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Area .......... 1,249,000 sq. km.
Population (1927) ...... 6,147,000
Density per sq. km. .... 4.9
Length of railway system (estimate 1930) .. 3,649 km.

I. Army.

ORGANS OF MILITARY COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

I. MINISTRY OF WAR.

The Ministry of War comprises:

(a) The Military Cabinet, consisting of the office of the head of the Department and two sections.

The Military Cabinet forms the secretariat of the Minister of War in his relations with the legislature and judicature and with the other ministries.

(b) The General Staff, consisting of five offices:

First office: Training, personnel (officers) and material;
Second office: Organisation, mobilisation and statistics;
Third office: Intelligence, foreign armies, concentration, operations;
Fourth office: Personnel (rank and file), recruiting, road system;
Fifth office: Military history.

The commands of the different arms (infantry, cavalry, artillery and engineers) are attached to the General Staff.

The General Staff's chief duties are to provide for training, the mobilisation of the army, and its organisation in peace and war; it draws up schedules for the promotion and transfer of officers, and keeps all the secret documents relative to national defence.
(c) The General Directorate of Military Administration, consisting of two offices. Its chief duties are the administration of the army and the preparation of the draft military budget.

(d) The Supervision of Army Administration Department, under a general officer, responsible for the supervision of all matters concerning army administration, the inspection of military schools, services and offices.

(e) The General Army Inspectorate, which provides a connecting link between the Minister of War and the High Command of the Army.

It ensures unity of technical military training, enforces discipline, is responsible for the smooth working of all the military services and is entitled to hold inspections with the permission of the Minister concerned.

II. MINISTRY OF MARINE AND AVIATION.

The Ministry of Marine and Aviation is responsible for all the services and work of the navy, the national air force and the merchant marine.

The Ministry of Marine and Aviation consists of:

The Naval Staff and the necessary organs for the direction of all matters concerning the navy and the merchant marine;

The General Inspectorate of the Air Forces, through which it directs the Peruvian air forces.

In time of peace, the Minister of the Marine and Aviation holds the supreme command and is in charge of the administration of the Peruvian Aviation Corps. These two functions are exercised through the Inspectorate-General of Aviation, which comprises the secretariat of the Inspector-General, the Directorate-General of Services and a staff.

In time of war, the command of the Peruvian Aviation Corps is exercised by the Inspector-General of Aviation, who takes the title of “Commander-in-Chief of Aviation” and automatically assumes command on the promulgation of the mobilisation decree.

The Ministry of Marine and Aviation has under its authority all the officers, soldiers, sailors and civilian employees of the General Inspectorate of Air Services, of the military air force, and of the naval air department, as well as all the material belonging to the above services. It maintains constant touch with the General Staff of the army, with a view to keeping informed of the army's air requirements.

A special corps of airmen, known as the “Peruvian Air Force”, has been formed in connection with the Ministry of Marine and Aviation.

A special corps of reserve airmen, known as the “Air Force Reserve”, is also attached to the Ministry of Marine and Aviation.
It consists of reserve air officers and air cadets who have served in the reserve of the land and sea flying services, and of other persons who may be accepted according to the requirements of the service.

III. Economic Committee of National Defence.

The Minister of War presides over the Economic Committee of National Defence, which consists of the Minister of the Marine and Aviation, a representative of the legislature, a representative of the Supreme Court of Justice, a representative of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru and the Inspector-General of National Defence.

Territorial Military Areas.

The territory of the Republic is divided into five military areas so as to facilitate the execution of the laws on military service and compulsory shooting instruction, on mobilisation and on the military training of all citizens.

In four areas there is an army division to each area (headquarters, troops, services) : the fifth area has a special organisation.

The First Division is stationed on the Ecuador frontier; the Second Division at Lima, the capital; the Third Division on the Chilian frontier; the Fourth Division on the Bolivian frontier; the Fifth Division on the Brazilian and Colombian frontiers.

Composition of the Army (1936).

1. Higher Units:

   5 divisions.
   1 special division.

2. Arms and Services:

   Infantry:

   8 regiments.

   Each regiment has 4 battalions and each battalion 4 companies, one being a machine-gun company.

   Cavalry: 5 regiments of 3 squadrons.

   Artillery:

   5 regiments.
   1 anti-aircraft company.

   Each regiment consists of a certain number of groups of 3 batteries. The batteries are equipped with 4 75-mm. guns. One regiment has 105-mm. guns.
Engineers: 4 battalions.

