

CHINA

Area	} including Manchuria, Mongolia, Turkestan and Tibet.	11,103,000 sq. km.
Population (estimate)		450,000,000
Density per sq. km. . .		40.5
Length of railway system (XII. 1930)		13,441 km.

I. Army.

ORGANISATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL ARMY.

In 1929, the National Government undertook to reorganise and reduce its army. In February 1929, a National Demobilisation Commission was set up. This Commission established three divisional types for the army—namely :

Division of type A, consisting of 2 infantry brigades of 3 regiments each, 1 cavalry squadron, 1 artillery group consisting of 3 batteries, each battery having 4 guns, 1 battalion of 3 companies of engineers and 1 signal company, 1 train squadron consisting of 2 companies, and 1 supernumerary company.

Division of type B, consisting of 3 infantry brigades of 2 regiments each ; other units similar to division of type A.

Division of type C, consisting of 2 infantry brigades of 2 regiments each, 1 cavalry regiment of 4 squadrons, 1 artillery regiment of 3 groups, 1 battalion of engineers and 1 signal company, 1 train company and 1 supernumerary company.

In January 1929, the national army consisted of the following troops :

Infantry.

114 divisions.	} forming a separate unit.
29 brigades	
13 regiments	

Cavalry.

8 divisions.
 4 brigades } forming a separate unit.
 2 regiments }

Artillery.

13 regiments.

Engineers.

15 battalions.

On the basis of 14,000 officers and men per division, the total numerical force would amount to approximately 1,800,000 men.

The demobilisation or reorganisation programme provides for 65 infantry divisions, 8 cavalry brigades, 16 artillery regiments and 8 engineer regiments, amounting in all to 800,000 men.

As regards air forces, the programme provides for 23 squadrons of aeroplanes and seaplanes, 4 squadrons of dirigibles, and 11 anti-aircraft squadrons, by 1935.

The land army comprises actually (1932) fifteen flights; each flight consists of seven machines, plus three in reserve. The total effective forces amount to 150 fighting machines. In addition, there are 150 school machines for the training of the different categories of pilots.

RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Military service in the national army is voluntary, although a form of conscription is enforced in certain provinces. The period of service with the colours is three years; after completing their service with the colours, men pass into the first-line reserve for three years, where they have to undergo one month's training per annum. On completing their service with the first-line reserve, men pass into the second-line reserve, where they have to undergo one month's training every two years. After leaving the second-line reserve, men are definitely released from all liability to military service.

EFFECTIVES.

(On July 1st, 1931.)

	Total effectives	Officers
Land army	1,260,000	63,000
Land formations organised on a military basis	360,000	18,000
Regular air forces ¹	3,270 ²	
Air formations organised on a military basis ³	1,012 ²	

¹ Actual personnel.

² Including officers.

³ Average daily number of effectives during the year 1930.

II. Navy.

LIST OF UNITS.

(1932.)

9 (+ 3 building) cruisers :

Names of the ships	Date : (1) of launching ; (2) of entry into service	Displacement (tons)	Dimensions (feet) { Length Beam Draught	H.p.	Speed (kts.)	Armament ¹ (number, and calibre in inches)
<i>Cruisers.</i>						
<i>Ning-Hai</i> ..	1931-	2,500	{ 360 39 13	9,500	22½	{ VI 5.5, VI 3.1 (A.A.), IV tubes (21).
<i>Ping-Hai</i> (building) ..	1932-					
<i>Protected Cruisers.</i>						
1. <i>Ying Swei</i> ..	1911-12	2,460	{ 330 39½ 14 11 in.	6,000	20	{ II 6, IV 4, II 3. II tubes (18).
2. <i>Chao Ho</i> ..	1911-12	2,460	{ 320 39 14	6,000	20	{ II 6, IV 4, II 3. II tubes (18).
3. <i>Hai Yung</i> ² ..	1897-	2,950	{ 314 40½	7,500	19	{ III 6, VIII 4.1. I tube (14).
4. <i>Hai Chou</i> ² ..	1897-					
5. <i>Hai Shen</i> ² ..	1898-	4,300	{ 424 46 10 in. 19	17,000	24	{ II 8, X 4.7, XII 3-pdr. V tubes (18).
6. <i>Hai Chi</i> ..	1898-					
<i>Light Cruisers.</i>						
<i>Ming San</i> (building) ..	1931-	600	{ 210 27 6½		18	{ I 4.7, I 4, II 3 (A.A.) II 6-pdr.
1. <i>Yat Sen</i> ..	1930-31	1,650	{ 275 34 11		20	{ I 6, I 5.5, IV 3 (A.A.), II 3-pdr.
2. <i>Tze Chien</i> ³ ..	1902-	900	{ 260 27 11	6,000	20	{ II 4.7, I 3, II 6-pdr., II tubes.
3. <i>Ta Tung</i> ³ ..	1900-					

