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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
22 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 21 August 154,946

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty .. 5,238
Other Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty .. 3,107
Retired Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty . 8
Total 8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 306
Aggregate Discharges (last 24 hours) 109
Gain 197

Retired Officers Returned to Active duty as of 15 August

Line officers	566
Staff officers	155
Warrant officers	46
Total ..	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 17 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(g) officers Afloat	300	300	241
Merchant Marine 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
Communication officers	100	100	103
CC-V(S) officers	20	20	14
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	121
Miscellaneous	320	318	377
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1762

Transport AMERICAN LEGION, will be escorted into New York by two destroyers of the neutrality patrol which will contact the AMERICAN LEGION 500 miles off New York. Present estimate of arrival is early 28 August. Biddle and Blakely have been assigned to this service.

USS BOISE (CL47) Balance weights of 2 5" guns of the starboard battery were sheared off during target practice. One man was injured. Weights were removed prior to firing guns of the port battery. Larger securing bolts have been recommended to be put on the HONOLULU before she leaves the Navy Yard.

CinC Asiatic Fleet shifted his flag from the ISABEL to the AUGUSTA on 21 August.

Naval Communication Service, routine tests of emergency apparatus are being carried out with all stations in possible hurricane areas with successful results. Naval Communications was the only service in touch with Charleston during the recent storm there. A successful test was held Monday with the Naval Communication Reserve Net (Amateur network).

Spanish forces, are disposed as follows: 1 8" cruiser,

5 destroyer leaders, 1 submarine, six MTB, 1 minelayer, at Elferhei; 4 MTB. 3 destroyers at Cadiz; 4 destroyers and 2 minelayers at Cartegenas; 2 submarines, 1 destroyer, 1 minesweeper in the Balearics; 6 MTB, 1 gunboat at Tetuan; and 3 gunboats enroute to Cartegenas. Fleet is said by best advisors to be poorly trained and equipped, loyal but not well disciplined. Troops are disposed as follows: 145,00 in Morocco; 50,000 in the Pyrenees; 100,000 in South Spain; 100,000 in the Portuguese frontier and 45,000 over the balance of Spain. Troops are said to be ill-fed, poorly equipped but well trained and disciplined. Doubtful loyalty due to infiltration of many Reds. Serviceable planes are 150 bombers, 129 fighters, 16 dive bombers, 38 reconnaissance, 15 seaplanes. Planes over 18 months old all in poor condition. Flyers are loyal to government, There are said to be 500 reserve pilots which will be supplied with German planes by Nazis should Spain enter the war. There is a lack of essential food supplies. Press is Nazi-controlled. Spain is resisting as far as

possible, joint Italian and German efforts to make her take French Morocco and Gilbralter. When and if Spain is convinced that the war will terminate in 6 weeks or two months she will enter on Germanys side - if she is convinced Germany will be victorious

House Naval Affairs Committee, approved legislation authorizing the Naval Academy to accept candidates who passed entrance examinations from 1938-40, but who were not accepted for reasons other than physical. This legislation involves 270 candidates.

German plane losses over Britain were said to have reached 1000 today since 18 June.

Under-Secretary, of the Navy, Honorable J.V. Forrestal, was sworn in to office this morning. His flag will have a red field, white stars and anchors. The Under Secretary is entitled to a 17 gun salute.

Bureau of Ordnance, has awarded a negotiated contract to Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. for gun equipment at a cost of $10,865,200.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 22 August 155,066

Fleet Reservists	(Enlisted) on active duty	5,238
Other Reservists	" " "	3,107
Retired Reservists	" " "	8
	Total	8,353

Aggregate Enlistments	(last 24 hours)	251
Aggregate Discharges	" " "	131
	Gain	120

Retired officers, returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant officers	46
Total	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 17 August:

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V(G) officers Afloat	300	300	241
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Communication officers	100	100	103
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Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	121
Miscellaneous	320	318	377
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1762

Recruiting activities for week ending August 16, 1940

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	1672
Number of first enlistments	1253
Number of reenlistments within three months	75
Number of reenlistments under broken service	43
Total enlistments	1371

Reenlistments, for the fiscal year stand at 75,22 per cent and for the recent month 72.28 percent. This is not a particularly high figure. Reenlistment percentages follow closely the demands for labor and skilled workers.

Delayed Action Magnetic mines, in the English Channel are doing much damage. In supposedly swept areas mines have destroyed as many as four ships in one convoy recently. In this regard it is probable the U.S. Navy will purchase many more trawlers than the limited number already taken over for conversion to minesweepers, the Atlantic Coast with its shallow water extending well out to sea being particularly vulnerable to this type of mine in case of war. 600 fisherman thrown out of work because of Navy trawler purchases are protesting heavily.

All Commodities price index, for 17 August was 77.2 up .3 from 10 August.

English Channel, according to best advices will soon become closed to traffic except where visibility is low or at night. The attack on the convoy 23 August in the Channel and widely reported as being ineffective was effective enough to cause concern to be felt over the continued use of the Dover Straits. Not less than 7 German 11" guns have been identified and are emplaced at Calais and along the nearby shore. They are keeping up a constant bombardment of the Dover area. Most shells fall about 6 miles inland from the town itself and so far have cause little damage. This fire is being returned from 1 or 2 14" British Naval guns. Heavy bombing attacks are also being made in the channel. Plane spotting is speedily overcome by both sides during daylight. It is believed such firing is to effect morale, but potentialities of long range attack are not being overlooked by the British.

Dock fire, at Pembroke (previously reported) is out of control and two-thirds of the oil tanks (British Naval Supply) are said to be destroyed.

Europa and Bremen, German liners are definitely said to be at Hamburg, camouflaged so as to present a foreshortened appearance.

King Farouk, of Egypt according to best advices from Cairo has said in conversation that he hoped the British would soon be defeated and added that he thought such an eventuality was to be foreseen. He referred to his recent cabinet changes as having been made under pressure from Britain and called it insulting, submitting to British demands only to protect his country.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, reports the following awards:

Contract for Piping and Equipment Installation at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. to Viking Construction Corp. New York, N.Y. for $203,740.00. Time 200 Calendar days.

Contract for Fresh Water Reservoir at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. to C.W. Lockwood, Hampton, Va. for $65,116; time - 120 calendar days.

Contract for Labor Board building at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. to W.T. Gregory, Norfolk, Va. for $24,531.00; time - 60 calendar days.

National Defense Commission, announces a plan for the Federal Government to reimburse private industry over a 5 year period for costs of emergency plant construction.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
26 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 August 155,402

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty	...	5,238
Other Reservists " " " "	...	3,107
Retired Men " " " "	...	8
Total	.....	8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 228

Aggregate Discharges " " " 110

Gain 118

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
Total	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 24 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	246
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	201
Aviation Instructors	248	248	193
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	134
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	110
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	104
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	175
Communication Officers	100	100	105
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	16
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	128
Miscellaneous	320	318	363
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1775

Al Williams, according to good authority, called on Mr. Willkie when he was preparing his acceptance speech and made a very good impression on the Republican candidate. Williams has long advocated a separate air force, which is not quite the same as the announced Willkie plan to have a cabinet member for National Defense, with Army, Navy, and Air Force representatives under him. It is thought Williams and probably others have influenced Willkie to take his present stand, Williams being ambitious to become Secretary for Air if such a plan ever was carried through.

Northern Pump Company, received a large order for single and twin gun mounts (single for destroyers, twin for cruisers 57-67). Total amount of contract was $25,594,200.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, will appear on the Pearson-Allen hour, station WRC at 7:30 P.M., tonight and will answer questions on the Navy.

Tug PEACOCK, loaned to the Maritime Commission, sank after a collision in Cartagena harbor. 3 men are missing.

U.S.S. ALLEN (DD66), ROBINSON (DD88), RINGGOLD (DD89), CONNER (DD72), SIGOURNEY (DD81), and TILLMAN (DD135) were placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 23 August.

U.S.S. CONSTITUTION, was placed in full commission with appropriate ceremonies on 24 August at Navy Yard, Boston.

U.S.S. SCHENK (DD159), reported to Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District (Panama) for temporary duty.

YFD-2 (floating drydock) arrived Pearl Harbor on 23 August, after 24 days at sea. PLATTE and NAVAJO, who were with the towed drydock, will report to CinCUS for duty with the Base Force.

U.S.S. CIMARON (oiler), taken over from the Maritime Commission, is coming to Philadelphia from the West Coast for final conversion, arriving about 1 October.

U.S.S. TRINITY, besides taking oil to the Asiatic Fleet will load 350 tons of sheet steel for the Army at San Francisco and deliver it to the Engineer Corps, Midway Island.

ST. LOUIS (cruiser), itinerary for trip to Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, etc., (previously reported) has been approved.

French Coast, dominated by the Nazis shows main bases at Bologne, Brest, Cherbourg, The Heller, and L'Orient. L'Orient is being prepared as a submarine base. Every port along the coast is being utilized for "E" boats.

Class V-7, reserve midshipmen, all quotas are exceeding expectations. Second school at Abbott Hall, Northwestern, will convene on 16 September, and will consist of 400 students. 161 of this class are already designated from 1st cruise, balance to come from second cruise. Current cruise has 1490 aboard the three battleships, Altogether there will be 4 classes on the ILLINOIS (1200), 4 classes at Northwestern (2400), and one class at the Naval Academy (500), making 4100 in all to complete training by 20 September, 1941. The summer class (last class) at Northwestern will train 1200.

Bureau of Navigation, is establishing schools for reserve radiomen and signalmen in various locations throughout the U.S., according to plan previously reported. Courses will run 4 months. Those graduating will be given active duty with the Fleet on a voluntary basis to fill existing shortages. The Bureau of Navigation is now receiving nominations from Commanding Officers afloat and ashore re those warrant officers and petty officers of the Regular Navy considered qualified for temporary appointments as reserve officers in ranks between lieutenant and warrant officer. On the enactment of pending legislation, appointments will be made by selection to fill shortages. No limitation is placed on selection board as to petty officer ratings and the ranks assigned to them.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
27 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 26 August 155,639

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,238

Other Reservists " " " " 3,107

Retired Men " " " " 8

Total 8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 261

Aggregate Discharges " " " 27

Gain 234

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
Total	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 24 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	77
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	508
Communications	85	79	73
Afloat	5000	1349	899
Miscellaneous	(	1000	973
Class V-7 Procurement	(2325		
Program	(	222	222
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, U.S.N.R.	5000	1500	1500*
Total Men	15,050	6,662	4,252

*Not Confirmed.

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 24 August: .....

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	246
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	201
Aviation Instructors	248	248	193
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	134
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	110
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Mexican Gunboats, continue to stop and board American vessels for search. The R.J. HANNAH and S.S. ENDEAVOR are the latest additions, both now proceeding to their destinations. The State Department is handling this matter.

BLAKELEY and BIDDLE, have contacted the U.S. Army Transport and are escorting her into New York.

Italy's pressure on Greece is regarded as serious by best information from abroad with a prospect of early and harsh demands. Ceding of Crete is mentioned as a possibility. Turkish action is unpredictable. English light forces are keeping sea areas around Crete under observation.

Trawlers, taken over by the Navy will be commanded by qualified Reserve Officers. Eagle Boats will also be commanded by Reserve Officers to relieve Regular Officers for other duty. Naval Reserve officers who are especially qualified as small boat experts will be ordered to P.T. boats. Commandants of Naval Districts will order officers to this duty who have engineering backgrounds. 10 graduates of V-7, reserve midshipmen school on the U.S.S. ILLINOIS will be detailed to this duty who have speed boat experience.

