

Navy Reports: April-Sep. 1940

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1 APRIL 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 30 March 135,760

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 2,891

Other Reservists " " " " 972

Total 3,863

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 111

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 95

Net Increase 16

Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 1 April:

Line Officers .. 303

Staff officers 100

Warrant officers 32

Total ... 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 30 March:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
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Aviation Instructors	150	150	66
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District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
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Naval Intelligence	100	62	61
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Miscellaneous	192	184	162
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Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
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with Fleet	200	200	112
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Merchant Marine and			
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Lieut. (D-V(G))	100	100	88
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<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>489</u>
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Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
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Communications	120	75	75
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Miscellaneous	900	895	671
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<u>Total men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1310</u>	<u>1086</u>
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New Commissionings, The following vessels, it is expected,

will be placed in commission during April and early May:

USS WAINWRIGHT (DD419), 15 April.

USS WALKE (DD416), 15 April

USS WASP, Aircraft Carrier, 30 April

USS DIXIE, Destroyer Tender, 1 May

USS SEAWOLF, Shakedown cruise will include departure Portsmouth 12 April, receive torpedoes at Newport, receive ammunition at New York, and touch at Galveston, Tampa, Corpus Christi, Coco Solo, C.Z., Annapolis, and New York, before returning to Newport 20 June, 1940.

Submarine Rescue Chamber, an experimental design of a messenger buoy as a means for utilizing submarine rescue chamber without services of a diver has been developed and will be installed on USS SEADRAGON the latter part of April.

USS SIMS (DD409), casualty to starboard I.P. turbine, (previously reported) occurred while operating at 15 knots according to a telephonic report received from the Commanding Officer. A heavy rumble accompanied by considerable vibration developed. This continued for a short period after which the rumbling and vibration died away.

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The turbine was stopped, thorough investigation made of bearings and again operated up to speeds of approximately 19 knots. The rumbling noise was no longer in evidence, although a clicking noise accompanied by some vibration persisted. This casualty seems to be almost identical to the two casualties on the HUGHES and HAMMANN. The Bureau of Engineering is requesting Chief of Naval Operations to order SIMS to Navy Yard, Boston, for examination of turbine. The SIMS is now in an extended guarantee period. PT6 for Finland, Commander Carney is returning to New Orleans for standardization trials 3 April. Boat will be delivered to Finns between 6 and 9 April.

Steel Contracts, have been made with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company and the Allen Wood Iron and Steel Company for steel plates, sheets, strips, angles, etc., both black and galvanized, under which steel may be ordered within the dimensions, specifications, etc., for all purposes - ship repair, ship construction and stock - to meet each and every need during the period for 1 April 1940 to 30 September 1940. The value of the steel requirements within the categories included in the contract with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company is estimated at

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about \$470,000.00. The Allen Wood Iron and Steel Company contract is estimated at about \$200,000.00. These contracts reflect a change in the method of procuring steel from the previous method of making independent contracts for steel for each vessel or group of vessels of the same design or type and still other contracts for the regular stock requirements. These blanket contracts are designed to provide quick means of ordering steel as need arises and because of the volume it is expected that shipments can be so planned to receive the benefits of the lowest available transportation rates.

USS AUGUSTA (CA31) Dispatches have been received stating that the USS AUGUSTA sideswiped an uncharted pinnacle on 25 March and damaged her starboard propeller beyond repair, broke forward skeg casting and damaged rudder. Vessel is in dry dock at Olongapo. Propeller being replaced by spare and other damage being repaired by welding. Estimated date of completed, 15 April.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award:

Bachelor Officers' Quarters at the Naval Air Station Alameda, Calif. awarded to M.H. Golden of San Diego, Calif. for \$357,880. Time of completion 300 days.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
2 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 1 April 135,913

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,891

Other Reservists " " " " ... 972

Total 3,863

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 188

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 33

Net Increase 155

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 April:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 32

Total 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 1 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	66
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	61
Miscellaneous	192	184	162
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>696</u>	<u>489</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	895	671
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1310</u>	<u>1086</u>

Marine Battalion, for Hawaii sails from Norfolk on U.S.S.

CHAUMONT, 4 April.

U.S.S. DIXIE, (destroyer tender), made a top speed of 20 knots in her successful trials, which is well in excess of contract requirements. It is thought DIXIE will be able to take care of three squadrons of destroyers, which is in excess of any destroyer tender the Navy has up to the present. DIXIE is designed to maintain a fleet speed of 16½ knots. Power requirements were easily made. Delivery of ship is 5 months ahead of contract, completion date being 27 October.

To attend Army maneuvers, in the South, it has been proposed that 2 naval officers and 2 marine officers be detailed. It is probable these officers will be sent.

Naval Reserve division, in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations will probably be approved by letter today.

Bureau of Yards and Docks:

	Number of Contracts	Amount of Contracts
July 1 to February 29	385	\$81,119,082.64
March	66	7,231,340.34
Total fiscal year, July 1 to March 31	451	\$88,350,422.98

The following Yards and Docks contract awards have been

made:

Temporary Ward Buildings at the Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, awarded to the Pacific Construction Company of Honolulu, for \$76,494. Time of completion, 90 days.

Completion of Hangars at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Squantum, Massachusetts, awarded to Grande and Volpe, Inc., of Malden, Massachusetts, for \$203,000. Time of completion, 150 days.

Nine senior officers' quarters at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to the S.S. Jacobs Company, of Jacksonville, Florida, for \$115,950. Time of completion, 180 days.

Gasoline Storage and Distribution System, at the Naval Air Station, Banana River, Brevard Co., Florida, awarded to Aqua Systems, Inc., 2443 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y., under item 1, for the sum of \$32,832. Time of completion, 100 calendar days.

U.S.S. HUGHES, (DD410), built by Bath Iron Works, and equipped with Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company turbines, conducted final trials on 19 March 1940.

During the trials a slight vibration was noted on the after engine - believed to have been caused by the after I.P. turbine. Upon opening the after I.P. turbine for post-trial examination it was revealed that the shrouding from six blades, 15th row, had been thrown. The turbine rotor is being returned to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company for repairs. It is estimated that 15 days will be required by the Westing-

4. house Company to effect repairs after receipt of the rotor at their plant. It is considered that repairs to this turbine are Contractor's responsibility and are being so handled by this Division. This failure occurred during the regular 6-months' guarantee period. U.S.S. HAMMANN (DD412), before reporting for duty in U.S.

Fleet will have test torpedo firings at Newport. She will depart Newport 4 May and proceed to San Diego via Norfolk, Guantanamo, and the Canal Zone. It is expected MUSTIN (DD413) and ROWAN (DD405) will be ready to depart Norfolk on 7 May and if ready it is desired that the HAMMANN proceed in company with them.

Present dates, on the following ships include:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Expected to Report Cincus</u>
ANDERSON (DD411)	23 April
HAMMANN (DD412)	14 May
HUGHES (DD410)	20 May
MUSTIN (DD413)	14 May
RUSSELL (DD414)	29 May
O'BRIEN (DD415)	15 October
WALKE (DD416)	1 December.

U.S. Fleet, left the West Coast in two waves, one yesterday and one today, for Pearl Harbor and Fleet Problem 21.

Hawaiian Detachment, will be commanded by Commander Scouting Force.

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3 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 2 April 136,005
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,891
Other Reservists " " " " ... 972
Total 3,863
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 188
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 96
Net Increase 92

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 3 April:

Line Officers 303
 Staff Officers 101
 Warrant Officers 32
Total 436

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 2 April:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	65
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	185	178
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	697	502
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
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U.S.S. WATKINS (DD416), commissioning date is deferred from 15 April to 27 April.

U.S.S. NOA (DD343), was placed in full commission at Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 1 April.

U.S.S. SIRIUS (cargo ship), will be delayed about five months in joining the U.S. Fleet due to defective cruising turbine.

Bureau S. & A., awarded a contract to the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company for hydraulic elevators in the amount of \$307,493.64. Also awarded a contract to the United Aircraft Corporation, East Hartford, Conn., for aircraft Engines totalling \$245,569.02.

Bureau Y. & D., awarded a contract for completion of hangar at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R.I., to James S. Mozzicato, Medford, Mass., for the sum of \$212,100. Time: 150 calendar days, except that all work in connection with hangar door tracks shall be completed within 90 calendar days. Also awarded a contract for personnel buildings at the Naval Air Station, Tongue Point, Oregon, to the Western Construction Co., Seattle, Wash., for \$279,350. Time, 270 calendar days. Plane crash, this morning near Norfolk, Virginia, killed

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Kern Lawrence Willingham, aviation chief metalsmith, U.S. Navy and Pete Delfatti, aviation machinist's mate, 3rd class. Willingham, naval aviation pilot, was in charge.

Both were attached to the Naval Air Base, Norfolk, Va.

Keel of GRENADIER (SS210), was laid at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., on 2 April.

Comdesron 36, upon reporting to the Atlantic Squadron in the SHUBRICK (DD268) will proceed to the West Gulf with the McCLANAHAN, AULICK, SWASEY, and MEADE. On arrival at Galveston he will assume command of the West Gulf Patrol, vice Comdesdiv 73. Comdesdiv 71 in the LAUB with the EDWARDS will proceed to the Caribbean Patrol. The THATCHER (DD162) will proceed to Newport via Guantanamo and report to Comdesron 41 for duty with the New England Patrol.

U.S.S. DENEbola (destroyer tender) is authorized to be placed in full commission at Baltimore on or about 6 April, on completion of the present work in connection with fitting out. DENEbola expected to arrive Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, on 9 April, where she will load stores and go to Philadelphia for necessary Navy Yard work. When ready for sea, about 24 April, she will report to Cincus for duty in the Atlantic Squadron.

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Admiral Robinson, told the House Naval Affairs Committee that shipbuilders are reluctant to bid on battleship contracts because changing specifications offer the constant threat of a loss if the original amount of the contract is maintained. This reluctance is heightened by the statute limiting profits on such contracts to 10%. Robinson appealed to urge recommendation of a Senate approved bill to permit shipbuilders to apply losses and profits less than 10% to any excess profit that is made during the next four years. Admiral Robinson pointed out that construction of aircraft carriers is almost always carried out with a net loss.

U.S.S. EBERLE (DD430) is scheduled to be launched at the Bath Iron Works on 5 October.

Field Marshal Hermann Goering, in addressing German youth said that as Germany struck in Poland, so would she strike against the Allies when the time comes, "to show that Germany is determined to put an end to the war", and that the decisive blow would come in the West.

British Cabinet, Changes were expected by informed sources to be revealed almost momentarily. They forecast that Churchill would be placed in a new position similar to the Chairmanship of a British Council of Defense.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

4 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 3 April 136,062

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,884

Other Reservists " " " " ... 983

Total 3,867

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 105

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 52

Increase 53

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 4 April:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 101

Warrant Officers 32

Total 436

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 3 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	65
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	185	178
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>502</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
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U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (light cruiser 53), keel was laid at Quincy, Mass., 27 March 1940.

U.S.S. GRAYBACK (SS208), keel was laid at Groton, Connecticut, Electric Boat Company plant, on 3 April.

The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Compton, inspected the Naval Academy at Annapolis yesterday and will fly to Pensacola to inspect the Naval Air Station on 8 April.

U.S.S. SIMS (DD409), was ordered to the Navy Yard, Boston, and the starboard intermediate pressure turbine was opened, due to vibration, on 2 April, in the presence of representatives of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, the Bath Iron Works, the Navy Yard, Boston, and the Bureau of Engineering. Upon opening it was discovered

that a foreign body had entered this turbine and had damaged the impulse blading. No damage of any kind had been suffered by the reaction blading. The damage to the impulse blading is of such a nature that it can be repaired without renewal of blading. The Navy Yard estimated that about ten days would be required to effect the necessary repairs. This casualty is not considered to be contractor's responsibility. SIMS will renew her schedule (previously reported) when repairs are completed.

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Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following contract award: Kitchen and refrigerating equipment at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, awarded to Emil Brown and Company of Los Angeles, California, for \$53,947.52. Time of completion, 150 days.

U.S. Antarctic Service, West Base Station NUW, was placed in full operating commission on 3 April.

Flagship Change, On completion of present Navy Yard overhaul about 28 May, the Commander Atlantic Squadron will shift his flag and administration from the NEW YORK to the TEXAS. From the date that this shift is completed TEXAS is assigned as the regular flagship of the Atlantic Squadron, vice the NEW YORK.

Naval Communications, has recently completed a new cipher for merchant vessels. A test message has been sent out to be replied to by letter.

U.S.S. CROSBY (DD164), collided with the fishing vessel LONE EAGLE, 51 gross tons, of Gig Harbor, Washington. Vessel sank at once with nothing salvaged. The crew of 7 were rescued with no injuries to them or to the personnel of the CROSBY. No apparent damage was done to the CROSBY which is proceeding to San Pedro to land the crew.

Communications, Since being mobilized the outgoing words from the Navy Department have averaged 5,010 words between 25 March and 2 April, against 10,170 words during the period 1-24 March. This decrease relieves the fleet of administrative traffic which interferes with fleet problem. Cooperation of the Navy Department has been excellent. U.S.S. DAHLGREN, experimental engineering ship with high pressure steam of 1300 pounds, safety valves set at 1800 pounds, is at the Navy Yard, Washington, and took interested officials out today.

