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British capital ships including the battle cruiser HOOD, 42,000 tons, and 8 destroyers were said to have participated in the Mediterranean battle.

Bank of France, has received 500,000,000 francs from its refugee headquarters at Clermont to meet German demands that all French and U.S. banks reopen for business at once. 1,000,000,000 francs will arrive next week to help reestablish the banks and to pay public employees.

U.S. Exports, in May, increased to all parts of the world except Europe. May exports totalled \$325,306,000, compared with \$249,466,000 in the same month last year.

German High Command, claimed sinking of a British submarine off Norway. British steamer HARTLEPOOL, 5,500 tons, was sunk southwest of Portland, and a 12,000 ton tanker and an 8,000 ton merchant ship were also sunk in a British convoy.

British Air Ministry, said that Royal Air Force planes had attacked 5 German U-boats in 5 days of June and had been "successful" in all cases.

Squadron 40-T, headed by the cruiser TRENTON, was reported to have sailed from Lisbon, Portugal today.

U.S.S. DICKERSON, was reported to have arrived at Lisbon, from Bilbao.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

8 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 5 July 145,624

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,721

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,745

Total 5,466

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 263

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 180

Gain 83

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers	412
Staff Officers	134
Warrant Officers	<u>34</u>
<u>Total</u>	580

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 6 July:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	128
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	83	83
Miscellaneous	835	654	511
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	163
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>112</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	1370	1187	997

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	69
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	<u>2290</u>	<u>1109</u>	<u>974</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	2750	1563	1153

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U.S.S. BARRY, It is thought that message Sunday on BARRY came from an as yet unknown commercial source. Naval communications immediately got in touch with the BARRY through Commander Squadron 40-T and found that she was safely anchored inside the breakwater at Bilbao and that the report of attack had no basis in fact. F.B.I. is endeavoring to trace source of the incorrect report. Pan American Air Lines first picked up the report through one of their air stations, but did not know the source.

U.S.S. OMAHA and GOFF, are at Lisbon, Portugal.

U.S.S. WALKER and WAINWRIGHT, en route to Rio Janeiro, will arrive there 19 July and leave 20 July to carry out regular schedule from Rio Grande de Sul.

CinCUS, Admiral Richardson, arrived in Washington yesterday to confer with Navy Department officials regarding fleet training and will return to the fleet as soon as conferences are completed.

Marine Corps, total enlisted strength as of 8 July is 27,056. Average increase daily is 65. This is expected to improve when new recruiting stations now being organized are opened.

PC449, submarine chaser built at Luders, will have pre-

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liminary acceptance trials on 9 July off Provincetown, Mass. The Board of Inspection and Survey will conduct the trials.

Price Index for all Commodities for the week ending 29 June 1940, was 77.1, unchanged from the week before.

Destroyers, STACK, HUGHES, RHIND, and TRIPPE, will proceed in company to San Juan on 15 July and report to Commander Caribbean Patrol for duty as relief to Destroyer Division 64. These vessels will remain in the San Juan - St. Thomas area, ready for emergency duty in distant service. Desdiv 64, when relieved, will proceed to Navy Yards assigned for overhaul.

Naval Reserve, Action is being taken to inform, by restricted letter, all commanding officers of ships and stations of the possible enactment of a bill which would authorize the appointment to commissioned and warrant grades in the Naval Reserve of commissioned, warrant officers and enlisted men of the regular Navy and the retired list and men of the fleet reserve. The Bureau of Navigation will receive the nominations of Commanding Officers of those persons in the above categories whom they consider qualified for such commissioned or warrant

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status. The determination of the conditions of such appointments upon passage of the bill will be under regulations established by the Secretary of the Navy. Special legislation recommended by the Navy Department is necessary to make such appointments in the Naval Reserve possible because of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938, which prohibits any member of the Naval Reserve belonging to any other military or naval organization except the Naval Militia.

U.S.S. MACKEREL (SS204), is scheduled to be launched at the plant of the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Conn., on 28 September.

French Seaplane Carrier, COMMANDANT TESTE, reported destroyed in the Battle of Oran, has reached a French port safely and undamaged, according to the Official German News Agency. The COMMANDANT TESTE is of 10,000 tons displacement, and carries 26 aircraft with four catapults. Radio Madrid asserted that 25 French ships in addition to the battle cruiser STRASSBOURG, reached Mediterranean ports safely, chiefly under the protection of the STRASSBOURG's guns, during the height of the battle were they able to effect escape from the British. There is no report of French ships at Casablanca.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

9 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 8 July 145,705

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,721

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,745

Total 5,466

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 189

Aggregate Discharges " " " 89

Gain 100

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers 412

Staff Officers 134

Warrant Officers 34

Total 580

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 8 July:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	128
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
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Admiral Spears, gave the opening address to the new Supply Officers School at Georgetown University this morning. Students attending come from all parts of the country. Defense Committee, consisting of Mr. Philip Young, Admiral Spear, and Colonel Byrne, U.S.A., is handling all requests from foreign governments for war supplies. Requests from Venezuela, Turkey, Netherlands East Indies, etc., clear through this committee. Mr. Young succeeded Mr. Nelson as Chairman.

4th Marines, China, The local Japanese Commander of the Gendarmerie apologized for incident concerning arrest of 16 persons at Shanghai for violating American quarter, giving assurances that there would be no recurrence of trouble. The prisoners have been released. At a press conference on the evening of 8 July, a Japanese spokesman launched violent accusations against the Marines. The accusation of maltreatment of prisoners on the part of Marines is untrue. All were examined by a naval medical officer attached to the Marines on confinement. Three had superficial cuts obtained on resisting arrest. Arrests were made in the presence of municipal police who indicated to the Marine Patrol that those arrested were suspicious

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characters. Shanghai municipal police had requested active support of Marines to prevent disturbances. On 7 July two Japanese tanks entered the American section without authority. An explanation is being demanded. On the same day the Commanding General of the Japanese forces in China made an official tour with a party of 15 cars through the American sector without permission and without notifying our authorities. Japanese attention is being called to this discourtesy. On 3 July, 125 Japanese Army trucks passed through the American sector in gross violation of agreement. An explanation is being requested.

CincUS, will leave on the evening of 11 July for the West Coast to rejoin the U.S. Fleet.

Naval Communication Service, announces that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will open direct communication with Berlin tomorrow at 9 A.M., lasting 10 hours a day. At 10 A.M. direct communication with Berne, Switzerland, will be established, lasting 6 hours a day. (No public announcement.)

Naval Reserve, Colonel Lowery, County Commissioner from Miami, Florida, is here in the interest of building a naval armory for the City of Miami, Miami to donate the

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land, the county putting up \$20,000 for a \$90,000 building to be erected under auspices of W.P.A. 1st Class construction will be used. Santa Barbara, California, also wants to build an armory to be leased to the Navy, total cost, \$56,000, under a W.P.A. project, of third class construction. Northwestern University has offered a new dormitory, Brewster Hall, accommodating 1200, to the Navy, located on their Chicago Campus. They have stopped taking registrations for this building pending Navy Department decision to take it or not. This offer is public spirited to the highest degree.

Chairman Walsh, Senate Naval Affairs Committee, introduced a bill which would authorize payment of overtime wages to field service employees of the Navy and Coast Guard who work more than 40 hours a week.

Admiral Stark, will speak over the Columbia Broadcasting system, Station WJSV, at 10:30 tonight, Eastern Standard time.

German High Command, today claimed torpedoing of the British destroyer WHIRLWIND and said that several merchant ships, including an 11,000 ton naval tanker, had been destroyed.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
10 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 9 July 145,853

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,721

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,745

Total 5,466

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 168

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 50

Gain 118

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers	412
Staff Officers	134
Warrant Officers	<u>34</u>
<u>Total</u>	580

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 9 July:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	128
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	83	83
Miscellaneous	835	654	511
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	163
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>112</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	1370	1187	997

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Naval Reserve Midshipmen, Organization is being perfected as fast as possible to enroll future officers for the initial cruise on the WYOMING beginning 16 July. As of July 1, 97 candidates had been taken in. This figure reached 447 as of 6 July. Reports to date since 6 July, incomplete, list 474. It is thought the original figure of 600 will be reached before the WYOMING sails, of whom 300 will be chosen by the Captain of the WYOMING to attend the first 3 months course on the ILLINOIS. Beyond this figure, those qualified may attend the second school or those following convenient to them. Captain London will be in charge of the first school. He has had two tours of duty with the Naval Reserve unit at Georgia School of Technology. First school begins 10 August, materials, books, and supplies to be ready at that time. The second school will probably be opened at Northwestern University, the third at the Naval Academy about 15 February after next class of midshipmen graduate. The second cruise will be taken on 3 battleships, from 19 August to 14 September. It is hoped 1,200 will be ready for this second cruise, half to continue with course starting immediately thereafter. Navy will obtain facilities for

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housing at Northwestern on a rental basis of university buildings. Continuous cruises with 3 battleships will follow second cruise, with instruction on USS ILLINOIS every 3 months, and at Northwestern every three months. It is expected Northwestern will be worked up to 1,200 capacity. If further expansion is necessary, it is hoped an additional school will be opened at Los Angeles Naval Reserve Armory.

S.S. GRANT and S.S. JACKSON, are to be converted into transports on being obtained from the Maritime Commission.

S.S. MORMAC PENN, will probably be purchased from the Maritime Commission for conversion into a seaplane tender. The Navy is also looking at the S.S. SANTA BARBARA and S.S. SANTA MARIA as possible transports.

U.S.S. WASP and MORRIS, will train Marine pilots from Quantico from 15 July to 20 August.

U.S.S. TRENTON, DICKERSON, HERBERT, Squadron 40-T, being relieved from European duty will return home in company.

U.S.S. THATCHER, MACKENZIE, HARADEN, and WILLIAMS are at the Navy Yard, New York, for a few days with Boston Reservists on 2 weeks cruise before coming to Washington for liberty July 11-15.

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Naval Communication Service, Admiral Noyes reports that they expect to hoist a big new antennae on all line towers at Radio Annapolis, beginning tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Senate confirmed, Colonel Knox as Secretary of the Navy this afternoon.

Representative Martin Dies, is credited with a statement that sabotage had been discovered on a battleship being built in an undisclosed Pennsylvania Yard. This could only mean Philadelphia, as it is the only Yard in Pennsylvania where a battleship is under construction. Officials at the Philadelphia Navy Yard said they had no knowledge of a frustrated plot to sabotage a battleship. The plot could have been discovered while being planned, before Yard officials had cognizance of it.

Governor William H. Vanderbilt, of Rhode Island, a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, reported to the Navy Department today for two weeks active duty in O.N.I.

Navy fliers, searched today for the wreckage of an Army attack plane which crashed in Nombre de Dios Harbor, 60 miles from Colon.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
11 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 10 July 146,139
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,811
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,776
Total 5,587

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 315

Aggregate Discharges " " " 150

Gain 165

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers	412
Staff Officers	134
Warrant Officers	34
<u>Total</u>	580

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

	<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	128
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	83	83
Miscellaneous	835	654	511
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	163
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<u>Total Officers</u>	1370	1187	997

<u>Men</u>			
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Recruiting Activities for week ending 5 July:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1578	
Number of first enlistments	988
Number of reenlistments within three months (continuous service) .	41
Number of reenlistments under broken service	19
<u>Total Enlistments</u>	1048

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, placed orders with three companies totalling \$123,789 for degaussing wire.

Official Trials of P.C. 449 (submarine chaser), built by Luders at Stamford, Conn., were held yesterday off Provincetown, Mass. A speed of 17.1 knots was attained. Trial Board was well satisfied with results.

Naval Medical Center, steel work for tower is completed and concrete poured in basements of both wings. First floor is ready for pouring as soon as sand and gravel strike is settled. All contracts to date are ahead of schedule.

All Commodities, price index for week ending 6 July was 77.5, up .4 from a week ago.

Bureau Construction and Repair, has recommended construction of 2 seaplane wrecking derricks (for salvaging airplanes) to Charleston Navy Yard at \$320,000 (for 2); 4

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for Puget Sound Navy Yard at \$640,000; 3 for Boston at \$480,000 and 3 for Pearl Harbor at \$480,000. Recommendation is expected to go through today for 32 net tenders at a cost of approximately \$16,000,000.

The Secretary of the Navy, met members of his Council and the General Board at noon today in the Navy Department.

S.S. CUBA, apparently carrying French refugees was ordered to sail by the Dominican Government and is bound for Mexico or Martinique.

New York Drydock, The Senate unanimously passed a bill authorizing the Federal Government to bear half of the \$14,000,000 cost of building a new drydock in New York to accommodate 45,000 ton battleships.

H.R. 10100, The House accepted Senate amendments and sent to the White House the \$4,000,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill. Amendments were accepted without debate or roll call vote upon a motion by Chairman Vinson. This bill will increase the Navy from 369 to 733 ships.

Cape May Station, will be taken over by the Navy from the Coast Guard about 1 August.

Naval Planes, will be boosted to 10,000 in number under new legislation. The Navy has, as of 1 July, 1546 ser-

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vice planes, 92 obsolete, 286 obsolescent, and 32 experi-
mental, totalling 1956. Naval Reserve has 184 service
planes and 32 obsolete.

Malta, according to best advices is no longer tenable as a
fleet base for the British, but can be expected to hold
out for two months. It is thought the British would like
to bring the Italian fleet to action in the Mediterranean
in order to get control and thus be able to release some
of their forces to the Home Fleet.

50,000 blankets, of white wool have been purchased at a
unit cost of \$5. 635, total contract, \$281,750, from
the Leaksville Woolen Mills, Inc.

U.S.S. WALKER (DD416) and WAINWRIGHT (DD419) have put in-
to Paramaribo, Dutch West Indies, because of an acute
appendix case. It is thought this is the first time Amer-
ican men of war have touched on belligerent territory.