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Chemical Warfare Class, 36 reserve officers connected with organized units, geographically situated so they can return as instructors, will attend this school from 8 September to 4 October, at the Edgewood Arsenal.

Flight Medical Examiners, 12 reserve doctors will be trained at Pensacola commencing 1 October, preference given to those candidates who will remain on active duty at conclusion of course.

Submarine School, at New London, beginning 26 September will train 24 reserve officers, specially selected, for 3 months at conclusion of which they will be ordered to active duty in submarines.

Contract, for Alaska air bases will be a year old this week and progress report is expected on the year's operation from the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Great Britain, is dispatching 20,000.troops to the Near East, according to best information. Pembroke Docks, Navy oil reserve, is still burning.

War Sinkings, The British Admiralty announced today that in the week ending 18 August, a total of 52,899 tons of British and neutral shipping had been sunk by German air and submarine raiders. This is a slight increase in the average weekly loss since the war began. In the same week Germany claimed to have sunk 151,711 tons of British shipping. Enemy losses (Admiralty's report) up to 26 August were 923,000 German tons, 264,000 Italian, and 32,000 neutral tons seized previously by the enemy. Naval sources denied a destroyer of the VISCOUNT class had been sunk.

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

Contract for new shipbuilding ways at the Navy Yard, Boston, has been awarded on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis to New England Foundation Company, Boston, Mass. The total estimated cost, including fee, is $665,000.

For improvement of fire protection system at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Puget Sound, Washington, to J.J. Agutter & Company, Seattle, Washington, for $85,618. Time: 160 calendar days.

For replacement of buildings Nos. 307 and 405 at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Iona Island, N.Y., to Rathgeb-Walsh Inc., Port Chester, N.Y., for $51,558. Time, 120 calendar days.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
28 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 August 155,853

Fleet Reservists	(Enlisted) on active duty	5,238
Other Reservists	" " " "	3,107
Retired Men	" " " "	8
	Total	8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 295

Aggregate Discharges " " " 81

Gain 214

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

Line Officers	566
Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
Total	767

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U.S.S. SUMNER (DD333), estimates it will take 5 months for all units to survey the Peru Area west from Longitude 80 degrees. Some units will spend three months in the Peru Area, the remainder in Ecuador. At present Peruvian officers are with units in Peru, and Ecuadorian officers with units in Ecuador.

Commander Squadron 40-T, reports that all registered and first class mail addressed to his squadron is now being removed from Export Line ships at Bermuda for purpose of censorship. 1st Class mail bags are returned to steamer calling one week later, but registered mail is still being held at Bermuda. He recommends all mail bags for his squadron be treated in similar manner to State Department pouches which are not removed at Bermuda. If this is not practicable, he recommends that all official mail be sent via diplomatic pouch to Lisbon Legation.

Rear Admiral Cook, Commander Air Scouting Force, will probably accompany the Secretary on his flight to and from Hawaii.

Armor plate, only 3 companies, Bethlehem Steel, Illinois Steel, and Midvale Steel are equipped to produce armor plate. Midvale will doubtless get large order now pending provided wage argument can be straightened out to the

satisfaction of the Company, which does not wish to adopt minimum wages for its employees.

Conversion of merchant ships, Captain Court, here from the 3rd Naval District reports excellent progress on the SANTE BARBARA (U.S.S. McCAWLEY) and SANTE MARIA (U.S.S. BARNETT) purchased fromthe Grace Line and now being converted to transports. These vessels were built in the Furness Yards twelve years ago, and are twin screw Diesel driven. McCAWLEY will be completed this week, and both vessels will be fitted out in 20 days, each to carry 1300 troops and 90 troop officers, with crews of 170 men and 20 officers. These ships were turned over to contractors the latter part of July on cost-plus-fixed-fee contract basis. Ships will be equipped to carry paravanes and are expected to be ready to sail for duty on 14 September. Though this is not ahead of schedule, it is considered one of the fastest conversion jobs ever done for the Navy. 1000 men working in shifts have been employed at the peak of labor performance.

Netherlands East Indies, fear German reprisals and Japanese invasion. It is felt that Germans may hold relatives and friends of Netherlands East Indies officials as hostages.

3 British torpedo planes, have been successful in sinking 4 Italian ships. As this weapon has been a disappointment and hits were in some respects regarded lucky, it is desired that no announcement be made of this success. To date, German use of torpedo planes has been unsuccessful.

Pembroke Docks, oil fire is still burning. Additional tanks continue to ignite daily. It is still thought entire "farm" will probably be destroyed.

U.S.S. THRESHER (SS200) was accepted and placed in commission on 27 August at Submarine Base, New London.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, reports the following awards:

To the Jaeger Watch Company, Inc., for 1700 clocks, elapsed time, aircraft, at a unit price of $66.71, spare parts $2,000, making a total cost of $115,407.

To the American Woolen Company, New York, for 6,000 wool, hospital blankets at a unit price of $7.199, total cost, $43,194.

German Air Fleets, launched a series of terrific daylight raids on Southeast Coastal areas, renewing their attacks in mass formation. Latest reports say 24 German planes have been knocked down. Bombers operating from Cherbourg and Brest have imperilled shipping in the Bristol Channel and St. George's Channel as well as rendering the English Channel untenable except for small coastal convoys operating at night only.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

29 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 28 August 156,125

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,238
Other Reservists " " " " 3,107
Retired Men " " " " 8

Total 8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 288

Aggregate Discharges " " " 16

Gain 272

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

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Staff Officers	155
Warrant Officers	46
Total	767

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Marine Corps, Total Enlisted Strength, 28 August, 31,516.

Four light cruisers, have been added to the 70% increase in the Navy. Two officers have been dispatched to Gulf and West Coast Yards to find building ways. It is probable that 8 Bethlehem or Todd destroyers will be built elsewhere to make room for these cruisers at the above named plants.

Hearings, were held yesterday by the House Judiciary Committee with interested officers on bill for assignment of government contracts at present prohibited by Section RS-34-77. Favorable comment came from representatives of all government agencies. This is a bill to permit small contractors to carry less bank balances in order to meet payrolls and advanced purchases.

Postal Telegraph, company reports messages to occupied areas of France can only be accepted for handling by telegraph as far as Madrid and then mailed at sender's risk and delay to final destination.

British Supplies, destined for Egypt are now being routed via the Cape of Good Hope and thence up the Red Sea.

New Reserve Medical Class, is in process of formation to take care of optometrists, chemists, and other specialists unable to qualify as medical officers but still valuable to

the Medical Corps in time of war. They will be commissioned in the lower ranks, probably lieutenants (j.g.) and classed as MC(V)K, a miscellaneous branch. Details will be available later on exact specialties coming under this class.

Two mine layers, of 4,700 tons each; bids will be received for construction up to 16 October.

Marine Reserve battalions, of which there are now 23, consist of 13 officers, and 310 enlisted men of whom 240 are divided into 4 rifle companies of 60 each. Remaining enlisted men are attached to headquarters (18), band (28), and commissary platoon (24).

Parris Island, Deficiency bill carries $3,750,000 for permanent buildings to replace temporary buildings constructed there during the World War. In case of storm such as the recent devastating one, these buildings will withstand hurricanes with less damage and upkeep expense than has been necessary heretofore.

Alaskan Air Stations, contract on a cost plus fixed fee basis covering construction at Sitka and Kodiak was awarded one year ago today to the Siems-Spokane Company; Johnson, Drake and Piper, and the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company. The scope of the work covered by the original contract called for completion by September 1942. In prac-

tically every case the various projects are either up to or well ahead of schedule for time of completion, despite the rigorous winter and little daylight in which to work. Workmen's camp houses and messes 800, and is situated 7 miles from Kodiak. Dredging and filling is in continuous progress. Nearing completion are officer's and enlisted men's apartments, other buildings, water supply system, permanent pier, roadways, oil and gasoline storage tanks. Rock drilling and dredging for the channel is well ahead of schedule. Sitka and Kodiak are the largest construction projects ever attempted in Alaska. Based upon one year's actual experience it can be stated with confidence that under no other type of contractual relationship could a similar accomplishment as to economy, speed, and certainty have been made. Every advantage claimed for the cost plus fixed fee contract has been repeatedly proven at Sitka and Kodiak, not only in individual instances, but as well for the work as a whole. The above statement is part of an article that will appear in Engineering News-Record for November, by Commander Thomas (CEC), Officer in Charge Alaskan Air Stations, and is not for release in this present form.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
30 August 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 29 August 156,265

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,238
Other Reservists " " " " 3,107
Retired Men " " " " 8

Total 8,353

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 288

Aggregate Discharges " " " 148

Gain 140

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 August:

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Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1775

Recruiting Activities for week ending 23 August:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1469

Number of first enlistments	1277
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	51
Number of reenlistments under broken service	40
Total Enlistments	1,368

All Commodity price Index, for 24 August was 77.2, unchanged from a week ago.

Bureau of Ordnance, during the month of July 1940, the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D.C., placed requisitions in the amount of approximately $50,000,000 for material to be manufactured by private industry. Contracts for press release under the Second Deficiency Appropriations Act are as follows: Gun Forgings: Midvale Co., $8,121,125.31; Bethlehem Steel Co., $7,275,484.10; Crucible Steel Co., $2,332,343.02; Erie Forge Company, $1,162,366.40; Nat. Forge and Ordnance Co., $1,006,003.30; Heffenstall Co., $332,996.69; Penn. Forge Co., $268,640.74; Struthers Wells-Titusville, $184,295.00; Allis-Chalmers Co., $178,350; Camden Forge Co., $116,893.56; a total of $21,478,498.62. Negotiated contracts: Gov. Armor Plant Expansion at Charleston, West Virginia, $35,000,000; Bausch & Lomb - optics, $5,500,000; Newport Torpedo Factory, $2,500,000; Washington Gun Factory, $32,000,000; a total of $96,500,000 (approximate), for the Bureau of Ordnance.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, contract awards have been made as follows:

Bakery and kitchen equipment at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida - bakery equipment awarded to I.J. White & Co. of New York City for $22,985; kitchen equipment awarded to Duke Manufacturing Co. of St. Louis, Mo. for $62,972. Time of completion, 180 days.

Improvement of fire protection system at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Puget Sound, Washington, awarded to J.J. Agutter & Co. of Seattle, Wash., for $85,818. Time of completion, 160 days.

Replacement of buildings Nos. 307 and 405, Naval Ammunition Depot, Iona Island, N.Y., awarded to Rathgeb-Walsh, Inc., of Port Chester, New York, for $51,558. Time of completion, 120 days.

Fresh water reservoir at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., awarded to C.W. Lockwood of Hampton, Va., for $65,116. Time of completion, 120 days.

Piping and equipment installation at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., awarded to the Viking Construction Corp., of New York City, for $203,740. Time of completion, 200 days.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, is ready to release contracts in the amount of $28,511,000 for expansion of air stations, submarine bases, radio stations, ammunition depot, naval hospitals, etc., on signing of the second deficiency appropriation bill.

SC451, while enroute to Norfolk, incurred a crank case ex-

plosion, port main engine. Two men were burned slightly and transferred to hospital. Ship's force will accomplish repairs with spare parts.

U.S.S. BREESE (light minelayer), will be available at Seattle on 10 September to embark Captain Parker, Commander Alaskan sector, and Brigadier General Suckner, for the Alaskan area, returning Seattle after inspection tour.

