SIAM

Area .... 518,000 sq. km.
Population (1932) .... 12,355,000
Density per sq. km. .... 23.9
Length of railway system (31. III. 1931) .... 2,923 km.

I. Army.

ORGANS OF MILITARY COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

The King is the supreme head of the army.

Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War is organised in four departments as follows:

(1) Adjutant-General’s Department;
(2) General Staff Department;
(3) Quartermaster-General’s Department;
(4) Aeronautical Department.

COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY.

The army on peace footing consists of two army corps, each of two divisions, one cavalry regiment and one regiment of engineers. Each of these divisions is composed of two regiments of infantry of three battalions each, one regiment of artillery of two groups and one medical unit.

The air force includes 344 aeroplanes (72,320 H.P.), of which 189 are in commission in tactical units and 155 at training establishments.

RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Universal liability to military service has been in force for twenty five years, and the law received its present form in 1917. Every able-bodied man at the age of 21 or 22 is liable to be called to military service.
The normal duration of service consists of (a) two years with the colours; (b) seven years in the first reserve during which the reservist is liable to be called upon for repetition training for a maximum period of two months per year; (c) ten years in the second reserve, during which the reservist is liable to be called for repetition training for a maximum period of thirty days per year; (d) six years in the third reserve.

### PRE-MILITARY TRAINING.

Pre-military training is given in the Military and Naval Schools. The duration of study in the Military School is 3 years; it is 4 years in the Naval School. The cadet of the Military School receives, six months after having passed his final examination, the commission of sub-lieutenant.

### AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES REACHED DURING THE YEAR 1930-31.

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<td>Land armed forces</td>
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### II. Navy.

**LIST OF UNITS.**

(1934.)

**Destroyers:**

1. **Phra Ruang** (1917)
   - Displacement: 1,035 tons.
   - Dimensions: $274 \times 27\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ feet.
   - H.p. 29,000 = 35 kts.
   - Guns: 3 4-inch; 1 3-inch (A.A.); 4 tubes (21-inch).

2. **Sua-Khamronsindher** (1912)
   - Displacement: 375 tons.
   - Dimensions: $227 \times 21\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ feet.
   - H.p. 6,000 = 27 kts.
   - Guns: 1 12-pdr., 5 6-pdr., 2 tubes (18-inch).

3. **Sua-Tayarnchol** (1908)
   - Displacement: 120 tons.
   - 2 18-inch tubes.

**Torpedo-boats:**

No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 (1908)

No. 4 (1913)

5 coastal motor torpedo-boats (1922).

**Miscellaneous:** 12 units (gunboats, etc.).

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1 Including 934 officers, N.C.O.s and men of the Royal Palace Guard Regiment. Not including reservists who were not called up in 1930-31 and whose average daily number of effectives would have been 28,843, including 2,047 officers, if they had been called up.

2 Police force which is under the Ministry of the Interior. This force does not receive a proper military training and is not intended to be employed as a military force in time of war.
EFFECTIVES.

Naval forces .......... 4,726 352
Sea formations organised on a military basis ....... 267 36

III. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The financial year covers the period from April 1st to March 31st.

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Notes.—1. The above expenditure does not include any expenditure on pensions, which is shown jointly with that on civil pensions.
2. Expenditure on the air force for 1934-35 is not shown separately.