THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

GENERAL

Area. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50,070 sq. km.
Inhabitants (1923) . . . . . . . . . . 897,405
Per sq. km. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17.9

Police Force.

The Dominican Republic has no army, but it has a police force, whose
duty it is to ensure obedience to the laws and maintain public order.
The National Police is an armed force under the orders of the Executive.
Administratively, it takes its orders direct from the Secretary of State for the Interior and Police; in judicial matters it is under the Public Prosecutor’s Department.
The National Police force consists of a staff and a number of companies.
It is under the orders of a colonel, who resides in the capital of the Republic.
The staff or headquarters of the National Police further includes
a chief of staff, an adjutant, and officer in charge of legal matters and
secret service, a Medical Director, an Intendant-General, an Assistant
Intendant, and a bandmaster.

Territorial Division.

With a view to the organisation and distribution of the National Police and for the purposes of its administration and supply the Dominican Republic is divided into two departments, the Southern Department and the Northern Department.
Each is placed under the orders of a major, who has the title of Director of the Department.
Detachments and posts of the National Police may be established
in the communes and cities, on the frontier between San Domingo and Haiti, and in small towns, village settlements, sugar factories and
other large undertakings, and in the rural cantons.
Recruiting.

The National Police is recruited by voluntary enlistment. Applicants must sign an undertaking to serve for 2 years.

**Strength (1925).**

**Officers:**

- Colonels .......... I
- Lt.-Colonels ....... I
- Majors ............ 3
- Captains ........... 24
- Lieutenants .......... 32
- 2nd Lieutenants ....... 30

**Total** .......... 91

- N.C.O.s (excluding corporals) .......... 80
- Corporals and men ........ 1,341
- Cadets and other personnel .......... 66

**Grand total** .......... 1,578

These effectives are divided into 16 companies.

**Sources.**

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