German building program, According to best advices, battleships GNIESENAU and SCHARNHORST are still undergoing repairs at Kiel. 26 submarines are under construction at Hamburg. It is estimated 150 motor torpedo boats and 120 submarines are in commission at the present time. Motor torpedo boats with built in torpedo tubes are said to be highly efficient boats. Ordered or building are 100 - 750 ton U-boats, and 200 - 500 ton U-boats. 600 Junkers planes are being fitted to carry 8 ton tanks each. Labor battalions have been dispatched to build a new East Wall on the Russian borders.

U.S.S. SARATOGA (aircraft carrier), pilot of F3F2, Number 0976 was uninjured when plane sank in 300 fathoms of water after a forced landing which was due, apparently, to engine failure.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

3 September 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 31 August 157,222

Fleet Reservists	(Enlisted)	on	active	duty	 5,619
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	 3,283
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	 12
				Total	 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 290

Aggregate Discharges " " " 48

Gain 242

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 31 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	257
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	219
Aviation Instructors	248	248	200
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	100
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	115
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	110
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	180
Communication Officers	100	100	115
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	127
Miscellaneous	320	318	400
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1840

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts announces the following awards:

A contract has been awarded the Switlik Parachute & Equipment Company, Trenton, N.J., for 2000 leather jackets, at a unit cost of $14.75, total $29,500; and 1695 flying suits, at a unit cost of $9.60, total $16,272.

A contract has been awarded the H.L.B. Corporation, New York, N.Y., for 2000 aviators' summer jackets, at a unit cost of $5.75, total $11,500.

A contract has been awarded the H.M. Sawyer & Son Company, Cambridge, Mass., for rain-clothes, coats, hats, trousers, total $325,968.35.

The Acting Secretary, Mr. Forrestal, announced today the names of naval members of the board designated to meet with British experts to determine the exact location of the naval and air bases in connection with transfer of 50 destroyers to the British Government. The 8 destroyers ready to go on 6 September are HERNDON (DD198), ABEL P. UPSHUR (DD193), WELLES (DD257), WILLIAM C. WOOD (DD195), AARON WARD (DD132), BUCHANAN (DD131), CROWNINSHIELD (DD134) and HALE (DD133). Authorized German sources said tonight they were not able to comment as yet upon the Anglo-American destroyer and defense base agreement.

Italian Naval Situation, is causing Italian officers much concern, from best advices, because of diminishing supply of fuel. For lack of crude oil, the new gasoline plant at Livorno is being shut down. Lack of fuel will not permit great activity of the Italian Fleet. Great pressure is being exerted on both Portugal and Spain by the Axis Powers to make them enter the war. Italian submarines have left for Bordeaux via Gibraltar, it is said.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Coal storage and incidental waterfront construction at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., to the Diamond Construction Company, Washington, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis in the amount of $243,000.

U.S.S. SOLACE (hospital ship), will be reconditioned and outfitted at the dock of the Atlantic Basin Iron Works, beginning 5 September, completion date being 31 January, 1941. In emergency the SOLACE can minister to 12 sick officers and 446 enlisted men, there being room on board for 19 doctors, 13 nurses and 118 additional medical crew. SOLACE will probably be detailed to Atlantic Squadron on completion of outfitting for duty in the Caribbean area. The RELIEF (hospital ship) will continue to serve the Fleet.

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

Allied losses at sea, officially stated by members of the British Government up to 17 August since the beginning of the War are as follows: Neutrals, 246 ships, totalling 745,195 tons; Allied Governments, 94 ships, totalling 438,575 tons, and British, 363 ships totalling 1,384,565 tons.

The Major General Commandant, of the Marine Corps, General Holcomb, returned today from a three weeks inspection trip to the West Coast.

The Assistant Chief of Ordnance, Captain Davis, is inspecting the Torpedo Station at Newport, R.I., today.

Marine Corps Recruiting, will be stepped up to 38,600 men. This increase isconsidered necessary in view of the action relating to naval bases under leases in 8 British islands. Immediate preliminary protection of these navy air bases is considered necessary. Several places will require several hundred men apiece. No marines will be sent until title to land is actually decided on by the British and American Commissions. It is estimated 1000 marines in all will be required for 8 bases.

British Losses, The Admiralty said today that 16 British, Allied and neutral merchant ships totalling 79,750 tons were lost by enemy action during the week ending 25 August. 13 of these were British, totalling 69,340 tons. During this period Germany claimed to have sunk 183,964 tons of shipping.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
4 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 3 September 157,394

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,619

Other Reservists " " " " 3,283

Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 203

Aggregate Discharges " " " 30

Gain 175

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 31 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	77
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	488
Communications	85	83	76
Afloat	5000	1351	938
Miscellaneous	(	1050	994
Class V-7 Procurement	(2325		
Program	(	225	225
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, U.S.N.R.	5000	1500	1500
Total Men	15,050	6,721	4,298

Marine Corps, Total Enlisted Strength, as of 3 September, was 32,018.

U.S.S. TERROR (minelayer), keel was laid at Navy Yard, Philadelphia, on 3 September. This isthe first vessel ever built as such by the Navy.

U.S.S. WASP (airplane carrier), Turbine Casualty. On 31 August, during an inspection, a turbine blade was found in the drain line from the port high pressure turbine. It was impossible to tell from the appearance ofthe blade whether it was one that had failed recently, or had been in the drain line since the previous casualty. By removal of the by-pass bonnet and use of mirrors it was determined that at least 18 blades were missing from the first row of stationary blading in the fifth expansion of the port high pressure turbine. This condition is almost identical to the one that happened several months ago (previously reported). At that time the WASP was ordered to Boston for repairs by the Contractor, Bethlehem Steel Company. The WASP is now at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, and was scheduled to conduct her final trials on 4 September. It has been recommended that these trials be cancelled and the WASP is being made available for repairs at Norfolk. The

Bethlehem Steel Company has been informed of the casualty, which is probably due to design. Both high pressure turbines will be opened for examination and necessary repairs. As contract calls for 6 months guaranteed unrestricted cruising before acceptance, this guarantee will doubtless be continued for that period following repairs.

Board on Island air bases, departed from Norfolk in the ST. LOUIS, for Bermuda, under orders of Admiral Greenslade.

50 Destroyers to Britain, will be turned over to British authorities at Halifax as soon as possible. Names of vessels are not being released, their publication not desired. Current docking and painting of first 8 is being expedited at Boston to be turned over as soon after 6 September as practicable. The DENEBOLA (destroyer tender) will arrive at Halifax with or ahead of the first group.

Ferryboats, at San Francisco will probably not be bought due to large sums necessary to recondition them and their unsuitability for open sea trips between Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe. It has been recommended by naval inspectors that no further action be taken in the matter of purchase.

Mexico, growing political tension points toward an armed outbreak when results of elections are made public by the

Congress. This may occur within the week, according to best advices, 5 or 6 September being possibilities.

Cargo carriers, Legislation yet to be passed by the Senate will permit acquisition of additional auxiliaries. Cargo requirements are overtaxed in present cargo carriers. More are needed for transport of materials.

Japanese Forces, are expected to enter Indo-China on 5 September according to best information.

British destroyers, EXPRESS, IVANHOE, and ESK, while laying mines, ran into a German mine field (en route to Terschelling). The ESK was sunk, the others were towed to port stern first at 5 knots. The IVANHOE was lost.

Navy pouches, on the VOLENDAM, torpedoed 31 August, will be recovered if possible by salvage. The American Consul at Glasgow is undertaking recovery.

R.O.T.C., Legislation is up for hearing that would make such officers eligible for commissions in the regular Navy.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract for interconnection between the New York Navy Yard and the Brooklyn Edison Co. and improvement of power plant and switchboards has been negotiated with Harry L. Alexander, Inc., of New York City. The estimated cost, including the fee, is $185,000.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
5 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 4 September 157,424

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,619
Other Reservists " " " " 3,283
Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 136

Aggregate Discharges " " " 106

Gain 30

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 31 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	257
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	219
Aviation Instructors	248	248	200
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	100
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	115
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	110
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	180
Communication Officers	100	100	115
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	127
Miscellaneous	320	318	400
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1840

British Bombing, It was found impracticable for the Royal Air Force to conduct day bombing because of heavy losses, best information reports, and it is now restricted generally to operations against occupied territory by Blenheims when cloud cover permits. Night attacks are carried out by heavy bombers (Whitleys, Hamptdens, and Wellingtons) and medium bombers (Blenheim and Battles). Attack objectives have been reported by the press but repeated visits to the same targets indicate the official estimates of damage are optimistic. British planes dispatched at night follow:

23 August	30	heavy	bombers	5	medium	bombers
24 "	58	"	"	78	"	"
25 "	90	"	"	12	"	"
26 "	81	"	"	18	"	"
27 "	57	"	"	0	"	"
28 "	64	"	"	21	"	"
29 "	61	"	"	17	"	"
30 "	70	"	"	24	"	"
31 "	45	"	"	18	"	"
1 September	65	"	"	0	"	"

Nazi Bombing, it is estimated that the number of Nazi bombers in night raids is up to 300 planes. The British day raids have consisted of a maximum of 20 planes when clouds were sufficient, while Germans use up to 800, regardless of weather protection. Although the damage to British industry is probably much greater than admitted, it is not yet serious. Interruption to industry by repeated air raid warnings is decreasing because the workers who are bored by sitting in air raid shelters preferred continuous production. Diving Junkers-87's with some fighter escort conduct bombing raids on the South and East Coasts of England. German losses were larger when low ratio of fighter escorts was used and maneuverability was impaired due to added armor weight recently installed. British fighters are rotated weekly between active and less active areas, and some squadrons are more experienced than others. In the most recent day raids the Germans have been providing 2 fighters to each bomber of the 2-engine type and the ratio of losses has been much less. The Germans are now concentrating a very large number of Junkers dive bomber squadrons at airdromes in Northeast France. It is estimated by the Royal Air Force that this assembly was completed yesterday. As a result they consider that daylight attacks in great force, probably directed at British air fields, are imminent.

Contracts awarded and obligations incurred, Various Bureaus, through the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, reported to the Acting Secretary, Mr. Forrestal, that

against 1941 Appropriations, both regular and supplementary, the Navy has to date incurred obligations and contracts in the amount of $1,300,815,503.26. During the period of 16-31 August, the amount was $40,769,562.72.

Medical Corps, is receiving applications for examinations as commissioned officers to be held 6-9 January 1941. Appointments are also being made in the Medical Corps Reserve from applicants under 50 years of age. The Medical Corps is being increased in proportion to Navy and Marine Corps increases. Specialties in which qualifications may be obtained through post graduate instruction are surgery, medicine, otolaryngology, X-ray, laboratory, pathology, public health, psychiatry, deep sea diving, aviation medicine (flight surgery), gas warfare, and tropical medicine. Several officers are trained in research applying to problems in submarine and aviation activities.

Naval Airplanes, 1695 have been contracted for since 1 June. These include 5 utility transports, 1410 primary trainers, 25 advanced trainers, 243 fighters, and several miscellaneous.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, has awarded a contract to the Curtiss Wright Company for airplanes in the amount of $11,000,000.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
6 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 5 September 157,661

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,617
Other Reservists " " " " 3,283
Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 254

Aggregate Discharges " " " 17

Gain 237

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 31 August:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	257
Merchant Marine Afloat	200	200	219
Aviation Instructors	248	248	200
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	100
CEC-V(S) Officers	100	100	115
Supply Corps Officers	100	100	110
Medical and Dental Officers	152	152	180
Communication Officers	100	100	115
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	127
Miscellaneous	320	318	400
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1805	1803	1840

Recruiting Activities for week ending 30 August:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1442

Number of first enlistments 1684
Number of reenlistments continuous service 63
Number of reenlistments under broken service .. 32

Total Enlistments 1779

All Commodities, price index for the week ending 31 August was 77.7, up .5 from a week ago.