Itinerary V-7 Naval Reserve Cruise, for the first 600
reserve midshipmen in the WYOMING will leave New York
on 16 July arriving Southern Drill Grounds 17 July,
departing 24 July for Guantanamo, arriving there 28 July
and leaving on 5 August for New York, disembarking mid-
shipmen on 10 August.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
12 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 11 July 146,295

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,811

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,776

Total 5,587

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 314

Aggregate Discharges " " " 149

Gain 165

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers	412
Staff Officers	134
Warrant Officers	<u>34</u>
<u>Total</u>	580

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

<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	128
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	83	83
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The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, will leave tonight for Philadelphia. Mrs. Compton will christen the U.S.S. ALBEMARLE (seaplane tender) at the New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N.J., tomorrow.

Coordination program, priority of contracts as far as the Navy is concerned have been approved and will now be worked out with Army contracts for priority.

Marine Corps, a provisional company of Marines, consisting of 3 officers and 102 men, is being transported in U.S.S. WILLIAM WARD BURROWS to the 10th Naval District, San Juan, departing Norfolk on 19 July. This contingent is for the purpose of increasing the available Marine detail at that station, but is also to be kept in a state of readiness and availability to be assigned to cruisers, destroyers, or other vessels for special duty at such outlying points as may be designated, on short notice if necessary.

S.S. MANHATTAN, sailed from Lisbon for New York with 1000 Americans. S.S. EXETER will sail tomorrow with 500 additional refugees.

Admiral Nimitz, told the Senate Naval Affairs Committee it requires at least 12 months to train a man for the Navy. At present the Navy can handle about 4,500 a month,

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but facilities are being expanded to increase this number to 6,500. Present authorized naval construction, Admiral Nimitz said, would demand a force of 400,000 men including aviators by 1946. 190,000 men will be needed to man the forces to be in commission during the present fiscal year. 170,000 are expected to be in the Navy by January 1941. In 1942, 215,000 men will be needed, which will have to be increased to 260,000 when the 11% expansion becomes effective.

War Sinkings, The German claim of 4,329,213 tons of enemy shipping sunk since the start of the war compares to British admission of 1,120,000 tons and 2,000,000 tons, approximately, if neutrals are counted.

Cramp's Shipyard, in Philadelphia, once the largest in the country, will be reopened shortly in connection with the 4 billion dollar program.

U.S.S. CLEMSON, converted into a seaplane tender, was re-commissioned today at the Navy Yard, New York.

Contract awards, totalling \$136,743,900, for strengthening air defenses were awarded today on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. Contracts were let on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. Naval Air Stations at Pensacola, Miami,

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Jacksonville, Norfolk, Coco Solo, C.Z., Alameda, Guantanamo, Quonset Point, San Diego, Puget Sound, Pearl Harbor, and islands in the Pacific, all figured in the awards; there were 23 separate contracts let.

Bureau of Ships, having announced that all awards have been made for the construction of combatant vessels in the 2-year building program gave out today the number of months to build, completion dates, and design agencies. Private Yard assignments consist of 3 aircraft carriers, 4 heavy cruisers, 11 light cruisers, 16 destroyers (2100 tons), 8 destroyers (1700 tons), and 16 submarines. Navy Yard assignments consist of 2 battleships, 1 aircraft carrier, 10 destroyers (2100 tons), 4 destroyers (1700 tons), and 12 submarines. Auxiliary vessels placed to date are 1 submarine tender, 2 seaplane tenders (small) 1 minesweeper, and 1 seaplane tender (large) — all to be built at Navy Yards.

Britain denies, the claim of the German High Command that 4,329,213 tons of British shipping had been sunk since the war began. British sources said German merchant losses totalled 877,000 tons and Italian 244,000 since the war began. The aggregate of Italian-German losses, according to the British, is greater than the total British losses.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 15 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 July 146,642
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,811
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,776
Total 5,587

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 240

Aggregate Discharges " " " 55

Gain 185

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers 465
 Staff Officers 135
 Warrant Officers 36
Total 636

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

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
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2. Class V-7, Naval Reserve, 902 young men have already enlisted and 595 are already ordered to make the first cruise in the WYOMING, beginning 16 July. Checking of figures with the Third Naval District is underway to make sure that 600 will go on board 15 July. Advance figures of applicants show that the pace is falling off slightly from this rigorous beginning to obtain 5,000 recruits, though late applications have not yet been received from Naval Districts 3-8 inclusive. Those wishing to make the second or subsequent cruises in three battleships have been requested to make their wishes known to Naval District headquarters, naval reserve units, or recruiting stations.

Grand Duchess Charlotte, of Luxembourg will not come to America in the TRENTON, but most of the members of the royal family with their entourage will be on board when she arrives home.

U.S.S. TRENTON, DICKERSON, and HERBERT (ex-Squadron 40-T) are expected to reach United States shores about 27 July, though exact date is still indefinite.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, contract awards for the fiscal year 1940 are as follows:

Competitive bidding construction contracts, 640 at \$73,322,259
Negotiated construction contracts, 25 at \$211,729,363
Service contracts, 40 at \$1,879,261
GRAND TOTAL - 705 at \$286,930,883.

3. The previous high mark for contract awards in the Bureau's history was 634 contracts, with a total value of \$89,092,725, during the fiscal year 1918. Since the World War the high mark was during the fiscal year 1934, with 344 contracts of a total value of \$16,694,515, until the fiscal year 1939, which marks the beginning of the naval shore expansion program, and during which year 415 contracts were awarded totalling \$44,509,273. The great increase in the number of contract awards, which is an indicator of the total work load carried by the Bureau, was possible only because of the enthusiasm and efficiency with which the Bureau's force entered into the work. The results accomplished justify the statement that all concerned contributed far in excess of the reasonable and normal efforts which could be expected of them. The following contract awards have been made:

General Utility Shop at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., awarded to Harwood-Nebel Construction Co., of Washington, D.C., for \$119,510. Time of completion, 120 days.

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Engineer Services for Construction of Shipbuilding Docks at the Navy Yards, Norfolk, Va., and Phila., Pa., awarded to Frederick R. Harris, Inc., of New York City, for \$350,000.

Air Compressor, Puget Sound, Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, awarded to Norberg Mfg. Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for \$55,521. Time of completion, 160 days.

U.S.S. WASP (aircraft carrier), arrives Navy Yard, Norfolk, today.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, will probably make awards for net tenders sometime today.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, announces that S.S. IROQUOIS, Clyde Liner, has been purchased for conversion into a hospital ship. IROQUOIS is of 6,209 gross tons, 409 feet long, and has a maximum speed of 20 knots, cruising speed of 16 knots. Procurement is already underway for purchase of medical supplies and equipment.

British Admiralty, announced that the submarine SHARK, 670 tons, with 40 officers and men was considerably overdue and presumed lost. This is in addition to the loss of the destroyer ESCORT, 1,375 tons. Best information from London still denies that the HOOD and ARK ROYAL have suffered from bomb hits at Gibraltar, that bombs fell close to both but did no damage. There was better feeling in London today about the ability to stop a possible invasion.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

16 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 15 July 147,075

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,901

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,909

Total 5,810

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 Hours) 290

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 79

Gain 211

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

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

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	500	500	192
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	120
Aviation Instructors	248	248	145
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	87
CEC-V(S) Officers	75	75	84
Supply Corps Officers	75	75	83
Medical & Dental Officers	115	115	116
Communication Officers	75	75	56
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	6
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	<u>260</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>209</u>
<u>Total Estimated</u>			
<u>Number Allowed</u>	1805	1790	1198

2. Marine Corps, total enlisted strength as of 15 July:

27,596

Reserve Midshipmen (Class V-7), 600 sailed today for one month's cruise aboard the WYOMING. This program was first presented to the Naval Reserve (Bureau of Navigation) on 23 June; plan was submitted and approved by the President on 25 June and enlistments started on 28 June. In 18 days an organization has been perfected that has enlisted over 950 young men and sent the first 600 to sea. It is hoped to have 1500 ready for second cruise in WYOMING, NEW YORK, and ARKANSAS, on 20 August. As 300 are to be chosen for first three months school on U.S.S. ILLINOIS, it will be interesting to see how many found qualified will be willing to attend, in that this school may interfere with college educations.

Bureau of Ordnance, has authorized for the British Purchasing Commission, the use of the designs of "Y" Guns, arbors, and 3" cartridge cases for throwing depth charges. They are having fifty "Y" Guns, and 1000 arbors made.

Magnetic Mine Laying and Sweeping. The development of, and the laying of, magnetic mines is under the cognizance of the Bureau of Ordnance. The Bureau of Ships is, how-

ever, taking steps leading to the development of devices for sweeping (destruction) of these mines. The naval attache in London has forwarded several reports and a number of plans, sketches, and specifications outlining the methods used by the British Admiralty. These have been studied and the more effective ones will be employed at as early a date as practicable. The U.S.S. HANNIBAL (miscellaneous auxiliary) has been designated as a base ship for tests on magnetic mines, and steps are being taken to obtain personnel and material as rapidly as possible. Two submarine chasers, SC431 and SC437 are likewise to be provided for tests. The Bureau of Ships is in touch with the Bureau of Ordnance, Norfolk Navy Yard, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, the Auxiliary Machine Section, and the Electrical Section in connection with this work.

Net Tenders, contracts for 16 vessels were awarded yesterday and negotiated contracts for an additional 16 are under consideration today.

S.S. IROQUOIS (hospital ship), will be taken over at New York on 17 July. Officers and enlisted complement will be detailed as soon as possible. New name for IROQUOIS has not been decided.

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John Steele, Chicago Daily News foreign correspondent addressed the General Board today on the Far Eastern situation. Mr. Steele is returning to the Far East shortly.

War Sinkings, Increased German air and submarine activity resulted in the sinking of 22 ships totalling 114,137 tons during the week ended 7 July, the British Admiralty announced. Of the lost ships, 13 were British, totalling 75,833 tons; 6 were neutrals, totalling 28,669 tons, and 3 were described as belonging to Britain's allies, totalling 9,635 tons.

S.S. McKEESPORT, Red Cross mercy ship arrived in Marseilles last night, it was announced today.

Cramp's Shipyard, new corporation is to be chartered today for reopening. Under present plans, W. Averill Harriman, holder of most of the bonds of the present owners, would purchase the shipyard at a tax sale on 16 September.

British Air Ministry, said that American pilots, technicians, and radio operators would be welcomed in the Royal Air Force and granted commissions not involving loss of citizenship. Invitation was said to be because production was outstripping number of trained pilots.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

17 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 16 July 147,199

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,901

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,909

Total 5,810

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 159

Aggregate Discharges " " " 35

Gain 124

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers 465

Staff Officers 135

Warrant Officers 36

Total 636

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 17 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	500	500	192
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	120
Aviation Instructors	248	248	145
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	87
CEC-V(S) Officers	75	75	84
Supply Corps Officers	75	75	83
Medical & Dental Officers	115	115	116
Communication Officers	75	75	56
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	6
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	<u>260</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>209</u>

Total Estimated Number

Allowed

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Reserve Midshipmen, Class V-7, 611 were actually embarked on the WYOMING before sailing. All continental naval districts were represented with candidates from 31 states and the District of Columbia.

Naval Architectural Graduates, a circular letter has gone out to 50 who had indoctrination in college through lectures by naval officers, with the idea of enrolling them in the construction corps reserve. This is the only field of procurement of naval architects as ensigns for duties in Navy Yards, as all naval architects are employed in the building program. A great shortage is expected in this branch of the service, as few are available and many more will be needed with the big increases in construction. Naval Reserve, Construction corps designation, will be retained, though the regular construction corps has been transferred to the Line of the Navy.

Naval Communications Service, reports the American Communication Association, radio operators union, has signed an agreement with the ship operating companies involving a 10 percent wage increase for radio operators.

S.S. WESEB, German ship, was reported by the American Minister at San Jose, Costa Rica, to be sailing for Man-

zanillo, Mexico. U.S.S. STURTEVANT has been ordered to contact and trail her until she passes Gulf of Fonseca. TRENTON, DICKERSON, and HERBERT, have departed from Ponta Delgada and will arrive Norfolk on 25 July.

U.S.S. RHIND (DD404) and STACK (DD406), have been ordered to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

U.S.S. TRIPPE (DD403), has arrived at the Washington Navy Yard for torpedo tubes.

U.S.S. PLUNKETT (DD431), was commissioned today at Navy Yard, New York.

U.P. Dispatch, from London says reliable authorities state that Stalin has advised Great Britain that Russia is determined to remain neutral in the European War and that Moscow sees no reason to fear German domination of Europe. Stalin was said to have expressed this opinion to Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia. Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Richardson, is flying back to Honolulu today on the California Clipper to join the U.S. Fleet.

Sitka, Alaska, Progress on the construction of the new base has met with the approval of the members of the Naval Affairs Committee, Representatives Bates, Jacobsen,

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and Vincent who are there on an inspection trip.

Dupont's, will build a new powder plant in the Indiana shore of the Ohio River, opposite Louisville, to cost \$25,000,000 and produce 200,000 pounds of smokeless powder daily.

German Bombing Fleets, resumed their daylight raids on Great Britain today in apparent retaliation for British successes over German bases.

Army and Navy Joint Aeronautical Board, has to date worked in perfect harmony as regards needs and production schedules for both services, and in cases where same types of planes, especially for training purposes, are needed, both services often place orders in production for planes for each other, when through mass orders costs can be reduced. This excellent situation existing between the two air forces begins at the top with General Arnold and Admiral Towers and extends throughout their two departments with little friction ever occurring.

U.S.S. THRESHER (submarine) will hold trials off Provincetown, Mass., beginning on 23 July, and lasting three days; Submarine will operate submerged and run speed trials submerged in the Provincetown area. Shipping in that vicinity will be warned.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

18 July 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 17 July 147,460

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,901

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,909

Total 5,810

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 283

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 22

Gain 261

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 17 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	194
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	121
Aviation Instructors	248	248	146
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	92
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	88
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	87
Medical & Dental Officers	140	140	118
Communication Officers	75	75	77
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	6
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	<u>290</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>252</u>

Total Estimated Number

Allowed 1805 1790 1198

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Bureau Supplies and Accounts, awarded a contract to the Sinclair Refining Company for 260,000 barrels of Navy Fuel Oil at \$1.10 per barrel, total cost \$288,600.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 48 successful candidates were issued appointments as Assistant Surgeons with the rank of lieutenant (j.g.) to rank from 15 July.