Pan American 4-Engine flying boat, is being demonstrated to Government officials today. This plane is equipped for stratosphere flying with a supercharged cabin. Admiral Towers represented the Navy Department at demonstration. Midshipmen's Cruise, schedule, aboard three battleships, TEXAS, flagship; ARKANSAS and NEW YORK, of the Atlantic Squadron, has been announced. 1100 members of the Second and Fourth Classes will make the cruise under command of Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis, Commander, Atlantic Squadron. The itinerary, of eleven weeks duration, includes the following ports of call: Colon, C.Z.; La Guaira, Ven.; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Guantanamo; Hampton Roads; New York; and return to Annapolis.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

5 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 4 April 136,123

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,883

Other Reservists " " " " ... 986

Total 3,869

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 169

Aggregate Discharges " " " 110

Increase 59

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 5 April:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 101

Warrant Officers 31

Total 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 4 April:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	65
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	185	178
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
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<u>Men</u>			
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Miscellaneous	900	895	671
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1310	1086

U.S.S. LAUB, AULICK, EDWARDS, McLANAHAN, MEADE, SHUBRICK,

SWASEY, and THATCHER, reported to Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty on 4 April.

Army Maneuvers, will be observed and reviewed as follows:

Capt. R.A. Theobald)
 Capt. P.H. Bastedo) at Fort Benning, 14-27 April

Capt. R.A. Theobald)
 Comdr. F.P. Sherman) Camp Beauregard, La., May 11-25

Major G.C. Brown)
 Major R. McC. Pate) Fort Benning, 8-27 April

Col. C.D. Barrett)
 Col. H.L. Larsen) Camp Beauregard, La., May 6-25

Selection Board, Medical Corps, will convene at the Navy Department on 15 April 1940, or as soon thereafter as practicable to recommend officers for advancement who are eligible for promotion to assume the ranks of lieutenant commander and lieutenant.

PT6, in her demonstration trials off New Orleans carried away connecting rod on Packard engine while operating at full speed. Finnish government will no doubt reject the engine and shipping date has been cancelled. It is probable the Navy Department will reject these engines too, probably taking them out of the boats at Detroit and sending them back to the factory.

Communication, with the Antarctic Expedition has been maintained excellently at all times by the Navy.

U.S.S. DAHLGREN, made a trip yesterday down the Potomac with observers of high pressure boiler. The acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Compton, members of the General Board, and Admiral Robinson were on board. Another trip for Navy Department officials is scheduled for today.

S. & A. Reports, All Commodity Price Index for 30 March was 77.9, unchanged since a week ago.

Sunspots, have upset the whole radio system, occurring the last two week ends. At both times Navy communications were affected, mostly on high frequency.

Society of Naval Engineers, will hold their annual dinner tonight at the Willard Hotel with 1,000 members and their guests attending. 1,600 would probably have attended if there had been accommodations for them. Capt. Henry Williams (C.C.), President of the organization will preside. Admiral Stark will give one of the principle addresses.

U.S.S. McLEISH, will depart from Guantanamo today, arriving Cienfuegos 6 April. Vessel will attend ceremonies of carnival at request of Cuban authorities, leaving Cienfuegos 8 April and arriving Guantanamo 9 April.

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Budget Hearings, will be held 9 April at 10:30 A.M. by the Senate Subcommittee on Naval Affairs. Admiral Moreell will testify on shipbuilding facilities item. These hearings will include the change in limit of cost of the Naval Medical Center. The Navy bill has not yet been marked up in this committee, but will be early next week, and might conceivably be on the floor by the end of next week.

S.S. KING EDWARD, sent out an SOS on 30 March reporting a broken steering gear. She was offered assistance by the Coast Guard but the master stated at that time none was desired as tug was coming to her assistance from shore. Tug left Halifax and has not arrived as yet, being hove to in a south gale. This morning U.S.C.G. Cutter SPENCER, 400 miles from KING EDWARD, received message requesting vessels in vicinity to stand by. SPENCER is heading for position of distressed vessel. Further action on the part of the Coast Guard depends on adequate available assistance.

Merchant Marine Naval Reserve, Selection Board report recommending advancement of 8 officers to the grade of Commander has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Navy.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

8 April 1940

File
Total Enlisted Strength, 6 April 136,049

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,885

Other Reservists " " " " 1,001

..... Total 3,886

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 107

Aggregate Discharges " " " 150

..... Loss 43

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 8 April:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	101
Warrant Officers	31
<u>Total</u>	<u>435</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 6 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	188	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>510</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	894	670
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1309</u>	<u>1085</u>

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 30 March:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 838	
Number of first enlistments	523
Number of reenlistments within three months (continuous service)	66
Number of reenlistments under broken service	19
<u>Total Enlistments</u>	608

Naval Reserve Selection Board, concluded its work 6 April, and approved by the Judge Advocate General are promotions of 5 officers to Commander in Naval Intelligence, 1 to Commander Aviation (general service) and 2 to Commander Aviation (special service). According to policy of Bureau of Navigation, release of names will come on 13 April, minus those in intelligence.

U.S.S. J. FRED TALBOTT (DD156), was ordered on 7 April to contact Japanese steamer ASIMA MAKU off Guatemala and render such assistance as practicable to George F. Hovey, Jr., who had suffered a serious head injury.

X-PBS-1, flying from San Diego arrived Pearl Harbor on 6 April.

U.S.S. BARNEY (DDL49), has towed disabled 50 foot sloop, HALIGONIAN, with 3 men aboard into Charleston.

U.S.S. DENEbola (destroyer tender), was placed in full commission at Baltimore on 6 April.

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Naval Communication Service, Among the more important matters accomplished recently are the following: (1) Completed plans and instructions regarding the mobilization of naval communications for the Annual Fleet Exercises and Fleet Problem 21; (2) Obtained permission from FCC to use facilities of commercial communication carriers in connection with Fleet Problem 21 in preparation for national defense; (3) Completed preparation and issue of "Visual Type Installations for Ships" similar to "Radio Type Installations for Ships" previously issued; (4) Completed distribution and put into effect new Radio Call Book, and delivered manuscript for 1940 Visual Call Book; (5) Completed tentative revision of plans for intercommunication between Army and Navy as a part of Joint Action; (6) Continued steps to improve intercommunication between U.S. Naval vessels and U.S. merchantmen; (7) Made satisfactory progress in provision of communication facilities, radio range, etc., for the Hepburn Board Air Bases; (8) The Naval Communication Reserve National Network of 30 stations in all Continental naval districts completed its 4th month of 100 percent attendance at semi-monthly drills for this drill season and 7th consecutive month for this season and last.

Conference of Chiefs of Bureaus of Operations, Aviation, Navigation, and Directors of all divisions of operations conferred today on the estimate of the situation for the fiscal year 1942. State Department officials, are reported saying they probably will consult with the Navy and Maritime Commission regarding the effect of British mining of certain Norwegian territorial waters on U.S. shipping. At the present time only one U.S. steamship line operates to Norway. It is the American Scantic Line out of New York. New Orleans Drydock, at noon 7 April was reported 457 miles from Canal Zone. Rate varies, but about 70 miles per day has been the average speed.

Naval Reserve Policy Division, A change in the organization of Office of Chief of Naval Operations has been made to provide for a Naval Reserve Policy Division in that office. The Secretary of the Navy approved this action before his departure. A Resolution of the House Naval Affairs Committee recommended the Assistant Secretary as Co-ordinator of Reserve Affairs. After study, it was recommended by the Assistant Secretary and the Chief of Operations that the co-ordination of Naval Reserve matters be under the Chief of Naval Operations as Naval Reserve policy involves the military side of the Navy, and is of great importance to the Fleet in its readiness for war.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

9 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 8 April 136,120

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,885

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,001

Total 3,886

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 191

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 122

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Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 9 April:

Line Officers 301

Staff Officers 101

Warrant Officers 31

Total 435

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of neutrality patrol as of 8 April:

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<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1309</u>	<u>1085</u>

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U.S.S. WASP (aircraft carrier), Unaccountable fires on the WASP at various times have led to an investigation by O.N.I. as it is pretty definitely established that they have been the result of sabotage. The last fire reported was on 6 April, and occurred in a compartment that had been thoroughly cleaned and locked and was free of all combustible material. Oily rags had been placed in the compartment and a blaze started. It was the second fire in the WASP over a period of a few days. No damage is understood to have been done except to paintwork.

Postgraduate Instruction, A board of officers, Capt. Henry Williams (C.C.), Service Member, met in the Navy Department on 8 April to select, from those having applied, ensigns from the Naval Academy classes of 1937 and 1938 to take postgraduate instruction at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

U.S.S. J. FRED TALBOTT, sent out to contact the Japanese steamer ASIMA MARU to render assistance to George F. Hovey, Jr., reported to have suffered a head injury, found that he had chicken pox.

Four Professors, detailed from Officers in the Naval

Reserve having proved imminently satisfactory to the Naval Academy, it is planned to fill 12 more vacancies there in the same manner, from among men of long established experience in the teaching profession in the best universities who have signified a desire to teach at the Naval Academy.

Gunfiring, The Hydrographic Office in its notice to mariners informs them that U.S. destroyers are conducting target practice from 4 to 28 April, inclusive, in an area between latitudes 24°-45' N and 25°-05' N, and longitudes 82°-00' W and 82°-20' W. Shipping is requested to keep clear of this area during this entire period.

Naval Communications Service, has established a strategic Direction Finder Net on the Atlantic Coast and has prepared new naval codes which have been put to use by our Neutrality Patrol. This information should not be published. After 10 or 12 years of research, successful types of high frequency direction finders have recently been developed. For the past two years all efforts had been spent in the Pacific with the result that the European War found us with only one Strategic Direction Finder on the East Coast. Since that time, efforts have been devoted to establishing a strategic high frequency direc-

4. tion finder net on the East Coast. East Coast High Frequency Direction Finders now in operation are: Winter Harbor, Maine; Amagonsett, Long Island; Cheltenham, Maryland; Poyners Hill, N.C; Jupiter, Florida, and at Lakehurst, New Jersey (the first successful installation) and Pensacola, Fla. Training exercises have been conducted covering calibration, developing and maintaining proficiency of individual operators, and coordinated training in tracking ships and aircraft. Targets on which bearings have been taken include: U.S.S. HENDERSON, U.S. Naval vessels in the Atlantic, and Pan-American Clippers flying the Atlantic. Attempts by the direction finder stations to get bearings on belligerent ships have been unsuccessful due to lack of transmissions by such vessels. The only bearings on belligerent, or foreign, transmissions obtained have been on fixed stations.

Bureau of Yards and Docks Contract, for Bridge and Wall Cranes at the Navy Yard, New York (Brooklyn), have been awarded as follows:

Two 175-ton bridge cranes and four 3-ton wall cranes for the Turret and Erection Shops at the Navy Yard, New York, to Shepard Niles Crane and Hoist Corporation, Montour Falls, New York, for the sum of \$175,400.00. Time as specified.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

10 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 9 April 136,301
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,878
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,066
..... Total 3,944
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 213
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 90
Gain 123

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 10 April:

Line Officers 302
Staff Officers 101
Warrant Officers 31
Total 434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 9 April:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	188	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>510</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	894	670
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1309</u>	<u>1085</u>

Recruiting Activities for week ending 5 April:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 908
 Number of first enlistments 840
 Number of reenlistments within three months
 (continuous service) .. 83
 Number of reenlistments under broken service .. 25
 Total enlistments 948

The Acting Secretary of the Navy, returned from Pensacola by plane on 9 April after inspecting the Naval Air Station there.

U.S.S. MANLEY, when in all respects ready for sea about 15 April will proceed to the West Coast in company with the ANDERSON and STERETT. On departure from the Canal Zone, MANLEY will report to CincUS for duty with the base force.

U.S.S. SHAW, is due for completion of repairs to her shell plating at Pearl Harbor today. Estimated cost, \$250.

U.S.S. KANAWHA (oil tender), Pearl Harbor. It is necessary to rebore port low pressure and both high pressure cylinders in addition to starboard low pressure. Estimated cost including starboard low pressure piston rod which is cracked, \$13,000. Intermediate pressure cylinders are out of round 2/3000. Probable date of completion 14 June, with work proceeding at all possible speed,

using night shift when practicable.

Hydrographic Office Special Warning No. 66, has gone out carrying information received about specified areas in Norwegian territorial waters that have been rendered dangerous to shipping by mine fields.

U.S.S. PROTEUS (collier) has been found unfit for further naval service and will be disposed of by sale as a ship.

Chemical Warfare School, at Edgewood Arsenal has been made available for naval officers by the War Department.

It is planned to assign 15 officers of the Regular Navy from various sources, and 30 from the Naval Reserve of all appropriate classifications. Naval Reserve Officers will be chosen from East Coast and 9th Naval districts. Course will run from 5-30 May.

50 Communication Officers, from the Naval Reserve C(V)S will be ordered to active duty with the Atlantic Squadron in neutrality patrol if present plan is carried out.

Mobilization of Communications, upon recommendation of CincUS orders have been issued to extend mobilization which has been in effect since 25 March to Special Service Squadron and Atlantic Squadron as being desirable for their training.

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Bids for Vessels in 1941 Program, The Acting Secretary of the Navy, announced that bids for the propelling machinery for two seaplane tenders (small) were opened at noon today in the Navy Department, the first bids to be received in connection with the Naval building program of 1941. He also announced that advertisements have been issued for the construction of one, or two, light cruisers and for furnishing the propelling machinery for submarines in the 1941 program and for machinery for the United States Submarines NAUTILUS, NARWHAL, and ARGONAUT. The following bids were submitted for furnishing the propelling machinery and electric plant for Seaplane Tenders, (small) based upon delivery to the Supply Officer, Navy Yard, Boston:

	Bid	Alternate Bid
General Motors Corporation Cleveland Diesel Engine Division	\$1,626,000	\$1,510,000
Fairbanks Morse & Company Chicago, Illinois	1,435,350	1,454,797

Following advertisement was issued for future bids:

Proposals for constructing one or two light cruisers of approximately 10,000 tons standard displacement will be received at the Navy Department until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, May 8, 1940, when they will be publicly opened.