U.S.S. HELENA (light cruiser), repairs will be completed in time to leave the Navy Yard, Norfolk, on 13 September. The HELENA will rendezvous with the LOUISVILLE at the Canal Zone on 21 September. The LOUISVILLE and CHESTER will proceed independently to the East Coast and on arrival at Colon will report to Commander Atlantic Squadron, for duty. The HELENA will proceed to the West Coast and on departure from Balboa report for duty to the Commander cruiser force. HELENA and LOUISVILLE will exchange charts, instructions and orders, the LOUISVILLE will then be prepared to carry out the cruise to South America which is now scheduled for the ST. LOUIS.

German bombing, only moderately serious damage was inflicted on the Vickers Weybridge, and Birmingham Spitfire plants (4 September). Production will be interfered

with but not to a serious extent. Both plants, according to best information, are still operating. On 4 September in the afternoon, the dive bombing attack made at Weybridge, 500 kilogram bombs were used, most of which dropped on the countryside surrounding the plant. Although there are 7000 employed in this plant, and the attack was without warning, only 1 major shop was hit with a total of 300 casualties.

U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO (heavy cruiser) will proceed to San Pedro on 10 September and operate in that area until 23 September on which date she will depart in company with the CHICAGO for Pearl Harbor.

R.O.T.C. schools, it is understood 8 additional schools have been selected for this training. The names will be published later.

Class V-7, reserve midshipmen. In two months and 5 days up until 30 August, 4990 had been enrolled. Enrollment will continue until 5,000 have actually been trained and commissioned. Quotas have been assigned for the fourth cruise in late October, totalling 1505.

Plane Crash, Ensign Wearne, naval reserve, and Aviation Machinist Mate Carter were killed when their plane crashed

into the water near Cape Charles on the afternoon of 5 September. Their bodies have not been recovered.

House Naval Affairs Sub-Committee, instructed the Navy Department to prepare legislation authorizing construction of a $7,500,000 drydock in the Atlantic area of the Panama Canal on suggestion of Admiral Moreell. A $10,000,000 Navy drydock for New York will be considered at the same time. A dock in Panama would save ships from having to come as far as Norfolk for docking. "This country has definitely made up its mind to have a Navy in the Atlantic as well as the Pacific" Chairman Vinson said in urging the New York dock.

Indo-China, The Chiang kai-Shek government says that a Franco-Japanese agreement signed at Hanor permitted the Japanese to land 12,000 Japanese marines at three strategic points in Indo-China. French dispatches said negotiations between the French and Japanese were continuing.

British Admiralty, reports that the crew of a British merchant ship has been rescued from a Norwegian freighter aboard which a German raider had placed the men for transport to Bordeaux. Rescue was effected by the British submarine TRUANT. The crew was that of the British merchantman HAXBY, 5207 tons, torpedoed earlier by Germans.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
9 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 7 September 157,933

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty	5,619
Other Reservists " " " "	3,283
Retired Men " " " "	12
Total	8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours)	266
Aggregate Discharges " " "	118
Gain	148

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 7 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	262
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	203
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	96
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	107
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	120
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	16
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	122
Miscellaneous	320	436	436
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2021	1883

Bureau of Ordnance, Development of Cast Armor in the United States. Admiral Furlong reports that for the last two years the Bureau of Ordnance has been endeavoring to bring the quality of steel castings in this country to a ballistic quality approaching armor. During this time, sample plates have been tested from ten foundries in this country. The need for this is in such irregular and hemispherical shapes as shields for directors and rangefinder hoods. A very recent test has shown that a quality of cast armor can be produced within 5 per cent of the ballistic qualities of forged armor. Further tests are being conducted at the Proving Ground with samples from various companies. Considerable expense will be saved in the large armored gratings in the uptakes which are now forged of heavy plate and finished by drilling holes in them. This machine work causes this uptake grating to be nearly double the price of ordinary armor on account of the great number of machining hours spent on it. Some of the companies have recently had the experience of M. Melicore who is familiar with the present French cast armor technique. M. Melicore has remained in this country since his release from the French Commission which has been disbanded. His

assistance to the companies who are working on this cast armor for the Navy is also being utilized by those companies who are making cast armor where used on Army tanks as on the turret hoods. The tests now going on at the Naval Proving Ground are most promising.

Commander Rawlings, is in New York regarding location for prospective $10,000,000 drydock.

U.S.S. BARRACUDA (SS163), BASS (SS164), and BONITA (SS165) were placed in commission at Navy Yard, Portsmouth, on 5 September.

U.S.S. CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD428), was placed in commission on 5 September at Navy Yard, Puget Sound.

U.S.S. S-11 (submarine), was placed in commission at Philadelphia on 6 September.

First 8 destroyers, HERNDON, A.P. UPSHUR, W.C. WOOD, WELLES AARON WARD, CROWNINSHIELD, HALE, and BUCHANAN were turned over to the British this date.

U.S.S. ST. LOUIS, with Admiral Greenslade and nine officers of the Special Mission will arrive at Norfolk in the early morning hours of 10 September. Final conferences were held Sunday morning with the Governor of Bermuda and the Commander in Chief of the West Indian Station.

State Department, rumor has the Japanese delivering 3 submarines to Germany at Tsingtao on 10 September. According to unofficial information, German submarine officers from interned ships at Dairien are being released to officer these submarines. Motives are ascribed to this deal as follows: (1) for internal propaganda purposes in Germany, (2) possibility of stopping delivery of American destroyers to Britain not yet turned over and also to prevent any future transfer of Naval vessels, and (3) usefulness of submarines, in event of early entrance of the U.S. into the war, against our Asiatic Fleet.

Fire at Pembroke Docks (previously reported), burning for nearly two weeks, was extinguished with an estimated loss of 60,000 tons of British Naval oil.. British Navy said to have at least 600,000 tons additional oil stowed underground and unharmed.

XPB2Y, Secretary's plane. Naval Communications, Radio Washington, on trip across continent worked plane from time of departure Manchester, N.H. to arrival Salt Lake City from where plane shifted to work San Francisco direct with relays to Washington. Plane was in communication with Commander Patrol Wing One at all times from San Francisco to Honolulu. Hourly position reports were intercepted by Radio Washington.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
10 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 9 September 158,143

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,619

Other Reservists " " " " 3,283

Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 228

Aggregate Discharges " " " 16

Gain 212

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 7 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	91
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	518
Communications	85	83	76
Afloat	5000	1351	959
Miscellaneous	(	1050	993
Class V-7 Procurement	(2325		
Program	(	225	225
Class V-7 for Midshipmen U.S.N.R.	5000	1500	1500
Total Men	15,050	6721	4362

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

Dredging at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, awarded to the Norfolk Dredging Co. of Norfolk, Va. Time of completion, 100 days. The estimated cost of this contract is $132,620.

Heating plant, services and chimney for new barracks and subsistence building at the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., awarded to E.H. Marhoefer Jr. Co. of Chicago for $147,990. Time of completion, 90 days.

Widening and oiling of roads at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada, awarded to Shea and Beebe of Hawthorne, Nevada, for $53,500.

Freight elevators in the General Storehouse at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, awarded to the Montgomery Elevator Company of Moline, Ill., for $129,799. Time of completion, 300 days.

Extension to gasoline system at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., awarded to the Aqua Systems, Inc., of New York City, for $246,545. Time of completion, 150 days.

Bombing of Britain, From best authority on the night of 7-8 September, commercial dock areas at Surrey were devastated, cargo and storage handling facilities were completely destroyed, together with stores of timber, balsa wood, new spring grain and some food. Two small ships were sunk at their docks and several others were set on fire. The following day the dock areas were still burning. Due to broken mains, gas, water and electric services were disrupted in this section. People were evacuated from nearby working class dwellings which were made uninhabitable. News dispatches carried a conservative estimate of the casualties. Continued air attacks and hysteria of women and children hampered considerably the work of fire and rescue parties. The morale of the men was good so long as they were kept separate from the women and children. The same night there was damage to various other sections, 4 bombs hitting Victoria Station (a few blocks from Buckingham Palace) and disrupting railway service to repair tracks and remove debris. The air ministry was said in other reports to be surprised because something had gone wrong with fighter defense. Germans were said to have come over London in perfect formation in many cases without hindrance.

Destroyer complements, on turning over 50 ships to Great Britain, 2350 enlisted men will be retained in the Atlantic Squadron and redistributed to new construction, vessels recommissioned, air stations, or newly acquired vessels. 2400 enlisted men will be sent to ships of the U.S. Fleet. Orders to 248 officers will go out for duty as follows:

	At Sea - Atlantic	At Sea - Pacific	At Sea - Asiatic	Ashore
Captains	1	-	-	1
Commanders	6	1	-	-
Lt. Commanders	23	14	0	4
Lieutenants	14	39	8	6
Lieutenants(jg)	17	25	0	0
Ensigns	37	3	1	0
Reserve	48	0	0	0
Total	146	82	9	11

British airplane engines, it is understood from good authority that some British type engines must undergo complete overhaul, taking several days, after as little as 50 hours of flying time. The Pratt and Whitney engine on order by our Army and Navy is said to require overhaul only after 400 hours of flying time.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton will address the Advertising Club of Maryland in Baltimore at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. His address will be broadcast by the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Engineering Experiment Station, at Annapolis has been conducting tests with a new Diesel engine lubricating oil for which Standard Oil Company of California makes excellent claims. Long time tests will be conducted on U.S.S. SHARK.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
11 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 10 September 158,374

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,619
Other Reservists " " " " 3,283
Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 255

Aggregate Discharges " " " 24

Gain 231

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 7 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	262
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	203
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	96
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	107
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	120
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	16
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	122
Miscellaneous	320	436	436
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2021	1883

The Chief of Operations, Admiral Stark and the Assistant Chief, Rear Admiral Ingersoll, will inspect unofficially the First Marine Brigade at Quantico this afternoon.

Conference with Cramp's, Shipbuilding Company representatives relative to contracts for 6 cruisers on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis is being held today. Cramp's will be reopened backed by the Harriman interests and the City of Philadelphia.

Building Dock, now before Congress will probably be located at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn. Including increase in size of other docks there, the cost is estimated at $15,000,000.

Special Plant Facilities Board, is meeting regularly with Admiral Bass to iron out problems.

Admiral Spear, Paymaster General will address the new class of 55 ensigns at the Finance and Supply School, Philadelphia, tomorrow.

U.S.S. SHARK (SS174), had a submerged collision with the YORKTOWN (aircraft carrier). Both periscopes carried away, A-frames were cracked and periscope shears were damaged. There were no injuries to personnel, or report of conning tower being flooded. No battery jars were cracked.

U.S.S. HILARY P. JONES (DD427), was commissioned at Navy

Yard, Charleston, on 7 September.

40 Submarines, being overhauled for recommissioning, work is proceeding satisfactorily and according to schedule.

New R.O.T.C. Schools, designated are Brown University, Marquette University, Universities of North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Orders have already gone out to officers to report to the above for duty. It is planned to establish eight more R.O.T.C. schools next summer when funds will be available.

Captain Shafroth, has reported for duty as Director of the Naval Reserve.