Public Relations, Commander H. R. Thurber has assumed duty as Officer in Charge.

All Commodity Price Index, for week ending 13 July was 77.9, up .4 from a week ago and up .8 from two weeks ago.

Merchant Marine, Reserve Training Center will be established at Goat Island, San Francisco, similar to the one already operating in New York, with a capacity of 40 merchant marine officers. School is expected to be in operation early in August.

Bureau of Navigation, reports that enlistments are being taken substantially above quotas in order to build up a reserve. When new training stations are ready they will be promptly filled from excess quotas.

Naval Reserve, is investigating the possibility of training an indeterminate number of radiomen and signalmen.

Commandants of all naval districts have been asked for

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recommendations to establish training schools in their districts. No quotas have been established as yet. 21 local defense organizations supplant the original 12 naval reserve divisions, the additional 9 being placed in key ports along both coasts and the Gulf and will train men in their own armories during the next fiscal year. Inspection of all organized Reserve Divisions for the fiscal year 1940 has been completed and report is now being prepared together with division standings in gunnery and annual naval reserve competition. 6 Eagle boats still remaining are assigned for conversion to training vessels for local defense divisions and will be distributed to strategic ports for use in instruction on completion of annual training cruises.

S.S. PRESIDENTS, GRANT and JACKSON, will be placed in commission in ordinary at the 13th Naval District when sufficient personnel are available. They are to be renamed U.S.S. HARRIS and U.S.S. ZEILIN, respectively, after the 5th and 6th Commandants of the Marine Corps.

U.S.S. ST. LOUIS, will proceed to Charleston, S.C., for American Legion Convention, remaining there from 21-23 July.

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New R.O.T.C., at University of Michigan will open with 80 students during the next scholastic year. 3 officers have been ordered to Michigan for this duty.

Naval Air Station, Miami, will be placed in commission about 1 October for advanced flight training only.

U.S.S. TRENTON, will arrive Annapolis on 25 July, the royal family of Luxembourg lunching that day at the White House.

U.S.S. TAMBOR (SS198), commissioned on 3 June, at the plant of the Electric Boat Company, will make a shakedown cruise as far south as Panama during August and September.

Canadian Air Force, An official said today that at least 15,000 American citizens had applied for membership, almost all of whom had some flying experience. No record has been kept of the number of acceptances.

German Air Force, despite adverse weather conditions, claimed to have set afire 4 English merchantmen totalling 24,000 tons in the English Channel.

Ex-Construction Corps, A Board with Rear Admiral Green-slade acting as President, is meeting to determine the lineal position and precedence of officers formerly in the Construction Corps and now transferred to the Line of the Navy.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

19 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 July 147,623
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,901
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,909
Total 5,810
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 294
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 131
Gain 163

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

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

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	194
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	121
Aviation Instructors	248	248	146
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	92
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	88
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	87
Medical & Dental Officers	140	140	118
Communication Officers	75	75	77
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	6
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	<u>290</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>252</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1790	1198

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Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following contract award: For Emergency Barracks and Subsistence Facilities at the Naval Operating Base (Training Station) San Diego, Calif., to L. C. Curry, San Diego, for \$309,865.

S.S. SANTA BARBARA and SANTA MARIA, Grace Liners, negotiations are continuing today with the probability the Navy will buy the SANTA BARBARA and not the SANTA MARIA, to be converted for regular marine transport service.

Merchant Marine Reserve Officers, In connection with additional ships being taken over by the Navy from private lines, all Merchant Marine reserve officers who have been attached to these ships as licensed officers of the Merchant Marine will be given opportunity to volunteer for active duty on these ships in their Naval Reserve status. The ex-masters and chief engineers of such vessels, if they volunteer for active duty, will be assigned respectively as navigating officers and engineer officers, the Commanding officer and Executive officer coming from the Regular Navy.

V-7, Reserve Midshipmen, latest figures show 997 enrolled throughout the country. Northwestern University has been chosen as additional school for enrollees for at least 3

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classes of 3 months duration, 400 to be chosen for each class. New Dormitory offered by Northwestern (previously reported) will be rented and in case school is discontinued at Northwestern, will be used for other naval activities.

Local Defense, 21 Naval Reserve divisions of a total of 149 have been assigned to defense work in their own districts, which includes minelaying, minesweeping, nets, and inshore patrol. 2 Eagle boats will be used in this work and will be equipped with listening devices, one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast.

Captain Kelsey, U.S.A., recently returned from England, addressed the General Board and a selected group of officers this morning.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, has completed her informal visit to Valparaiso, Chile, and reports having received a cordial reception.

YFD-2, New Orleans Drydock being towed to Honolulu, is averaging 114 miles a day and is reported south of Salina Cruz, Mexico, near the great circle course.

U.S.S. WILLIAM WARD BURROWS, will leave Norfolk today or tomorrow with contractors equipment and personnel for

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island bases. From Pearl Harbor she will probably visit Midway, Canton, Johnston Island, and Wake.

Rescue Chamber Operating with messenger buoy was successfully CONDUCTED off the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, four members of the SEALION crew being removed in the test.

Italian-English engagement, Best information states that no British ship was struck by gunfire in engagement with Italians. It is definitely stated there have been no bomb hits on the HOOD or ARK ROYAL.

War Sinkings, 2 British Merchant ships, the KING JOHN, 5,228 tons, and the DAVISIAN, 6,433 tons, were sunk "near the West Indies", the Admiralty announced. The raider was thought to be a converted merchantman known to be at large in the Atlantic. Survivors were landed at Fort de France, Martinique.

Australian Cruiser, SYDNEY, 6,830 tons, was reported today to have sunk the Italian cruiser COLLEONI, 5,069 tons. Each carried 8-6" guns, the COLLEONI carrying 500 men. COLLEONI's speed was 41 knots compared with the SYDNEY's 32½ knots. H.M.S. SYDNEY was accompanied by a small destroyer force which engaged two Italian cruisers northwest of Crete. British destroyer rescued 250 of the COLLEONI's crew. The second Italian cruiser was said to have escaped.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

22 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 20 July 147,815
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,901
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,909
Total 5,810
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 188
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 93
Gain 95

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	<u>36</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 20 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	198
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	145
Aviation Instructors	248	248	147
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	104
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	93
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	87
Medical & Dental Officers	140	140	120
Communication Officers	90	90	82
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	9
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	114
Miscellaneous	<u>275</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>264</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1363

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 12 July:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1773	
Number of first enlistments	1515
Number of reenlistments within three months .	67
Number of reenlistments under broken service	41
<u>Total Enlistments</u>	1623

S.S. SANTA BARBARA and SANTA MARIA, 15,000 ton Grace
Liners have been purchased at a cost of \$1,300,000 each
for conversion into naval auxiliaries.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, has arrived at Callao, Peru, for a
week's informal visit.

Wage Board Hearings, are continuing daily, Captain Furer
presiding, labor leaders appealing for wages in highest
categories, though proceedings are amicable. The agree-
ment of 1862 is being followed in fixing hourly wages.

Agreement demands that Navy Yard wages must coincide with
those in similar trades in their vicinities.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, A cost plus fixed fee contract
for shipway, barracks, extensions of buildings, and ac-
cessories at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Navy Yard,
has been negotiated with the Aberthaw Company, of Boston,
Mass. The estimated contract cost, including the fee,
is \$1,085,000.

A cost plus fixed fee contract for a water well at the
Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S.C., has been negotiated
with the Layne-Atlantic Co., of Norfolk, Virginia; The
estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$40,000.

The following contract awards have been made:

Paving, seaplane ramp, and railroad track at the Naval
Air Station, Tongue Point, Oregon, awarded to H.J. Set-
tergren of Portland, Oregon, for \$198,980. Time of
completion, 165 days.

Motor test stand building at the Naval Air Station, Pen-
nacola, Florida, awarded to E. and E.J. Pfozser of
Philadelphia, Pa., for \$108,335. Time of completion,
240 days.

S.S. DAVISIAN, 25 survivors who were picked up say Ger-
man raider HARVIK, flying Swedish flag, did the sinking,
400 miles off Martinique, and just outside the neutrality
zone for that area.

Bureau Medicine and Surgery, is working on plan for modi-
fied annual physical examinations for officers that will
not interfere with ship movements. Formerly officers
were not examined by own doctors, which will probably be
waived. In Washington physical examinations for officers
will be held at Naval Medical School, Navy Department
Dispensary, and at Anacostia for aviators, by flight sur-
geons.

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Bureau of Ships, is thoroughly reviewing the shipbuilding industry with a view to opening every available yard to take care of Navy contracts. Study of labor and material situations are being made at the same time.

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

U.S.S. DIXIE (new destroyer tender) reported to CINCUS for duty at San Diego.

British Admiralty, is desirous of obtaining accurate knowledge as to whether or not airplane fields and runways are being secretly constructed along the northern and southern boundaries of Mexico. Mexican government denies it, but British reports state 60 of these plane fields and runways have been established in Mexico and Guatemala. It is also reported that aviation gasoline dumps have been established near the above.

German S.S. WESER, has arrived at Manzanillo.

U.S.S. WICHITA and QUINCY will probably depart Rio Janeiro on 25 July for Bahia. Thereafter from 9-13 August at Pernambuco and arriving Montevideo 23 August.

Trenton, Dickerson, Herbert, Due to foul bottoms of the destroyers, they are returning at most economical speeds to arrive with reasonable fuel margins.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 22 July 148,407

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,039

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,115

Total 6,154

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 313

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 65

Gain 248

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 22 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	198
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	145
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Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	114
Miscellaneous	<u>275</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>264</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1363

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Marine Corps, enlisted strength as of 22 July is 28,239. Goal of 34,000 is expected to be reached in October, or even earlier. For the past month enlistments (increase over discharges) have been at the rate of about 500 a week. Naval Reserve Armory, Baltimore, will be built with PWA funds at a total cost of \$315,000. Project has been approved as part of the National Defense Program.

Class V-7, Reserve Midshipmen, As of 20 July, total enrollment reached 1282 enlistments, 642 of whom have requested permission to take the second cruise commencing 20 August. These figures indicate that the enlistment of successful applicants will reach the approximate 1400 desired by 15 August, as 642 have been obtained in the past week. Should it be found advisable in emergency to lower physical requirements or increase age limit, it is felt that 5,000 quota could be filled almost immediately.

Bureau of Ships, The Navy Yard, Mare Island, has developed a new procedure for attaching rubber matting to metal decks which produces a much more satisfactory result than can be obtained with either "hot-set" or "cold-set" cement. In brief, the new procedure consists of vulcanizing the matting rubber to light gauge sheet steel in an

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hydraulic press using certain high grade bonding cements. These cements require vulcanizing temperatures and high pressure to be effective, but properly applied, the strength of the adhesive bond exceeds the strength of the best quality rubber. The assembly of mat vulcanized to steel sheet is electric-welded around its edges to the metal deck so as to form a watertight seal. A one inch margin of bare sheet is left around the rubber during vulcanizing to provide ample material for welding without damaging the rubber.

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

A cost plus fixed fee contract for aviation and Marine Corps facilities at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., awarded to John McShain, Inc., of Philadelphia, Penna.; the estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$1,460,250.

A negotiated contract for Subassembly Shop, Improvements of Shop Buildings, and Steel Storage Runways, at the Navy Yard, New York, Has been awarded on a cost-plus-fixed fee basis to Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc., New York, New York. The total estimated cost of this

contract, including fee, is \$1,520,000.

UP Dispatch, from Honolulu, reports, without official confirmation, that units of the U.S. Fleet have sailed southward toward Christmas Island. The contingent was said to include the "Hawaiian Detachment" and three capital ships. 8 cruisers, 9 destroyers, and 5 battleships left Lahaina Roads Friday, some returning to Pearl Harbor over the weekend, according to the dispatch.

House Naval Hearing, Various committee members during Admiral Moreell's testimony indicated by their questioning that they felt that the fortification of Guam was a vital part of the National Defense Program. Representative Maas bluntly urged the committee: "Let's add \$5,000,000 for Guam". Admiral Moreell told the committee there definitely would be a shortage in skilled labor for the construction program, though organized labor did not agree. The Vinson Bill carries \$250,000,000 for construction of housing for rental to Naval personnel and civilians in urgent expansion activity.

Naval Medical Center, Washington, according to present plans will be completed in December 1941 and will be operating by the spring of 1942 after being fully equipped.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

24 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 23 July 148,570

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,039

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,115

Total 6,154

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 304

Aggregate Discharges " " " 141

Gain 163

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Staff Officers 135

Warrant Officers 36

Total 636

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 22 July:

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Total Estimated number

Allowed

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Bureau of Yards and Docks, A cost plus fixed fee contract for waterfront, buildings, and marine railway at the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, has been negotiated with a combination of F.H. McGraw & Co. of Hartford, Connecticut, and Spearin, Preston & Burrows, Inc., of New York City. The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$2,073,000. A cost plus fixed fee contract for an additional pier at the Philadelphia Navy Yard has been negotiated with a combination of the Kaufman Construction Co., and the J.E. Brenneman Co., both of Philadelphia. The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$800,000.

U.S.S. HENDERSON, bound from San Diego to the Canal Zone, lost one tail shaft (twin screw) en route in the Pacific. The ship is proceeding at 8 knots to Balboa, where she is expected about 26 July. A plan is being developed for replacement of the shaft and propeller at an East Coast Yard, probably Norfolk. Preliminary report of diver showed the tail shaft cracked inside the propeller hub. A destroyer (to be named) and the minesweeper WOODCOCK will accompany the HENDERSON to Guantanamo, another destroyer and seagoing tug SEMINOLE escorting her from there to Norfolk.

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On ships now being taken over by the Navy, the general scheme is to forward plans, specifications, etc., to Navy Yard Commandants where conversion is to take place. Commandants will do the preliminary ground work towards awarding contracts, sending their recommendations to the Navy Department whereupon the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts will conduct final negotiations. In most cases where contracts are negotiated it works out to the benefit of the government, inasmuch as there are generally several bidders, which tends to keep prices in proper range.

