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)

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<th>Officers</th>
<th>Non-Commissioned Officers</th>
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<tr>
<td>Generals</td>
<td>1 (Sergeants) ............ 102</td>
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<td>Colonels</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Lt.-Colonels</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Majors</td>
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<td>Captains</td>
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<td>Lieutenants</td>
<td>97</td>
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<td>2nd Lieutenants</td>
<td>97</td>
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<td>Total ..................... 344 Grand total . . . 2,253</td>
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Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The gross expenditure on the army and the navy is shown under the corres-
ponding heading in the budget. The actual expenditure (fiscal year: August
1st to July 31st)

- amounted to .......... 2,093,800 pesos in 1924–25
- It was estimated at . . 1,699,127 » for 1925–26
- and at ................ 1,949,933 » » 1926–27

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