U.S.S. SAILFISH (formerly the SQUALUS) will hold trials off Provincetown beginning 17 September.

War Sinkings, The British Admiralty announced merchant losses for the first year of the war totalled 1,539,196 tons. Allied losses were placed at 462,924 tons and neutral losses at 769,213 tons. Germany was said to have lost 936,000 tons and Italy 273,000 tons during the same period. The Admiralty also announced British Merchant tonnage was now greater than at the beginning of the war.

Bombing of London, Best information says that on 9 September there was a daylight raid by 300 German aircraft. 52

were reported destroyed, a somewhat questionable figure. Night raid lasted from dark until dawn, developing into two attacks of major importance. 2 large fires were started in the city proper and one in Woolwich. Tracks are all out of commission at Charing Cross Station. Numerous other important rail and road blockages were effected. Batteries on French Coast shelled Dover for 4 hours, firing from 150 to 200 rounds. This shelling killed 5 people and wounded others. Houses were badly damaged or demolished. British batteries answered. Two convoyed ships were sunk northwest of Bloody Foreland, also one was sunk in the Red Sea and one was shelled between the Azores and Madeira. Heavy concentrations of motor boats have been observed at all major ports from Zeebrugge to Le Havre. All seems to forecast, with increased activity in the Baltic and North Germany, an imminent attempt at invasion. Preparations in Norway are not as marked. Following equipment has been observed at concentration points: (1) self-propelled lighters, 130 to 150 feet long to carry an anti-tank gun plus tractor or A.A. gun of 3" in size, (2) Rhine barges of 500 tons fitted with bow ramp for landing guns or tanks.

Germans last 3 days have concentrated attacks chiefly against railways, roads, bridges, and shipping facilities and fuel stores with some haphazard bombing.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
12 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 11 September 158,637

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 5,619
Other Reservists " " " " 3,283
Retired Men " " " " 12

Total 8,914

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 328

Aggregate Discharges " " " 65

Gain 263

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 7 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	262
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	203
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	96
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	107
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	120
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	16
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	122
Miscellaneous	320	436	436
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2021	1883

Recruiting Activities, as of 11 September:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1393

Number of first enlistments 813
Number of reenlistments, continuous service .. 51
Number of reenlistments under broken service . 36

Total Enlistments 900

Marine Corps, total Enlisted Strength, 11 Sept., 32,942.

The First Marine Brigade, consisting of approximately 3,500 men and 200 officers will probably leave Quantico for Guantanamo between 8-12 October. An advance battalion will leave Quantico about 20 September to establish a camp at Guantanamo prior to arrival of the main force.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces the all commodity price index for week ending 7 September was 78, up .3 from a week ago.

U.S.S. LOUISVILLE, substituted for ST. LOUIS on good will trip to South American ports, schedule has been approved as follows: Recife, 7-14 October; Rio de Janeiro, 17-27 October; Montevideo, 28 October to 4 November; Buenos Aires, 5-12 November; Santos, 15-25 November; Rio Grande de Sul, 28 November to 3 December; Rio de Janeiro, 6-16 December; Bahia, 18-26 December; Recife, 28 December to 2 January, arriving Norfolk, 15 January.

U.S.S. DRUM (SS228), keel was laid at Portsmouth, N.H., on 11 September.

Special Service Squadron, will probably be disbanded as such, present units to be reallocated to Commandant 15th Naval District (Panama), except the Charleston which will be assigned to Alaskan sector. Commander Special Service Squadron probably will be assigned to a unit command in the Atlantic Squadron.

First 8 destroyers, are expected to sail for Great Britain today. Speed runs were held to accustom British crews to operation before leaving.

U.S.S. TUNA (SS203) will be launched at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, on 2 October.

New York and Caribbean docks, bill is reported out of committee.

German planes, on the front line in France, according to best estimates, include 1104 bombers; 700 dive bombers (single engined fighters); Messerschmidts (2 engine fighters), 429; Reconnaissance bombers, 312; Army reconnaissance, 228; seaplanes, 36. German and British losses as published by London are actually best information available and are used by the Royal Air Force for own planning.

Germans are thought to have 300 percent reserve planes and reserve crews according to best estimates. A creditable source reports Italy has been asked by Germany to send 400 planes with necessary pilots to aid in mass attack by air the end of this week on England, a preparatory measure before attempted invasion. Italian pilots said to be leaving Italy on 11 or 12 September for this purpose. Italy is expected to launch a simultaneous attack on Egypt.

Magnetic mine laying, has been attempted at the entrances to Scapa Flow. The home fleet has made a North Sea mine sweep. All East Coast convoys have been suspended, and the Royal Air Force has consistently bombed heavily the lighters, barges, etc., concentrations reported yesterday. Due to moon, tide, and weather conditions, coupled with air activities and sea transport concentrations, Germans are expected to commence invasion as soon as their estimates of the successes they have achieved so far in bombing will warrant the attempt. German dive bombers have not been active during recent attacks, probably being reserved in support of landings.

Commander Squadron 40-T, plans to visit Oporto from 24 September to 2 October with the OMAHA and GOFF. BARRY will remain at Lisbon.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
13 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 12 September 159,448

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 6,192
Other Reservists " " " " 3,283
Retired Men " " " " 31

Total 9,506

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 303

Aggregate Discharges " " " 84

Gain 219

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 2 Sept.:

Line Officers	609
Staff Officers	160
Warrant Officers	46
Total	815

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 7 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	262
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	203
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	96
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	117
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	107
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	16
Communication Officers	100	100	120
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	122
Miscellaneous	320	436	436
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2021	1883

U.S.S. KEARNY (DD432) was completed and delivered to the Navy Yard, New York, by the builder, Federal Shipbuilding Corporation, on 12 September. Contract date for completion was 17 April 1941, making this ship 7 months ahead of schedule.

Air Review, Chief of Operations has informed RANGER, WASP, and Aircraft 1, Fleet Marine Force, to be prepared, weather permitting, to participate in surprise air review over Gravelly Point Airport, Washington, about 2 or 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, September 17th in coordination with the Army, returning to normal bases thereafter. No dive bombing, smoke screens, or stunts will be required. Anacostia has been informed not to interfere with review with planes from Naval Air Station or Hybla Valley. No publicity is to be given this operation until it is completed.

U.S.S. BARRY and GOFF, of Squadron 40-T will proceed to Norfolk by way of the Azores fueling to capacity at the latter port. Upon arrival in Norfolk they will report to the CinCUS for duty in the Atlantic Squadron.

Errata, In yesterday's report under German Planes, "700 dive bombers (single engine fighters)" should read "Dive bombers, 700; single engine fighters, 819".

German air attacks, on convoys September 11 resulted in damage to tankers off Wick, according to best information. The destroyer ATHERSTONE was hit near North Foreland while escorting another convoy which was unharmed. During the afternoon Dover was shelled and bombed, 2 motor torpedo boats being damaged. 3 large 6" French cruisers passed Gibraltar enroute to Casablanca. The British forces detailed a patrol to southward to deny the French entering Dakar.

Scapa Flow, entrances at Switha and Hoy are closed by magnetic mines.

British Submarine, STURGEON, reports sinking a 10,000 ton German transport on 2 September at the entrance to the Kattegat, and also accounted for a large U-boat off the Naze on 10 September.

War Sinkings, On 11 September 2 convoyed ships were sunk west of Ireland. Another was sunk on 10 September at the entrance to Minches, the latter by bombs. On 9 September a German aircraft attacked a vessel 550 miles East of Mauritius. The aircraft was apparently launched from a raider. It is believed a steamer, 3 barges, and a trawler were sunk by the British when their light forces operating

off the Coast of France on 10-11 September contacted the enemy off Ostend.

Plane reports, indicate that approximately 50 German merchant vessels and several Nazi destroyers have been moving Southwest along the coast of the Low Countries and Northern France during the last two days.

Radio direction finder, is the outstanding development in the War of the last few days. Quantity production by the U.S. is urged from abroad. Experiments and research are being worked out in London continuously in solving the problems of ground defense and anti-aircraft fire. In airplanes and in gunnery aboard ship it has been utilized to the greatest degree. The supply of this equipment abroad cannot meet the demand.

Canadian-American Defense Board, Captain Hill, Commander Sherman and Colonel McNarney are arriving in Seattle 17 September for survey of Alaskan Canadian Coast and with Canadian members of board will go to Sitka, working their way back to Seattle by planes.

U.S.S. BARNETT (transport) was placed in ordinary commission at New York on 9 September.

U.S.S. BOREAS (tanker) and one new additional vessel of same designation acquired from the Maritime Commission will probably join the Base Force in January or February 1941.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
16 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 September 159,926

Fleet Reservists	(Enlisted) on active duty	6,192
Other Reservists	" " " "	3,283
Retired Men	" " " "	31
	Total	9,506

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 311

Aggregate Discharges " " " 32

Gain 279

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 16 Sept.:

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 14 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	289
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	206
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	102
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	122
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	112
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	187
Communication Officers	100	100	123
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	441	441
Total Estimated Number Allowed	1905	2026	1939

Airplanes on hand, September 1, Navy: Service, 1371; obsolescent, 220; obsolete, 363; experimental, 32; total, 1986 (of which 126 are assigned to the U.S. Marine Corps). Naval Reserve: Service, 163; obsolete, 51; total, 214..

Combatant Ships, as of 1 September:

Type	Built	Building	Total
Battleships	15	17	32
Aircraft Carriers	6	12	18
Cruisers	37	48	85
Destroyers	197	171	368
Submarines	103	82	185
Total	358	330	688

Opening of Bids, for construction of 10 seaplane tenders in lots of two, four, or six, has been extended from 25 September until 16 October when they will be opened publicly. Revised date will be furnished prospective bidders on 25 September.

Washington, D.C., Battalion, of the Naval Reserve attained the highest national final merit in competition with 35 other battalions.

French Ministry, of Marine has confirmed the passage through the Strait of Gibraltar of 3 French cruisers of the GEORGES LEYGUES Class (9-6" guns, 8-3.5" A.A.), 7,600 tons and 3 destroyers of the AUDACIEUSE Class (5-5.5" guns, 9-21.7"

torpedo tubes), 2,569 tons, enroute to Dakar. While several British destroyers and patrol boats were encountered by the French ships, they apparently offered no resistance. This movement is said by the Chief of the 2nd Bureau (French) to be necessitated by present conditions in French Equatorial Africa, and that it was undertaken without prior arrangement or authorization from British officials. Best information considers latter part of this statement questionable. It was also stated by the French that no further difficulties between the French and British Fleets was expected.

Secretary Knox, has left Pearl Harbor and is due to arrive in San Diego this afternoon by plane.

Air Review, previously reported for 17 September over Gravelly Point Airport has been cancelled.

U.S.S. EBERLE (DD430) was launched at the Bath Iron Works on 14 September. Probable date of completion, sometime in December, approximately 3 months ahead of schedule.

German Concentration, includes 1700 barges and 100 merchant vessels totalling 300,000 tons, according to best estimated information. Rumors are that the invasion of England will begin at the Thames Estuary from embarkation

points between Calais and Antwerp to be preceeded by vast bombing operations using 4000 pound liquid air bombs. Gliders are said to be capable of carrying 20 men and are being assembled in Denmark. The Germans are also rumored to be negotiating for the purchase of remnants of the French Fleet. Germans have continually tried to knock out London power plants, but so far have not been successful though water and gas service has been disrupted in parts of the city.