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11 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 10 April 136,441

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,877

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,066

Total 3,944

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 197

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 67

Gain 130

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 11 April

Line Officers 302

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 432

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 10 April:

Officers	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	188	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	88
Total Officers	870	700	510
Men			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	894	670
Total Men	1360	1309	1085

2. Naval Expansion Bill, as a result of the Norwegian situation is being studied seriously with the view to returning to the original 25% increase plan over a period of about five years instead of the 11% increase over a period of two years.

Naval Attache, London, in a dispatch, says the KARLSRUHE was actually torpedoed by the TRUANT and the BLUCHER was sunk by shore batteries. British losses included the HUNTER and GURKHA, sunk, and the HARDY, aground. The HOTSPUR was badly damaged, all at Narvik. British believe Germans landed 155 millimeter guns from the holds of ore ships. The GLOW WORM believed lost was last seen engaged in the fog with a German destroyer, but encountered larger types as fog cleared, and has not been heard from since. The Norwegian destroyer DRANG escaped from Oslo with 65 German prisoners. Attache, London, believes Narvik is the initial objective of allied counter measures.

U.S.S. DAHLGREN, operating schedule to test 1300 pound pressure steam boiler installation has been announced, leaving New York on 22 April and including stops at Norfolk, Charleston, Jacksonville, Matanzas, (Cuba), San Juan, La Guaira (Venezuela), Curacao (Netherlands West

Indies), Colon, Guantanamo, Santiago, and many other ports in the U.S. and North and South Atlantic before returning to New York, 15 August. This prolonged cruise with many stops will give boiler full test under all conditions of weather, water, getting underway, securing, maneuvering, etc.

U.S.S. WILKES (DD441), is scheduled for commissioning at Navy Yard, Boston, on 1 June. Submarines 212 to 217, proposals for furnishing one, two, or three sets of propelling machinery will be received at the Navy Department until 12 o'clock noon on 15 May. Proposals for furnishing one set of replacement propelling machinery for the NAUTILUS (SS168) and reduction gears, hydraulic clutches, auxiliary generating units and plans and equipment in manufacturing main engine for the NARWHAL (SS167) and ARGONAUT (minelaying submarine) will be received at the Navy Department until 12 o'clock noon on 15 May.

Senate Appropriations Committee, reported favorably the \$963,797,478 Navy Bill for the 1941 fiscal year, carrying an authorization to begin construction of two 45,000 ton battleships, 2 cruisers, 1 aircraft carrier, 8 destroyers, and 6 submarines.

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Bureau Supplies and Accounts, reports All Commodity Wholesale Price Index for week ending 6 April was 77.6, down .3 from the previous week.

Gas Masks, The Navy has supplied the Marine Corps with 15,000 ND-Mark III, and 1,000 NDO-Mark I gas masks which are far superior to those the Marines had used previously.

Flex 6, Advance reports coming in to the Department tell of two complete problems conducted, one an attack against Vieques, the other against Culebra. In both instances the attacking forces consisted of all elements, sea, air and landing forces making an approach as a team. The effect of aviation in attack and defense was carefully watched to compare the relative value of land based and carrier based aviation (the former being infinitely stronger). The value of the submarine in defense was strikingly brought out, particularly in the Culebra problem. Naval gunfire support was simulated during the problems, but was delivered actually against shore targets by guns of all calibers in a week devoted exclusively to that phase. Developments in the various problems showed the necessity for special boats and special training of naval officers and crews who would have charge of conducting the landing force with their equipment from ship to shore.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

12 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 11 April 136,610

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,876

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,092

Total 3,968

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 263

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 108

Gain 155

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 12 April:

Line Officers 302

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 432

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 11 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	128	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	62	59
Miscellaneous	192	188	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>88</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>510</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>670</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1309</u>	<u>1085</u>

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U.S.S. WASHINGTON (BB56), will be launched at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 15 June, according to present plans.
U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB55), will be launched at the Navy Yard, New York, on 13 June, according to present plans.

Secretary Edison, today resumed his inspection of Hawaiian defenses after announcing that the Federal Government felt more naval bases were necessary. He said that the Hawaiian Naval Detachment, recently increased to a force of 7,000 will remain there indefinitely, and that progress on the Puerto Rican and the development of the Alaskan bases were most satisfactory.

Special Warning 68, Hydrographic Office, says that the German Government announces that mines were laid on 8 April off all important ports of the Norwegian West Coast and across the Skagerrak in the area bounded by Lindesnes, Sodjborg, Flakkering, and Sandnaes Hage. Claiming that the Skagerrak is mined all the way across at these points is probably fallacious, as there is a deep area along the coast of Norway that is not suitable for mining.

Rear Admiral Bloch, has assumed duty as Commandant of the 14th Naval District and Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor,

relieving Rear Admiral Murfin as of 11 April. Naval Communications, at the request of United Press and with the concurrence of commercial companies, has agreed to handle San Juan dispatches during those hours of the night when commercial offices are closed.

U.S.S. O'BRIEN (DD415), preliminary shakedown cruise itinerary has been approved, departing Boston on 6 May to include Newport, Yorktown, Washington, and arrive Norfolk on 16 May.

U.S.S. REUBEN JAMES (DD245), present Navy Yard availability has been extended to 31 May and scheduled to begin Naval Reserve training cruise on 27 July at Boston, being released from duty in connection with tests of gyro compass equipment not later than 20 July.

Representative Hennings, of St. Louis, Missouri, has asked the Navy Department for their reaction to a possible construction of a new Naval Armory at St. Louis to cost \$750,000. The Naval Reserve has 4 divisions, about 280 men, in St. Louis. Naval Reserve Policy Board has made a report that when a new armory is to be built, survey be made of adjacent localities with possible resulting transfers of divisions. The Chief of Naval

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Representative Scrugham, accompanied by members of the Naval subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee expects to leave Washington in two groups by plane on 12 and 15 April to inspect various naval activities in the 11th and 12th Naval Districts.

Antarctic Broadcast, The executive committee of the U.S. Antarctic Service announced today that a radio program will be broadcast for the first time from the West Base, Little Antarctica, from 11:15 to 11:30 P.M. on 13 April.

Promotions, Aviation Volunteer Reserve, The Acting Secretary of the Navy has approved the Selection Board report recommending three officers for promotion from the rank of lieutenant commander to commander.

Add Flex 6 Report, (Continued from 11 April), Tanks were used both on attack and defense. It was developed that the earliest waves in attack must carry with them not only their own tanks, but anti-tank weapons to provide against sudden counter-attack from enemy's tanks during the earlier stages of disembarkation.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
15 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 April 136,804

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,876

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,092

Total 3,968

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 171

Aggregate Discharges " " " 31

Gain 140

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	432

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 13 April:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	100	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	220	217	186
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	89
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	732	516
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	897	673
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1312	1068

2. Bureau Supplies and Accounts reports, a contract has been made with the Norris Stamping and Manufacturing Company for 250,200 cartridge containers, aluminum, 5-inch/38 caliber, Mark VI, Mod. 1, at a total contract price of \$700,309.80. This price is calculated on an f.o.b. factory price of \$2.799 per cartridge tank. The price paid under this contract compares with an average factory price of \$3.05 for 285,700 of the same type of cartridge tanks purchased from the Norris Stamping and Manufacturing Company in May, 1933.

Officer Personnel, as of 1 April is as follows:

Line, 6682; Medical Corps, 885; Dental Corps, 279; Supply Corps, 574; Chaplain's Corps, 94; Construction Corps, 212; Civil Engineers Corps, 126; Chief Warrants and Warrants, 1623; total, 10,457.

Hearings, before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee in session today on the Naval Expansion Bill. Admiral Stark was the leading witness with others to follow. Admiral Stark told the Committee that developments in the European War dictate the advisability of adding 25 percent to the fighting strength of the Navy, rather than the 11% House approved Vinson Bill. He added that

the Navy might well be called upon to defend itself in the Atlantic and Pacific simultaneously. He stressed the advisability of the Navy's being strong enough to safeguard the supply of vital strategic materials such as manganese, rubber, and tin. Even with the proposed increase, he said, the Navy would not be able to perform all its tasks so necessary to defense of the U.S.

U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD435), is scheduled for launching at Charleston, S.C., on 7 August.

Flex 6 (concluded), Interesting problems in communications arose from the necessity to maintain continuous service between ship and shore for the purpose of tactical control in the flow of troops and naval gunfire support. The vital need of special transports both of the MANLEY type and regular transports fitted to handle the correct gear and equipped with the proper landing boats for the task in hand was strikingly shown. It is axiomatic that the special landing boat program should be so developed that M-Day finds the Navy and Marine Corps in a position to place a minimum of six combat teams afloat in small boats simultaneously.

U.S.S. FALCON (submarine rescue vessel) reports collision

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with steamer EL OCEANA on 12 April in Buzzard's Bay, in heavy fog with slight damage to both. EL OCEANA proceeded to New York to Robins Shipyard where repairs are estimated to cost \$15,000, from a broken stem and six shell plates. Repairs to FALCON, on the hull plating, will find her ready for sea on the seventeenth of April.

Communications Reserve, 50 officers C(V)S will be ordered to active duty with ships of the Neutrality Patrol as previously reported. They will act as Communications and assistant Communications officers. These officers are in addition to allowance now existing. Such assignments will release active line officers on ships for other duties. This should provide excellent training for reserve officers who have previously had practically no training at sea.

Communications, messages from the President and Secretary of the Navy have gone through Tutuila, Samoa, for publication on the anniversary of first raising the American Flag there, April 17.

Floating Mine, in the North Atlantic steamer routes was reported by a Belgian steamer at Lat. 45-54 N., Long. 40-07 W., approximately 600 miles east of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
16 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 15 April 136,987

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,863

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,106

Total 3,969

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 219

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 37

Gain 182

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 16 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>432</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 15 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	100	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	<u>220</u>	217	186
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>516</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>673</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1088</u>

2. American Embassy, London, according to a dispatch from our naval attache, requested cable verification of the latitude and longitude points defining the extended combat area. London and Paris radio bulletins evidently did not agree, nor did the Admiralty.

U.S.S. DENEbola, according to movement report sheet, left Baltimore on 9 April, arriving Norfolk 11 April. She left Norfolk on 12 April and arrived Philadelphia 13 April.

U.S.S. SATTERLEE (DD190), left Guantanamo on 12 April, arriving Cienfuegos, Cuba, on 13 April. She remained for the festival over the week-end and departed for Navy Yard, Norfolk, on 15 April, to arrive there 18 April.

Norwegian vessel, S.S. BAJAMAR has been taken by the French, according to the relay of a message from Para, via Rio de Janeiro. The French naval vessel also examined a Brazilian and an American vessel. It is thought that there may be some interruption in shipping between North Brazil and the United States.

Nautilus School Ships, according to a directive will be transferred from Navy Department jurisdiction to the

Maritime Commission.

2. Naval Reserve Activities, on the West Coast are being inspected by Captain Gygax. On his return, about 5 May, he will assume his new duties in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Director of the Naval Reserve Policy Division in the new organization set up under C.N.O. The new Director of the Naval Reserve, relieving Captain Gygax, will be Captain Shafroth.

Detail Office Bureau of Navigation, has indicated a need for the assignment of about five Naval Reserve Officers for Panama Canal security duty on merchant ships proceeding through the canal. The presumption is that these officers will be in addition to the regular Canal Zone pilots who are still acting in their civilian capacities, many of whom are Naval Reserve officers. It will be the duty of these officers to inspect ships passing through and be responsible for safeguarding the Canal.

Naval Affairs Committee, Senator Tydings offered an amendment to the Bill to authorize the expenditure of not more than \$5,725,000 to raise the gun levels of the Navy's three oldest battleships -- the TEXAS, ARK-

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ANSAS, and NEW YORK. Admiral Stark had previously pointed out that these three battleships would be practically useless in a naval battle because of their limited fighting power. Admiral Stark appeared before the Committee again today.

British Admiralty, announced officially that 11 German transports or naval auxiliaries totalling 40,486 tons had been sunk during the invasion of Norway. Seven of the ships were torpedoed by British submarines. The Admiralty's report for the week ending April 14th said it was believed 18,000 more tons of German shipping had been sunk by British submarines and other ships in Norwegian ports. The week also marked the first time that Britain had not lost a merchant ship since the war started. German merchant shipping losses since the war started were listed as totalling 363,930 tons.

British Cruiser, was sunk by airplanes off the Norwegian Coast, Berlin reported. It was denied by the Admiralty.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces a contract has been let to the Freeport Point Shipyard, Inc., Freeport, New York, for aircraft rescue boats totalling \$86,587.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
17 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 16 April 137,146

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,861

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,132

Total 3,993

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 219

Aggregate Discharges " " " 84

Gain 135

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 17 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	432

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 16 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	100	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	220	217	186
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>516</u>

<u>Men</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>673</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1312	1088

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 12 April:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1,011	
Number of first enlistments	1,012
Number of reenlistments within three months	
(continuous service)	63
Number of reenlistments under broken service ..	28
..... <u>Total Enlistments</u>	1,103

U.S.S. GLEAVES (DD423), Commander Stubbs, Inspector of Machinery, Bath, Maine, reported by telephone that two minor fires had occurred on the GLEAVES on 16 April. Both fires were caused by weld sparks and were minor. The story carried by the Associated Press made it appear much worse than the actual facts. The first fire was caused by a weld spark igniting oily rags in the forward engine-room in the vicinity of the reduction gear. These rags had been used in cleaning the reduction gear sump. There was a large volume of smoke but the only damage was to five or six branch electric cables. The second fire was caused by a weld spark hitting the canopy of the 26-inch motor launch. Some damage was done to the thwarts, but this can be easily repaired. A report of this damage also appears in the Associated Press release. Commander Stubbs also reported that a torpedo tube had been dropped about

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5 feet and some damage was done to the roller path. He stated that the extent of the damage was being investigated and a further report would be made to the Bureau of Ordnance.

