SIAM

Area ........ 518,000 sq. km.
Population (III. 1936) ........ 13,308,000
Density per sq. km. ........ 25.7
Length of railway system (1932-33) ........ 2,995 km.

I. Army.

COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY.

The army is organised in 21 battalions of infantry, 13 squadrons of cavalry, 8 groups of artillery, 2 battalions of engineers, 3 anti-aircraft groups and one searchlight battalion.

The air force includes 207 aeroplanes (67,490 H.P.), of which 128 are in commission in tactical units and 79 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.

EFFECTIVES.

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<th>Total effectives</th>
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<td>Land armed forces</td>
<td>24,468²</td>
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<td>Formations organised on a military basis</td>
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The effectives of the air armed forces comprise 1,336 officers and other ranks.

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¹ Average daily number of effectives reached during the year 1930-31.
² 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.
³ 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.
II. Navy.

LIST OF UNITS.
(1935.)

Destroyers:
1. Phra Ruang (1917)
   Displacement: 1,035 tons. Dimensions: 274 × 27½ × 11 feet. H.p. 29,000 = 35 kts. Guns: 3 4-inch; 1 3-inch (A.A.); 4 tubes (21-inch).

2. Sua-Khamronsindhu (1912)

3. Sua-Tayarnchol (1908)

Torpedo-boats:
No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 (1908)
No. 4 (1913)
   2 18-inch tubes.

5 coastal motor torpedo-boats (1922). Displacement: 11 tons.
Miscellaneous: 12 units (gunboats, etc.).

EFFECTIVES.

Naval forces .......... 3,400 352
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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Note.—The above expenditure does not include any expenditure on pensions, which is shown jointly with that on civil pensions.