PANAMA

GENERAL

Area ................ 84,000 sq. km.
Population (xii. 1929) ............ 468,000
Density per sq. km. ............. 5.6
Length of railway system (vi. 1929)
(excluding some industrial lines) .... 132 km.

The Republic of Panama has no army. It has, however, a force of military police known as the National Police.

This force consists of (1925-26 and 1926-27):

  1 Inspector-General,
  2 Majors,
 10 Captains,
 18 Lieutenants,
50 2nd Lieutenants,
675 other ranks.

Under the Constitution of the Republic of Panama all citizens are required to join the colours when called upon in order to defend the national independence and institutions.

The Constitution confers upon the executive the right to create and organise an army of sufficient strength to defend the national soil.

Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The budget period covers two years beginning on July 1st.
Expenditure on national defence is represented by the salaries of a general and two majors and the outlay on a military band, totalling 65,360 balboas for 1923-25 and 80,360 balboas for 1925-1927.
Expenditure on the national police was estimated at 1,066,370 balboas for 1923-1925 and 1,221,080 balboas for 1925-1927.