Preservative for internal combustion engines, has been developed as a result of tests at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk. It has been found that pores of the metal absorb the compound and that rusting is effectively delayed or entirely prevented. Advantage of new compound is that no pre-operation cleaning is required, either of water side or lubricating side of an engine.

Fog over London, hampered German planes today, but was later dispersed by a stiff breeze that whipped up the Channel to rough water. Breeze was later said to be dying down.

W.P.A. Adult Education Program, A letter received in the Navy Department suggests that the Portuguese language should be taught in American schools as well as in the W.P.A. educational program, that our people going to South America have knowledge of the language of Brazil. It is also pointed out that the Azores are Portuguese speaking.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
17 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 16 September 160,000

Fleet Reservists	(enlisted)	on	active	duty	....	6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	....	3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	....	31
			Total		.....	9,908

Aggregate Enlistments	(last	24	hours)	.....	299
Aggregate Discharges	"	"	"	.....	13
			Gain	.....	286

Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 17 Sept:

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 14 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	88
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	551
Communications	85	83	77
Afloat	5000	1352	999
Miscellaneous	(	1112	1106
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325 (	224	224
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, U.S.N.R.	5000	1500	1500
Total Men	15,050	6,783	4,545

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, has awarded a contract to Triumph Explosives, Inc. for 65,000 aircraft float lights at an average unit cost of $2.0285, totalling $131,859.

Marine Corps: Total Enlisted Strength as of 16 September was 55,405.

Destroyers to Britain - 8 previously reported are enroute to England, 8 more will be delivered at Halifax tomorrow, next 8 will be turned over 16 October, 10 on 31 October, 10 on 15 November, and last six at a later date not yet determined.

Indo-China - No Japanese troops have yet attempted to land. Domei News Agency at Batavia reports trade talks between Netherlands East Indies and Japan have been held and are successful.

Plane losses - Best information confirms British report that 186 German planes were destroyed on 15 September and that English losses were only 25 aircraft and 13 pilots. On the same day German submarines and planes operating to westward of Scotland sank 2 merchant ships and damaged 3 more. Also the sloop DUNDEE was torpedoed in the north-eastern approaches, was taken in tow and later sank 240 miles west of the Hebrides.

Anti-Aircraft Guns - Either 3" or 4" or 12 pounder A.A. guns are considered essential for all destroyers, from best information abroad. There is a tendency to take on less anti-ship ammunition and more anti-aircraft because of present warfare.

Fleet Changes - When directed by CINCUS, the following changes will be effected in the U.S. Fleet: NORTHAMPTON and CHICAGO will be interchanged, the former to become the flagship of Commander Cruiser Division 5 and remain as flagship of Commander Cruisers Scouting Force. The NORTHAMPTON, with Rear Admiral Newton embarked, accompanied by the PORTLAND, upon completion of the latter's overhaul, will proceed to the East Coast and report to Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty. The TRENTON will also proceed to the East Coast and report to Commander Atlantic Squadron. Admiral A.B. Cook in the MEMPHIS will proceed to the East Coast and report to Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty as Commander Aircraft Atlantic, and Commander Division 5, composed of RANGER and WASP. The WRIGHT has been assigned as flagship Commander Air Scouting Force. Reorganization plan for

1200-ton destroyers, Atlantic Squadron, will be placed in effect as proposed. Squadron 40-T is expected to be disbanded entirely at an early date, OMAHA to be assigned as flagship of Commander Destroyer Squadrons, Atlantic. Units of the Special Service Squadron are reassigned as follows: ERIE, TATNALL, and J. FRED TALBOTT to the 15th Naval District for defense forces and neutrality patrol.

Night Bombing, according to best information continued unchecked on both sides. Artillery barrage firing nightly over London is ineffective. The chief advantage of this gunfire seems to be the heartening effect on the civilian population and drowning out the sounds of bursting bombs. Average 14,000 rounds are fired nightly. Damage to London is slowly mounting with little effect on basic utilities and industries thus far. Chief destruction is to homes, private businesses and historic buildings. The Royal and Burlington Arcades are badly damaged.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, awarded a contract today to the Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, California for airplanes in the amount of $9,602,384.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
18 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 17 September 160,730

Fleet Reservists	(Enlisted)	on	active	duty	.....	6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	.....	3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	.....	31
			Total		.....	9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 223

Aggregate Discharges " " " 106

Gain 117

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 17 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 September:

Character of duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	289
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructors	248	248	206
I-V(S)Officers	125	125	102
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	122
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	112
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	187
Communication Officers	100	100	123
CC- V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	441	441
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2026	1939

Export of Petroleum Products, scrap iron and scrap steel. Permits granted during the week ended 14 September included the following:

	Japan	Spain
Fuel, gas and Diesel oil	57,000 barrels	54,000 bbls.
Crude (high octane)	268,438 "	-
Gasoline "B"	122,033	75,000 "
Scrap Iron and Scrap Steel:		
#1 Heavy melting scrap	11,677 tons	-
All other scrap	15,382 "	-

Airplane engines - It has been requested of Mr. Knudsen by the Army that 1595 Pratt and Whitney engines, type R-1830 purchased by the British Purchasing Commission, be diverted to the Army and Navy in order to meet the air frame program to which it is proposed these engines be allocated.

The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Knox, has arrived in Chicago with Colonel Donovan, and is due in Washington on 20 September.

U.S.S. LANSDALE (DD 426) was christened and immediately thereafter placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Boston on 17 September. Contract completion date was 30 December, LANSDALE having reached full commission status 3½ months in advance thereof.

Class V-7, Reserve Midshipmen - Of the second group of 1500, 86 per cent were found qualified to continue their courses ashore. A large part of the remaining 14 per cent were found to be unqualified physically. This percentage should be lower in the future, as more rigid physical examinations are given in Naval Reserve districts because of the time elements. The first school at Northwestern was opened on 16 September with 400 students. The third cruise quota of 1500, starting on 30 September, has been filled. The fourth cruise quota is nearly filled, and it is expected that enlistment for the fifth and last cruise will begin shortly.

Madison, Wisconsin has submitted a request for a Naval Reserve Armory.

Commandant, Boston, wishes the new Naval Reserve Armory to be constructed there to contain First Naval District Headquarters. The Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston have offered land in South Boston adjacent to the old Commonwealth Drydock, now owned by the Navy, and have offered to sponsor a WPA project at that site. The State WPA administrator says Armory can be built well within the time limit (4-6 months). Estimated figure for armory is $1,300,000. Annual charge for First Naval District Headquarters in the City of Boston if building is not erected is $42,000.

French Aviation - Manufacturing equipment in the occupied area is being sent to Germany, according to best information. In Paris the Hispano-Suiza plant is understood to have been emptied. It is believed 800 French aircraft have been sent to Germany. This is denied by French Naval Bureau for fear of retaliatory action on the part of Germany for disclosing such information.

Lieutenant Commander Wellings, arrived in London yesterday.

French-Indo-China - The Japanese Consul General said today that a French-Japanese agreement probably would be signed today or tomorrow settling Japan's demands for military concessions in Indo-China.

Production levels, continued to rise during August, reaching an index of 123 compared to 121 in July. Chiefly responsible for the rise was the stimulus given to the durable goods and textile industries by the National Defense program.

Naval Board, will convene as soon as possible on the future development of the Naval Shore Establishment, in light of the present international situation and acquisition of areas from Great Britain for use as Naval bases. Admiral Greenslade will be senior member.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
19 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 September 160,958

Fleet Reservists	(enlisted)	on	active	duty	 6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	 3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	 31
		Total			 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 280

Aggregate Discharges " " " 52

Gain 228

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 18 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 18 September:

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Supply Corps Officers	125	125	112
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	187
Communication Officers	100	100	123
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	441	441
Total Estimated Number allowed:	1905	2026	1939

RECRUITING ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 1940

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment	1608
Number of first enlistments	1357
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	77
number of reenlistments under broken service	33
Total	1467

Naval Academy - The academic term commenced September 16. The total number in the 4th Class is 964 which will be increased by reappointment of 2 ex-midshipmen within a few days when there will be 966. The total number in four classes will be as follows:

1st Class	400
2nd "	583
3rd "	654
4th "	966
	2603

In 1918 the fourth class contained 963 midshipmen and in 1923 the total number at the Naval Academy was 2499.

Bureau of Aeronautics - Admiral Towers reports that a high-ranking Royal Air Force officer, who arrived by plane from England day before yesterday, stated in response to a question by the Bureau of Aeronautics, that British production of fighter aircraft greatly exceeded the losses and that they now have in tactical units many more than they had last spring. He stated further that the training of pilots and ground crews was lagging behind production of planes. This confirms the report made by our Naval Attaché in London several weeks ago.

Considering the constantly increasing number of planes being shipped from this country to England and the slowing down of training, both in England and Canada during the coming winter, it would appear that the excess of planes over pilots will become increasingly great for many months to come.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery - 56 candidates for appointment as Assistant Surgeons, lieutenants (j.g.) took

the physical examination, 34 of whom qualified. Of these 22 successfully completed the professional examination and will be commissioned within 6 weeks if possible, to help relieve the shortage of doctors. Next examinations will be held on 6-9 January, at which time it is desired to qualify 26 acting assistant surgeons (internes) filling the allowed quota by legislation of 100, 76 of whom are already in the service. The new reserve group to include pharmacists and other specialists, not qualified doctors, will probably be termed HC(V)S, allowing ranks up to lieutenant commander.

U.S.S. IROQUOIS (Hospital ship), completion has been postponed until 31 March from 1 December. Conversion is being done at Atlantic Basin in Brooklyn.

Drone Firings, are now scheduled for the week of 23 September for aircraft carriers and destroyers, the battleships having two such practices the following week.

London Air Ministry - states their plans division has a letter from Arthur Seligman and Company, New York to the British Aluminum Company, dated 15 August, which says: "To our surprise we note that more than 1,700,000 lbs. of aluminum ingots were exported to Germany from this

country during June". Verification was requested by the British.

Communications - 50 percent of material will probably be moved to the country, necessitated by the severity of the London bombing, that communications between America and England not be broken off.

Royal Canadian Air Force, will have a strength of 26,500 officers and men including "several hundred" trained flyers from the United States by 1 October, the Canadian Air Minister said.

Prime Minister Churchill, is prepared to give full opportunity for discussion of any scheme for union between Great Britain and the United States, he told Commons today.

Major Fleet - President of Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, complains that his firm has been virtually compelled to accept Navy and Army aircraft orders. He said Consolidated certainly had not sought orders since "under pending profits tax legislation we may be restricted to a net profit of 2¼ per cent - a risky margin." Fleet's statement came at a hearing in which Consolidated sought an allotment of bay-front land in which to construct a hangar for servicing flying boats.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
20 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 19 September 161,116

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 6,191
Other Reservists " " " " 3,685
Retired Men " " " " 31

Total 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 301

Aggregate Discharges " " " 143

Gain 158

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 19 Septemb

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 19 September:

Character of duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	289
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	220
Aviation Instructor	248	248	206
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	102
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	122
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	112
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	187
Communication Officers	100	100	123
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	17
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	441	441
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2026	1939

Captain Faulkner, of the British Navy, addressed the General Board and invited officers this morning.

Esso Albany, Standard Oil tanker, will be turned over to Navy at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, in the near future and will be renamed the SABINE. The MORMACHAWK, former Moore McCormick Lines, class C-2, Diesel driven, will be turned over to the Navy as a cargo ship for the West Indian run.

U.S.S. McCAWLEY (ex-SANTA BARBARA), reported for duty today to the Atlantic Squadron, fully converted into a Marine transport.