Conference, of interested parties from the Bureau of Ordnance, Ships, Supplies and Accounts, and Judge Advocate General's Office will be held tomorrow leading to least possible delay in presenting negotiated contracts to the Secretary in completed form for his final approval.

U.S.S. TANGIER, will be reconditioned at Moore's Shipyard, San Francisco, Presidents GRANT and JACKSON at Todd's Seattle Drydock. Contracts have not been signed as yet.

Mr. Booz, is beginning to receive replies to his questionnaire sent out to all departments.

Aviation Activities, Mexico, current rumors regarding suspicious landing fields along the border (previously repor-

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ted) emanating from London, are generally not credited and are unverified.

New Japanese Cabinet, installed on 22 July will endeavor, according to best opinion in Tokio, to hasten conclusion of the China incident, in order to begin a policy of advancing to the southward.

U.S.S. TRENTON, with members of the Luxembourg royal family on board, will arrive in Annapolis Roads at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Recruiting Activities for week ending 19 July:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1712

Number of first enlistments 1317

Number of reenlistments within three months ... 57

Number of reenlistments under broken service .. 43

Total Enlistments 1417

Air Battle, said to be the biggest of the war as regards the number of planes engaged, was being fought over the British Channel, TODAY.

German High Command, announced the sinking of another British submarine from the air by a German bomber which dropped three bombs, one of which struck abaft the conning tower. Only wreckage could be found, and no evidence of survivors.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
25 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 July 148,843

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,039

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,115

Total 6,154

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 308

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 35

Gain 273

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	<u>36</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 22 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	198
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	145
Aviation Instructors	248	248	147
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	104
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	93
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	87
Medical & Dental Officers	140	140	120
Communication Officers	90	90	82
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	9
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	114
Miscellaneous	<u>275</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>264</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1363

THE UNITED STATES NAVY
1933-1940-1947 (Est.)

Type	1933				1940				1947 (Est.)	
	No.	Built	Tons	Building	No.	Built	Tons	Building	No.	Tons
Battleships	15	464,100	-	-	15	464,300	10	390,000	35	1,281,800
Airplane Carriers	3	77,500	1	14,500	6	134,800	5	125,800	20	460,600
Cruisers	21	170,500	6	59,150	37	328,975	21	206,000	88	956,374
Destroyers	222	236,180	8	11,075	236	298,660	61	111,460	378	617,060
Submarines	82	67,790	2	2,230	101	100,585	41	60,525	180	231,866
Total	343	1,016,070	17	86,955	395	1,327,320	138	893,785	701	3,547,700

Army and Navy Munitions Board, Report No. 47, of 22 July, on the subject of foreign inquiries for munitions, states that the British Purchasing Commission has spent \$943,219-214 in this country up to 6 July, \$513,985,057 of which has been for airplanes.

Rear Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, has reported for duty as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations.

S.S. Santa Barbara, is to be commissioned U.S.S. McCANLEY after the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1876-1891. The SANTA MARIA will be commissioned U.S.S. BARNETT after Major General Barnett, formerly Major General Commandant.

U.S.S. HERBERT and DICKERSON, are home from Europe and arrived at Navy Yard, Norfolk, today.

British Aviation, due to bad weather, training of pilots is way behind and cannot take advantage of increased plane output.

German Raider, in South Atlantic is said to be able to raise and lower her stack and to carry 3-6" disappearing guns.

All Commodity Price Index, for 20 July was 77.6, off .3 from 13 July report.

1947 personnel, estimated to take care of 70% increase in combatant vessels (see table) is 461,000 enlisted men and 25,191 officers (includes 5,806 Reserve Naval Aviators). These figures are all inclusive, based on 10,000 training and fighting planes.

Bureau of Ships, A conference is being held today by Ad-

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mirals Robinson and Van Keuren with representatives of Bath Iron Works, New York Shipbuilding Company, Newport News Shipbuilding Corp., Federal Shipbuilding Corporation, and Mr. H. Garrish Smith, President of the National Council of Shipbuilders, concerning negotiated contracts and particularly the financial and allocation aspects thereof.

Reserve Aviation Personnel, As of 1 July, there were 545 cadet aviators in training at Pensacola. 903 officers so trained are serving in the fleet at present, of whom 60 are lieutenants (j.g.) the balance ensigns. During the present fiscal year, 2,550 will have begun training (105 already entered, in above figure) in the eight month's course. By 1 December, it is expected additional training facilities will be available at Jacksonville and monthly entry to Pensacola will be increased in December and thereafter. No trouble is being experienced in filling quotas of cadets.

New Reserve Aviation Bases, Mason Board (Capt. C.P. Mason senior member), it is understood recommendations have been submitted to the Secretary.

Mr. Gibbs, spent most of yesterday with Admiral Robinson consulting on ship design.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
26 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 25 July 149,240

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,120

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,212

Total 6,332

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 257

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 38

Gain 219

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	<u>36</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 22 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	198
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	145
Aviation Instructors	248	248	147
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	104
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	93
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Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	114
Miscellaneous	<u>275</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>264</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1363

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A special experimental class, composed of four graduates OF THE Controlled Advanced Landplane Course, Civil Aeronautics Authority Program, will report at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, on July 29, 1940. They will enter training in the flight course at Pensacola in an advanced standing status at a stage approximating the end of the thirty-three hour solo period. These aviation cadets had to meet the existing basic requirements for selection for Naval Reserve flight training and in addition had to be college graduates or candidates for degrees at the close of the current school year; and graduates of the Controlled Advanced Landplane Course, Civil Aeronautics Authorities.

Bureau of Ships, expects to acquire today 7 trawlers from F. J. O'Hara and Sons Company, of Boston, for conversion into minesweepers.

Mr. Booz, efficiency expert, reports that practically all bureaus have now submitted answers to his questionnaire on funds, personnel, space and equipment. He reports excellent cooperation on the part of everyone, the encouraging part being that many offices are submitting problems beyond the original requests for information.

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PT 3, 4 and 9, The first squadron of Motor Torpedo Boats has been formed at Norfolk, Virginia, its organization similar to that of an airplane squadron, with a lieutenant commander in command and lieutenants (j.g.) in charge of each boat.

Chief of Operations, office is working on the budget of Naval Appropriation Bill.

Spain, will participate in the war on the side of the Axis Powers, according to reports from Rome, because of Britain's reported decision not to permit American raw materials en route to Germany to pass through Spanish territory Spain's entry into the war would probably make it possible to perfect the blockade of the British Isles.

Two more British destroyers were damaged, one the BOREAS, by German bombers operating over the English Channel.

S.S. MEKNES, French steamship sunk in the English Channel, had losses of 9 officers and 374 men. It is interesting to note that the British, in announcing the sinking of the LANCASTRIA yesterday, three weeks after it had happened, did not mention the S.S. GEORGIC and FRANCONIA, also sunk at about the same time, according to our own private information.

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War Sinkings, German Communique claimed enemy losses at sea by air attacks yesterday totalled 63,000 tons.

Panama Defenses, Cooperation between the U.S. and Central American Republics to establish bigger air fields and better servicing facilities will be recommended soon to the House Committees.

Bureau of Ships, Negotiations are underway with the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation, Seattle, Washington, for construction of 4 destroyers. Their representatives have been conferring with Admiral Robinson.

Maritime Commission, today authorized the U.S. Lines to operate the luxury liners WASHINGTON and MANHATTAN between New York and San Francisco via Havana and the Canal Zone.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, placed orders with 5 companies for \$325,720.75 worth of electric cable, splitting the orders about evenly. An order for \$215,000 worth of ingot copper was placed with the Kennecott Copper Company.

House Foreign Affairs Committee, unanimously approved a bill to authorize American ships to evacuate refugee children from the European war zone.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
29 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 July 149,564

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,120

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,212

Total 6,332

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 378

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 129

Gain 249

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

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

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	205
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	165
Aviation Instructors	248	248	157
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	95
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<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1501

2. Marine Corps, total enlisted strength, 27 July, 28,548

Marine Corps, Annual naval maneuvers planned for this winter in the Caribbean Area are to be of such character that considerable preliminary training is required of the units concerned. The First Marine Brigade will participate in these maneuvers and as facilities for training, particularly as regards terrain, are not available at Quantico because of increasing capacities for accession of recruits, it has been decided to move this unit to Guantanamo where facilities are available for instruction. The Chief of Naval Operations will order the movement of the First Brigade from Quantico to Guantanamo in September or October, or earlier should the exigencies of the present emergency require it. First Marine Brigade consists normally of about 3500 men and 125 officers, including aviation personnel.

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

Barracks, subsistence building, cooks' quarters and garbage enclosure at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, awarded to A. Smith & Company of Chicago, Ill., for \$364,894. Time of completion, 90 days.

Storage buildings at the Naval Magazine, Washington, (Bellevue) D.C., awarded to The Merando Co., Inc., of Washington, D.C. for \$59,995. Time of completion, 150 days.

Machine foundations and floor in the new machine shop at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif., awarded to the James I. Barnes Construction Co., of Santa Monica, California, for \$225,400. Time of completion, 150 days.

Extension of fire protection system at the Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, awarded to the City Electric Fixture Co., Inc., of Seattle, Washington, for \$71,958. Time of completion, 120 days.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, contracts have been entered into with:

The Higgins Industries, Inc., for 62 "Eureka" type boats (landing boats) at a unit cost of \$13,813.00, total cost of \$856,406.00.

The New York & Miami Steamship Company for the purchase of the SS IROQUOIS at a total cost of \$1,100,000.

The Grace Line, Inc., for the purchase of the M.S. SANTA BARBARA at a total cost of \$1,300,000.

The Grace Line, Inc., for the purchase of the M.S. SANTA MARIA, at a total cost of \$1,300,000.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, is at Dahlgren, Virginia, today, witnessing test firing.

Yachts, 3 twin screw Diesel driven yachts have been selected as suitable for sub-chasers and are listed in the order of desirability. All will probably be purchased

through the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts:

	Original Cost	Asking Price	Appraisal Value
ARLIS	\$175,000	\$30,000	\$12,000
ALL ALONE	120,000	30,000	14,000
ONWEGO	250,000	100,000	30,000

When purchased, yachts will be converted for use at the

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15th Naval District (Canal Zone).

Supply School, at Georgetown University, for Reserve Supply Officers, will probably be maintained after 1st Class of 60 students (3 months course) is graduated.

YFD-2, (floating drydock) was 1964 miles out of Panama on 28 July. Noon position was Latitude 15-33 N. and Longitude 109-30 W.; average speed has been 109.1 miles per day.

Two Offensive Squadrons, A and B, consisting of 3 divisions of destroyers each, are in the process of formation, to be based on San Juan, St. Thomas, and Norfolk. One division of Squadron A will take on 5" bombardment ammunition, and all ships of Squadron B, 4" bombardment ammunition and conduct intensive training in gunnery, tactics, and screening exercises.

U.S.S. DICKERSON and HERBERT, recently returned from Europe will proceed to Galveston from Norfolk not later than 30 July for duty in the West Gulf Patrol.

Class V-7, reserve midshipmen are reported by officers of the WYOMING to be of very high caliber and their progress to date is considered very satisfactory. 350 have already applied to take the subsequent three months instruction aboard the ILLINOIS.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
30 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 29 July 149,648

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,120

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,212

Total 6,332

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 106

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 22

Gain 84

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 July:

Line Officers	465
Staff Officers	135
Warrant Officers	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>636</u>

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol and the Strengthening of the National Defense: as of 27 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	340	88
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	300
Communications	85	79	75
Afloat	5000	1219	642
Miscellaneous	(2325	748	748
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(146	146
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, U.S.N.R.	<u>5000</u>	<u>608</u>	<u>608</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	15,050	5,440	2,607

Medicine and Surgery, The American Psychiatric Association is preparing an index of all psychiatrists who can help the Naval Service in event of mobilization. The American Medical Society is preparing similar indexes in all other branches of the medical profession, including psychologists and Pathologists. The University of Rochester is organizing a medical specialist unit to train naval medical specialist units.

Naval Supply Depot, is under advisement to be built at Bayonne, New Jersey. Total cost of project would be \$15,000,000, property to cost \$3,000,000. The gross storage area would be 2 million square feet and would be in 3-6 story and 12-1 story buildings.

British Government, is requesting 700 3" and 4" guns of war time vintage with 15 degree elevation. Dutch West Indies also wishes to purchase all manner of defense materials.

Heavy forgings, 75 representatives of 18 manufacturers conferred in the Bureau of Ordnance with Admiral Furlong. Representatives of the Defense Commission, U.S. Army, and Maritime Commission attended the conference, as well as officers from interested Navy Bureaus. Requirements for

defense over next three year period are 360,000 tons.

Capacities of plants, additional facilities, 16 inch gun forgings, turbine rotors, ship shafting, and rudder posts were discussed.

New York Shipbuilding Corporation, will probably be asked to take over Cramp's Shipyards as a "B" yard, and will doubtless submit a counter proposal to open their own South Yard first, before reopening Cramp's.

Hydrographic Office, it has been proposed to move this office to another building to relieve congestion in the Navy Department.

German Commerce Raider, was last seen on 28 July, headed 180°, making 15 knots, following an action with a British armed cruiser in Latitude 20-15 S., Longitude 31-51 W.

Dover Straits, Nazi grip is gradually tightening according to best advices, with increased sinkings of merchantmen and damaging of British destroyers by aircraft fire and submarine activity. Mine laying in British ports by air is also making entrance to ports and exit more difficult.

V-7, Naval Reserve Midshipmen, 27 July report shows 1694 have been enlisted, 1051 of whom have requested to take second cruise. There seems little doubt that quota of

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1400-1500 for second cruise will be filled. If schools can not be filled during college year, age limit may be raised from 26 to 30. 100 have already signified their desire to attend second school at Northwestern. With Northwestern having 3 schools of 400 each, and additional classes on the ILLINOIS of 350 each, and the prospect of training 500 at the Naval Academy, after 15 February, and 700 at Northwestern next summer, present needs seem adequately taken care of.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, awarded a contract for airplanes to the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$7,260,280.

Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, Secretary of the Navy Relief Society died this morning in New York City.

War Sinkings, German claims were highly exaggerated, the British claimed, the latter admitting that during the week ended 21 July 11 ships were lost, totalling 37,577 tons, while the Germans claimed the sinking of 194,600 tons. London also admitted the loss of 10,192 tons of neutral shipping, and one allied vessel of 2,088 tons, bringing the British total to 49,857 tons, considerably below the worst weeks of war sinkings.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
31 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 30 July 149,837
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,120
Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,212
Total 6,332
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 198
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 9
Gain 189

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 31 July:

Line Officers 525
Staff Officers 151
Warrant Officers 39
Total 715

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

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	205
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	165
Aviation Instructors	248	248	157
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	95
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	92
Medical & Dental Officers	140	140	142
Communication Officers	90	90	81
CC-V(S) Officers	32	32	8
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	100	100	127
Miscellaneous	<u>275</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>312</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1501

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 26 July:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment 1590
 Number of first enlistments 1095
 Number of reenlistments within three months .. 74
 Number of reenlistments under broken service . 31

Total Enlistments . 1200

Asiatic Fleet, As of 27 July, the AUGUSTA and MARBLEHEAD are at Tsingtao and the ASHEVILLE at Hongkong. Destroyer Divisions 57 and 58, submarine division 14, submarine squadron 5, mine division 3, and the auxiliaries PECOS and TRINITY are also at Tsingtao.

Chief of Operations, held a conference this morning on measures concerning a new Alaskan Air Base.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, was at Dahlgren, Virginia, this morning watching test firings of a new 16" gun.

Conference on contracts, was held this morning with interested members of Bureaus of Ordnance, Ships, Supplies and Accounts, and Judge Advocate General's Office present. Types of negotiated contracts to be drawn up to protect the Navy were discussed. Disagreement over amortization of plant expansion costs for government work has deterred shipbuilders and others from signing contracts with the

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Navy, contractors insisting that such amortization be effected within the life of contracts. As this could possibly add to profits on a cost plus basis it will probably be settled by government paying for expansion and retain title to plant.

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

Contract for Seaplane Ramp at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, has been awarded to Valley Construction Company, Seattle, Washington, for \$24,950. Time of completion, 120 calendar days.

Contract for Rifle Range and Facilities at the Naval Operating Base (Marine Corps Rifle Range), San Diego, California, has been awarded to Griffith Company, 502 Los Angeles Railway Building, Los Angeles, California, for \$64,990. Time of completion, 90 calendar days.

U.S.S. PRAIRIE, (destroyer tender), built at New York Shipbuilding Corporation and due to be completed on 14 October, will probably be delivered ahead of time, as early as 5 August.

U.S.S. CURTISS and ALBEMARLE (airplane tenders), building progress is reported as excellent, CURTISS delivery expected sometime in October, 4 months ahead of schedule. Both are under construction at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

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German Raider, For two successive days, 8 Navy planes searched the Bahamas Area for German raider and tanker, searching each day from San Juan to Florida Coast as far north as latitude 28 degrees, with no results. This would seem to confirm earlier message (reported yesterday) that raider had headed south after sinking English merchantmen and engaging English cruiser.

House Naval Affairs Committee, failed to complete testimony on bill authorizing \$7,000,000 to help build a dry-dock in New York harbor to handle biggest battleships. House Appropriations Committee eliminated this amount from the second supplementary defense bill. Representative Maas was still hopeful of getting government funds some other way.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, awarded a contract to the Bethlehem Steel Company in the amount of \$614,296 for conversion of the KAWEAH (oiler).

House of Representatives, passed and sent to the Senate the 4 billion dollar National Defense Bill, carrying cash and contractual authorizations. There was no record vote. \$936,000,000 of this amount is earmarked for the use of the Navy.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 31 July 150,657

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,287

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,695

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Total 6,982

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 266

Aggregate Discharges " " " 96

Gain 170

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 31 July:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	<u>715</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 27 July:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	205
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	165
Aviation Instructors	248	248	157
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
CEC-V(S) Officers	95	95	95
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<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1501

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Naval Communication Service, reports R.C.A. radio transmitters at Rocky Point, Long Island, were successfully controlled from the Naval Radio Station, Cheltenham, Maryland, on July 31, 1940. Frequencies used were 4235 and 12,705.

Wartime Shipyard, at Bristol, Pennsylvania, that has since been occupied by the aviation activities of Fleetwings, Inc., could become available to the Navy, as the present incumbents have moved out to get away from the seaboard and obtain landing fields. There is some activity among civilians interested to have the Navy reopen Bristol as a shipyard.

All Commodity Price Index, was 77.3 as of 27 July, off .3 from the previous week.

Midshipmen's Cruise, will disembark at Annapolis a day early, arriving there on August 14, disembarking the midshipmen on 15 August. Change of schedule will allow battleships time to be ready for second cruise of V-7 naval reserve midshipmen, which will see 1400-1500 embarked at New York on 19 August. Regular midshipmen will go on 4 weeks leave immediately on arrival at Annapolis, allowing first class two weeks advance over regular schedule in

order to graduate in February. 2.
Yacht INTREPID, taken over by the Navy for the consideration of one dollar to the owner (previously reported) is being towed to New York for conversion, arriving there today.

New York Drydock, Elimination of \$7,000,000 in government funds from the second supplementary defense bill to help build this dock is causing some concern in the Bureau of Ships, as the Navy needs this dock. At present, 35,000 ton battleships can just make docking facilities in New York, but no dock will take the 45,000 tonners now building. Present facilities for handling these larger vessels are available at Boston, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Panama, Puget Sound, Hunter's Point (San Francisco), and ultimately will be at Pearl Harbor.

U.S.S. WYOMING, has been authorized by the Chief of Operations to cooperate to the fullest extent with representatives of the Columbia Broadcasting System on a story being prepared on V-7 naval reserve personnel. The Bureau of Navigation has authorized passage of Columbia Broadcasting personnel on board the WYOMING from their arrival at Guantanamo to New York. Broadcasts will be from 8-8:30

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P.M. and 11-11:30 P.M., E.S.T., on 6 August.

U.S.S. WASP (aircraft carrier) is at the Navy Pier, South Boston, returning from shakedown cruise with 3 rows of blades in the 4th and 5th stages of one turbine stripped. The contractor, Bethlehem Steel Company, Quincy Plant, bears the responsibility and will correct the trouble.

Nazi Raider, abroad in South Atlantic, is said, according to best information, to be of 8,000 tons with speed of 19 knots. Armament consists of 4-5.9" guns. Opened action on British merchant cruiser at 16,000 yards with great accuracy. Hull is said to be gray, with cream colored ventilators, black funnel with blue bands and her name NARVIK STERIGE painted on side in white.

Indian Island, in the Puget Sound area, may be acquired for ammunition storage purposes.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, sailed today on the American Export Lines ship EXCALIBUR, from Lisbon, with six others in their party. They will probably be followed by British cruisers which can hardly be considered as escort vessels unless trouble should occur and EXCALIBUR were attacked. There is a later report, unconfirmed, that one or two British cruisers would follow the EXCALIBUR.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:
2 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 1 August 150,729
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty . . 4,287
Other Reservists " " " " . . 2,695
Total 6,982

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 269

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 197
Gain 72

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August

Line officers 525
Staff officers 151
Warrant officers 39
Total .. 715

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

<u>Character of duty</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered.</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	400	400	205
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Miscellaneous	275	273	312
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1805	1803	1501

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BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS, announces the following awards:

A cost plus fixed fee contract for power plant improvements at Philadelphia, Charleston and Parris Island has been negotiated with the United Engineers and Constructors Co. of Philadelphia. The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$1,325,000.

A cost plus fixed fee contract for the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S.C. Messhall and galley; contentment area and rifle range, including housing, personnel structures, storage facilities and services; and additional aviation facilities has been negotiated with Charles W. Angle, Inc. of Greensboro, S.C. The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$2,394,750.

Torpedo shop and storage at the Naval Mine Depot Yorktown, Virginia, awarded to O.T. Graham & Co. Inc of Richmond, Virginia for \$68,700. Time of completion 75 days.

Rifle range and facilities at the Naval Operating Base, San Diego, California awarded to the Griffith Company of Los Angeles, California, for \$64,990. Time of completion 90 days.

USS GRAYLING (SS209) will be launched on 4 September at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H.

V-7 Reserve Midshipmen. From unofficial reports received from certain naval districts 19 August, training cruise will be filled without difficulty without making any changes in physical or age requirements.

Bay City, Michigan, Superintendent of Shipbuilding advises that PC451 departed there 31 July for Norfolk. (This is the new 165 foot subchaser)

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USS FOOTE (DD169) reported to CINCUS for duty in Atlantic Squadron on 24 July and MADDOX (DD168) on 25 July.

Commander Cruiser Division 7, apparently narrowly missed being present at the engagement between the British and German auxiliary cruisers while enroute from Rio de Janeiro to Bahia. Passing around the Island of Trinidad during the action prevented contact.

USS BROOKS (DD 232) Degaussing installation was completed at Boston on 1 August.

ITALIANS, are reported to have bombed recently and done some damage to their own ships the CONTE DI CAVOUR and GIULIA CESARE because of their resemblance to the HOOD from the air.

USS WASP (new aircraft carrier) preliminary report of damage to port high pressure turbine states that three turbine blades were found in the drain connection from this turbine, and that two days later the ship conducted a full power run with no apparent difficulties.

WASP arrived in Boston on 30 July and turbine

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was opened on 31 July. Fifteen to twenty blades were missing from the stationary blading. Some of the Stationary blading in upper half of casing were badly damaged as were the corresponding rows of moving blading.

Cause of damage is as yet unknown, but when rotor is lifted additional evidence should be available. Bethlehem estimate for repairs was three weeks working shifts.

Starboard high pressure turbine will also be opened for examination. A full report will be available later.

Tokio News, round-up shows Japanese feel the brunt of U.S. ban on aviation gasoline and consider it an unfriendly act against them.

Indo-China Air Base, to be established by Japan if negotiations with French, now underway, are concluded. From reliable information Japanese correspondents are instructed by Tokio to concentrate on anti-American dispatches.

Great Lakes Training Station, an airplane assigned there was reported to have plunged into Lake Michigan today a short distance from the government air field. There were no casualties, three crew members escaping unharmed.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
5 August 1940

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<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 3 August	151,125
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on active duty	4,287
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	2,695
<u>Total</u>	6,982
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	323
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	38
<u>Gain</u>	285

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	715

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorization, as of 3 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	Number		
	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	210
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	172
Aviation Instructors	248	248	168
IV(S) Officers	125	125	121
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	100
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	96
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	149
Communication Officers	100	100	91
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	10
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	<u>320</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>328</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1565

2. Bureau of Ordnance, has authorized the General Electric Company to use a design of a Photo-Electric Recorder in connection with the manufacture of 100 similar recorders for the British Purchasing Commission. The design for this recorder was developed jointly by the Naval Ordnance Laboratory and the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institute of Washington, for use in checking the results of the measures taken to protect vessels against damage from magnetic mines.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces the following contract awards:

To the Defoe Boat and Motor Works, Bay City, Michigan, for three tugs, harbor, at a unit price of \$262,026, total cost \$786,078.

To the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., for 243 Airplanes and spare parts, at a total cost of \$7,260,280.

To the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., for 11 Airplanes and spare parts, at a total cost of \$694,700.

To the Bethlehem Steel Company, New York City, for the conversion, overhaul, repair and alteration of the U.S.S. KAWAHEH at a total cost of \$614,296.

To the Robins Drydock and Repair Company, New York City, for the conversion, overhaul, repair, and alteration of the U.S.S. LARAMIE at a total cost of \$656,460.

The Bureau of Ships, has authorized at the Engineering Experiment Station, Annapolis, tests of strut and stern

2. tube bearings of the rubber segment type, manufactured by Lucian Q. Moffitt, Incorporated, Akron, Ohio. The bearing design is based on previous design of lignium vitate bearings. In addition to natural or hevea rubber, there are also being tested neoprene and other synthetic rubbers.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, has awarded the following contracts:

The Arundel Corporation and Consolidated Engineering Co., of Baltimore, Maryland, have been awarded additional work under their existing contract as follows: Aviation Facilities at the Naval Air Station, San Juan, P.R., and Charlotte Amalie, V.I., at an estimated cost of \$3,272,000.

The Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., the Raymond Concrete Pile Co., and the Turner Construction Company have been awarded additional work under their existing contract as follows: Aviation Facilities at the Naval Air Station, Midway Island, at an estimated cost of \$1,337,500.

The Siems Spokane Company, Johnson, Drake & Piper, Inc., and the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, have been awarded additional work under their existing contract, as follows: Aviation Facilities at the Naval Air Stations, Kodiak, Alaska, and Unalaska, Alaska, at an estimated cost of \$4,305,000.

V-7, Reserve Midshipmen, enlistments are now being taken for third cruise, second cruise quota filled with 1677 applications. Total enlisted to date is over 2300.

Cruise number three will begin 30 September, ending 26 October. Cruise number four will be from 28 October to 23 November. All cruises will be to Guantanamo, Colon,

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and Hampton Roads.

Propelling Machinery, for submarines 240-282, proposals will be received until 14 August when bids will be opened.

U-Boat Warfare, best information places British merchant ship losses at 50,000 tons by U-Boats on July 30, 31, and August 1, all sunk off Ireland. 8 British harbors were closed on account of mines on 2 August.

Japanese Foreign Office, denies that Japan is negotiating with the French Ambassador, Charles Arsene-Henry for naval bases in Indo-China. Army leaders also denied negotiating for military bases.

GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST, German battleships are in Kiel as well as one cruiser of the HIPPER Class.

U.S.S. NIBLACK (DD424), was commissioned at the Navy Yard, Boston, on 1 August.

Wire and Cable Strike, production and shipment of considerable material has been held up due to labor strike in New York area in the Biship Wire and Cable Co., Circle Wire and Cable Co., and Triangle Conduit and Cable Co. Duration of strike is indefinite.