Crankless Diesel, The Bureau of C. & R. and Engineering are conducting tests of a 135 HP crankless Diesel engine manufactured by the Sterling Engine Company, Buffalo, N.Y. The engine is unique in that the motion of the pistons is converted to rotational power through inclined discs or "slants" instead of the conventional crankshaft. While the weight per H.P. is high for a power boat engine, increased ruggedness and freedom from repair may more than compensate for this weight. Preliminary laboratory tests having been completed, the engine is being installed in a ferry operating between the Engineering Experiment Station and the Naval Academy to simulate a service test.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts reports, a contract has been made with the Pressed Steel Tank Company for 747 blank shells at a total cost of \$32,548.77.

U.S.S. SIMS (DD409) will remain at the Navy Yard, Boston, from 15-29 April for authorized repairs, installation of instruments in connection with machinery space ventilation tests and full scale rudder tests. She will be ready for

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sea on 29 April, after which she will embark Bureau representatives in connection with ventilation tests. These tests will be conducted at 10, 20 30 knots and full power. Full scale rudder tests will follow about 7 May off Rockland, Maine, with Model Basin representatives on board to obtain tactical data. On completion these tests SIMS will return to Boston.

U.S.S. ROWAN (DD405) is scheduled to hold final trials off Boston on 19 April with Board of Inspection and Survey. She will then return to Navy Yard, Norfolk, for post trial examination. She will then proceed to Newport for test torpedo firings. ROWAN will depart for West Coast on 14 May and report to CinCUS for duty in Destroyers, Battle Force, on leaving the Canal Zone, on 24 May.

Recommissioned Seaplane Tenders (small), at the Navy Yard,

New York, completions and assignments:

	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Fleet Assignment</u>
HULBERT	31 May	Patrol Wing 1
WILLIAM B. PRESTON	17 June	" " 2
GOLDSBOROUGH	1 July	" " 5
CLEMSON	15 July	" " 3

It is expected that the above-named vessels will be commissioned two weeks in advance of the above completion dates and that they will be ready to proceed to their assignments about two weeks after completion dates.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 18 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 17 April 137,361
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,861
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,132
Total 3,993
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 270
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 55
Gain 215

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 18 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>432</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 17 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	64
District Patrol Planes	100	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	220	217	186
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>516</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>673</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1088</u>

2. U.S.S. HOPKINS (DD249), will proceed with ROWAN from Norfolk to the West Coast, leaving on 16 May. On departing Canal Zone on 24 May, HOPKINS will report to CINCUS for duty in Destroyers, Battle Force.

Naval Reserve Cruises, are now in the process of formation. Cruises will probably be divided into four periods as follows: July 6-19; July 27-August 15; August 17-30; and September 7-20. It is expected that target practice will be fired on all cruises. 78 Naval Reserve divisions will participate from Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, in addition to 18 divisions from the Pacific Coast.

Cruises will probably be worked in conjunction with neutrality patrol on East Coast, various divisions operating close to their home ports.

Captain A.C. Read, has assumed duties as Commandant, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, having recently been detached as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. SARATOGA.

U.S.S. FANNING (DD385), is scheduled for emergency docking due to cracked shell plates below the water line. These same difficulties have been experienced with recent destroyers of welded construction due to stresses set up in the process of welding. The whole question of

steps necessary to remedy this condition is being studied.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, announces the Price Index on all commodities for week ending 13 April was 78.0, a rise of .4 since last week's report. This is the first rise in commodity prices since the steady weekly decline began on 13 January.

Floating Dock YFD-2, left New Orleans March 19th, arrived Panama April 12th (Atlantic end of Canal). Original contract estimated time for passage from New Orleans to Panama by April 17th. Passage was made in 24 days, beating contract time by 5 days. The contractor, Merritt, Chapman and Scott, did an excellent job. The approximate estimated time for disassembly, transit through Canal, and reassembly at Pacific end to be ready for tow by Naval vessels to Pearl Harbor is 60 days. This work is being done by Panama Canal force. The estimated approximate time for tow by Navy from Panama to Pearl Harbor is 45 days. The NAVAJO (ocean-going tug) will do the towing, accompanied by the CAPELLA (cargo ship) and the PLATTE (tanker) as escorts. U.S.S. DAHLGREN (DD187), operating schedule (previously reported) cancelled, due to trouble with control valves of 1300 lb. pressure boiler. Will remain New York until trouble is ironed out.

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U.S.S. AUGUSTA, repairs completed at Cavite. Post repair trials will be held today.

U.S.S. BUSHNELL, (submarine tender), reported Venezuelan Coast Guard Patrol southeast of Cape San Roman, Paraguana Peninsula, refused permission for our survey parties to land to erect necessary survey signals until they receive permission from the Minister of War. The Venezuelan Naval Officer was unconvinced patrols have proper authorization. The U.S. Ambassador has been informed. The HANNIBAL and BUSHNELL are both working on surveys close to Venezuela.

112 Reserve Officers at Sea, in the ranks of ensign and lieutenant (j.g.) during their first quarter period aboard battleships, cruisers, and aircraft carriers, have made exceptionally high marks on their fitness reports. As these officers are serving in actual jobs of responsibility aboard ships, and are not there for training, their first records are highly gratifying to all concerned.

Advisory Committee for Research, will inspect the Naval Research Laboratory, Bellevue, D.C., on 19 April, and

will be received by the Acting Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations on 20 April. This committee consists of Doctors Frank B. Jewett, Charles F. Kettering, Robert A. Millikan, and Max Mason.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

19 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 April 137,552

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty .. 2,851

Other Reservists " " " " .. 1,153

Total 4,004

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 274

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 94

Gain 180

Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 19 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>432</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 18 April:

	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	89
District Patrol Planes	100	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	220	219	190
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>733</u>	<u>545</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	897	673
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1088</u>

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The Secretary of the Navy, returns from Honolulu today in the NASHVILLE to inspect \$35,000,000 worth of Naval projects now under construction in the San Francisco Bay region. Mr. Edison will be joined by members of Congress Albert E. Carter, Charles A. Plumby, James. E. Casey, and James A. Scrugham, all members of the House Appropriations Committee, who arrived in San Francisco last evening by Navy Plane from Boulder Dam.

Naval Medical Center, Steel for the tower has reached the 9th floor and half the fence to surround the property (there are over 2 miles of it) is up. The contractor's time for placing of steel in the tower is up on 28 June, but it is expected that he will have completed his end by 15 May. On 23 April bids will be received on the main group of buildings (East wing, recreation center, corpsmen's and nurse's quarters, power house, and laundry.) Bid will be let for entire group in a single contract, after which subcontracts will be let on plumbing, electrical work, etc.

Senate 2993, was passed by House after previously passing the Senate. It authorizes an exchange of lands between the City of San Diego and the U.S., and acceptance by

gift of certain lands from the City of San Diego, California. It is expected some of this land will be used for an additional building to the Naval Supply Depot. Destroyer Division 64, (TWIGGS, WICKES, PHILIP, and EVANS) has been ordered from Key West, Florida, Key West Patrol, to San Juan, Puerto Rico to augment the San Juan Patrol.

H.R. 9450, to transfer the active list of the Construction Corps to the Line of the Navy was introduced yesterday on the floor of the House by Mr. Vinson. This bill was prepared in the office of the Judge Advocate General under instructions from Mr. Vinson. Under its terms each officer of the Construction Corps would be designated in the line for engineering duty only.

Admiral Towers, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that foreign governments have purchased about 7,000 war planes from the U.S. since the beginning of the European War. 3,000 planes already have been shipped, mostly to Britain and France. American capacity to produce war planes has increased from about 4,000 to 17,000 units annually, with the end of the expansion not yet in sight.

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Admiral Greenslade, member of the General Board is addressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors this noon at their convention in the National Press Club. His talk will be on the history of the Service and why we need a Navy. It is hoped it will result in improved power behind national defense in the press of the Nation.

Naval Reserve, From 80-100 applicants are expected to fill 30 appointments to the Army school of Chemical Warfare from the Naval Reserve. 70 applications have been received to date.

Rear Admiral Robinson, said before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that existing authorizations for aircraft carriers was below what the Navy regards as necessary. Admiral Towers added in his testimony that apparently no planes had been sold to Italy. He also said that no instances of sabotage have been reported in our aircraft factories. Workers must be American citizens and are closely watched by government inspectors.

Norwegian ships, Caught in California harbors found England and France today anxious "to protect" them. Norwegian authorities in California also received requests from the German Consul in Los Angeles who was "interested" in them.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
22 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 20 April 137,728

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,852

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,163

Total 4,015

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 185

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 129

Gain 56

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 22 April:

Line Officers	302
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	432

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 20 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	48	48
Miscellaneous	230	224	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	722	528

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>673</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1312	1088

2. Submarine Tender AS-12, The Navy Department has authorized the Navy Yard, Mare Island, to proceed with preparation work looking to the construction at that yard of Submarine Tender AS-12, which is included in the 1941 building program covered by Naval Appropriation Act and pending in Congress. This authorization does not cover any expenditure of funds in advance of actual passage of appropriation act. U.S.S. FULTON, AS-11, is now building at Mare Island; hull is 26.7% complete, machinery, 39.0% complete. U.S.S. CURTISS (Seaplane tender), was launched successfully at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N.J., on 20 April.

U.S.S. ATLANTA (CL51), keel was laid at the plant of the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Kearny, N.J., this morning.

Bureau Yards and Docks, announces contract for dredging for floating Drydock YFD2 at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, has been awarded to the Hawaiian Dredging Company, Honolulu, for 66½ cents per cubic yard. The estimated amount of money involved is \$130,340. Time, 120 calendar days.

Bureau Medicine and Surgery, reports that as of 10 April had 5,536 patients in naval hospitals, of which number

3,736 were active service personnel. The greatest hospital loads at present are at Norfolk (315 patients) and San Diego (1,038 patients). These hospitals, plus the one at Pearl Harbor, had patients in excess of official number of beds. Special provision has been made for overflow. The general hospital situation seems to be adequate for the present, but with increased service personnel it is apparent that additions will have to be made in the areas where there is the greatest concentration of service personnel.

Representative Maas, Admiral Nimitz, and Admiral Towers expect to fly to Pensacola tomorrow.

Naval Air Station, Squantum, Mass., is closed until further notice, due to a flood.

U.S.S. WASP (aircraft carrier), preliminary acceptance trials will be held tomorrow. It is expected that the WASP will be delivered to the Navy at Boston on 25 April provided trials are satisfactory.

Naval Communications Service, is studying communications problems with Greenland. To date nothing of importance has been intercepted from Greenland, although the Radio Corporation of America is in direct communication, where-

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as, formerly traffic was routed through Denmark.

Governor of Guam, Captain G.J. McMillin has relieved Capt. J.T. Alexander as Governor and Commandant of the Naval Station at Guam.

U.S.S. NICHOLSON (DD442), is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, on 1 June 1940.

Rear Admiral J. K. Taussig, Commandant 5th Naval District, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee today that he believed a war between Japan and the U.S. is inevitable. He said he believed Japan intends to try and conquer the Philippines, French Indo-China, the Netherlands Indies, and other sections of the Far East. The Japanese program of World Conquest, he said, was detailed in memorial from Premier Tanako to the Emperor of Japan on 25 July 1927. The Tanako Memorial said, "Japan must first crush the U.S. before embarking on its career of world subjugation." Japan is "determined and warlike," their pledges "worthless", Taussig added. He advised fortifying the Philippines and Guam, building a huge merchant marine, and cooperating with Great Britain and France in the Far East. Admiral Taussig said that he spoke as an interested citizen, not as a naval officer.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 22 April 137,948

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,849

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,180

Total 4,029

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 239

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 32

Gain 206

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 23 April:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 433

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 22 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	48	48
Miscellaneous	230	224	187
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>528</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	900	897	673
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1312</u>	<u>1088</u>

2. Retired Officers, It is estimated that by 1 July 1940 there will be between 530 and 550 retired officers on active duty, approximately 94 officers retiring before this date being expected to remain on active duty.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following contract: for Radio Towers at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, has been awarded to The Actna Steel Construction Co., Jacksonville, Florida, for \$14,880.00. Time, 120 calendar days, except that all work in connection with the anchors shall be completed within 15 calendar days.

Bureau of Ordnance, is turning over to the Panama Canal for its protection, old armor originally intended for the ships scrapped by the 1922 Conference. This armor consists of curved plates for which the Bureau has no use at the Proving Ground. All flat plates are being assembled at the Proving Ground for use in the test of projectiles and fuzes. The curved plates that the Bureau of Ordnance is giving to the Canal, with shipments beginning May 8 and running into next year are: from New York, 24; from Norfolk, 25; from Mare Island, 37 to 44.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts reports a contract has

been made with the B. F. Sturtevant Company, Hyde Park, Boston, Mass., for forced draft blowers, turbine driven, together with certain spare parts for battleships IOWA (BB61) and NEW JERSEY (BB62) to the value of \$591,693.20.