U.S.S. SAPELO (oiler), overhaul has been retarded and she will be ready for service on 8 October, following which, about 15 October, she will escort small district craft (yachts), down the East Coast for duty in the Caribbean.

U.S.S. HENDERSON (transport) will leave New York on 25 October with the mobile base hospital for Guantanamo.

U.S.S. ROE (DD418), reported to CINCUS for duty in Atlantic Squadron on 15 September.

Naval Air Station, Cape May, New Jersey, was placed in commission on 16 September.

Coast Guard Cutter CAMPBELL will relieve the OMAHA at Lisbon after finishing overhaul at Navy Yard, New York, on 25 September.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: At Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., for construction and facilities for enlisted personnel to the Platt Engineering Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at an estimated cost of $455,000, on a cost-plus-fixed fee basis.

H.M.S. KENT (British cruiser), 10,000 tons, 8 8" guns, was damaged extensively by a mine or a torpedo on the night of 17-18 September. In the Clyde the H.M.S. SUSSEX, 9,800 tons, was bombed and severely damaged. Some magazines had to be flooded due to a fire which stopped all shipping in the river. During the same time between 300 and 500 miles north of Ireland U-boats torpedoed two ships and aircraft bombed another, all in convoy, the last named finally being abandoned. Because of suspected magnetic mine laying the Scapa entrances of Switha, Hoy and Clyde are still closed. A merchant ship torpedoed on the 14th has subsequently sunk. Activities in ports of Northern European Area still reflect possibilities of invasion. The SUSSEX was later reported resting on the bottom aft with the fire under control.

State Department reports, evidence British knowledge and permission for French cruisers and destroyers to pass through Gibraltar on way to Dakar, Casablanca.

London Area bombing, continues on about the same scale. Parachute mines were said to be included in raids on the night of the 18th. The following industrial buildings were among those hit: Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield; Cordite and gun powder factory at Waltham Cross; two manufacturers of aircraft component parts, also the inner temple of Peter Robinson's stores; Woolworth's; 1 ambulance post; and 1 suburban Town Hall. A reconnaissance lately shows large concentration of ships and barges in all Low Country ports and North France, going as far East as The Helder.

Ships to be acquired, from the Maritime Commission follow:

Name	Date of Acquisition
MORMACHAWK, Cargo ship	20 September
SURPRISE " "	15 January, 1941
MORMAC YORK, Submarine tender	31 October
SEAWITCH, Ammunition ship	5 December
SHOOTING STAR " "	19 October
CHALLENGE, General store ship	20 October
DONALD McKAY, Fuel oil tanker	1 November

All commodities, Wholesale price index for the week ending 14 September was 77.9 off .1 from the previous week.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 21 September 161,429

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 6,192
Other Reservists " " " " 3,685
Retired Men " " " " 31

Total 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours)..... 298

Aggregate Discharges " " " 128

Gain 170

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 21 Sept.:

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total ...	838

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the Naval Defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 21 September:

Character of duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	298
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	228
Aviation Instructors	248	248	212
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	107
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	123
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	144
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	123
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	19
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	468	468
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2053	2028

Recruiting Activities for Week ending September 13, 1940,
U.S. Marine Corps

Number of first enlistments 935
Number of reenlistments 51
Enlisted strength 13 Sept. 1940 32,909

Lighter than Air Board, headed by Commander Rosendahl will visit Southern Florida at an early date for the purpose of making a preliminary investigation of sites for a non-rigid airship base in that area. Authorized expansion includes 48 non-rigid airships.

Marine Corps, College graduates will be commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve upon completion of a 3 months course of intensive training at Quantico if qualified. These classes will consist of 400 each in three classes starting 1 November, 1 February 1941 and 1 May 1941.

Ordnance Contracts, with 10 major steel companies totalling $25,219,316.52 were awarded on 20 September.

USS LUDLOW, is scheduled to be launched at the Bath Iron Works on 11 November.

U.S.S. AUGUSTA, flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, may visit Singapore next month to "undergo repairs" at the British Far Eastern Naval Base, according to a United Press

dispatch, which added that the Augusta was slightly damaged in the Philippines several months ago and would visit Singapore only if necessary.

Japanese War Office, spokesman admitted that Japanese troops had suffered casualties in a clash with French Indo-Chinese forces in the Chinese frontier.

Class V-7, reserve midshipmen, quotas have been assigned for fifth and last cruise and it is expected that enlistments in that cruise (25 November) will be filled by 15 October, after which enlistments will be stopped with assurance of training 5,000 Ensigns before next September.

Conscription law, passage has resulted in a tremendous increase in applications for officer appointments in the Naval Reserve and also for enlistments in the Naval Reserve.

Naval Reserve Aviation Act of 1940, Section 4, Passage of this act makes all naval Reservists after having been on active duty for 30 days, eligible for same privileges regarding death gratuities and retirement privileges as officers of the Regular Navy.

In view of this provision physical requirements will be more rigidly adhered to than in the past.

Air raid construction, best information London recommends in construction of new buildings at bases and Navy Yards that bomb shelters be incorporated in the buildings proper to permit industrial and administrative work to carry on. It is desirable but not essential that they be below ground and they should be proof against all but direct hits. Designers should recognize that glass is useless on account of blackouts and then disappearance in a blast leaving interiors exposed to weather and lacking blackout protection.

Tokio, Best information from a reliable source says that on 19 September the German Reich concluded a defensive alliance sanctioned by the Japanese Emperor. Further details may be expected in futher exploration.

Alaska, It is the opinion of reliable sources that the Government should possess a clear title to all property on Anaknak Island for a Naval base and its defenses Commendation proceedings on all private property including steps to stop private construction contemplated is recommended.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
24 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 23 September 161,666

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 6,192
Other Reservists " " " " 3,685
Retired Men " " " " 31

Total 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 266

Aggregate Discharges " " " 28

Gain 238

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 23 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff "	162
Warrant "	46
Total	838

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 authorization, as of 21 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	87
Naval Res. Aviation Bases	2300	2300	603
Communications	85	83	76
Afloat	5000	1352	1007
Miscellaneous	(	1174	1042
Class V-7 Procurement	(2325		
Program	(	224	222
Class V-7 Midshipmen, USNR	5000	1500	---
Total Men	15,050	6,845	3,037

51 Ships, have been taken over by the Navy from outside sources since November 1939. They include the following classifications: transports, seaplane tenders, hospital ships, submarine tenders, oilers, yachts, submarine chasers, minelayers, cargo ships, general storeships, ammunition ships, and provision storeships.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards: Contract for Floating Drydock ARD-2 at the Navy Yard, Mare Island to the Pacific Bridge Company, San Francisco, Calif. for the sum of $1,649,000. Time, 450 calendar days.

Plane XPB-2-Y-1, will be at Miami on 30 September available for the use of the Secretary and Admiral Greenslade in the West Indian Area, and will remain there until about 20 October.

Destroyers to Britain, Kalk, Maddox, Cowell, Foote, Hopewell, Abbott, Thomas and Doran were turned over on 23 September.

Manzanillo, Consular Officer reports German S.S. WESER is expected to leave for an unknown destination not later than 26 September and perhaps sooner.

Bombing of London, For the week of 12-18 September best information says average Nazi planes over London nightly

were between 200 and 300. The Nazis lost 311 planes over London and the British 72, with 37 British pilots recovered. On 22 September aircraft damaged 9,000 tons of shipping off Fastnet. On 2 September English ship Cymbelene, 6,000 tons, was sunk 500 miles west of the Canaries. Planes caused two serious fires at the Woolwich Arsenal on the night of 22 September. Some highways and rail lines were closed by planes. German submarines on 21-22 September torpedoed 65,000 tons of English shipping in one incoming and one outgoing convoy. Incoming convoy was 300-500 miles west of Bloody Foreland. Apparently a large portion were sunk. In the same locality an 11,000 ton tanker of Panama was sunk. Except for HOY, Scapa entrances are now open again. The Bismarck, 35,000 tons, 8-15" guns, building, was badly damaged in the Elbe River. Kiel and Hamburg are said to have suffered great devastation the night of 10-11 September. The breakdown of rail transportation in North Germany is given as the cause for a coal shortage in Denmark.

Commander Cruiser Division 4, with the PORTLAND and NORTHAMPTON will leave Long Beach on 4 November for the Canal Zone and report there to the Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty.

Squadron 40-T, intercepted on 500 kilocycles the following message from Dakar: "General DeGaulle informs us, the commanders of the British Naval and Military forces, that you have prevented him from landing his troops and the revictualling of Dakar. Furthermore your ships and your ports have opened fire on our ships without reason. Your attitude gives us every reason to believe that Dakar may at any moment be handed over to the enemy. In view of the importance of this town and this base in connection with development of the war and in view of the fact that the seizing of Dakar would cause the population to be oppressed, the Allies regard it as their duty to take such steps as are necessary to prevent this eventuality. Desiring that French should not fight against Frenchmen in a pitched battle, General DeGaulle has withdrawn his forces. Our forces are at hand. It is for us now to speak. You will not be allowed to hand over the French and native people who desire to remain free to the slavery to which Germany and Italy would subject them. Yours is the entire responsibility for whatever might happen.

We have the honor to tell you that if at 0600 hours tomorrow morning you have not given up your powers to General DeGaulle the very powerful forces at our disposal will take action. Notify your acceptance, and avoid bloodshed. "

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

25 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 September 161,790

Fleet Reservists	(enlisted)	on	active	duty	6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	 31
			Total		 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (24 hours).....180

Aggregate Discharges " " 56

Gain 124

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 24 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff "	162
Warrant "	46
Total	838

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 authorization, as of 24 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	212	87
Naval Res. Aviation Bases	2300	2300	603
Communications	85	83	76
Afloat	5000	1342	1007
Miscellaneous	(	1174	1042
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(2325	224	222
ClassV-7 Midshipmen, USNR	5000	1500	---
Total Men	15,050	6,845	3,037

S.S.ESSO ALBANY (tanker) will be taken over by the Navy today. The MORMACHAWK (cargo ship) will be taken over by the Navy tomorrow. Both vessels are being acquired from the Maritime Commission.

Marine Corps, Bill to increase the Corps to 50,000 has been reported out favorably by the House Naval Affairs Committee. Hearings are being held in the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. Authorized strength of the Marine Corps at present is 38,600 with 34,289 the strength as of 24 September. In case the Marine Corps is boosted to 50,000, it will be organized into a triangular division of 3 infantry regiments with 3 battalions of artillery, a battalion of artillery in support of each regiment of infantry.

National Defense Communications Board, creation bill has been signed. Admiral Noyes, Director of Naval Communications, will represent the Navy on this Board, which includes the Director of the Federal Communications System, the Assistant Secretary of State and a representative of the Coast Guard.

Colonel Horace Fuller, addressed the General Board and selected officers this afternoon. He discussed his experiences in Europe during the past five years. Colonel Fuller was Military Attache at Paris during the invasion of France.

Status of construction, of Naval Air Station projects follow:

(1) NAVAL AIR STATION, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Contract was awarded in July, 1940, and on August 20, 3,350 men were employed by the Contractor, in addition to a force of 107 architects and engineers. Work is 10 percent completed and excellent progress is being made. Completion is set for October, 1941, but facilities will be ready for partial occupancy in April, 1941. This station will provide facilities for training 300 students per month.

(2) NAVAL AIR STATION and TRADE SCHOOL, Jacksonville, Fla.

