AFGHANISTAN

Area ................................ 770,000 sq. km.
Population (estimate) .............. 10,000,000
Density per sq. km. ................. 13

I. Army.

ORGANS OF MILITARY COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

The Minister of War is the Commander-in-Chief of the Afghan army.

The Ministry of War comprises:

The Minister's Cabinet;
The General Staff of the Army;
The Directorate-General of Army Affairs (personnel, recruiting, military medical and veterinary service, military construction and transport supplies);
The Directorate-General of arms, ammunition and implements of war;
The Directorate-General of equipment (equipment, expenditure, supplies and military pensions).

TERRITORIAL MILITARY AREAS.

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<td>I. 1 Royal Division comprising: 3 infantry regiments; 1 regiment of the Royal Guard, composed of 4 squadrons of cavalry and 1 company of infantry; 1 artillery regiment; 1 cavalry brigade; 1 pioneer battalion; 1 signalling battalion; 1 section of tanks and armoured cars; 1 artillery group; 2 transport battalions.</td>
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1 The Afghan army is at present in course of reorganisation.
Territorial military areas

Centre

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Unit

Kabul

II. 1 army corps, composed of
3 mixed divisions;
1 artillery regiment;
1 pioneer battalion of 3
companies;
1 signalling battalion.

III. 1 independent artillery divi-

Districts of:

Ghazni
Kandahar
Herat
Turkestan
Kadaghan and
Badakhchan
Maymeneh
The East
The South
Farah

Ghazni
Kandahar
Herat
Mazare-Sherif
Faizabad
Maymeneh
Jelalabad
Khost

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gade;
1 artillery regiment;
1 pioneer battalion;
1 signalling battalion.

COMPOSITION OF THE ARMY.

The active army of Afghanistan is composed of:

Two army corps;
Seven mixed divisions (including 1 Royal division);
One independent artillery division;
One independent mixed infantry regiment;
1 independent cavalry brigade.

Each mixed division is composed of from 3 to 5 infantry regiments,
1 artillery regiment, 1 or 2 cavalry regiments, 1 pioneer battalion,
1 signalling battalion and 1 transport battalion.

Each infantry division comprises 3 infantry regiments, 1 artillery
regiment, 1 pioneer company, 1 transport battalion and 1 or 2 cavalry
squadrons.

Each artillery division is composed of 3 artillery regiments,
consisting of 2 groups of 2 or 3 batteries.
Each cavalry brigade is composed of 2 cavalry regiments, comprising 5 to 8 squadrons and 1 machine-gun company.

Each infantry regiment is composed of 3 battalions and each battalion comprises 4 companies, including 1 machine-gun company.

AIR FORCE.

The air force of Afghanistan is in course of re-organisation.
The air force establishment is included in the total effectives of the army.

POLICE.¹

The Afghanistan police numbers 9,649 (including the metropolitan, rural and mounted police).

SYSTEM OF RECRUITING AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

Military service is compulsory. Each area raises a number of volunteers, fit for military service, proportionate to its male population.
The period of military service is two years.
As regards the military reserve, there are at present no regulations. The question is now being examined by the National Assembly.

EFFECTIVES.²

The total effectives of the army estimated for the end of 1937 are 103,000 (including officers, other ranks and officials).

II. Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The total budget of national defence expenditure (including expenditure on land armed forces and the air force) for the year 1935-36 amounts to 71,644,000 afghanis.

¹ The police force of Afghanistan is in process of reorganisation.
² According to the programme of the Ministry of War, the mixed divisions, which at present have not yet attained the normal strength, will be brought up to the strength mentioned below toward the end of 1937.