**NICARAGUA**

Area ........................................... 128,000 sq. km.
Population (I. 1920) ....................... 638,000
Density per sq. km. .......................... 5.0
Length of railway system (1930) (excluding some industrial lines) .... 267 km.

**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.

The budget year covers the period from July 1st to June 30th.

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

2. The expenditure on the National guard was estimated at 1,115.6, 760, and 1,080 thousand cordobas for the years 1928-29, 1930-31, and 1931-32 respectively.