Brazilian Naval Attache, Lt. Comdr. Aurajo, called to thank the Chief of Operations for his congratulations extended on the launching of the Brazilian destroyer DIAS.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

6 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 5 August 151,365
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 4,287
Other Reservists " " " " 2,695
Total 6,982

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 266
Aggregate Discharges " " " 24
Gain 242

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	715

Naval Reservists Ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorization, as of 3 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	210
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	172
Aviation Instructors	248	248	168
IV(S) Officers	125	125	121
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	100
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	96
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	149
Communication Officers	100	100	91
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	10
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	318	328

Total Estimated Number
Allowed 1805 1803 1565

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Negotiated Contracts, for acquisition of small vessels suitable for Navy purposes are going forward. In general, owners have been more than willing to cooperate and in the main are willing to accept what the Navy feels is a reasonable price for their ships.

Repair and conversion contracts, are being made with shipyards located at strategic points, contracts being based on hourly labor and machine tool rates already approved by the Navy Department. In cases of emergency this makes it possible to start repairs without waiting for contracts to be signed.

Communications, Teletypewriter service has been authorized for communication between Great Lakes Training Station and the Army Message Center, Chicago. A system of alternate routing for transcontinental, trans-Pacific and local West Coast radio traffic is being worked out with recommendations of the Commandant, 12th Naval District.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, A cost plus fixed fee contract for seaplane hangar, barracks building, extension of administration building, shop building, and remodeling of gymnasium at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, has been negotiated with McCloskey & Company of Philadelphia.

The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$1,139,000.

The following Yards and Docks contract awards have been made:

Structural steel frame for assembly shop at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, awarded to the Pacific Car and Foundry Company, of Seattle, Washington, for \$137,600. Time of completion, 120 days.

Extension to buffing shop at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., awarded to Lee T. Turner of Washington, D.C., for \$95,676. Time of completion, 150 days.

Torpedo shop and storage at the Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Virginia, awarded to O. T. Graham & Co., Inc., of Richmond, Virginia, for \$68,700. Time of completion, 75 days.

Roads and Walks at the Naval Air Station (Saufley Field) Pensacola, Florida, awarded to Smith Engineering and Construction Co., Pensacola, Florida, for \$34,475. Time of completion, 105 calendar days.

Flight assignments, following policy for pilots will in general be followed: Group 1, pilots with less than 20 years service, unlimited; Group 2, pilots with 20 to 30 years service will not be assigned to fighter squadrons or as active student instructors; Group 3, pilots with more than 30 years service will fly in executive or broad command status. Solo flying to be performed in basic types of aircraft as prescribed, commensurate with their physical and service qualifications.

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Regular Officer Strength, as of 1 August, including Staff and Warrant officers, was 10,770.

Greek Steamer, is in distress fifty miles south of the Mississippi delta in the Gulf of Mexico, and was last reported sinking. TAMPA and BORIE are going to her assistance in heavy weather. It is interesting to note that her message for help was picked up by American radio, Samoa.

Shipbuilding Contracts, will be ready for the Secretary's signature on passage of the bill for 70 percent increase.

U.S.S. PRAIRIE (destroyer tender), was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 5 August.

U.S.S. HENDERSON (transport), which lost a propeller at sea, will arrive at Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, this evening.

U.S.S. MANLEY (high speed transport) reported to Commander Atlantic Squadron today at the Canal Zone.

War Sinkings, 18 British ships, totalling 65,601 tons and 2 allied ships totalling 7,090 tons were sunk by Germany during the week ended 29 July, the Admiralty stated. Germany claims sinking of 229,298 tons during the same period and 3,725,547 tons since the war began, contrasted with British figures of slightly over a million tons.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

7 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 6 August 152,104

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 215

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 8

Gain 207

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	715

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for

enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the

National Defense within the limits of peace-time organi-

zation, as of 3 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	86
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	366
Communications	85	79	74
Afloat	5000	1290	594
Miscellaneous	2325	952	873
Class V-7 Procurement Program		193	193
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	5000	608	608
<u>Total Men</u>	15,050	5,634	2,794

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Marine Corps, total enlisted strength, as of 6 August, was 29,601. The Navy has informed the Marine Corps it is negotiating for a cargo vessel to act as supply ship to run between Norfolk and West Indian bases as substitute for the KITTELY.

Contracts, have been submitted to Mr. Knudson for clearance on 12 trawlers to be used as minesweepers. Vessels requested have following owners: F. J. O'Hara, Boston, 7 ships; Booth Fisheries, Boston, 3 ships; Atlantic Fisheries, Boston, 2 ships.

Nazi bomb sights, examined by our personnel abroad and said to be their latest, are described as being comparatively inefficient and rudimentary.

YFD-2, (floating drydock) at noon 6 August was in Latitude 19-15 North, longitude 125-54, West.

U.S.S. WASP, (aircraft carrier) starboard high pressure turbine has been lifted and shows damage similar to that of port engine (previously reported). Preliminary indications are that damage may have resulted from piece of metal left in steamline on building. It is believed repairs can be made within period originally estimated.

Priority of contracts, between Army and Navy are worked

out on basis of ten categories, A-1 to A-10, in relative importance to both branches of the service, similar to the method that worked well in the World War. Factories are also graded in their importance to national defense so that National Defense Commission can keep them supplied with materiel, labor, machine tools, etc., that they be able to fulfill most important contracts. It is planned in future to label orders, (A-1 to A-10), so there can be no mistake in work priority where the same factory is turning out materiel for both Army and Navy. Allocation of factories presents a problem as there is, of course, a tendency on the part of both services to employ entire factories in specialty work. As more factories are built and enlarged this problem will tend to clear itself.

Harvard Business School, has offered its facilities to the Naval Reserve and it is expected 20 Reserve Supply Officers will receive training there this term in a six months' course, before being assigned to various bases as expert accountants. The Supply School At Georgetown University, where 60 are now taking a three months' course, will doubtless be continued.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, examinations to select

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20 candidates for the Dental Corps will be held on 2nd and 3rd December in Washington, Great Lakes Training School, and San Diego. Candidates must be between 21 and 32 years of age at time of appointment, and graduates of standard dental colleges.

U.S.S. TUNA, (SS203), is scheduled to be launched at Mare Island, California, on 1 October, one month ahead of contract order.

Recruiting Activities, for week ending 2 August:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment,	1816
Number of first enlistments	919
Number of reenlistments within three months ...	58
Number of reenlistments under broken service ...	39

Total Enlistments 1016

Japanese Warships, and transports were steaming southward from Formosa, according to a report received from Manila. Eighteen transports were said to be in one group. Ships might be moving to Indo-China or the Japanese mandated Caroline Islands, it was thought. Domei, Japanese news agency, said that the Foreign Office had informed Ambassador Grew that reports which had been circulated in the world press of Japanese pressure on French Indo-China were false.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

8 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 7 August 152,196

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 157

Aggregate Discharges " " " 65

Gain 92

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers 525

Staff Officers 151

Warrant Officers 39

Total 715

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of National Defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 3 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	210
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	172
Aviation Instructors	248	248	168
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	121
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	100
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	96
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	149
Communication Officers	100	100	91
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	10
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	318	328
Total Estimated Number			
Allowed	1805	1803	1565

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70% increase building program, subject to minor changes contracts and allocations made to Navy Yards will be ready for the Secretary's signature immediately upon signing of the Second Supplemental National Defense Act. These contracts and allocations include the following: Government constructed vessels: 2 battleships, 17 destroyers, and 8 submarines, all at an estimated cost of \$398,000,000, including armor and armament. Private yard vessels include: 8 aircraft carriers, 29 cruisers, 93 destroyers, and 35 submarines at an estimated cost of \$2,870,855,200, which includes armor and armament and government furnished machinery for submarines. It is expected the Secretary will be able to announce contract awards within one hour after signing of the bill.

Pershing-Lindbergh, Hundreds of letters addressed to the Secretary are being received on these respective speeches. Less than 1 percent are favorable to Lindbergh, most of them insisting we aid England to the fullest extent.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, reports the all commodity price index was 77.0 as of 3 August, off .3 from the previous week. This is the third successive weekly decline. There were 585 officers in the Supply Corps as of 1 August.

Supply Depot, Oakland, Steady progress is being made toward completion of the initial development. Dredging and filling on first increment will soon be completed, and construction of storehouses and marginal wharf will commence at an early date. A medical supply storehouse costing \$300,000 is included in this project, legislation pending. It is proposed to include the second increment of \$8,500,000 required to complete the project in the 1942 budget.

U.S.S. SAILFISH, while submerged below periscope depth damaged both port and starboard spherical sound projectors. Report will be made by letter.

U.S.S. SCULPIN (SS191), port propeller was struck by the starboard propeller of the SWORDFISH (SS193) while resting at French Frigate Shoal (west of Pearl Harbor). One blade of each vessel and possibly the tail shaft of the SWORDFISH was damaged. Docking of vessels is necessary. One shaft of each vessel is available until completion of repairs.

U.S.S. SIMS (DD409) reported to Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty on 6 August.

U.S.S. MADISON (DD425) was placed in full commission at

Navy Yard, Boston, on 6 August.

U.S.S. BOREAS (storeship), was placed in ordinary commission at Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 6 August.

Admiral Greenslade, has completed his mission.

U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD435) was successfully launched at Navy Yard, Charleston, on 7 August.

H.M.S. OSWALD, submarine, was reported overdue and considered lost by the British Admiralty. An Italian communique pointed out that 52 officers and men, including the commanding officer, were prisoners of war. This was the 15th British submarine lost since the start of the war. The OSWALD Was 2,038 tons displacement, carried 1-4" gun and 8-21" torpedo tubes.

S.S.EXCALIBUR, arrived at Bermuda with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

War Sinkings, German high command said that 12 British merchant ships totalling 55,000 tons were sunk by aerial attack and 7 others damaged, while travelling in convoy. German torpedo boats claimed 3 ships in another convoy totalling 17,000 tons. The British admitted considerable damage had been done, "several ships being hit", and a number of survivors and injured landed.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

9 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 8 August 152,257

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 224

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 163

Gain 61

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers 525

Staff Officers 151

Warrant Officers 39

Total 715

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and strengthening of national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 3 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	210
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	172
Aviation Instructors	248	248	168
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	121
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	100
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	96
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	149
Communication Officers	100	100	91
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	10
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	<u>320</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>328</u>

Total Estimated Number

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2. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Two contracts have been awarded the Atlantic Coast Fisheries, Inc., Boston, Mass., for two trawlers, at an estimated cost of \$525,000. A contract has been awarded the E.I. duPont de Nemours and Co., Wilmington, Delaware, for 1,035,000 lbs. of ammonium picrate (smokeless powder) at a unit price of \$.2985, total cost, \$308,947.50. A contract has been awarded to the Sperry Gyroscope Co., Inc., for gyro-compass equipment in the amount of \$230,770.

Negotiated Contract, for Electric Shop and Extensions to Dispensary, Shipfitters Shop and Shipways Nos. 2 and 3, including Crane Runways, at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., has been awarded on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis to Hughes-Foulkrod Company, Philadelphia, Pa. The total estimated cost, including fee, of this contract is \$255,000.

Major McHugh, recently returned from the Far East, talked to the General Board and selected officers on the situation in China.

U.S.S. HOGAN (DD178) and PALMER (DD161) were commissioned on 7 August at the Destroyer Base, San Diego.

Commander Air Scouting Force in XPBV-2-Y, departed Kodiak 8 August and arrived at Sitka the same date.

V-7, reserve midshipmen, 300 start the first school in the ILLINOIS tomorrow. 350 applied for this course, over 200 chose Northwestern, and 56 desired to postpone their midshipman training course. No more difficulty is contemplated in obtaining a sufficient number of qualified applicants and lowering the requirements will not be necessary. A preliminary survey shows that nearly 50% of applicants are college graduates, whereas only 2 years of college are required.

Reserve radio schools, are in the process of formation to train 3200 radiomen and 800 signalmen. The above represents a change from former proposal to train 3000 signalmen and 2000 radiomen. Schools are contemplated to

train personnel in the following numbers:

Naval District	Location	Radio School	Signal School
3	Noroton, Connecticut	1480	
6	Charleston, S. Carolina	100	
9	Chicago, Illinois		640
9	Michigan City, Indiana	424	
11	Los Angeles, California	842	160
12	San Francisco, California	234	
13	Bainbridge Island, Wash.	120	
	<u>Total</u>	3200	800

Each district will conduct 3 classes per year, except the 9th, which will conduct 2. Operation of schools will be contingent on ability to recruit the desired personnel

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which may not be accomplished on a voluntary basis. Equipment for schools is estimated to cost \$124,000, subsistence \$364,000, clothing, \$200,000. Total estimated cost of training 4000 men, \$1,658,000, including instruction, etc. German Commerce Raider, last heard of off Rio Janeiro is apparently being fueled and provisioned at sea by ships in the South American trade which include S.S. PETER II, M.S. TRONDHEIM, M.S. DAGHELD, and M.S. NOR BRIS, all Norwegian and in the vicinity.

Conference, of Bureau representatives was held this morning on plans for administration of the Coast Guard when it is taken over by the Navy. Coast Guard representatives and officers from War Plans were present at the meeting.

Merchant Marine Reserve School, San Francisco, 24 have been ordered to first class, 2 months session, beginning 12 August. Succeeding classes will train 40 merchant marine officers.

Radiomen, 15% of Reserve are on active duty and 25 Communications Reserve Officers are with the Fleet.

Air Warfare, over the English Channel and port facilities continued on a large scale with mines dropped from German planes in an attempt to blockade British harbors.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

12 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 10 August 152,617

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 241

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 22

Gain 219

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	715

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 10 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	228
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	196
Aviation Instructors	248	248	185
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	135
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	101
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	99
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	156
Communication Officers	100	100	92
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	12
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	125
Miscellaneous	320	318	366
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1695

2. Naval Communications Service, maintained communication with Radio Charleston throughout the week-end storm. Sunday evening, at the Army's request, a special circuit was established between Fort McPherson (Atlantic) and Navy Radio Charleston, to expedite relief work. Parris Island is apparently badly hit by the storm, though there are no casualties. All power plants are out of commission and it has been requested that Washington send experts from the Westinghouse Company. Women and children, probably refugees from storm, are reported sick in the Marine Barracks.