Naval Reserve Aviators, 18 who were commissioned ensigns, Class A-V(N), to rank from March 25, 1940, April 1, and April 15, have been ordered to report for active duty with the aircraft squadrons of the fleet.

Bids, will be opened today on 7 - 29 foot aircraft rescue boats, also on construction work, Naval Medical Center, Washington, as previously reported.

U.S.S. DIXIE (destroyer tender), Navy Yard, Philadelphia, has requested authority for commissioning on or about 25 April.

Paul Cret, nationally known architect recently honored by the President, designed the extension to the Chapel and the new dispensary at Annapolis. He is consulting architect on the Naval Medical Center.

Cramp's Shipyard, A conference was held this morning with the Acting Secretary of the Navy, attended by Mr. Roland Harrison and Mr. W.T. Smith in regard to reopening Cramp's Shipyard in Philadelphia.

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H.R. 4929, The Acting Secretary conferred with Admiral Stark on the personnel bill today. Commander Atlantic Squadron, Captain Hayne Ellis is in the Navy Department today in connection with orders for a new chief of staff. His present chief of staff is on the sick list.

Lieutenant Commander Durgin, recently returned from Germany will talk to a selected group of officers in the rooms of the General Board this afternoon.

C in C Asiatic Fleet, shifted his flag from the ISABEL to the AUGUSTA on 23 April. The Commander in Chief had remained in Shanghai on the ISABEL while the AUGUSTA underwent repairs at Cavite. The AUGUSTA reached Shanghai yesterday.

U.S.S. NOA (DD343), rigged to carry an experimental plane on deck departs Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 26 April for tests with plane returning 29 April.

C in C Asiatic, reports that since the middle of April a new 450 foot combination passenger and freight British auxiliary mounting 7 guns, 4" to 6", has been patrolling off the mouth of the Yangtze. A British destroyer was observed on patrol near the territorial waters of Luzon on 20 and 21 April.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
24 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 23 April 138,120

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,845

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,191

Total 4,036

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 266

Aggregate Discharges " " " 101

Gain 165

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 24 April:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 433

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 23 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	220	186
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	734	543

<u>Men</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>675</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1314	1090

2. Director of Naval Communications, Admiral Noyes, reports that on 29 April the Navy's new high power, low frequency transmitter at Lualualei, Oahu, one of the most powerful in the world, will go on the air for its first acceptance test.

U.S.S. BEAR, Byrd Antarctica, is due in Boston sometime in May.

Bureau of Yards and Docks: announces that the following contract awards have been made:

Night flying illumination at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., awarded to the Rogers Electric Co. of Birmingham, Alabama for \$90,879. Time of completion, 150 days.

Exterior services at the Naval Aircraft Factory at Philadelphia awarded to Riggs Distler and Co., Inc., of Philadelphia for \$59,788. Time of completion, 150 days.

War Plans Officers, from several Bureaus in the Navy Department met together yesterday.

Despatch Traffic, from the Navy Department under present mobilization of Naval Communications is remaining at about 50% of normal.

Army and Navy Munitions Board, The Acting Secretary met with the Joint Board yesterday. It was a routine monthly meeting which approved the work that had been accomplished during the past 30 days.

West Point Cadet, son of the Minister from Ecuador, will probably make the Midshipman's Cruise this summer.

U.S. Fleet, which has been engaged in Problem 21 during April will begin arriving at Pearl Harbor on 26 April.

Senator Bennett Clark, demanded today that Admiral Taussig be court-martialed for telling the Senate Naval Affairs Committee that war between the United States and Japan was inevitable.

Harbor Tug 143, was launched at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C. on 22 April.

Pan American Week, will be observed at the Naval Academy from May 8-15. A dress parade will be held 8 May and a Pan American Ball, 11 May. There will be lectures in Mahan Hall by Dr. Berius of Yale and a to be named member of the State Department. Military and Naval Attaches from all American countries will be invited.

U.S.S. MEREDITH (DD434), was launched at the Navy Yard, Boston, today, said to be the first ship to go down the

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ways there in nearly 17 years.

Reserve Radiomen, Class V-3, convened in three consecutive classes, each of 30 men, for a 30-day indoctrination course, preliminary to active duty afloat in the Battle Force, at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, Calif. The first group of 29 reservists was given this course from 4-27 March with satisfactory results and have gone to the fleet for active duty.

C in C Pacific Fleet, Admiral Hart, said in a press interview that he was "in entire sympathy with the efforts of the Navy Department to improve the situation in Guam." He said that a misunderstanding exists over the extensive fortifications suggested for Guam, inasmuch as the Island was never intended as a battleship base.

Supply Corps, Naval Reserve, a limited number of students in college graduating classes may secure appointments to commissions as ensigns. Applicants must hold a college degree, be under 26 years of age, and pass required physical examination.

Anderson Class destroyers, the first of these has now reported to CincUS for duty. On the way up the West Coast they expect to pick up stores belonging to the Navy from S.S. TIMBER RUSH, aground off Acapulco.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
25 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 24 April 138,201

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,845

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,191

Total 4,036

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 135

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 54

Gain 81

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 25 April:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	433

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 24 April:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	220	201
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine Reserve and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	734	558
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>675</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1314	1090

2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces that the following contract awards have been made:

Buildings at the Naval Medical Center, Washington, D.C., awarded to John McShain, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., for \$4,360,250. Time of completion, 540 days.

Caissons at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., and the Puget Sound Navy Yard, awarded to the Moore Dry Dock Co. of Oakland, California, for \$525,070. Time of completion, 340 days for Pearl Harbor and 450 days for Puget Sound.

New Destroyers, Following is tentative schedule of New Construction destroyers for test torpedo firings at Newport: 27 April - 3 May, HAMMANN; 6-13 May, ROWAN and HUGHES; 13-17 May, RUSSELL; 20-24 May, TRIPPE; 22-28 May, MAYRANT; 1-7 June, STACK; 22-28 June, RHIND; 23-30 August, ROE; 26 Sept. - 4 Oct., O'BRIEN; 26 Oct. - 1 Nov., MORRIS.

Following destroyers, new construction, depart Norfolk for West Coast as follows: HOPKINS, 6 May; MUSTIN, 7 May; HAMMANN, 7 May; HUGHES, 16 May; RUSSELL, 22 May; ROWAN, 16 May; MAYRANT, 12 June; STACK, 12 June; RHIND, 2 July; ROE, 4 Sept; O'BRIEN, 9 Oct.; MORRIS, 4 Nov.

STERRETT departs Charleston 6 May (Thence from Guantanamo with HAMMANN and MUSTIN).

Admiral Robinson, appeared before the House Naval Affairs Committee who approved the bill in committee for \$5,750,000 to raise the guns of the NEW YORK, TEXAS, and ARKANSAS. The Navy desires to start as soon as possible on this work, which is attached as an amendment to the Expansion Bill in the Senate.

U.S.S. WASP (aircraft carrier), Admiral Brinser, Board of Inspection and Survey, reports WASP's full power trials were successful in every way and that she will be turned over to the government at the Navy Yard, Boston, today. As to readiness for commissioning, WASP is said to be in better shape than any vessel inspected for three years. WASP developed 70,000 H.P. without difficulty. Economy at high power was very good, based on allowances in the contract. As all WASP trials exceeded contract requirements, maximum bonus of about \$18,000 will be allowed. Trials were 4 hours with steering, crashing, stop and backing.

Powder, The Acting Secretary and Admiral Furlong conferred with Secretary Morgenthau today covering sale of powder

4. to foreign countries. The Assistant Secretary of War was also present.

The Secretary of the Navy, arrives in Washington 28 April at 8:50 A.M. on the Liberty Limited from Chicago.

Mexican Foreign Office, has informally granted permission for ANDERSON and MANLEY to enter Mexican territorial waters for the purpose of obtaining 17 boxes of naval material from the TIMBER RUSH, aground off Acapulco. Our naval attache, Mexico, will proceed to the TIMBER RUSH today. MANLEY and ANDERSON are expected to arrive at the scene at noon on 27 April.

Medical Selection Board, is due to report tomorrow on 8 lieutenants (j.g.) considered for promotion to lieutenant and 24 lieutenants considered for promotion to lieutenant commander. Naval Reserve selections are also due on 20 names submitted for promotion from lieutenant commander to commander. All can be selected as fitted in (V)S (specialist) or (V)G, general categories.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, reports All Commodity Price Index for week ending 20 April was 78.5, up .5 since a week ago and up .9 in two weeks.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
26 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 25 April 138,345

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty .. 2,843

Other Reservists " " " " .. 1,205

Total 4,048

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 279

Aggregate Discharges " " " 147

Gain 132

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 26 April:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	433

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 25 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	216	206
Ens. and Lieuts. (J.G.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	730	563
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	75	75
Miscellaneous Service	900	822	675
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1314	1090

March Enlistments, Bureau of Navigation reports 13,347 applicants, 3,153 first enlistments, and 251 reenlistments for the month of March, 1940. In the fiscal year until the end of March there have been 140,708 applicants, 26,628 first enlistments, and 3,783 reenlistments. The various recruiting stations are matching their quotas satisfactorily.

Bids, were opened today on four harbor tugs, 100 feet long, complete in all respects as to hull and auxiliary machinery. Contractors were asked to insert shortest time in which they could make deliveries, successful bidder to be the one whose price and time of delivery best meets the interests of the Government. There were 14 bidders, most of which were on the basis of about \$270,000 per tug.

U.S.S. CAPELLA, upon completion of present restricted availability at New York will leave for Norfolk on 30 April and after loading at Naval Operating Base, will depart on 6 May to rendezvous with the NAVAJO off New York harbor entrance for towing test at sea by the latter vessel. Upon completion of this test, the CAPELLA will proceed to Navy Yard, Boston. In addition to general cargo received at Boston, the CAPELLA will load all tow-

ing gear and accessories now being manufactured and assembled at that port for use in connection with the towing of Drydock #2 from Balboa to Pearl Harbor. CAPELLA will leave Norfolk on 5 June, arriving Canal Zone 12 June. Space for 1000 weight tons of contractor's materials under cognisance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks has been obligated for shipment in the CAPELLA from Philadelphia to Pearl Harbor. CAPELLA will then return to Mare Island after loading general cargo awaiting shipment at Pearl Harbor. Board of Inspection and Survey, reports the following tentative schedule for May, of trials and inspections:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Duty</u>
<u>RHIND (DD404)</u>	2 May	Philadelphia	Material Inspection
<u>SEMINOLE (tug)</u>	3 May	New York	Material Inspection
<u>SEARAVEN (SS196)</u>	10 May	Portsmouth	Material Inspection
<u>SEALION (SS195)</u>	14 May	Portsmouth	Final Trials
<u>NAVAJO (going tug)</u>	17 May	New York	Final Trials
<u>TAUTOG (SS199)</u>	21 May	Provincetown	Preliminary Acceptance Trials
<u>STACK (DD406)</u>	21 May	Boston	Official Trials
<u>SEMINOLE (tug)</u>	24 May	New York	Final Trials
<u>BARRY (DD248)</u>	28 May	Norfolk	Material Inspection
<u>U.S.S. RUSSELL (DD414)</u> , official trials will be held to-			

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day off Boston with Board of Inspection and Survey present. Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Admiral Towers, accompanied by Captain Montgomery, will leave Washington on or about 29 April in connection with aviation matters on the West Coast. Trip will include flights to Seattle, Oakland, San Diego, and Pensacola. This itinerary may be varied as found necessary.

U.S.S. WASP (airplane carrier), was placed in commission at Boston yesterday.

U.S.S. DIXIE (destroyer tender), was placed in commission at Philadelphia yesterday.

Naval and Air Attache, Commander Richard B. Tuggle, has been assigned to the Embassy at Ankara, Turkey, a key spot if war should spread through the Balkans.

Diesel Airplane Engine, for use in warplanes, developed by the Guiberson-Diesel Engine Co., Dallas, Texas, has been inspected by Navy and Army officials in a plane that was flown here from Dallas. The Guiberson motor is installed in a Stimson plane and is said to be adaptable to small planes.

Ile de France, 43,000 ton French liner, is expected to sail today or tomorrow from New York, on war duty. . .

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
29 April 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 April	138,540
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on active duty ...	2,845
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " ...	1,297
<u>Total</u>	4,142
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	124
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	42
<u>Gain</u>	82

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 29 April:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	433

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 27 April:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	92
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	221	215
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	735	573

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	900	917	917
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1358	1358

2. Recruiting Activities for week ending 19 April:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 993	
Number of first enlistments	839
Number of reenlistments within three months (continuous service)	54
Number of reenlistments under broken service ..	32
<u>Total Enlistments</u>	925

The Assistant Secretary, and Admiral Nimitz conferred with the President this morning on the Personnel Bill.

House Naval Affairs Committee, Admirals Robinson and Van Keuren appeared in regard to induction of naval constructors and engineers into the Line of the Navy.

Admiral Watson, Commandant of the 4th Naval District is in the Navy Department regarding the launching of the WASHINGTON (BB56), either 1 or 15 June.

British Cruiser GARADOC, 4,180 tons, carrying 5 - 6" and 2 - 3" antiaircraft guns is expected to put in to San Diego for fuel and water.

U.S.S. MANLEY, obtained 23 cases of Navy stores weighing 5900 lbs. from S.S. TIMBER RUSH, aground off Acapulco and is proceeding according to schedule. The ANDERSON proceeded to Acapulco upon request of our Naval attache to obtain 3 cases, one of delicate instruments, and was expected to rejoin the MANLEY on 28 April.

