AFGHANISTAN

Area ........................................... 770,000 sq. km.
Population (estimate) ......................... 10,000,000
Density per sq. km. .......................... 13

I. Army.¹

ORGANS OF MILITARY COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

The Minister of War is the Commander-in-Chief of the Afghan army.
The Ministry of War comprises:
The Minister’s Cabinet;
The General Staff of the Army;
The Directorate-General of Army Affairs (personnel, recruiting, military medical and veterinary service, military construction and transport supplies);
The Directorate-General of arms, ammunition and implements of war;
The Directorate-General of equipment (equipment, expenditure, supplies and military pensions).

TERRITORIAL MILITARY AREAS.

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<td>Centre</td>
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<td>II. 1 army corps, composed of 3 infantry divisions.</td>
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<td>III. 1 independent artillery division.</td>
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¹ Situation in 1933. The Afghan army is at present in course of re-organisation.
Territorial military areas | Centre of area | Unit
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Ghazni | Ghazni | 1 infantry division.
Kandahar | Kandahar | 1 mixed division.
Herat | Herat | 1 mixed division.
Turkestan | Mazare-Sherif | 1 mixed division.
Kadaghan and Badakhchan | Faizabad | 1 mixed division.
Maymeneh | Maymeneh | 1 mixed regiment.
The East | Jelalabad | 1 mixed division.
The South | Khost | 1 mixed division.
Farah | Shakhansur | 1 independent cavalry brigade.

COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY.

The active army of Afghanistan is composed of:

- Seven mixed divisions (including 1 Royal division);
- Four infantry divisions;
- One independent artillery division;
- One independent mixed infantry regiment;
- 1 independent cavalry brigade.

Each mixed division is composed of from 3 to 5 infantry regiments, 1 artillery regiment, 1 or 2 cavalry regiments, 1 pioneer company and 1 transport battalion.

Each infantry division comprises 3 infantry regiments, 1 pioneer company, 1 transport battalion and 1 or 2 cavalry squadrons.

Each artillery division is composed of 3 artillery regiments, consisting of 2 groups of 2 or 3 batteries.

Each cavalry brigade is composed of 2 cavalry regiments, comprising 5 to 8 squadrons and 1 machine-gun company.

Each infantry regiment is composed of 3 battalions and each battalion comprises 4 companies, including 1 machine-gun company.

AIR FORCE.

As a result of the last revolution and the civil wars, all the aircraft have been destroyed or damaged.

The air force of Afghanistan is in course of re-organisation.

The personnel and officials of the air force number 400.

POLICE.

The Afghanistan police numbers 9,649 (including the metropolitan, rural and mounted police).
SYSTEM OF RECRUITING AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Since the last revolution, military service has no longer been compulsory in Afghanistan. Each area raises a number of volunteers, fit for military service, proportionate to its male population. The period of military service is two years. As regards the military reserve, there are at present no regulations. The question is being examined by the National Assembly.

EFFECTIVES.

The total effectives of the Afghan army number 72,000 (including officers, other ranks and officials).

II. Budgetary Expenditure on National Defence.

The total budget of national defence expenditure (including expenditure on land armed forces and the air force) for the year 1931-32 was 45,000,000 afghanis.