V-7. Reserve Midshipmen, Official figures for first cruise, 608 of whom finished, are as follows: 300 have started first school in the ILLINOIS; 161 have chosen to attend the first school at Northwestern (16 September); 84 have deferred school till next term; 40 were disqualified physically from continuing; and 23 were found not fitted for further training. In one week approximately 800 have been enlisted for the third cruise (September 30) and quota will probably be filled next week, after which enlistments will commence immediately for fourth cruise.

Commander Air Scouting Force, in XPBY-2-Y has returned to

San Diego from Kodiak and Sitka.

U.S.S. OMAHA and GOFF (DD247) departed Lisbon for exercises and training while underway in nearby waters. BARRY (DD248) remained at her Lisbon anchorage.

Convoy Bombing, in English Channel on 8 August (first mass attack of German aircraft) sank 14,000 tons of shipping and damaged 4000 additional tons, according to best advices. 35 German fighters and 17 bombers were shot down, the British losing 18 fighters, 5 pilots were recovered. Shipping losses by aircraft were: 3 sunk, 2 set on fire and abandoned, and 7 damaged. By motor torpedo boats, 2 ships were sunk and 1 damaged. 2 Balloon trawlers were sunk and 2 damaged.

Guns for British, There are no Navy or Army guns or ammunition for loan, according to best advices. (British are interested in 3" and 4" from World War stocks.)

U.S.S. GLEAVES (DD423), degaussing installation was completed on 8 August.

Contracts awarded, for trawlers to F.J. O'Hara & Sons, Inc., were 2 at \$240,000 each, and 2 at \$220,000 each. To Booth Fisheries for 3 trawlers at \$250,000 each. Two of these trawlers have already been delivered at Boston.

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for conversion to minesweepers.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, the following contract awards

have been made:

Alterations to fourth wing of Bancroft Hall, Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., awarded to Irwin and Leighton of Philadelphia, for \$107,770. Time of completion, 180 days.

Temporary hospital facilities, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, awarded to John Replogle of San Diego for \$143,400. Time of completion, 90 days.

Bombing Attacks, on channel ports and shipping continued

and for the first time the British admitted the Germans

had gone inland with their attack, causing "some loss of

life". Previous raids by daylight had been confined to

coastal harbors. Virginia Gayda countered British rumors

of uprisings in Albania with similar conditions in India.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, asked Congress to

enact legislation increasing the number of midshipmen at

the Naval Academy. A bill had already been introduced by

Chairman Vinson to this effect. Mr. Compton said Academy

enrollment could be increased immediately to fill vacan-

cies in the entering class still existing.

Red Cross, reports 25 dead at St. Helena Island in South

Atlantic storm, in late message. No power or water avail-

able at Parris Island and unable to reach it as causeway

is wiped out at both ends.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

13 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 12 August 152,739

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 150

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 27

Gain 123

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of August 1:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	<u>715</u>

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 10 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	228
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	196
Aviation Instructors	248	248	185
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	135
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	101
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	99
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	156
Communication Officers	100	100	92
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	12
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	125
Miscellaneous	<u>320</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>366</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1695

2. Big Diomed Island, Alaska. Reliable information has been received that Russian Government is building a first class weather station with excellent radio facilities there. Natives claim no knowledge of any air field construction there. The only white man on the island is a Russian school teacher, although a trained weather observer is expected later and possibly an aeronautical inspector. U.S.S. SOLACE (hospital ship) will be placed in ordinary commission upon arrival of prospective commanding or executive officer. Only officers to report to date are from the Merchant Marine Reserve.

Yacht ARLIS, was taken over at Navy Yard, New York, on 12 August.

Charleston Hurricane, only minor damage to new construction and ships under overhaul is reported from the Navy Yard. Pending test of electrical equipment, the total damage including material used in shoring and security lines is estimated at \$3500. Excessive damage occurred to distribution and communication systems. Estimated cost of repairs: to buildings, \$18,000; pavements, grounds, and railroad tracks, \$12,000; power distribution and communication systems, \$8500; waterfront structures, \$7,000;

Yards and Docks craft, \$2,000; total \$47,500. There was severe damage to buildings at Parris Island. Washout on railroad into Parris Island will take 6-8 days to repair. General Vandegrift and General Williams have proceeded there from Marine Headquarters as well as Lieut. Comdr. Needham from the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

U.S.S. GOLDSBOROUGH (small seaplane tender), reported to CINCUS for duty on 12 August in Patrol Wing 5, aircraft scouting force.

New Destroyer Construction, to be completed ahead of schedule is as follows:

Vessel	Contract completion date	Expected completion date
LIVERMORE (DD435)	12/15/40	10/30/40
EBERLE (DD430)	2/15/41	12/17/40
PLUNKETT (DD431)	2/17/41	7/16/40
KEARNY (DD432)	4/17/41	9/18/40

Shanghai Defense Committee, Colonel Peck acted as Chairman at the meeting of 12 August, called to pass on official cognizance of his offer to take over defense sectors previously held by British troops. The Japanese were absent, refusing to recognize the legality of the method of convening. They said any action taken on that date would not be recognized. The meeting was adjourned without further action. The Japanese asked for a meeting on 15 August at

which time the committee will be convened again.

Aviation life belts, for personnel London, plus 3 for Admiral Ghormley and aides will be forwarded with the baggage of the next officer going to London.

Marine Corps, total enlisted personnel on 12 August was 30,220. There were 1,248 officers on active duty as of 1 August and 146 warrant officers. Reserve force as of 1 August consisted of 1,161 officers, 17 warrant officers, 47 aviation cadets, and 15,076 enlisted men.

British Admiralty, said that shipping lost by enemy action during the week ending 5 August totalled 75,124 tons, including 13 British ships totalling 60,058 tons. During this period, Germany claimed to have sunk 232,743 tons of shipping. The Admiralty added that up to 12 August, Germany had lost 923,000 tons and Italy 259,000 tons of shipping.

British Coast, was again under fire of hundreds of German planes. Aldershot, Army training center, 30 miles from London, was bombed. The British claimed 54 German planes were brought down by British fighters and 3 by anti-aircraft guns, in some cases the fighters chasing German bombers clear across the channel.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
14 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 August..... 152,957

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 311

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 93

Gain 218

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 August:

Line Officers	525
Staff Officers	151
Warrant Officers	39
<u>Total</u>	<u>715</u>

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time organization, as of 10 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	86
Naval Reserve Aviation			
Bases	2300	2300	372
Communications	85	80	75
Afloat	5000	1292	676
Miscellaneous	(971	892
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325		
gram	(208	208
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, U.S.N.R.	5000	608	608
<u>Total Men</u>	15,050	5,071	2,919

2. Portable Hospital Unit No. 1, which can be taken anywhere that action might develop is being organized at the Medical Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N.Y. The complete unit is to be set up in Guantanamo under canvas and with portable buildings to house operating room and acute surgical ward. Equipment includes motor vehicles, dishwashing equipment, laundry equipment, refrigerators, steriliser outfit, X-ray, dental and laboratory facilities. Unit is expected to sail for Guantanamo on 1 October, where it will be set up and receive patients. The personnel will be trained in setting up and taking down the hospital, until its degree of mobility is firmly established, that it may be sent anywhere, should the need arise. Later it may be split into two units. The main object of this venture is to train personnel, so that if there is need for more such mechanical units, they can be put together on short notice. 11 medical officers, 150 hospital corpsmen, and 2 pharmacists comprise the medical force for this unit, the idea for which suggested itself to the Surgeon General because of increased activity in the Caribbean Area. \$250,000 was asked from Congress to provide this hospital.

U.S.S. O'BRIEN (DD415), official trials were held off Boston yesterday and were successful in all respects. U.S.S. MAYRANT (DD402) reported to CinCUS for temporary duty in Atlantic Squadron on 12 August. Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, has awarded contracts for 3 trawlers (for conversion to minesweepers) to F.J. O'Hara & Sons, Inc., Boston, at \$190,000 each. Contracts have been awarded to R.S. Sullivan for the Yacht ARLIS at \$70,000, and to Alfred L. Loomis for the Yacht KATOURA at \$1.00. Contract for Landing Field Paving at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, has been awarded to Warren Northwest, Inc., Portland, Oregon, in the total amount of \$600,297.99. Submarines 240-282, Bids for furnishing propelling machinery were opened today, three companies submitting bids for 24 sets, 11 sets, and 8 sets, respectively. General Motors Corporation were low bidders with all types of electrical equipment as furnished by Allis-Chalmers, The Elliott Company, General Electric, and Westinghouse, the latter two companies being the lowest in price for electrical equipment. General Motors low bids follow:

	24 Sets	(11 sets)	8 sets
	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Machinery</u>
With General Elec-			
tric Equipment	\$19,800,000		
With Westinghouse			
Electrical Equipment	\$9,245,320	\$6,863,973	

German Parachutists, Home Guards, organized to capture parachutists, searched for several Germans who bailed out of airplanes in Southeast England. In the Midlands another hunt was on for possessors of eleven parachutes found there. Parachutes were said to be capable of supporting a load of 400 pounds each. Well informed German sources said parachutists had been dropped near Birmingham and Manchester.

War in the Air, Germany reported more than 20 British planes and 5 German planes shot down in battles near Dover today.

Admiral Hart, Commander in Chief Asiatic Fleet, arrived in Shanghai for the meeting with the Japanese over the dispute regarding the British sector of the International Settlement. Admiral Hart's arrival probably prevented the Japanese from meeting today, as he is senior officer present, outranking all Japanese officers present. Meeting will be held tomorrow (previously reported).

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
15 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 August 153,216

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 280

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 21

Gain 259

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
<u>Total</u>	767

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 10 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	228
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	196
Aviation Instructors	248	248	185
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	135
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	101
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	99
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	156
Communication Officers	100	100	92
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	12
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	125
Miscellaneous	320	318	366
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1695

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 9 August:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1829

 Number of first enlistments 1143
 Number of reenlistments within three months .. 76
 Number of reenlistments under broken service . 39

Total Enlistments 1258

U.S.S. QUINCY and WICHITA, the following itinerary has been approved and diplomatic arrangements initiated:

Depart Montevideo 28 August. At Buenos Aires, 29 August to 3 September. At Rio Janeiro, 6-10 September, and arrive Norfolk, 24 September.

U.S.S. ST. LOUIS, will probably depart Norfolk about 26 September for a cruise to the East Coast of South America.

The following itinerary has been suggested: At Recife (Pernambuco), 7-14 October; Rio de Janeiro, 17-24 October; Montevideo, 28 October to 4 November; Buenos Aires, 5-12 November; Santos, 15-25 November; Montevideo, 28 November to 3 December; Rio de Janeiro, 6-16 December; Bahia, 18-26 December; Recife, 28 December - 2 January; and arriving Norfolk 13 January.

Admiral Ghormley, and aides have arrived at London.

CinC, Asiatic Fleet, has shifted his flag from the PORPOISE (SS172) to the ISABEL (converted yacht).

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Mexico City, The Federal District Garrison is being reinforced according to best information. Large contingents of peasants are being imported into the city, about one-quarter of whom are arriving armed while others are being supplied arms in the capital. These steps in connection with opening of the Electoral Congress indicates the Government is uneasy over the pending announcement of election results.

Trawler MAINE, was received by the Commandant 1st Naval District on 13 August and is now at the General Ship and Engineering Works for conversion into a minesweeper.

5 Additional Battleships, of new design have been released as part of the 70% building program by Mr. Knudson and may be added to the outline of contracts for construction as reported in this bulletin on 8 August. Allocation of 6 cruisers now assigned to Cramp's depends on results of negotiations still proceeding as to reopening of that yard. Allocation of 5 battleships released today, will complete the allocations of the 70% increase program as regards combatant vessels. Martinique, It has been recommended that an officer with the rank of lieutenant commander be ordered to Martinique

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where relations with this country are expected to remain friendly in the future.

Model Basin, Captain McBride, Director of the Experimental Model Basin, Washington Navy Yard, will relieve Rear Admiral DuBose as director of the Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland. Admiral DuBose will continue to serve as liaison officer with the National Defense Committee. Records, personnel, and apparatus from the Navy Yard are being moved to Model Basin, Carderock.

War in the Air, British claimed 38 planes downed today in attacks that the Germans described as reaching up the Thames as far as Tilbury, important docking area adjacent to London. London later reported that between 20 and 30 German bombers had attacked Croydon, Airport for London. London claimed the loss of only 19 planes, with 5 pilots able to bail out. German raiders were reported to have fled when British fighters went up to greet them. Damage was said to have been slight.

House Naval Affairs Committee, agreed to hold public hearings Wednesday on a bill authorizing appropriation of \$7,000,000 for construction of naval drydock in New York Harbor, in conjunction with New York Port Authority.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

16 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 15 August 153,454

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 288

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 50

Gain 238

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
<u>Total</u>	<u>767</u>

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 10 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	228
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	196
Aviation Instructors	248	248	185
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CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	101
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Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	125
Miscellaneous	320	318	366
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
Allowed	1805	1803	1695

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Yacht ELDA, owned by Mr. Arthur V. Davis, New York City, authorization has been approved for purchase for conversion to subchaser. Owner offers ELDA, length 154 feet, beam 24 feet, 373 tons, 17.2 knots (top speed) for \$125,000. Appraisal value, \$145,000. Yacht, when purchased, will be assigned and converted in the 15th Naval District (Panama Canal).

Bureau of Ordnance, Conference was held with representatives of Bureau Supplies and Accounts on negotiated contracts.

