NICARAGUA

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<th>Area</th>
<th>128,000 sq. km.</th>
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<td>Population (XII. 1919)</td>
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<td>Density per sq. km.</td>
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<td>Length of railway system (1930) (excluding some industrial lines)</td>
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Secretariat of War, Marine and Aviation.—This Secretariat, which was attached in March 1930 to the Ministry of the Interior, includes:

Departments of War, Marine and Aviation;
Auxiliary Service of the General Command;
Departmental Military Government.

The only armed force which the country possesses is known as the National Guard of Nicaragua; this guard performs the dual functions of an army proper and of a rural and urban police force. It consists of men who enlist voluntarily for a period of three years, and at present numbers 204 officers and 2,200 enlisted men, distributed as follows:

- 178 officers of the regular army;
- 2,140 enlisted men of the regular army;
- 26 officers of the Medical Corps;
- 60 enlisted men of the Medical Corps.

The armament of the army consists exclusively of infantry arms, together with a small number of pieces of artillery, particulars of which are given below:

- Hotchkiss 3-inch cannon (old model) .... 2
- Browning heavy machine-guns ...... 185
- Lewis machine-guns .... 69
- Vickers machine-guns ...... 12
- Sub-Thompson guns, calibre 45 .... 50
- Grenade-throwers .... 98
- Browning automatic rifles, calibre 30 .... 20
- Krag rifles, 1898 model, calibre 30 .... 2,767
- Springfield rifles, 1906 model, calibre 30 .... 50
**Budget Expenditure on National Defence.**

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**Notes.**—

1. The expenditure on the army and navy includes military pensions.

2. The general budget for 1928-29 contains expenditure on the National guard amounting to 1,115.6 thousand cordobas.