ALBANIA

GENERAL

Area ............................................. 28,389 sq. km.
Population (1927) ................... 1,003,097
Density per sq. km ...... 35.3
Length of railway system (under construction) 39 km.

I.

Army.

A. ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

The armed forces of Albania are composed of the army proper and the gendarmerie.

The army consists of:

The national defence command;

The land army (which also comprises the frontier guard, acting as revenue police);

The air force 1.

The national defence command is composed of a General Staff, a director-general's department and a General Intendence Bureau.

The land army is composed as follows:

The Royal Guard;

12 Infantry battalions (of which only 9 are permanently organised, the other 3 having permanent cadres);

1 Section of armoured cars and tanks;

22 Batteries of artillery, 12 of 65 mm. (of which 9 are permanently organised), 6 of 75 mm., 2 of 105 mm. and 2 of 149 mm. guns;

9 Engineer companies (consisting of 4 field engineer companies, 1 liaison company, 1 wireless company, 1 photo-electrical company, 1 air-line company and 1 bridging company).

1 The air force has not yet a permanent organisation.
The frontier guard is composed of 4 battalions.

The gendarmerie comprises 1 general command and 4 battalions.

Military Schools and Various Institutes and Establishments.
Royal School (for the recruiting of officers of the active army); School for supernumerary cadet officers; Schools for the advanced training of officers; Training centre for the Frontier Guard; 4 hospitals; 4 special companies; 1 motor repair workshop; 1 court-martial.

B. RECRUITING SYSTEM

Every Albanian citizen, without exception, is obliged to serve with the colours.

Men become liable for military service on attaining the age of nineteen.

Military service includes:

(a) Active service with the colours for eighteen months;
(b) Service in the first-line reserve till the age of forty-five;
(c) Service in the second-line reserve, terminating at the age of fifty.

C. MATERIAL IN SERVICE IN THE UNITS

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<th>Type of Weapon</th>
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<td>Rifles or carbines</td>
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<td>Machine-guns</td>
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D. BUDGETARY EFFECTIVES (1930-31)

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<td>Other ranks</td>
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| Gendarmerie:
  Officers         | 131    |
  Gendarmes        | 3,000  |
| Total             | 13,466 |
Navy.

1 Flotilla of light units;
4 Port commands;
5 Naval bureaux.

The permanent organisation of the Navy is under consideration.