3. U.S.S. CHEPOKIE (fleet tug), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, New York, on 26 April.

Admiral Byrd, departed for the United States from Santiago by commercial transportation.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, reports the following contract award:

For exterior and interior power services at the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, to Herman Mayer Company, Inc., Philadelphia, for \$127,837. Time: 180 Calendar days.

Bureau of Aeronautics, Rear Admiral Towers, Chief of Bureau, will depart Washington, in the Navy Lockheed, on 30 April for a nine day inspection of West Coast aviation facilities. Admiral Tower's revised schedule calls for inspections at the following points: Seattle, Tongue Point, Alameda, San Pedro, San Clemente, and San Diego. (Additional information previously reported.)

Bids, were opened on 26 April for 4 tug boats, harbor. Thirteen bids were received on the 4 tug boats with prices ranging from \$244,888.00 to \$316,000.00 per boat. Bids were opened on 25 April on the annual lubricating oil schedule. Eleven bids were received at a wide range of prices under variable conditions which makes it impos-

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sible to determine the unit price range until a complete abstract is made of all bids. The money value of the annual requirements is estimated at about \$2,500,000.00.

Bids were opened on 25 April for bituminous coal for power plant use at the various Navy Yards and Stations for three months beginning with 1 May 1940, or until minimum prices are established by the Bituminous Coal Commission.

Flag Officers, Changes in 20 assignments were announced on 27 April.

Plane Crash, Two Navy training planes from the Norfolk Naval Base collided in mid-air near Virginia Beach. One of the four occupants of the two ships, Harold C. Alexander, radioman 2nd class, was killed; Lt. Allen, pilot of the plane Alexander was in, bailed out to safety before the ship crashed. The other plane, with 2 men aboard, was able to return to the Naval Base landing field, its occupants uninjured.

Selection Board, Medical Corps, The President has approved 22 officers for promotion from lieutenant to lieutenant commander and 8 officers from lieutenant (jg) to lieutenant.

S.S. PANAMAN, American-Hawaiian freighter, enroute from Baltimore to Tacoma, lay idle at its berth in San Diego today after the Captain charged his crew had mutinied.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
30 April 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 29 April 138,669

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,845

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,297

Total 4,142

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 192

Aggregate Discharges " " " 62

Gain 130

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 30 April:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 29 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	92
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	221	215
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>573</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>917</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1358</u>

2. The Assistant Secretary, is lunching informally today with the British Ambassador. Tomorrow, accompanied by Secretary Morgenthau and Admiral Furlong, he will visit Indian Head concerning release of powder to the British Government. U.S.S. WATKINS (DD416) was placed in full commission at Navy Yard, Boston, on 27 April.

U.S.S. CROSBY, recommissioned destroyer, while at anchor at San Pedro on 29 April, in attempting to adjust the governor on No. 1 main generator, the generator oversped and the rotor disintegrated. One man was injured (lacerations of the eyelid). A hole about three feet square was pierced in the starboard side about two feet above waterline at frame 100. The casing and rotor of No. 2 generator was damaged beyond economical repair. The vessel is now at Torpedo Repair Base, San Pedro, effecting temporary hull repairs before proceeding San Diego.

Naval Communication Service, as one of the results of recent Joint Army and Navy Communication exercises the Army is making plans to equip its transports with Navy Communication apparatus to insure better joint communications.

Merchant ship cipher, about 75 replies have already been received from American merchant ships to the test message

(previously reported) recently sent out to the Merchant Marine Service to try out the new cipher. As replies are made by letter, the only ships so far heard from are those near United States ports. The Masters, in their replies, are generally enthusiastic.

U.S.S. DENEbola (recommissioned destroyer tender), reported to CinCUS for duty in the Atlantic Squadron on 27 April.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, reports that the case of the so called "little steel" companies against the Secretary of Labor and others on the subject of the steel wage determination issue in January, 1939, has been decided by the Supreme Court of the U.S. in the government's favor. The Judge Advocate General's office and the Director of Procurement, Treasury Department, are in close contact with the Department of Labor regarding the practical effect of this decision on government contracts for steel. It now appears likely that the Department of Labor will issue instructions to the Procurement Division for dissemination to all Government Departments making the wage determination applicable only to invitations to bids issued within a reasonable time after the date of the

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Supreme Court's decision, This is of interest because the original wage determination was applicable to contracts awarded after the effective date of determination. Seattle Chamber of Commerce, representative called on the Navy Department to inquire whether or not the 6% differential contained in the Act authorizing construction of certain auxiliary vessels for the Navy, approved 30 July 1937, stating that "any bid for construction on the Pacific Coast of any of the vessels authorized by this Act should have a differential of 6% in its favor", would apply on bids for Harbor Tugs opened on 26 April. Inasmuch as the wording of the Act specifically restricted the application of the differential to such vessels, he was informed that the differential would not apply. Naval Air Station, Alameda, reports foundations for engine test building completed. Two seaplane hangars are about 20% completed, completion expected to run a little beyond contract date, though it is too early to be definitely predicted. Seaplane ramps are 35% completed. Storehouses and Power Plant Building are over 50% completed. The contract for roads and exterior services is as a whole about 28% completed, roads about 70%.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1 May 1940

file → Total Enlisted Strength, 30 April 138,845

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,852

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,311

Total 4,163

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 201

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 46

Gain 155

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 30 April:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	92
District Patrol Planes	90	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	230	221	215
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>573</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>917</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1358</u>

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 26 April:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1,070
Number of first enlistments 706
Number of reenlistments within three months
(continuous service) ... 34
Number of reenlistments under broken service .. 32
..... Total Enlistments 772

Anti-aircraft Cruiser, a type so often mentioned in German dispatches as being used off Norway as a new adjunct to the British Fleet, is said to carry only anti-aircraft guns and is not designed for regular fighting purposes. The British are said to have converted 6 old cruisers of 1918 and 1919 classes, all of them less than 5,000 tons, into this unique category.

Naval Medical Center, Steel work has reached the 13th floor of the tower. Contract for steel erection expires on 28 June and will probably be completed by 1 June.

The Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Admiral Spear, will leave on 12 May for an informal inspection of material needs in the 9th, 11th, 12th, and 13th Naval Districts. He will return on 3 June, Captain Watrous accompanying him. Commandants, supply officers, and major fleet staff supply officers will be visited for conferences on all S. & A. problems.

Astronomical Survey Group, operating in the Bahamas, completed their work on 30 April and the party is returning to Key West. This group was sent out at the instigation of the Hydrographic Office.

U.S.S. MORRIS (DD417), Navy Yard, Norfolk, reports completion and delivery. Builder's trials are finished and she is ready for duty with the Fleet.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Stark, will address the Annual Meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce tomorrow after luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel.

U.S.S. WASHINGTON (BB56), will be launched on 1 June at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, instead of 15 June as previously reported.

Naval Reserve, Captain J. T. Nelson, recently appointed the only Rear Admiral in the Naval Reserve, will come to Washington in September as assistant to Admiral Nimitz.

Naval Air Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico, will be placed in commission on 1 May as an activity of the 10th Naval District. This will be the first of the air bases recommended by Congress to be established under the Naval Appropriation Act of 1940. Dredging and foundation

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work of the majority of the buildings is now underway while two hangars for patrol planes with some temporary buildings are nearing completion.

Light Cruisers 57 and 58, Bids will be opened on 15 May.

These ships are duplicates of the CLEVELAND and COLUMBIA (CL55 and 56) now under construction at the New York

Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. There will be a call for bids on 8 May for the main propelling machinery on 6 submarines and re-engineering of the NARWHAL (SS167) and NAUTILUS (SS168).

Seaplane Tenders 21 and 22, award is being held up on main propelling machinery pending completion of Naval Appropriation Act.

West Base, Little America, A report says the Antarctic night which will last four months has set in. Comfortable living quarters and work buildings have been established as well as a snow hangar to house the Navy transport plane. Temperature range at its lowest has been from 45° to 55° below zero, work proceeding under flood lights.

The science building will house the activities of geographers, geologists, physicists, physiologists, biologists, meteorologists, and bacteriologists.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
2 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 1 May 138,926
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,852
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,311
Total4,163
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 155
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 74
Gain 81

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 1 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	219
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>575</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>917</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1358</u>

2. Marine Corps, The Major General Commandant is making the graduating address today to the graduates of the Marine Basic School, in Philadelphia. There are 130 officer graduates in the ten months' course.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, reports the All Commodity Price Index for 29 April is 79.0, up .5 from a week ago and only .5 lower than the high for the year, reached on 6 January.

Submarine Chaser (P.C. 450), will be delivered to the Navy Yard, Norfolk, on 3 May and commissioned on 4 May, built at the American Car and Foundry Co., Wilmington, Delaware.

U.S.S. BROOME (DD210), on or about 10 May will proceed to Annapolis and report for duty to the Superintendent of the Naval Academy as relief for the ROPER (DDL47) as Midshipman instruction destroyer. ROPER will then proceed to New York for interim overhaul.

U.S.S. STERRETT (DD407), will leave Charleston on 4 May and proceed to Guantanamo. On arrival there of the HAMMANN and MUSTIN, STERRETT will proceed in company with them to the West Coast. On departure from the Canal Zone they will report to the CINCUS for duty.

3. U.S.S. RUSSELL (DD414), the revised date of completion and present Navy Yard availability is 17 May. From 17-20 May, the RUSSELL will hold such post repair trials and runs as may be necessary. From 21-27 May she will be at Newport for test torpedo firings following which she will proceed to San Diego via Norfolk, Guantanamo, and the Canal Zone, reporting to CINCUS for duty in Destroyer Battle Force on departure from the latter 8 June. Aviation Cadets, 22 have been appointed for flight training at Pensacola in the class which convened on 29 April. They have been selected from ten aviation bases located throughout the country.

U.S.S. HOPKINS (DD249) will act as escort for the SEA DRAGON (SS194) from the Virginia Capes to the Canal Zone. Rendezvous will be effected on 16 May, with arrival at Canal Zone set for 22 May. HOPKINS will report to CINCUS for duty in Destroyer Battle Force, while it is expected CINCUS will provide for further escort of the SEA DRAGON to the West Coast.

U.S.S. PLATTE (oiler), was tentatively scheduled to conduct full scale rudder tests on returning from the Gulf Area about 20 May. Instead the CIMARRON will conduct

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these tests on her arrival on the East Coast prior to overhaul at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, in October. The scheduled date of the tests to be conducted on the DIXIE has been advanced from September to 29 May - 3 June. Naval Reserve, Incident to the expanded program at Pensacola, it has become necessary for the Bureau of Navigation to plan to assign from 5 to 10 officers to fill battalion and ground school administrative billets. These are non-flying details. Ex-Naval Academy graduates and R.O.T.C. members will be detailed if possible. Reserve Cruises, The Material Bureaus have developed a system of decommissioning destroyers by which vessels may be safely put out of commission so that they will be ready to operate almost immediately when needed without deterioration occurring. This is done by dehumidifying compartments and using only a light oil which is a protective as well as a lubricant in recommissioning. Topside gear retains heavy oil and grease protection, but it is expected such destroyers could be recommissioned in two weeks or less. Crews can live aboard while recommissioning and it has been suggested that a reserve division, during its two weeks summer cruise period, recommission a destroyer as the best training possible for actual war conditions, take it out for a few days run, and return, the succeeding division decommissioning the boat after being out with it on a few days run. It is thought this method of training can be worked out satisfactorily before cruise periods begin.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
3 May 1940

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<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 2 May	138,883
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on active duty ...	2,852
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " ...	1,311
<u>Total</u>	4,163
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	136
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	79
<u>Gain</u>	57

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 3 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 2 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	91
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	219
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	89
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	792	575
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	900	917	917
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1358	1358

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Bureau of Yards and Docks, The following contract awards have been made:

Exterior and interior power service at the Naval Aircraft Factory, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., awarded to the Herman Mayer Co. Inc., of Philadelphia, for \$127,837. Time of completion, 180 days.

Laundry building and bakery building at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., awarded to the Southeastern Construction Co., of Philadelphia, for \$84,192. Time of completion, 180 days.

Foundations for the assembly and repair shop at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., awarded to the Smith and Pew Construction Co., of Atlanta, Ga., for \$63,384. Time of completion, 75 days.

U.S.S. TROUT (SS202) is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H., on 21 May.

Assistant Attache, London, Commander Gordon Nelson, construction Corps, has returned with interesting reports on damage to British ships from shell fire, torpedoes and aircraft.

Air Attache, Paris, Captain Ellis S. Stone, has returned from Europe.

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Conference, Chief of Naval Operations, of various interested officers and bureaus of the Navy Department was held today with a view to preparing additional testimony for the Senate Naval Affairs Committee regarding future characteristics of naval ship design.

H.R. 9450, The present status of the bill to consolidate Engineering Duty Only and Construction Corps officers into the line of the Navy is still the subject of hearings in the House Naval Affairs Committee. As it stands the bill is acceptable to the Engineering Bureaus and the Bureau of Navigation, except Section 5, which prescribes the number of Admirals allowed the Engineering bureaus. A directive has been received from the chairman of the Committee to draw up a plan providing that at no time will there be more than 10 Rear Admirals allowed these combined groups, and that this number be reduced to 6 within ten years. Thereafter 6 will become the authorized number allowed. At present there are ten rear admirals in the combined groups.