¹ Guns and torpedo-tubes above water and submerged.² Refitted in 1928.³ Completely rebuilt in 1930-31.

2 destroyers and 8 torpedo-boats :

Number	Type	Date of entry into service	Displacement (tons)	Draught (feet)	H.p.	Speed (kts.)	Armament ¹ (number, and calibre in inches)
<i>Destroyers.</i>							
2	<i>Chien Kang</i> ..	1912 ²	390	10	6,000	32	II 3, IV 3-pdr., II tubes (18).
<i>Torpedo-boats.</i>							
4	<i>Hu Peng</i> ..	1907-8 ²	96	7½	1,200	23	III tubes (14).
2	<i>Su</i>	1895 ²	90	8	700	18	II tubes (14).
2	<i>Lieh</i>	1895-97 ²	62	7			III tubes (14).

¹ Guns and torpedo-tubes.

² Date of launching.

Miscellaneous : 41 units (gunboats, transport, despatch vessels, training ship, etc.).

SUMMARY TABLE OF NAVAL UNITS.

Type	Number			Tonnage			Artillery ¹						
	Vessels			Vessels			Guns			Tubes			
	In service	Building	Total	In service	Building	Total	Number			Calibre (inch)	In service	Building	Total
							In service	Building	Total				
Cruisers	9	3	12	21,520	5,600	27,120	2	—	2	8	16	8	24
							14	—	14	6			
							1	12	13	5.5			
							14	1	15	4.7			
							24	—	24	4.1			
							8	1	9	4			
							—	12	12	3.1			
Destroyers and torpedo-boats ..	10	—	10	1,468	—	1,468	4	—	4	3	26	—	26
							10	2	12	3			
Total	19	3	22	22,988	5,600	28,588	77	28	105		42	8	50

¹ Not including guns under 3-inch.

EFFECTIVES.

AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES DURING THE YEAR 1930-31.

	Total effectives	Officers
Naval forces	15,581	2,604
Formations organised on a military basis	19,240	1,124

III. Expenditure on National Defence.

I. ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1930-31.

	Land forces	Naval forces	Air forces	Total
	Chinese dollars (000,000's)			
Effectives	283.7	11.3	3.5	298.5
Transport	7.8	2.3	1.3	11.4
Buildings	3.8	0.6	2.5	6.9
War material	42.5	21.7	8.9	73.1
Total	337.8	35.9	16.2	389.9

NOTES.—1. The effective air forces mentioned above comprise only those of the land army, whereas the air forces of the navy, which are still under organisation, are not included.

2. There is no information with reference to the annexed tables A to F (block credits, pensions, etc.).

2. BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS 1928-29 TO 1931-32.

The data in the table below are in continuation of those given in earlier editions of the *Armaments Year-Book*. These data should not be compared with those in the foregoing table, which are based on the answer of the Chinese Government in response to the Council's request for information concerning the state of its armaments (see Preface, page 4).

	1928-29	1929-30	1930-31	1931-32
	Closed accounts			
	Yuan dollars ¹ (000,000's)			
Military expenditure :				
Disbursement by Central Government	147.1	245.4	311.6	303.8 ²
Disbursement directly by Provinces	62.4			
Total	209.5	245.4	311.6	303.8

¹ Approximate value, Yuan \$1 = U.S.A. \$0.45.

² Including payments made in previous years, amounting to \$48.6 million.

NOTES.—1. As no details are available, it is impossible to ascertain whether Military Pensions are included in the above figures or not.

2. No information is available for previous years.