants</th>
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<th>Other Ranks</th>
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<td>576²</td>
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¹ Decree No. 1194 of September 8th, 1924, fixes the total number of other ranks at 11,386, including 1,232 rural guards.
²Not including a number of supernumerary officers and other ranks.

II.

Navy.

LIST OF UNITS
(1925)

Cruisers:

1. Cuba (1911) 2,055 tons. Dimensions: 260 × 39 × 14 feet. Guns: 2 4-inch, 6 3-inch, 4 6-pdr., H. P. 6,000 = 18 kts, 4 1-pdr.


Gunboats:


2. Pinar del Rio (1912)


4. Veinte y cuatro de febrero (1911)


Miscellaneous:
14 units (coastguard vessels, etc.).
III.

Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

A. NOTES ON BUDGET PROCEDURE.

(1) The Budget year covers the period from July 1st to June 30th.

(2) The Budget, which is gross, is divided into two sections, the permanent budget and the annual budget. Defence expenditure is included in the annual budget.

B. DEFENCE EXPENDITURE.

The appropriations for the so-called Secretariat of War and the Navy amount to 12,042,855 pesos for the year 1925-26. The major part is for the Army, the naval expenditure amounting only to about 1.3 million pesos.

Military and naval pensions are not included in the above figure but charged to the Department of Finance. Further pensions to veterans of the War of Liberation amount to 4.8 million pesos.

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