NICARAGUA

Area ... 128,000 sq. km.
Population (1. 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 has been as follows:

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