U.S.S. WASP (airplane carrier), the following is the employment schedule from date of completion until final departure to join the U.S. Fleet:

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25 April-14 June, at Boston, available for Navy Yard work to be assigned. WASP will fit out and receive stores, ammunition, provisions and fuel, the personnel to familiarize themselves with "at anchor" operation of machinery. Tests and trials will be held as desired by the Commanding Officer or the Navy Yard, until readiness for sea about 15 June. From 15-21 June, WASP will be enroute to and at Norfolk to obtain fuel, aviation gasoline, provisions, and ammunition. Assigned airplane squadrons will be embarked to make shakedown cruise, from 22 June-24 August, itinerary of cruise to be announced later. From 25 August-1 November, WASP will be based at Navy Yard, Norfolk. Final trials will be observed by the Board of Inspection and Survey as soon as practicable after return from shakedown cruise. These will be followed immediately by post trial examination and material inspection. All Navy Yard work and necessary preparations for joining the U.S. Fleet is expected to find her ready for sea on 2 November. From 2-12 November qualifications and refresher operations with airplane squadrons will be completed as found necessary.

Selection Board, Medical Corps of the Naval Reserve, 20 officers were recommended for promotion to the grade of commander from lieutenant commander.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
6 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 4 May 139,097

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,851

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,309

Total 4,160

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 93

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 37

Gain 56

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 6 May:

Line Officers 304

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 4 May:

Officers	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	222
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	89
Total Officers	370	792	593

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	900	917	917
Total Men	1360	1358	1358

Bids, were opened on April 30 for the Anthracite Coal requirements of the various Navy Yards and Naval Stations for the period from 1 May 1940 to 30 April 1941. The tonnage is estimated at 10,165 tons for all Navy Yards and Stations. The bids will be evaluated and awards made as promptly as possible.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee, will hold hearings on the Naval Expansion Bill beginning tomorrow morning.

Naval Finance and Supply School, Philadelphia, 4 members of the Naval Academy Class of 1937, 22 members of the Class of 1939, and 23 students of Naval R.O.T.C. units are being, or will be, commissioned as Ensigns in the Supply Corps. They will receive instruction at the school, reporting in September, 1940.

U.S.S. WASHINGTON (BB56), to be launched at Philadelphia on 1 June, has had sponsor designated. This is the 6th vessel so called, but the first battleship to be named after that State.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Contract for paving at hangar, Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Squantum, Mass., to Charles Capone, Boston, Mass., for \$25,330.20. Time: 90 calendar days.

Bids, for constructing one, two, or three submarines of 1,500 tons will be received until 5 June. Circulars of information will be available to bidders on 15 May.

Bids for machinery for these submarines (SS212, 213, and 214) and also for SS 215, 216, and 217, will be received until noon on 15 May.

U.S.S. PYRO (ammunition ship), Owing to the necessity of accomplishing urgent voyage repairs, the schedule for this vessel has been revised. PYRO will depart Boston on 8 May for Norfolk, Guantanamo, Canal Zone, San Diego, San Pedro, Mare Island, and Puget Sound, arriving Puget Sound on 24 June.

U.S.S. WHARTON (transport), undergoing conversion at Robins Drydock Corporation, Brooklyn, N.Y., will be completed in September, and will be outfitted at Navy Yard, New York in October.

U.S.S. WILLIAM WARD BURROUGHS, (transport) undergoing conversion at Navy Yard, Norfolk, will be completed in late June.

Asiatic Fleet, as of 1 May, vessels were stationed as follows: AGUSUTA - Shanghai; MARBLEHEAD - Manila; ASHEVILLE - Hong Kong.

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Yangtze Patrol: LUZON - Guam, Shanghai; OAHU - Hangkow;
TUTULLA - Chungking.

South China Patrol: MINDANAO - Hong Kong.

Destroyer Squadron 29: PAUL JONES - Swatow; BLACK HAWK -
Hong Kong.

Destroyer Division 57: ALDEN, BARKER, JOHN D. EDWARDS,
WHIPPLE - all at Swatow.

Destroyer Division 58: BULMER - Manila; EDSALL - Olon-
gapo; PARROTT, STEWART - Manila.

Destroyer Division 59: JOHN D. FORD, PEARY, PILLSBURY -
Hong Kong; POPE - Manila.

U.S.S. ISABEL - Shanghai; TULSA - Swatow.

Submarine Squadron 5: PICKEREL - Manila; PIGEON - Cano-
pus - Tsingtao.

Submarine Division 10: SS36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 - Tsing-
tao.

Mine Division 3: BITTERN, FINCH - Manila.

Aircraft Detachment: LANGLEY, HERON - Cavite; VP-21 -
Manila.

Auxiliaries: PECOS - Shanghai; NAPA - Manila; GOLD STAR,
PENGUIN - Guam.

Naval Transportation Service: HENDERSON - Shanghai;
SEPULGA - enroute Manila to Mare Island.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

7 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 6 May 139,184

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,849

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,330

Total 4,179

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 90

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 22

Gain 68

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 7 May:

Line Officers 304

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 6 May:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	222
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	89
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	792	593

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	900	917	917
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1358	1358

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District Craft Development Board, met this morning concerning program for 1941.

Admiral Towers, is due back Thursday from his aviation inspection trip to West Coast Air Bases.

Commandant, 16th Naval District, has requested that four communications officers (reserve) be detailed to Cavite. Bachelors will be designated if possible.

31 Ensigns, U.S. Naval Reserve, former aviation cadets, received changes in assignments during April. Most of these were from aircraft squadrons of the fleet to Naval Air Station, Pensacola.

110' wood subchaser (PC450), diesel engine drive, commissioned at Norfolk on 6 May and built by the American Car and Foundry Company at Wilmington, is the first of experimental boats in program to be commissioned. From 4-19 May she will be based on Norfolk, fitted out and will receive stores, ammunition, provisions, and fuel, personnel familiarizing themselves with operation, tests and trials as desired by the Yard and Commanding Officers. From 20 May - 3 June, compasses will be compensated, radio direction finder calibrated and ship made ready for shakedown cruise. Cruise will be about 3,500 miles, in-

cluding visit to Washington of 4 days duration at beginning of cruise to allow bureau personnel to inspect vessel. United States ports and non-belligerent ports in Caribbean (except Havana), Cartagena and La Guaira are available for visits.

British Convoys, The Admiralty said that up to May, 19,038 ships had been convoyed by the British with a loss of 31 ships, or a ratio of 1 to 616. Neutral ships convoyed totalled 2,912 with a loss of 3, or a ratio of 1 to 970. French Convoys in the same period handled 3,457 ships with a loss of 7.

Air Attack, An Admiralty spokesman said that "one British warship in Norwegian waters was attacked 40 times in one day and over 150 bombs were dropped, yet there were no hits and no casualties."

Lester P. Barbow, announced that he will demonstrate his new explosive, described as the world's most deadly, on live goats at Aberdeen, Maryland, on 16 May.

German losses, The British Admiralty says that Germany has lost 300,000 tons of merchant shipping since 1 April. Almost all of the 300,000 tons, it was asserted, had been sunk during Norwegian operations, including trans-

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ports and supply ships. "German mercantile tonnage definitely accounted for as captured, sunk or scuttled, now amounts to 454,000 tons," the Admiralty said. "In addition it is estimated that a further 30 unidentified ships of approximately 150,000 tons have been sunk by allied submarines, mines, or aircraft."

Regular Officers for Aviation Training, Naval Academy classes 1934-1938, whose requests were received prior to April 15th have been selected. In order to obtain the full quota of officers for the fiscal year 1941, applications have been extended to July 1, 91 officers have been selected to date for various classes between 16 September and 12 November 1940.

Regular Officers for Submarine Training, 30 have been selected (ensigns and lieutenants (j.g.) for class convening 1 July 1940, and 24 for class beginning 2 Jan. 1941.

German Press, tonight touched new heights of concern over the Mediterranean situation. Despite the terrific press bombardment, some observers believed Germany might be

trying to divert attention and possibly allied forces to the Mediterranean in order to launch the long awaited final "blitzkrieg" against England from the air. The sudden Dutch defense measure in calling up naval reserves and cancelling all military leaves could support this view.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

8 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 7 May 139,298

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,841

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,346

..... Total 4,187

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 140

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 34

..... Gain 106

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 8 May:

Line Officers 304

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 7 May:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	224
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>595</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>917</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1358</u>

2. Recruiting Activities for week ending 3 May:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	966
Number of 1st enlistments	323
Number of reenlistments within three months (continuous service)	60
Number of reenlistments under broken service	27
Total Enlistments	410

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is addressing the Princeton Club at luncheon today.

Naval Communications Service, Admiral Noyes reports that plans are being made upon request of the State Department to furnish a radio receiver and radio man to the American Embassy, Tokio, in order that the State Department daily bulletin may be received there.

U.S. Fleet, reports from CinCUS indicate there was good reception of high frequency communications from Navy Radio, Washington, while his flagship was at sea in Hawaiian waters, but that it is poor while alongside the dock in Pearl Harbor, which is to be expected due to distance and interference.

Bureau Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Contract for Runways and Drainage at the Naval Air Station, New Base Field, Pensacola, Florida, to C.C. Moore

Construction Company, Inc., Panama City, Florida, for \$206,618.50. Time, 150 calendar days.

Tokio Newspapers, uniformly charged today that stationing of U.S. Fleet in the Hawaiian area is aimed against Japan. "This demonstration was expected," said Asahi.

"It is no surprise. Other papers made similar comments and the Kokumin Shimbun predicted that the Philippines would be used as a base for American operations in the Far East.

Wage Board of Review, will be convened at the Navy Department on 13 May to consider reports on wages of laborer, helper, mechanical and supervision forces of the field service of the Navy submitted by local boards which have been holding meetings for the past 12 weeks at Navy Yards and Stations. Hearings will be public, the report of the boards to be made about 13 June. Captain J.A. Furer (C.C.) will be Senior Member of the Board.

Selection Board, (to be announced Saturday) has recommended six officers of the Naval Reserve, Civil Engineer Corps, for promotion from lieutenant commander to commander.

Cruiser Bids, proposals for the construction of one or

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two light cruisers (CL57 and 58) of 10,000 tons displacement, were opened today in the presence of the Assistant Secretary. The Naval Appropriation Bill for 1941 contains provisions for funds to commence construction, authorized by Act of 17 May 1938. The New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, submitted the following bids:

One cruiser - Time to build, $36\frac{1}{2}$ mos. - \$17,907,000

Two cruisers - Time to build, $36\frac{1}{2}$ & $39\frac{1}{2}$ mos. \$17,580,000

New York Shipbuilding Corporation is now building the CLEVELAND and COLUMBIA (CL55 and 56) at \$17,990,000 for each vessel. Cruisers 57 and 58 have been designed with certain additional features that would normally add to their cost of construction.

U.S.S. SEALION, (SS195), schedule has been modified as follows: 6-16 May at Navy Yard, Portsmouth for adjustments to torpedo tubes, sea tests and training with final trials 17 May; 18-25 May, contract torpedo trials will be held off Newport; 27 May - June 1, post trial examinations at Portsmouth; 2-9 June, dummy torpedo tests at Portsmouth; 10 June, proceed to Newport, reporting to inspector of Ordnance in charge for tests as directed by the Bureau of Ordnance. Commander Atlantic Squadron will furnish escort in carrying out this schedule.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
9 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 8 May 139,368

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,841

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,346

Total 4,187

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 77

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 7

Gain 70

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 9 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 8 May:

	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	64	64
Miscellaneous	278	278	224
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>89</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>595</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>917</u>	<u>917</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1358</u>	<u>1358</u>

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20 Aviation Cadets, have been appointed for flight training at Pensacola in the class convening 13 May. They come from 13 aviation bases located throughout the United States.

Director Naval Reserve Policy Division, Captain Gyax, Director of the Naval Reserve Division, Bureau of Navigation, assumed the above duty as of 7 May, recently organized in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces All Commodity Price Index for 4 May was 78.9, down .1 from a week ago and the first recession in the last 4 weeks.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee, reported favorably to the Senate the House approved Vinson Bill calling for an 11% expansion in Naval Strength. The only major change in the bill was the adoption of the amendment to modernize the TEXAS, NEW YORK, and ARKANSAS to raise their guns to a 30° angle, increasing their range.

U.S.S. HUGHES, (DDM10), when ready for sea about 14 May will conduct post repair trials and then proceed to Newport for test torpedo firings to include four firing days. Further schedule will be issued on completion of above.

U.S.S. MAYNANT, (DDM02), will embark the Board of Inspection and survey on 14 May and conduct supplementary official trials, to be followed by post trial examination at Navy Yard, Boston.

U.S.S. ROWAN, (DDM05), will depart Norfolk on 17 May for the Canal Zone, via Guantanamo. ROWAN will depart Canal Zone on 25 May and report to the CINCUS for duty in Destroyers, Battle Force.

Admiral Ogan, Medical Corps, has returned from a four months trip inspecting medical activities in the areas of Charleston, Parris Island, Key West, Pensacola, Great Lakes, Norfolk, Philadelphia, and New York. Naval expansion with 16,000 employed in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, 12,000 in New York, 10,000 in Norfolk, etc., he reports as the greatest problem of medical personnel. At Kansas City he lectured on "The Hague Convention", having been this country's representative at Geneva in revising it three years ago.

U.S.S. BENSON, (DDM21), The office of the Superintendent Constructor, Quincy, Massachusetts, called by phone yesterday afternoon to report an oil explosion on the BENSON due to welding being done on the vent

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pipe of an oil tank which was filled with oil. The accident was due to carelessness in permitting welding under these conditions. There were no injuries to personnel and the estimated damage caused by the explosion was approximately \$1,000.

