

## THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Area .. .. .	50,000 sq. km.
Population (1932) .. .. .	1,275,000
Density per sq. km... .. .	25.5
Length of railway system (1930) (excluding some industrial lines) .. .. .	240 km.

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The national army consists of a staff, the auxiliary corps attached thereto and a number of infantry companies (18 in 1929).

The President of the Republic, as Commander-in-Chief, is in command of the national army. He exercises his command through the Secretary of State for the Interior, Police, War and the Navy, or through the Chief of Staff.

The Secretariat of State for the Interior, Police, War and the Navy comprises five offices (interior, police, war, navy, statistics).

The Staff takes its orders direct from the Chief of Staff, who is the military adviser of the Commander-in-Chief.

The auxiliary corps of the Staff consist of one headquarters detachment, one cavalry squadron and one company of sappers.

The headquarters detachment includes all members of the Staff (26 on December 30th, 1933) as well as officers and men belonging to the various services (air service, wireless telegraphy service, intendance service, intelligence service, etc.).

The air service and the cavalry squadron personnel are appointed by the President of the Republic.

### *Territorial Division.*

With a view to the organisation and distribution of the army and for the purposes of its administration and supply, the Dominican Republic is divided into two departments—the Southern Department (3 districts) and the Northern Department (2 districts).

Each is placed under the orders of a lieutenant-colonel, who is in command of a regiment.

Detachments and posts of the army may be established in the communes and cities, on the frontier between the Republic and Haiti, and in small towns, village settlements, sugar factories and other large undertakings, and in the rural cantons.

### *Recruiting.*

The army is recruited by voluntary enlistment. Applicants must sign an undertaking to serve for three years.

## EFFECTIVES.

(1932.)

Officers .. .. .	179
Enlisted men .. .. .	2,000

*Budget Expenditure on National Defence.*

The budget year coincides with the calendar year.

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
	Estimates		Closed accounts		Estimates	
	Pesos (000,000's)					
National Army .. .. .	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6