THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

GENERAL

Area ................................ 50,070 sq. km.
Population (24-XII-1920) ........ 894,665
Density per sq. km. ............... 17.9
Length of railway system (1926)  253 km

Police Force.

The Dominican Republic has a National Army (called National Police, up to May 1928) whose duty it is to ensure obedience to the laws and maintain public order.

Administratively, it takes its orders direct from the Secretary of State for the Interior, Police, War and Navy; in judicial matters it is under the Public Prosecutor’s Department.

The National Army consists of a staff and a number of companies.

It is commanded by a colonel, who resides in the capital of the Republic.

The staff or headquarters of the Army further includes a chief of staff, an adjutant, an 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 Army 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 Army may be established in the communes and cities, on the frontier between the Republic and Haiti, and in small towns, village settlements, sugar factories and other large undertakings, and in the rural cantons.

Recruiting.

The Army is recruited by voluntary enlistment. Applicants must sign an undertaking to serve for 2 years.
## Budgetary Effectives.

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16 Companies in 1924 and 1925.
18 Companies in 1927, 1928 and 1929.

### Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The expenditure on the National Police (converted into a national army in May 1928) amounted to:

- 860,000 pesos in 1926, and is estimated at
  - 1,472,642 » for 1927,
  - 1,572,694 » » 1928, and
  - 1,538,472 » » 1929.