PARAGUAY

Area .................................. 458,000 sq. km.
Population (vi. 1929) .................. 897,000
Density per sq. km. ................. 2.0

I. Army.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

Paraguay is divided into 5 military areas. The army does not contain any large formations, the highest unit for infantry and cavalry being the regiment, and for artillery the battery.

The organs of military command and administration are: the Ministry of War and Marine (which also comprises the General Staff), the Council of National Defence (President of the Republic, president) and the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

ARMS AND SERVICES.

Infantry: 4 regiments including 1 reserve regiment (18 companies including 4 machine-gun companies);
Cavalry: 1 regiment (3 squadrons);
Artillery: 2 batteries;
Engineers: 1 company of sappers.

RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE

Military service is compulsory. The total period of military obligation is 28 years, divided as follows: between the ages of 18 and 20, in the active army; between the ages of 20 and 45, in the reserve.

The reserve is composed of: the active army reserve (between the ages of 20 and 29); the national guard (between the ages of 29 and 39), and the territorial guard (between the ages of 39 and 45).
### BUDGETARY EFFECTIVES

(1927-28.)

| Officers | 106 |
| N.C.O.s and men | 2,809 |
| **Total** | **2,915** |

#### II. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

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**Notes.** — 1. The estimates include votes in gold pesos and votes in paper pesos. The gold pesos have been converted into paper pesos at the rate of 42.61 paper to 1 gold peso.

2. Military and naval pensions are not included in the above table; they are shown in the budget under the item “Public Debt”, jointly with civil pensions.