SIAM

GENERAL

Area .................................. 518,162 sq. km.
Population (III. 1928) ................. 10,284,000
Density per sq. km. ................... 19.8
Length of railway system (30. IX. 1930) 2,923 km.

I.

Army.

A. SUPREME MILITARY AUTHORITY AND ITS ORGANS

The King is the supreme head of the Army.

Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War is organised in 4 departments as follows:
1. Adjutant-General’s Department.
2. General Staff Department.
3. Quartermaster-General’s Department.
4. Aeronautical Department.

B. COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

The Army on peace footing consists of 2 Army Corps, each of two
Divisions, one Cavalry Regiment and one Regiment of Engineers.
Each of these Divisions is composed of two regiments of infantry of
three battalions each, one regiment of artillery of two groups and one
medical unit.

C. RECRUITING SYSTEM

Universal liability to military service has been in force for 25
years, and the law received its present form in 1917. Every able-
bodied man at the age of 21 or 22 is liable to be called to military service.
The normal duration of service consists of (a) two years with the colours;
(b) seven years in the first reserve during which the reservist is liable to be called upon for repetition training for a maximum period of two months per year; (c) ten years in the second reserve, during which the reservist is liable to be called for repetition training for a maximum period of thirty days per year; (d) six years in the third reserve.

D. MILITARY SCHOOLS

Cadet School  |  218 students in 1927-28.
School for officers |  

E. EFFECTIVES OF THE ARMY

The effectives of the active army amount, approximately, to 25,000 officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

II.

Navy.

1930

6 river gunboats:

- Ratanakosindra (1925), armoured gunboat  
- Sukhodaya (1930)  
- Makut-Rajakuman (1888)  
- Bhali (1904)  
- Sugrib (1901)  
- Suriya (1908)

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3 destroyers:

- Phra Ruany  
- Sua Tayarnchol  
- Sua Khamronsindhu

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4 torpedo-boats:

- Nrs1 to 4 of 101.6 tons each

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Total: 6,100.5

Miscellaneous: 8 units.

1 The figure is not official, and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
III.

**Budget Expenditure on National Defence.**

The financial year covers the period April 1st to March 31st.

The budget expenditure on national defence was as follows for the years 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30 and 1930-31:

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The above expenditure does not include the civil expenditure of the Ministry of War and the Marine. Nor does it include any expenditure on pensions, which is shown jointly with that on civil pensions.