PERSIA

Area ....... 1,626,000 sq. km.
Population (estimate) ...... 9,000,000
Density per sq. km. ......... 5.5

I. Army.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY

The land army comprises:

4 mixed divisions;
2 independent infantry brigades;
1 independent cavalry brigade;
1 independent artillery brigade;
2 independent mixed brigades;
3 air-force battalions;
1 independent engineer battalion.

The Persian army also comprises a number of armoured car, tank and other sections.

Each division consists of from 2 to 3 brigades with 2 or 3 regiments each; each infantry regiment consists of 2 or 3 battalions; each infantry battalion consists of 4 companies, including 1 machine-gun company; each cavalry regiment consists of 2 groups of squadrons and the cavalry squadrons group consists of 2 squadrons and 1 machine-gun group.

The effectives of the Persian army total 40,000 men.

There are also a gendarmerie (effectives: 6,489) and a police force (effectives: 5,926).

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1 The Persian army is at present undergoing reorganisation. The information given hereunder refers to the year 1928.
2 There also exists a navy comprising 2 gunboats (1,579 tons).
3 This figure is not official and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE

Military service is compulsory and begins at the age of 21 years. The total length of military service is 25 years:

- Active army: 6 years.
- Reserve: 13 years.
- Territorial army: 6 years.

The period of service with the colours is 2 years. Conscripts who have qualified by matriculation perform only 18 months’ service. After completing their service with the colours the men are drafted for 4 years into the active army reserve. Men belonging to the army reserve are called up every 2 years (for a period of 6 years) or every 3 years (for a period of 7 years) for a month’s training.

II. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

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Notes. — 1. The Ministry of Finance has been authorised to pay to the Ministry of War a sum of 60 million krans for the purchase of ammunition, to be repaid out of budget savings in the years 1930-31 and 1931-32.

2. The figures above do not include the expenditure for military pensions, which are accounted for in the budget jointly with civil pensions.