CHINA

GENERAL

Area ............ 11,080,000 sq. km.
Population (31-XII-27) .......... 457,787,000
Density per sq. km. ............ 41.3
Length of railway system (1926) .... 13,215 km.

I

Army.¹

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:

| Rifles | 600,000 |
| Carbines | 150,000 |
| Field guns | 2,500 |
| Mountain guns | 600 |
| Automatic rifles | 3,000 |
| Pistols | 70,000 |

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

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.

## II.

### Navy.

**LIST OF UNITS**

(1928 and 1929)

Nota. — The first date in brackets gives the date of the launching of the ship; the second that of its completion. The dash (—) signifies that the construction has not yet been completed or that the date of completion is not known.

**Protected Cruisers:**

1. Ying Swei (1911-1912)
2. Chao Ho (1911-1912)
3. Hai Yung (1897—)
4. Hai Chou (1897—)
5. Hai Chen (1898—)
6. Hai Chi (1898—)


**Destroyers (12 in 1929 and 11 in 1928):**

1. Chien Kang (1912)
2. Tung An (1912)
3. You Chang (1912)
4. Fei Ying (1895)

**390 tons. Dimensions:** 208 × 21.3 × 10 feet. H.P. 6,000 = 32 kts. Guns: 2 3-inch, 4 3-pdr., 2 18-inch tubes.

**850 tons. Dimensions:** 210 × 30 × 11 feet. H.P. 5,500 = 22 kts. 3 tubes above water.

**Torpedo-boats:**

1. Hu Peng, or No. 7 (1907-08)
2. Hu Oah, or No. 8 (1907-08)


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1 Refitted in 1928.
2 Date of launching.
3. *Hu Ying*, or No. 9 (1907-08)
4. *Hu Chun*, or No. 10 (1907-08)
5. *Su*, or No. 4 (1895)  90 tons. Dimensions: 144 × 17 × 7 feet. H. P.
6. *Chen*, or No. 2 (1895)  700 == 18 kts. 2 torpedo-tubes (14-inch).
7. *Lieh*, or No 3 (1897)
8. *Chang*, or No. 1 (1895)  62 tons. 3 torpedo-tubes (14-inch).

Miscellaneous: 54 units (27 gunboats, 16 river gunboats, transport, despatch vessels, training-ship, etc.).

**Summary Table of Naval Units.**

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1 The depreciated tonnage 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 1/20 per annum from date of completion.
   (2) For cruisers and light cruisers, a reduction of 1/17 per annum from date of completion.
   (3) For torpedo craft and submarines, a reduction of 1/12 per annum from date of completion.

2 Depreciated tonnage on January 1st, 1929.
3 Depreciated tonnage on January 1st, 1930.
4 Under the heading Miscellaneous Craft, only sloops, gunboats, river gunboats and despatch vessels are shown.

1 Date of launching.
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Distribution (in %) of Tonnage of the Navy among the Different Classes of Vessels in 1913, 1919, 1928 and 1929

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

Number and Tonnage (in thousands of tons)

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*Not including, for 1913, 3 destroyers (1,170 tons) launched in 1912 but not completed in 1913.

* 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.
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NAVY

NUMBER OF UNITS AND TONNAGE
in 1913, 1919 and 1929

Number of Units

0 ——— 10 ——— 20 ——— 30 ——— 40

1913 1919 1929

0 ——— 5,000 ——— 10,000 ——— 15,000 ——— 20,000 ——— 25,000 ——— 30,000 ——— 35,000 ——— 40,000

Tonnage

Cruisers  Destroyers and torpedo-boats  Miscellaneous
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TOTAL TONNAGE

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III.

Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

Estimated expenditure on military and naval armaments:

**War:**
- Ordinary expenditure: 129,588,829 Chinese dollars
- Extraordinary expenditure: 78,243,653 Chinese dollars
- Total: 207,832,482

**The Marine:**
- Ordinary expenditure: 9,194,482 Chinese dollars
- Extraordinary expenditure: 185,024
- Total: 9,379,506
- Grand total: 217,211,988

¹ The figures above have been taken from the China Year-Book, 1928.