Admiral Towers and Captain Montgomery returned on schedule from their inspection trip to West Coast Air Bases (previously reported).

Small Boat Program, Commander Carney has returned from the Electric Boat Company plant, Bayonne, N.J., and reports that work is progressing very satisfactorily on 6 boats in various stages of construction, due primarily to excellent working of production line.

Add Navy Bill, Senate, The committee adopted an amendment which would permit the Navy to shift tonnage between aircraft carriers, cruisers, and submarines to an extent not exceeding 33,400 tons out of an authorized 166,000. This would allow for bigger cruisers or carriers as found necessary. \$6,000,000 for equipment and armor plate factory facilities was authorized by the committee, as well as \$5,000,000 for construction work in Hawaii. A limit of 18 was placed on the number of blimps that could be built. The committee also limited to \$35,000,000 for construction of ways and shipyards. This bill contains only authorizations.

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10 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 9 May 139,849
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,842
Other Reservists " " " " 1,361
Total 4,203
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 70
Aggregate Discharges " " " 105
Loss 35

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 10 May:

Line Officers 304
Staff Officers 100
Warrant Officers 30
Total 434

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 9 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	278	278	229
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	793	602
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	101	101
Miscellaneous	900	917	917
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1358	1358

2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards:

Contract for Industrial Buildings at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to Doyle & Russell, Richmond, Virginia, for \$302,320.00. Time: 300 calendar days, except the torpedo workshop and storage building within 150 calendar days.

Contract for Dredging at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Squantum, Mass., has been awarded to J.S. Packard Dredging Company, Boston, Mass., for \$0.55 per cubic yard. The estimated amount of money involved under this contract is \$52,000.00.

Contract for Power Plant Building at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, has been awarded to Blythe Brothers Co., Charlotte, N.C., for \$68,232. Time: 190 calendar days.

Selection Board, has been approved nominating two lieutenant commanders in the Ordnance Branch of the Volunteer Reserve to be promoted to commanders, and one lieutenant commander in the Legal Branch of the Volunteer Reserve to be promoted to commander.

Selection Board, will convene on 13 May to recommend one officer of the Construction Corps to be advanced to the

rank of Rear Admiral.

By Executive Order, The President has established a Los Angeles - Long Beach Harbor Naval Defensive Sea Area from which foreign vessels are excluded except by the Secretary's permission to enter. During fogs or other emergencies anchorage may be permitted to prevent serious damage to vessels.

Naval Attache, London, in a dispatch estimates 50 Curtiss fighter planes were captured at Oslo and some in action at Narvik. Other American types in transit to Sweden and Finland may also be in German hands. In a second dispatch the present best estimates of British naval losses in the Norwegian campaign beginning 8 April were: damaged - RODNEY (33,900 tons), RENOWN (32,000 tons), SUFFOLK (10,000 tons), PENELOPE (5,270 tons), GLASGOW, SOUTHAMPTON (9,100 tons), PELICAN (escort vessel, 1,200 tons), HOSTILE, HOTSPUR (1,340 tons, destroyers), ECLIPSE (1,375 tons, destroyer), ESKIMO, PUNJABI, COSSACK (1,370 tons, destroyers), also one aircraft carrier, either the FURIOUS or the ARK ROYAL. Following were sunk: GURCHA (1,370 tons), HUNTER (1,345 tons), HARDY (1,505 tons), APRIDI (1,370 tons), THISTLE, TAEFON (1,575 tons, submarines),

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STERLET (960 tons, submarine), 12 trawlers, 1 minesweeper, and the BITTERN (1,190 tons, escort vessel).

Commander in Chief, Asiatic, reports Commanders of all European forces in the vicinity of Shanghai have promised peaceful continuance of the status quo if Italy enters the war.

S.S. IDARWALD, German freighter in Tampico is reported raising steam in main boilers and testing engines.

H.M.S. CARADOC, (British Cruiser, 4,180 tons), cleared Cristobal on 9 May.

U.S.S. TUTUILA (River gunboat), Asiatic Fleet, ran aground near Chungking while shifting anchorage. Ship reports plates starboard side adjacent to keel, four square feet in area, dished in and others slightly bent with no ruptures or leaks. River is said to be falling slowly with no prospect of refloating until river rises.

S. W. Wakeman, Vice President in charge of shipbuilding, Bethlehem Steel Company, died today in New York City.

U.S.S. PATOKA, will remain an oiler, her complement being reduced accordingly, with essential aviation facilities now incorporated in her to be retained. This status to be effective 15 June.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
13 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 11 May 139,322

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,842

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,361

Total 4,203

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 152

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 105

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Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 13 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 11 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	278	278	229
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>602</u>

<u>Men</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	113	113
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>882</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1335</u>	<u>1335</u>

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Personnel Figures:

Total Officers, Regular Navy, 1 May (including Staff Officers) 10,439
Total Officers, Marine Corps, 1 May 1,409
Enlisted Personnel, Marine Corps, 1 May 25,067

Naval Planes, as of 1 April:

Service Planes	1,487
Obsolete and obsolescent	406
Experimental planes	33
Total	1,926

(The above figures include 131 planes, U.S.M.C.)

Naval Reserve Planes, as of 1 April:

Service Planes	190
Obsolete and obsolescent	37
Total	227

Total Planes available, 2153

Naval Reserve Personnel, as of 31 March:

Enlisted Men	40,240
Officers	14,226
Aviation Cadets	619

Marine Corps Reserve Personnel, as of 1 May:

Enlisted Men	14,660
Officers	1,147
Aviation Cadets	531

Wage Board of Review, first meeting has been postponed until 15 May because of the inability of Mr. Calvin, head of Metal Trades Division, A. F. of L., to attend.

SOSED, is making every effort to expand industrial forces

at Navy Yards including intensified training of personnel in order to meet the requirements of the Expansion Bill when appropriations become available.

Captain Ogawa, Japanese Naval Attache, called on the Assistant Secretary this morning.

C.N.O.'s Office, Studies are being made as to costs of certain urgent items, appropriations for which will be requested immediately.

Representative Vinson, proposes to start hearings as soon as possible on aircraft expansion.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award:

Contract for transfer and erection of overhead electric traveling bridge cranes from the Naval Ordnance Plant, South Charleston, West Virginia, to the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., has been awarded to the Morgan Engineering Company, Alliance, Ohio, for \$56,130. Time, 135 calendar days.

Destroyer Squadrons, 1 and 5 consisting of the following vessels from Hawaiian Detachment reported to Destroyers Battle Force for duty on 8 May: PHELPS, DEWEY, HULL, McDONOUGH, WORDEN, AYLWIN, DALE, FARRAGUT, MONOGHAN, PORTER, DRAYTON, FLUSSER, LAMSON, MAHAN, CUSHINE, PERKINS,

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PRESTON, and SMITH.

Destroyer Squadrons 3 and 4, consisting of the following vessels from Destroyers, Battle Force, reported to the Hawaiian Detachment on 8 May: CLARK, CASSIN, CONYNGHAM, DOWNES, REID, CASE, SHAW, CUMMINGS, TUCKER, SELFRIDGE, BAGLEY, BLUE, HELM, HENLEY, JARVIS, MUEFORD, PATTERSON, and RALPH TALBOT.

U.S.S. LEXINGTON, reported from Air Battle Force to Hawaiian Detachment for duty on 8 May.

Rear Admiral Joseph Reeves, retired, will return to duty in the Secretary's Office, orders being issued today.

U.S.S. WALKE (DD416) and WAINWRIGHT (DD419), shakedown cruise, will depart Norfolk on 6 July. On 18 July they will rendezvous with WASP (aircraft carrier) and MORRIS (DD417) in Panama Bay. In company they will all proceed to Callao, remaining there 5 days (26-31 July) and Valparaiso (5-10 August) returning to Canal Zone on 17 August.

WALKE and WAINWRIGHT will be at Charlotte Amelie on 22 August, San Juan, 27 August. On 3 Sept. WAINWRIGHT will return to Norfolk and on 4 Sept., WALKE will return to Boston Navy Yard. WASP and MORRIS will return to Norfolk on 25 August. Diplomatic arrangements have been initiated for visits to Callao and Valparaiso, Commanding Officers to be advised when completed.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

14 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 13 May 139,562

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,842

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,361

Total 4,203

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 180

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 35

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Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 14 May:

Line Officers	304
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>434</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 13 May:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	278	278	229
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>602</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	113	113
Miscellaneous	<u>900</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>882</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1335</u>	<u>1335</u>

2. Admiral Robinson, Admiral Van Keuren, and Captain Fisher spent the morning with the House Naval Affairs Committee. House Naval Affairs Committee, will commence hearings tomorrow (15 May) in connection with the proposal of Chairman Vinson to introduce legislation authorizing a tremendous expansion in Naval Aviation.

Fleet Transportation, In order to facilitate transportation of personnel destined for U.S. Fleet in Hawaiian Area, the Chief of Naval Operations, Bureau of Navigation, and Commandant Eleventh Naval District will be kept informed of the prospective dates and departure of units proceeding from San Diego and San Pedro for that area.

U.S.S. HELENA (light cruiser), The following employment schedule is prescribed for HELENA from date of completion of Navy Yard availability on 7 June until reporting for duty in U.S. Fleet: 8-17 June, operating at discretion in the vicinity of New York. Conduct post repair trials, arriving Rockland, Maine, not later than 17 June for official trials. C.N.O. to be kept advised of proposed schedule during this period; 18-22 June, embark Board of Inspection and Survey at Rockland and conduct offi-

cial trials as directed by the President of the Board of Inspection and Survey. From about 22-24 June, on completion of official trials and when directed by President Board of Inspection and Survey, proceed to Navy Yard, New York, for post trial examinations. From 24 June-9 July, at Navy Yard, New York, for post trial examinations and completion of all preparations for joining U.S. Fleet.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Contract for Barracks, Mess Hall, Bakery, and Brig at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to the Artley Company, Savannah, Georgia, for \$718,645. Time: 300 calendar days.

Selection Board, to recommend officers of the ranks of commander and lieutenant (j.g.) in the Chaplain's Corps has been approved.

Dental Corps, Examinations will be held on 3 July for the appointment of dental officers in the Navy. Candidates must be graduates of recognized dental schools and between the ages of 21 and 32 years upon date of appointment. The examinations will be competitive.

Mrs. Lewis Compton, wife of the Assistant Secretary, has been designated as sponsor of the U.S.S. ALBEMARLE, sea

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plane tender (large), which is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, on 3 August. The Albemarle was authorized by Act of Congress dated 17 May 1938.

Dutch High Command, ordered Dutch soldiers to cease defense of Rotterdam and Utrecht, the Holland radio reported. The radio statement, broadcast from Amsterdam, said that the order was given by General Winkelman, Commander in Chief of the Dutch forces. It appeared to mean the end of resistance in the main areas of Holland. The order added that the fight to save Rotterdam and Utrecht must be abandoned to prevent destruction of the two cities and to avoid "unnecessary bloodshed".

Add Hearings, Admiral Robinson proposed to the House Naval Affairs Committee that U.S. Shipyards be placed on a 24-hour construction basis and a \$300,000,000 additional appropriation be authorized. Admiral Robinson said the reason for slow construction was the "long holiday" in shipbuilding in the 20's. Other factors were the vast changes in warship design in recent years, delay in completing designs at the Navy Department, shortened hours of work in shipyards and the increased complexity of modern vessels.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

15 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 14 May 139,640

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,837

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,381

Total 4,218

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 230

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 67

Gain 163

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 May:

Line Officers 305

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 14 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	100	65	65
Miscellaneous	278	278	229
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	793	602

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	113	113
Miscellaneous	900	882	882
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1335	1335

2.

U.S.S. STERETT (DD407), MUSTIN (DD413), and HANMANN (DD412) reported to CINCUS for duty on 14 May.

Bids - Submarine Machinery, will be opened today on machinery for 6 submarines of the 1941 program and replacement of machinery in submarines NAUTILUS, NARWHAL, and ARGONAUT.

American Consular Agent at Aruba, DMI reports the crew of the German Steamship ANTILLA was removed from the ship on 10 May and shortly thereafter it caught fire, burned, and sank. 34 crew members and 49 additional Germans were interned. Also reported, a French cruiser landed approximately 100 French marines at Oranjestad. This action is believed a result of request for protection from Arend Petroleum.

Naval Attache, Paris, reports Allies falling back to line of Anvers, Louvain, Namur, Dinant, Sedan, Longuy. German aircraft exerting tremendous effort, bombing Namur, Givet, Philippeville. The French Navy reports the Japanese Fleet is concentrating preparations for a descent on the Dutch East Indies.

U.S.S. SAILFISH, (submarine, ex-SQUALUS), was commissioned today at Navy Yard, Portsmouth.

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Inspector Naval Materiel, Pittsburgh District, reports that an attempt to hold a pro-German meeting on 11 May at Loyal Order of Moose Hall, Pittsburgh, was stopped when Moose authorities ascertained for what purpose their quarters were being rented. 200 persons were refused entrance. German Consul, New York was to address the meeting. The stage was set with a form of altar inscribed with mottoes in German "Einer fru Alle, Alle fru Einer", also inscriptions attributed to Adolph Hitler. Pittsburgh Post Gasette of 13 May ran article with pictures of the decorations. Moose Leader received threats after refusing permission to rent hall.

U.S.S. BUCK (DD420), contingent upon satisfactory report of commissioning Board Commandant Third Naval District has been authorized to place BUCK in full commission at Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 15 May.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following contract awards:

Industrial buildings at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to Doyle and Russell of Richmond, Virginia, for \$302,320. Time of completion, 300 days.