Ships under Construction, latest data shows the following, advanced in construction:

Vessel	Date of Completion		Approx. Months Ahead of Schedule
	As Per Contract	As Reported	
NORTH CAROLINA (BB)	9/1/41	7/15/41	1½
SOUTH DAKOTA (BB)	4/15/43	12/15/42	4
THRESHER (SS200)	5/2/41	8/27/40	8½
TRITON (SS201)	3/1/41	11/1/40	4
TROUT (SS202)	5/1/41	1/1/41	4
TUNA (SS203)	5/1/41	3/1/41	2
MACKEREL (SS204)	5/15/41	3/31/41	1½
GAR (SS206)	7/15/41	4/22/41	3

Vessel	Date of Completion	As Per Contract	As Reported	Approx. Months Ahead of Schedule
GRAMPUS (SS207)	9/15/41	6/2/41		3½
GRAYBACK (SS208)	11/15/41	7/14/41		4
GRAYLING (SS209)	8/1/41	5/1/41		3
GRENADIER (SS210)	12/1/41	8/1/41		4
MADISON (DD425)	10/30/40	9/1/40		2
CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD428)	10/30/40	10/18/40		½
MONNSEN (DD436)	3/1/41	2/1/41		1
WOOLSEY (DD437)	5/15/41	5/15/41		1
LUDLOW (DD438)	8/15/41	7/15/41		1
EDISON (DD439)	5/15/41	3/15/41		3
ERICSSON (DD440)	8/15/41	5/15/41		3
CURTISS (Seaplane Tender)	2/27/41	11/1/40		3
ALBEMARLE (Seaplane Tender)	6/14/41	2/1/41		4½

Commandant 14th Naval District, Reports 5 ferry boats are being sold at public auction San Francisco on 21 August and that increasing activity in Pearl Harbor area necessitates additional water transportation between Navy Yard and Ford Island, and Ford Island and West Lock plus Pearl City, for personnel, freight, and ammunition. 2 of vessels are reported suitable, appraised value \$40,000 each. As

4. Boats

chance for acquiring may not occur it has been recommended that Commandant 12th Naval District (San Francisco) inspect and if satisfactory, arrange negotiations for sale prior to public auction. Purchase of 2 boats is needed for Pearl Harbor.

Standing Aircraft, Best information from London reports procedure for frost on wings is recommended by Canadian Research Council consisting of 5 percent solution of zinc stearate or calcium stearate in benzine, dries on wings and frost brushes off.

VP Planes, from New England Patrol searched 75 miles each side of Lat. 38-25 N., Long. 66-40 W., for Norwegian ship THERMOPYLE which reported being tracked by a mysterious vessel in that position. Neither THERMOPYLE nor any suspicious ship was seen.

V-7, Reserve Midshipmen, Advance reports are that nearly 1000 are already enlisted for cruise commencing 3 September. Exact figures will be available Monday.

Aviation Cadets, 52 have been appointed for flight training at Pensacola in the class convening on 12 August. 12 Naval Reserve districts from all sections of the country are represented by this number.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
19 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 17 August 153,609

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 4,650

Other Reservists " " " " ... 2,864

Total 7,514

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 220

Aggregate Discharges " " " 119

Gain 101

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	<u>46</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>767</u>

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 17 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	241
Merchant Marine Reserve Afloat	200	200	200
Aviation Instructors	248	248	187
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	142
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	107
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	102
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	168
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CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	14
Administration of Reserve			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	121
Miscellaneous	<u>320</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>377</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1762

2. U.S.S. KEARNY (DD432), preliminary acceptance trials will be held today, well ahead of schedule.

YSD10 (self-propelled seaplane derrick) was launched at Charleston Navy Yard, the first of 18, up to program as scheduled.

S.S. WESPER, German ship at Manzanillo since war began is showing evidence of preparations to depart.

All commodities, price index for week ending 10 August was 76.9, down .1 since the previous week.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, contracts have been awarded as follows: to

Masterson & Schlegel for the Yacht ONWEGO at a price of \$70,000.

C.A. Tilt for the Yacht TROUPER at a price of \$150,000.

Harry Furman for the Yacht ENTROPHY at a price of \$125,000.

Ira S. Bushey & Sons for three tugs, CONSULTOR, CARMELITE, and COUNSELOR, at a price of \$181,793 each.

Senate 4245, provides for 5 naval dispensaries to become hospitals (Quantico, Guantanamo, Coco Solo, Jacksonville, San Juan). This will provide better care for the sick in these areas, increase size of nurses quarters, and add more nurses.

Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic, expects to depart Shanghai on 20 August and rejoin the AUGUSTA.

U.S.S. HULBERT, reported to CinCUS on 15 August for duty in aircraft scouting force, Patrol Wing 1.

U.S.S. STACK (DD406) reported to Commander of destroyers, battle force, for duty on 13 August.

U.S.S. TRITON (SS201), was placed in commission at Navy Yard, Portsmouth, on 15 August.

Senate Appropriations Committee, approved unanimously the \$5,008,169,277 supplemental national defense bill to finance construction of a 70 percent increase in the Navy and mechanize the Army. The committee added \$34,507,320 to the House approved total to strengthen air defenses.

Bureau Yards and Docks, the Virginia Engineering Company has contracted as an addition to their contract for the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., for the construction of temporary additional buildings at the Naval Training Station as follows: Four barracks, one receiving building, one recreational building, one large subsistence building consisting of galley and mess hall for 1800 men. The Bureau of Navigation stated that these facilities should be completed by October 1st, and positively not later than

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October 15th. The contractor started work on July 22nd and is making unusually rapid progress. All work will be completed well in advance of the needed date, and some of the buildings will be ready for occupancy over a month in advance of the date fixed. There are now 1020 men working on these buildings.

Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., \$200,000, for four H-type ward buildings of a capacity of approximately 240 beds. The work was awarded to E.E. Weddle & Co. of Norfolk, Virginia, on June 29, 1940, under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract. Work is well underway. The entire project, complete with accessories, should be completed about October 1st. Wards will be turned over in sequence to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for occupancy.

Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., \$200,000, for three H-type ward buildings of a capacity of approximately 180 beds, is being accomplished under contract awarded to John Replogle of San Diego, California. Work will be completed about November 10th, and the wards turned over in sequence to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for occupancy.

A cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for fleet operating base, San Pedro, has been negotiated with George Pollock of Sacramento and Guy Atkinson of San Francisco. Contract cost, including fee, is \$18,012,500.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Total Enlisted Strength, 19 August 154,649

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,238

Other Reservists " " " " 2,107

Retired Reservists " " " " 8

Total 8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 250

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 47

Gain 203

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
<u>Total</u>	<u>767</u>

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the national defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 17 August:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
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<u>Administration of Reserve</u>			
Midshipman Training Program	140	140	121
Miscellaneous	<u>320</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>377</u>
<u>Total Estimated Number</u>			
<u>Allowed</u>	1805	1803	1762

Bureau of Ordnance, is placing requisitions for purchase from Mesta Machine Company, and from United Engineering and Foundry Company, of four large forging presses to be installed in private plants and at Charleston, West Virginia. The cost of these presses, plus installation charges, amounts to \$3,500,000. These presses are to provide forging capacity for forging armor, guns, ships shafting, shafting for turbine rotors, rudder posts, gun slides, etc.

U.S.S. STACK (LDA06), was in communication with the master of the S.S. HERMAN FRASCH, who stated the Mexican gunboat G22 came up from astern and when within 2000 feet of FRASCH broke a signal to stop. Gunboat fired two shots from her forward gun when abeam and one officer and an armed man boarded to examine the ship's papers. Later 4 more armed men boarded the FRASCH to examine cargo. Vessel is bound for Los Angeles again, the State Department handling the case.

U.S.S. STOCKTON (DD73) was placed in commission on 16 August at Navy Yard, Philadelphia.

CONSTITUTION and CONSTELLATION, oldest ships in the Navy will be placed in commission on 24 August at Boston and Newport respectively. Appropriate ceremonies will be held.

U.S.S. SAPELO (oiler), was commissioned on 19 August at Philadelphia.

U.S.S. ZEPHYRUS and HARRIS (transports) were placed in ordinary commission on 19 August at Seattle, Washington.

War in the Air, Best information indicates that 1/4 of German air strength remains in Germany, with balance along the coast of the continent. It is estimated that 50 percent of German fighters and dive bombers have been operating daily over Great Britain, but that only 15 percent of bombardment units are so employed. There are no visible indications of the early launching of a land invasion. The Royal Air Force is said to be holding a considerable portion of their fighters in reserve.

British withdrawal, from Somaliland closes the southern exit to the Red Sea which is practically equivalent to the loss of the Suez Canal as regards trade routes. There is real concern in Britain over her position in the Middle East and Egypt, according to best advices.

U.S.S. COLUMBIA (CL36), keel laid at the New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N.J., on 19 August.

Catapult Lighter (AVC1), was launched at Philadelphia on 17 August. This is part of experimental boat program for

4. which there is a fund of \$15,000,000. Catapult lighters, if proven successful, would be used at remote bases for launching heavily loaded seaplanes, thereby improving their flying radii. These lighters would carry provisions, gasoline, spare parts, bombs, magazines, and guns for airplanes. They would be large barges (present one is 420 feet long, 57 foot beam), and self-propelled at a speed of 4 knots by the same diesel generators that supply power to catapults. Planes of 120,000 pounds would be catapulted at 120 miles per hour, released from deck. Catapult lighters are designed to carry 480,000 gallons of gasoline. They would have low freeboard and a complement of 3 officers and 40 men. Plane would be taken aboard through a well running down the center of barge by means of a powered car. It is estimated complete unit would cost \$2,000,000, and hull alone \$200,000. It is quite possible, if successful, that catapult lighters might be stationed at all far distant bases and 100 built that heaviest seaplanes have widest possible long range operations in wartime.

Marine Corps, recruits will again be taken to Parris Island, beginning 27 August, after removal of recruiting activities to Quantico because of storm.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
21 August 1940

<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 20 August	154,749
<u>Fleet Reservists (Enlisted)</u> on active duty ..	5238
<u>Other Reservists</u> (" " " " ..	3107
<u>Retired Reservists</u> " " " " ..	8
<u>Total</u>	8353

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	195
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> (" " " "	95
<u>Gain</u>	100

Retired Officers, returned to Active Duty as of 15 Aug.:

Line officers	566
Staff officers	155
Warrant officers	46
<u>Total</u>	767

Naval Reserve Enlisted Men ordered to active duty for Enforcement of Neutrality and the Strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-Time Organization, as of August 17.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	86
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	406
Communications	85	80	76
Afloat	5000	1292	761
Miscellaneous	(975	928
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325		
	(215	215
Class V-7 For midshipmen USNR	5000	1495	
<u>Total Men</u>	15050	6569	2472

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Marine Corps, total enlisted strength as of August 20 -
30,923

Transport American Legion, position at 8 a.m. 21 August was Latitude 58-37 N, Longitude 12-22 W. American Legion should be out of the danger area now.

War bombings, considerable concern is felt, says last information, over bombing of the oil depot at Pembroke Docks as this is one of the main storage plants of the Royal Navy. Due to the intensity of the conflagration full extent of loss has not yet been capably determined. London dispatched all available equipment to fight the fire.

French Indo-China, Reliable information is that when General Catroux, former Governor General of Indo-China passed through Bangkok (18 August) he informed officials that he believed Germany was responsible for the recent stiffening attitude of the Indo-China government towards Japanese demands.

General Catroux said he was on his way to join General DeGaulle in London

Canadian officials, are expected in the Navy Department today regarding purchase of 750 - 3" and 4" guns from World War stocks.

Army and Navy, officials are continuing conversations concerning priority and preference in contracts with the view to smoother working relations with manufacturers. Motor Torpedo Boat, PT10 was successfully launched at Bayonne, N.J. on 20 August.

YFD-2 (Floating drydock) at noon yesterday had reached latitude 21-43 N. Longitude 152-48 W. and is expected to arrive Pearl Harbor on 23 August.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Contracts have been awarded as follows:

To the Laders Marine Construction Company, Stamford, Conn. for 5 Harbor Tugs at a unit cost of \$79,400.00, total \$397,000.00.

To Robert Jacobs, Inc., City Island, New York, for 6 Harbor Tugs, at an average unit cost of \$69,615.00, total \$417,690.00.

To the Pioneer Instrument Division of Bendix Aviation Corp., Bendix, N.J. for 3,500 aircraft compasses and spare parts, at a unit cost of \$43.50 total \$154,240.00.

To Switlik Parachute and Equipment Company, Trenton, N.J. for 4,000 Aviators' Helmets, at an average unit cost of \$2.58, total \$10,300.00.

To Livingston Shipbuilding Company, Orange, Texas for 24 surf landing boats, at a unit cost of \$4,951.00, total \$118,824.00.

To Rudolph Knitting Mills, Inc., Brooklyn, New York, for 53,000 Jerseys, at a unit cost of \$1.505, total \$79,765.00.

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Bureau of Yards and Docks, A cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for improvement of the power plant at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, has been negotiated with the Gibbs and Hill Company of New York City. The estimated contract cost, including the fee, is \$450,000.

The following contract award has been made for Magazines and underground gasoline system at the Naval Air Station, Tongue Point, Oregon, awarded to the Western Construction Company of Seattle, Washington, for \$72,950. Time of completion 150 days.

Progress at Naval Air Stations, Jacksonville and Miami, Florida. - The construction of the Naval Air Stations in Florida is proceeding on a "Full speed ahead" basis. In Jacksonville, on a 3260 acre tract of land adjacent to the St. John's River approximately 7 miles south of the City, more than 5500 workmen are employed on this important National Defense project, which includes a modern flying field, landplane hangars, seaplane hangars, storehouses, shop buildings and personnel structures. In Miami 1600 men are at work.

The first contract was awarded in Jacksonville on October, 1939, at which time this station was intended to be an operating and repair base. It was expected that by strenuous efforts operations could start by July 1941. The imperative demand in June 1940, for pilots necessitated a change in plans and the provisions of adequate pilot training facilities both at Jacksonville and Miami.

Operations were speeded up by increasing the number of workmen and resorting to shifts where practicable. Actual training of pilots is scheduled to start at Miami on October 1, 1940, and at Jacksonville on December 31, 1940.

With the continued helpful cooperation of labor, the Navy's objective to provide the required facilities by the dates specified will be assured.