

# HONDURAS

## GENERAL

Area . . . . .	119,819 sq. km.
Inhabitants (1923). . . . .	673,408
Per sq. km. . . . .	5.6

### *System of recruitment.*

Military service is compulsory. Every citizen between the age of 21 and 30 is a member of the active army and every citizen between the age of 30 and 40 is a member of the reserve.

### *Ministry of War.*

The Ministry of War consists of the following departments :

- General Staff and Inspectorate ;
- Intendance and Administration ;
- Justice ;
- Medical Service.

### *Composition of the Army.*

The army consists of :

- 23 infantry battalions forming 30 companies, 13 sections and 1 machine-gun company ;
- 1 artillery regiment of 2 batteries and 2 machine-gun companies ;
- 1 battery attached to the infantry.

### *Budgetary Effectives (1925-26)*

<i>Officers</i>		<i>Non-Commissioned Officers.</i>	
Generals. . . . .	1	(Sergeants). . . . .	102
Colonels . . . . .	7		
Lt.-Colonels . . . . .	4		
Majors . . . . .	58	<i>Corporals and privates</i> .	<u>1,807</u>
Captains. . . . .	80		
Lieutenants . . . . .	97		
2nd Lieutenants . . . . .	<u>97</u>		
Total . . . . .	344	Grand total . . . . .	2,253

### *Budget Expenditure on National Defence.*

The gross expenditure on the army and the navy is shown under the corresponding heading in the budget. During the past three fiscal years (August 1st to July 31st) it has been estimated to amount to :

1923-24 . . . . .	2,173,500 pesos
1924-25 . . . . .	2,093,800 "
1925-26 . . . . .	1,861,500 "

These figures do not include expenditure on pensions, which are charged to the Department of Finance and Public Credit jointly with civil pensions.