

CREATION OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE OF THE NAVY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

On 2nd February, 1932, the Head of the Government of the Republic of Ecuador signed Decree N° 81, which creates the Hydrographic Service of the Navy of the Republic of Ecuador.

The following is the text of this decree :-

(Translation)

REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

MINISTRY OF WAR,
NAVY AND AIR.

Ofc. N° 00068

Subject: *Creation of the
Hydrographic Service of the Navy.*

QUITO, 2nd February, 1932.

TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NAVY,
GUAYAQUIL.

To-day the following Decree was issued :- N° 81, by Alfredo BAQUERIZO MORENO, Entrusted with the Executive Power.

HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION :

That the Nation must provide Hydrographic Charts for navigators so that they may check their courses off our coasts ;

That the preliminary operations for the preparation of such Charts should be intimately related to those carried out by the Military Geographical Service ; and

That the Organic Law of the Navy provides for a Hydrographic Office among the dependencies of the Navy ;

BE IT DECREED :

ART. 1. — The Hydrographic Service is created depending on the Office of the Director General of the Navy for administrative purposes and on the Chief of the Military Geodetic Division for everything connected with technical work.

ART. 2. — The Hydrographic Service, for the present, shall consist of :-

A Chief Technical Councillor, who shall be the Chief of the Military Geodetic Division ;

A Naval Commander, Chief of the Hydrographic Service ;

A Naval Lieutenant, Surveyor, Assistant Chief ;
A Sergeant-at-Arms (Cartographer).

ART. 3. — The Staff referred to in the previous article, as well as the parties which are necessary for the Hydrographic Surveys, shall be increased in proportion as the field work is developed and as the necessities of this Hydrographic Service require.

ART. 4. — The attributions and duties of the Staff of the Hydrographic Service shall be laid down by Special Regulations which shall be drawn up for the purpose by the Executive.

A Decree approving the detailed Regulations and the increased staff (*see* Articles 4 and 3 above) was published in the Official Gazette N^o 89 of the Republic of Ecuador dated 18th March, 1933. This will appear in the next number of the *Hydrographic Review*.

