COSTA RICA

Area .... 60,000 sq. km.
Population (XII. 1932) ... 540,000
Density per sq. km. ... 9.0
Length of railway system (1930) (excluding some industrial lines) ... 555 km.

I. Army.

The President of the Republic is the supreme head of the army. The Department of Public Security is under the direction of a Secretary of State. There is also a Commander-in-Chief, a local commandant, an infantry instructor and a cavalry instructor.

A Directorate General of Aeronautics, attached to the Office of the Secretary of State for Public Security, was created in November 1929; it regulates and supervises air traffic and all matters relating to the commercial and military air services.

The regular army of Costa Rica consists of infantry and artillery. The effects of the regular army (infantry and artillery) for 1932 are 58 officers and 260 other ranks.

The statutory peace establishment of the active army has been fixed for the years 1933 and 1934 at a maximum of 500; this may be raised to 5,000 in case of internal disturbances and foreign war.

The total number of men enrolled is 50,485, of whom 37,280 belong to the active army. The latter consists of 33 battalions, which may be mobilised in case of necessity.

Military Police and Corps of Investigation Officers.—The Department of Military Police and the Corps of Investigation Officers are part of the Department of Public Security. The budgetary effects of the military police for 1932 are 364 officers and other ranks.

The budgetary effects of the provincial police for 1932 are 346 officers and other ranks.
All citizens of Costa Rica between the ages of 18 and 50 are liable for military service.

The army is divided into two parts: the active army and the reserve. The former includes all men between 18 and 40, the latter men between 40 and 50.

There is also a national guard consisting of men between 50 and 60 years.

### II. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The budget year coincides with the calendar year.

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**Notes.**—1. Expenditure under the Ministry of Public Security as given above covers the army, the police force, military bands, the marine and penitentiaries.

2. Expenditure on the marine, included above, entirely for civil purposes, was estimated at 0.04 million colones for 1933.

3. Expenditure for military pensions is charged, jointly with civil pensions, to the Ministry of Finance.