CHINA

GENERAL

Area .................. 11,080,000 sq. km.
Population (31-12-26) ....... 448,907,000
    per sq. km. : 40.5
Length of railway lines (1926) .... 13,215 km.

I

Army.

A. Total armed forces consist of one hundred and ten divisions.

B. Effectives:

| Officers | 100,000 |
| Soldiers | 1,500,000 |
| Officers in service of provincial Offices | 3,000 |
| Gendarmerie: Officers | 400 |
| Gendarmes | 4,000 |
| **Total** | **1,607,400** |

C. Material in military service:

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<th>Items</th>
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<tr>
<td>Rifles</td>
<td>600,000</td>
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<td>Carbines</td>
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<td>Field guns</td>
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<td>Automatic rifles</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Pistols</td>
<td>70,000</td>
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D. Recruiting System:

Service in the National Army is mainly voluntary for the present, though a form of conscription is enforced in certain provinces. The enlistment of soldiers is generally limited to the population of the interior provinces of China. Soldiers serve three years with the

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1 As on January 1, 1923.
colours, and then pass into the First Reserve for three years. During this period, they are supposed to put in a month’s drill per annum. At the expiration of their service in the First Reserve, the men are drafted into the Second Reserve. Their obligation is then decreased to a month’s drilling in alternate years. At the expiration of their time in the Second Reserve, the men receive their final discharge and are no longer liable to military service.

Recruits must be between 20 and 25 years of age, must be at least 5ft. 6in. in height (except in the Southern Provinces) and must be able to lift a weight of about 133 lb.

There is as yet no uniformity of systems for the training of non-commissioned officers.

II.

Navy.

LIST OF UNITS

(1927-28)

Protected Cruisers:

1. *Ying Jui* (1912)


2. *Chao Ho* (1912)


3. *Hai Yung* (1897)


4. *Hai Chou* (1897)


5. *Hai Chi* (1898)

Destroyers:

1. *Chien Kang* (1912)


2. *Tung An* (1912)

3. *You Chang* (1912)

4. *Hu Peng*, or No. 7 (1907-08) 97 tons. Dimensions: 135 x 15.2 x 7 1/3 feet. 3 18-inch tubes and 2 guns.

5. *Hu E*, or No. 8 (1907-08)

6. *Hu Ying*, or No. 9 (1907-08)

7. *Hu Chun*, or No. 10 (1907-08)

8. *Su*, or No. 4 (1895)

9. *Chen*, or No. 2 (1895)

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1 Date of completion.
2 Date of launching.
Torpedo-Boats:
1. *Lieh*, or No. 3 (1895)\(^1\) 62 tons. 3 torpedo-tubes.
2. *Chang*, or No. 1 (1895)\(^1\)

Torpedo-Gunboats:
1. *Chien Wei* (1902)\(^1\) Displacement, 850 tons.
2. *Chien An* (1900)\(^1\)
3. *Fei Ying* (1895)\(^1\)

Miscellaneous: 33 units (gunboats, river gunboats, transport, despatch vessels, training-ship, etc.).

**Summary Table of Naval Units.**

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<th>Depreciated Tonnage (^2)</th>
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<td>Aircraft-carriers</td>
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<td>Cruisers and light cruisers</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>18,500</td>
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<td>Destroyers and torpedo-boats</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>1,862</td>
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<td>—</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous craft (^3)</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>15,928</td>
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Total tonnage of the fleet | 36,290 | 2,605 |

\(^1\) Date of launching.

\(^2\) Depreciated tonnage (on January 1st, 1928), is calculated as follows:

1. For battleships, battle-cruisers, coast-defence ships, monitors, aircraft-carriers and miscellaneous vessels, a reduction in original tonnage at the rate of \(\frac{1}{20}\) per annum from date of completion.
2. For cruisers and light cruisers, a reduction of \(\frac{1}{17}\) per annum from date of completion.
3. For torpedo craft and submarines, a reduction of \(\frac{1}{12}\) per annum from date of completion.

\(^3\) Under the heading Miscellaneous Vessels, only sloops, gunboats, river gunboats and despatch vessels are shown.
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DISTRIBUTION (in %) OF TONNAGE OF THE NAVY AMONG THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF VESSELS in 1913, 1919 and 1927

Note. — Only units completely finished on the dates in question have been included.

NUMBER AND TONNAGE (in thousands of tons)

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1 Not including, for 1913, 3 destroyers (1,170 tons) launched in 1912 but not completed in 1913.
2 Gunboats, torpedo-gunboats and river gunboats. Not including for 1919 a certain number of river gunboats which do not belong to the Chinese Navy but to the provincial government.
NAVY

NUMBER OF UNITS AND TONNAGE
in 1913, 1919 and 1927

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NAVY

TOTAL TONNAGE

Tons
(ooo's omitted)

1913 . . . 31.7
1919 . . . 34.8
1926 . . . 35.9
1927 . . . 36.3

III.

Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

Estimated expenditure on military armaments:

The most recently estimated figure is 207,000,000 Chinese dollars.