Aviation.

Military aviation:

Aviation centre at Las Palmas.

I. Fourth training squadron (preliminary).
II. Fifth training squadron (advanced).

Naval aviation:

(a) Naval aviation base at Ancón.
   I. First training squadron (preliminary).
   II. Second training squadron (advanced).

(b) Mountain air forces:
   I. Air base at Iquitos.
   II. Third training squadron (preliminary).
   III. First reconnaissance squadron.

The total number of aircraft (military and naval aviation) is 80

Technical Services.

The Technical Services of the Army are immediately under the Ministry of War, with which they communicate either through the Military Cabinet of the Ministry or through the Directorate of Military Administration.

The following are the technical services:

Armament and arsenals (artillery service), engineers, aeronautics, intendance and transport, health, remounts and veterinary, military justice, geographical, regional, communications.

Military, Flying and Naval Schools.

I. High Command School, opened in 1930.

II. The Staff College and its annexes, consisting of:
   (a) Staff college.
   (b) Infantry training school.
   (c) Cavalry training school.
   (d) Artillery training school.
   (e) Engineers’ training school.
   (f) Advanced school for senior officers of all arms.

III. Engineering School, consisting of:
   (a) Officers’ school.
   (b) Non-commissioned officers’ school.

IV. Officers’ School intended for the training of officers of all arms, the period of study being four years.

V. Non-Commissioned Officers’ School, consisting of:
   (a) Infantry non-commissioned officers’ school.
   (b) Artillery non-commissioned officers’ school.
   (c) Cavalry non-commissioned officers’ school.
VI. Special Schools, comprising:
   (a) School of signals.
   (b) Automatic arms school.
   (c) Machine-gun school.

VII. Flying-schools, comprising:
   (a) “Jorge Chávez” Flying-school.
   (b) Flying-school at Ancón.
   (c) Naval aviation school at Ancón.

VIII. Naval Schools, comprising:
   (a) Naval school.
   (b) School for naval apprentices.

IX. There are also a number of “militarised” schools (engineering school, teachers’ training school, arts and crafts school, school of agriculture and veterinary school, as well as National and Catholic universities) in which the students are given military training.

REPUBLICAN GUARD, CIVIL GUARD AND POLICE.

Republican Guard.

The Republican Guard, consisting of one regiment (36 officers, 35 non-commissioned officers and 495 men), is an auxiliary army force which collaborates with the Civil Guard and police.

Civil Guard and Police.

The Civil Guard and the police are under the Ministry of the Interior and Police.

The general administration of the Civil Guard and the police contains two departments: the department of the police and the administrative department. The Civil Guard is divided into 5 commands, 14 companies and 5 squadrons. In 1930 the Civil Guard consisted of 131 officers and candidate-officers, 128 non-commissioned officers and 2,141 men.

The “security corps” is divided into 2 battalions consisting of 15 companies, 16 sections and 1 squadron. In 1930 it consisted of 116 officers, 116 non-commissioned officers and 2,677 men.

The gendarmerie is divided into 1 regiment, 1 machine-gun squadron, 6 squadrons, 1 company and 16 platoons; in 1930 it numbered 66 officers, 58 non-commissioned officers and 971 gendarmes.

The mountain force consists of 5 officers, 6 non-commissioned officers and 90 gendarmes.

The police is divided into 13 sections and 1 company; in 1930 it numbered 12 officers and 110 men.

The total effectives in 1930 were 330 officers, 308 non-commissioned officers and 5,989 men.

RECRUITING SYSTEM AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Military service is compulsory and begins at the age of 21. Recruits are drawn by lot each year and drafted into the regular army in accordance with the latter’s requirements. The period of compulsory military service is three or four years.
Moreover, the army comprises volunteers and supernumeraries. The volunteers consist of men between the ages of 19 and 30 who enlist in the army, and of men between the ages of 23 and 30 who have completed their term of compulsory service and re-engage for a further period with the colours.

The supernumeraries to the regular army are men between 21 and 23 who are not serving in the regular army or navy, are not exempted from compulsory service and did not originally belong to the reserves or the National Guard.

Reserves.

The first reserve of the army consists of:

1. Men between 23 and 30 who have completed three or four years of compulsory service;
2. Young men between 19 and 23 who have married before being called up for service; they remain in this reserve until they are 30;
3. Students at national universities and technical schools between 19 and 30.

