MEXICO

Area ................ 1,969,000 sq. km.
Population (v. 1930) ....... 16,404,000
Density per sq. km. ............. 8.3

I. Army.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

The armed forces of Mexico comprise the army, the military air force and the navy, for the organisation and administration of which the Ministry of War and Marine is responsible.

In peace-time, the Mexican army does not include any higher units, which are only organised in time of war.

The Mexican army consists of:

Infantry: 50 battalions;
   2 independent companies.

Each battalion consists of 3 rifle companies and 1 machine-gun company.

Cavalry: 70 regiments;
   2 independent squadrons.

Each regiment consists of 3 squadrons and 1 automatic-rifle section.

Artillery: 2 regiments of field artillery, comprising 4 batteries of 75-mm. guns each;
   1 regiment of mountain artillery, comprising 4 batteries of 70-mm. guns.

In 1929, the artillery possessed 76 guns and 15,700 shells, as well as 17 guns and 41,617 shells in the depots.

Engineers: 1 engineer battalion with three companies.

Air force: 2 regiments.

Each regiment consists of 3 flights with 3 machines each.

In addition to the above-mentioned units, there are 2 independent
regiments and 2 independent battalions with 3 companies each and 1 machine-gun battery of the Presidential Guard, the pensioners' corps, etc.

**Summary Table of Units.**

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<td>Air force</td>
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¹ Including 50 machine-gun companies.
² In addition: 70 automatic-rifle sections.

**Recruiting System and Period of Service**

Military service is voluntary; volunteers between the ages of 18 and 35 undertake to serve in the active army for 3 years.

Volunteers may also be accepted for the various reserves of the national army. There are four reserves, as follows:

The *first reserve* includes officers who have retired from active service in the normal manner, and also rank and file who have completed the period of active service for which they enlisted;

The *second reserve* consists of men 21 years of age who have performed their period of service in the above reserve, or who are not in active service or in the first reserve. The normal period of service in the second reserve is 5 years;

The *third reserve* consists of men who have completed their period of service in the second reserve; they remain in this reserve for 5 years;

The *fourth reserve* consists of men who have completed their period of service in the third reserve. Service in the fourth reserve is for 14 years.

The first reserve may be mobilised in case of war or internal disorders, and also for manoeuvres or for embodiment with the active service effectives.

The second reserve may only be mobilised in case of war or for manoeuvres.

**Recruiting of N.C.O.s and Officers.**

The cadres of N.C.O.s and officers consist of men who have passed their examinations in the military schools.

Corporals who are recommended for promotion to first-class sergeants
must enter the N.C.O.s' school and take the courses laid down; they are promoted after passing their examination. Officers are promoted to the next higher rank after three years' service in their appointment.

BUDGETARY EFFECTIVES
(1930.)

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II. Navy.
(1930)

Coast-defence ship (1898) ........................................ 1
Gunboats (1891 and 1903) ........................................ 2
Transport (1907) .................................................... 1
Patrol vessels (1917-18) ............................................ 8
Total tonnage (excluding 1 transport and 8 patrol vessels) ........... 5,682 tons

III. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

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Notes. — 1. Expenditure on the air force is included in that of the Secretariat of War and the Marine.

2. The figures in the table above do not include appropriations for military and naval pensions, which are shown in the budget under the item "Public Debt". They were estimated at 4.5 million pesos for 1925 and at 4 million for 1927.

3. The budget of the Department of Factories and Military Supplies contains some civil expenditure.