The second reserve consists of:

1. Men between 30 and 35;
2. Titular and acting principals of national and municipal schools, between 19 and 35;
3. Titular and acting professors of national universities, colleges and technical schools, and certain graduates engaged in a liberal profession between 19 and 35.

The reserves serve either to supplement the regular army in the same way as the supernumeraries or to form new units.

During their service in the first reserve, soldiers are called to the colours, when the military authorities consider it necessary, for a maximum period of two months, but only with a view to training.

The authorities can call up men belonging to the first and second reserves once a year to be reviewed and inspected.

In the event of war, soldiers belonging to the first reserve are called to the colours, beginning with the younger classes. Men of the second reserve are similarly called up if the first reserve does not suffice.

The National Guard.

The National Guard or territorial army consists of:

1. Men between 25 and 50;
2. Men engaged in certain professions;
3. Men exempted on account of special family circumstances.

The National Guard is only called upon to serve within the military area in which it is organised.
CIVIL MOBILISATION IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

All Peruvians are required to take part in the defence of the country when its territorial integrity is in danger.

In the event of national mobilisation, all Peruvians exempted from the obligations laid down in the Compulsory Military Service Law may be enrolled in accordance with the Law of October 31st, 1933. Their services may be requisitioned temporarily or permanently. They will be allotted, according to their suitability and qualifications, to the posts where their services will be most useful, starting with the youngest classes, and with due regard for their family circumstances. They will be employed in the public offices and services, factories, workshops, on the roads and railways and in the industries and establishments which supply the country's needs.

The Statistical Department is required to note the professional qualifications of each inhabitant, so that the military authorities may in peace time allot specialised personnel to posts in the factories, workshops, establishments, etc., which will be brought into operation in the event of mobilisation.

Supervision and control will be ensured in time of war by special commissions, on which employers and workmen will be represented in equal numbers.

EFFECTIVES.

**Officers:**

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**N.C.O.s** | 2,000 |

**Corporals and soldiers** | 12,000 |

**Grand total** | 15,273 |

II. Navy.

LIST OF UNITS.

(1935.)

Cruisers:

1. **Almirante Grau (1906)**  
   Displacement, 3,200 tons. Length, 370 feet.  
   Beam, 40½ feet. Maximum draught, 14½ feet. H.P. 14,000 = 24 kts.  
   **Guns:** 2 6-inch; 6 14-pdr.; 2 3-inch (A.A.); 2 torpedo-tubes submerged (18-inch).

2. **Coronel Bolognesi (1906)**  

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1 Including the officers of the medical and veterinary services and 64 armourers.
Destroyers:
1. **Almirante Guisse**  
   (ex Lennuk) (1915)  
   Displacement, 1,785 tons. Dimensions, $344\frac{1}{2} \times 31\frac{1}{2} \times 11.8$ feet. H.P. $32,000 = 30$ kts.  
   Guns: 5 4-inch; 9 torpedo-tubes (18-inch).

2. **Almirante Villar**  
   (ex Vambola) (1915)  
   Displacement, 1,550 tons. Dimensions, $315.7 \times 30\frac{1}{2} \times 12.15$ feet. H.P. $32,000 = 30$ kts.  
   Guns: 4 4-inch; 9 torpedo-tubes (18-inch).

Torpedo-boat:  
**Teniente Rodriguez** (1909)  
490 tons. Dimensions, $212 \times 21.3 \times 14\frac{3}{4}$ feet. H.P. $8,600 = 28$ kts.  
Guns: 6 3-pdr.; 2 torpedo-tubes (18-inch).

Four submarines:
1. **R. 1** (1926)  
2. **R. 2** (1926)  
3. **R. 3** (1928)  
4. **R. 4** (1928)  
   \[ \begin{align*}  
   \text{Displacement} & \text{, 576 tons. H.P. } \frac{880}{1,000} = \frac{14.5}{9.5} \text{ kts. } \text{1 3-inch.} \\
   \text{Tubes} & \text{, 4 21-inch.} 
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Miscellaneous: 10 units (river gunboats, transport, etc.).

**SUMMARY TABLE OF NAVAL UNITS.**

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### III. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

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| Retail prices : Cost of living  
(1929 = 100) | 90   | 86   | 83   | 85   | 86   | 89   |

\[ ^1 \text{Average, January to March 1936.} \]

**NOTES.**—1. The above figures include pensions, which average £P98 thousand annually.

2. Expenditure on the air force is included in the above table.