Contract was awarded June 28, 1940, and the work is now 36 percent completed, reflecting exceptional progress and co-ordination. Station will be commissioned October 15, 1940, with small complement. At present 3,500 men are employed on this project and it will be ready for partial occupancy (about 400 men) in January, 1941.

(3) NAVAL AIR STATION, Banana River, Florida.

This is an auxiliary Naval Station, located about 3½ miles south of Cocoa Beach. Approximately 25 men are

now employed, construction is 85 percent completed, and the station will be available for seaplane operations in October, 1940.

(4) NAVAL AIR STATION, MIAMI, FLORIDA

Contract was awarded in June, 1940. 1,160 men are now employed, construction is 30 percent completed and will be ready for occupancy in October, 1940. Facilities are being provided at this station for the training of advanced students from the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, in landplane operations.

(5) NAVAL AIR STATION, PENSACOLA, Florida

Contract for additional aviation training facilities was awarded in July, 1940. Approximately 600 men are now employed on the project, which is 15 percent completed, and which is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by October, 1941. The additional barracks will be ready for partial use by Jan. 1941. This project consists of expanding the existing aviation facilities at Pensacola to accommodate 300 students per month.

Additional air stations will be reported on tomorrow.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
26 September 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 25 September 162,055

Fleet Reservists	(enlisted)	on	active	duty	 6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	 3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	 31
				Total	 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments	(last	24	hours)		 278
Aggregate Discharges	"	"	"		 15
				Gain	 263

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 25 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff Officers	162
Warrant Officers	46
Total	838

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 25 September:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	298
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	228
Aviation Instructors	248	248	212
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	107
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	123
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	144
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	125
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	19
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	468	468
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2053	2028

Recruiting Activities for week ending Sept. 20, 1940

UNITED STATES NAVY

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment		1542
Number of first enlistments	1273	
Number of reenlistments, continuous service	69	
Number of reenlistments, broken service	36	
Total	1378	

Status of Construction of Naval Air Stations under Current Appropiations - Cont'd

(6) NAVAL AIR STATION, Seattle, Washington and Tongue Point, Oregon

Contract for construction of additional facilities at the naval air station, Seattle, Wash., and its auxiliary air station at Tongue Point, Ore., was awarded in July, 1940. Approximately 250 men are now employed on the two projects. Work on the original and new projects is 50 percent completed, and the new facilities should be available for partial use by January, 1941.

(7) NAVAL AIR STATION, Norfolk, Virginia

This contract was awarded in June, 1940, and covers expansion of existing facilities. Dredging, filling and grading are now in progress and the contract is 8 percent completed. Approximately 200 men are now employed and the new facilities will be ready for occupancy by July, 1941.

(8) NAVAL AIR STATION, Quonset Point, R.I.

Contract for the construction of an entirely new Naval Air Station was awarded in June, 1940. The construction to date has included dredging and fill for the landing field and foundations for various structures. The project is now 10 percent completed. 750 men are employed at the site and the facilities should be ready for occupancy by July, 1941.

(9) NAVAL AIR STATION, Alameda, California

The new West Coast Naval Air Station at Alameda, California, is located across the bay from San Francisco. Contract for additional facilities at this station was awarded in July, 1940, and approximately 800 men are now employed. The station is about 60 percent completed, and will be commissioned about November 1, 1940. The completion of the items in the new program will follow commissioning of the station.

(10) NAVAL AIR STATION, San Diego, California

A contract to increase the present aviation facilities at the Naval Air Station, San Diego, was awarded in July 1940. The project is 4 percent completed, approximately 400 men are now employed on the project, and completion is scheduled for August, 1941.

(11) MARINE CORPS FLYING FIELD, Quantico, Va.

Contract for additional aviation facilities for the Marine Corps Flying Field, Quantico, Va., was awarded in July, 1940. Construction of various structures is well underway and the entire project is 5 percent completed. There are 100 men employed on the project, and the new facilities will be ready for occupancy in June, 1941.

Status of construction of outlying Naval Air Stations, all of which are contracted for during July, 1940:

(1) NAVAL AIR STATION, Guantanamo, Cuba.

Construction of additional facilities at this location is 4 percent completed and approximately 300 men are employed at the site. The project is scheduled for completion during December, 1941.

(2) NAVAL AIR STATION, San Juan, Puerto Rico

This project is the largest in the Carribean area and is now 21 percent completed. Approximately 500 men are employed and completion is scheduled for July, 1942. Neutrality patrol planes are now utilizing the new temporary barracks and other structures recently provided for the purpose.

Additional outlying Air Stations will be reported on tomorrow.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
27 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 26 September 162,146

Fleet Reservists	(enlisted)	on	active	duty	6,192
Other Reservists	"	"	"	"	3,685
Retired Men	"	"	"	"	 31
			Total		 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments	(last	24	hours)	 289
Aggregate Discharges	"	"	"	 196
			Gain	 93

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 26 Sept.

Line Officers	630
Staff "	162
Warrant "	46
Total	838

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the Naval Defense within the limits of peace-time authorization, as of 26 September:

Character of duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	298
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	228
Aviation Instructors	248	248	212
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	107
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	123
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	144
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	184
Communication Officers	100	100	125
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	19
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	120
Miscellaneous	320	468	468
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2053	2028

Status of Construction, of outlying Naval Air Stations, all of which were contracted for during July, 1940, Continued from Sept. 25:

(3) NAVAL AIR STATION, Charlotte Amalie, St.Thomas Island

Additional facilities for Marine aviation are now 7 per cent completed and 450 men are working on the project. It is expected that the construction will be completed during July, 1941.

(4) NAVAL AIR STATION, Coco Solo, C.Z.

Construction of additional facilities at the Coco Solo Air Base is 4 per cent completed and 100 men are now employed. The new facilities will be ready for occupancy by December, 1941.

(5) NAVAL AIR STATION, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Construction of all Pacific Air Bases is well ahead of schedule. The air base at Pearl Harbor is being enlarged and construction of buildings and waterfront structures is in full progress. The project is 30 per cent completed, 410 men are employed by the Contractor, and completion is expected by March, 1941.

(6) NAVAL AIR STATION, Kaneohe Bay, T.H.

This Air base is located on the opposite side of the Island of Oahu from Pearl Harbor and these two stations will constitute the heart of the Pacific air defense. Two barracks and a messhall are now completed and other buildings are rapidly nearing completion. The project is 32 per cent completed, 625 men are now employed, and completion is scheduled for June, 1941.

All Commodities, Price Index for the week ending 21 September was 77.7, as compared with 77.9 the previous week.

Alliance of Japan, and the Axis Powers today sent stocks down 1-3 points, brought a 1-8 break in Japanese bonds, sent silk up 4½ to 6 cents a pound, and put cotton down nearly a dollar a bale. Japan was a buyer in the coffee market today firming the export price to 9.90 cents a pound from a recent low of 9.65 cents. Late this afternoon the coffee futures market softened when the National Defense Commission proposed to investigate metal prices.

Status of Construction, Naval Air Stations, Cont'd:

(7) NAVAL AIR STATION, Hawaiian Islands

Construction of aviation facilities at airplane landing fields on several Hawaiian Islands other than Oahu, is progressing rapidly and such work is now 15 per cent com-

pleted. 300 men are employed by the Contractor and the facilities will be ready for occupancy by June, 1941.

(8) NAVAL AIR STATION, Johnson Island

The dredging is well advanced and the entire project is 24 per cent completed. The Contractor is employing 105 men and completion is expected by October, 1941.

(9) NAVAL AIR STATION, Palmyra Island

The dredging of the channel and runway at Palmyra is well advanced and the entire project is 23 percent completed. There are 88 men now employed and completion is set for October, 1941.

(10) NAVAL AIR STATION, Midway Island

The construction camp at Midway is now completed, the tanker pier is substantially completed, and construction of the permanent buildings is ahead of schedule. The project is 18 per cent completed, 240 men are employed, and completion is scheduled for January, 1942.

(11) NAVAL AIR STATION, Kodiak, Alaska

Construction of the largest Alaskan Naval Air Base at Kodiak is well advanced. The project is 20 per cent completed, 714 men are employed, and completion is expected in September, 1942.

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THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
30 September 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 28 September 162,489

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty 6,192
Other Reservists " " " " 3,685
Retired Men " " " " 31

Total 9,908

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 Hours) 339

Aggregate Discharges " " " 151

Gain 188

Retired Officers returned to active duty, as of Sept.30:

Line Officers	649
Staff Officers	167
Warrant Officers	46
Total	862

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 Sept. 28:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
V(G) Officers Afloat	300	300	307
Merchant Marine Afloat	225	225	268
Aviation Instructors	248	248	214
I-V(S) Officers	125	125	112
CEC-V(S) Officers	125	125	125
Supply Corps Officers	125	125	149
Medical and Dental Officers	177	177	190
Communication Officers	100	100	124
CC-V(S) Officers	20	20	20
Administration of Reserve Midshipman Training Program	140	140	110
Miscellaneous	320	485	485
Total Estimated Number Allowed:	1905	2070	2104

Bureau of Ships, is contemplating the experimental service installation on the U.S.S. BORDAS of Synthetic Sisal Fiber Plastic Wood to replace the present deck of teak wood.

The synthetic Sisal Fiber Plastic Wood is manufactured by the Hood Rubber Company of Watertown, Massachusetts. The preliminary tests of this material indicate that it is slower burning than teak wood, and since the binding material is an inert condensation product of phenol formaldehyde, it should prove to be less subject to rot. It is contemplated to use a rubber putty in lieu of the conventional caulking compound and marine glue. The rubber putty was developed at the Rubber Laboratory, Mare Island Navy Yard. The Synthetic Sisal Fiber Plastic Wood may be in any desired hardness or density by controlling the press pressure.

U.S.S. LIVERMORE (DD 435), preliminary trials will be held 1 October at Bath, Maine.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, The U.S.S. HENDERSON (transport) has a capacity of 78,000 cu.ft. of space and has been designated to carry the new mobile hospital to Guantanamo which contains 112,000 cu-ft. of material. The problem to be worked out is how to get all hospital equipment aboard which includes laundry, X-ray, power plant, water purification, 16 automobiles (automotive equipment and trucks) etc. Also sailing on the HENDERSON will be 15 medical officers and 300 enlisted personnel, including machinist mates, carpenters, electricians, and other artisans. The HENDERSON will depart Norfolk on 15 October, arriving New York 16 October. It is estimated it will require 4 days to load mobile hospital, sailing date for Guantanamo being temporarily scheduled for 20 October.

Seaplane, from Honolulu flew 700 miles out to sea with a Navy surgeon to the U.S.S. RAMAPO (oiler) who operated for acute appendicitis, saving the life of an eiisted man. Sea was rough, seaplane could not take off, and is being towed by the RAMAPO at nine knots for Honolulu. U.S.S. NAVAJO (tug) will go out to meet the incoming ship and take charge of plane.

First Detachment, including the CINCUS, arrived at San Diego today for leave and liberty from various home ports.

U.S.S. HOGAN (DD 178) and PALMER (DD161) reported to CINCUS for duty on 27 September.

U.S.S. SYLPH (Yacht) was commissioned in ordinary on 27 September to be followed by full commission about 1 October

U.S.S. ARCTURUS (Supply ship) was placed in ordinary commission at Chester, Pennsylvania, on 26 September.

U.S.S. PLUNKETT (DD431) reported to CINCUS for temporary duty in Atlantic Squadron on 26 September.

Status of Construction of additional projects contracted for during July 1940, outlying Naval Air Stations:

(12) NAVAL AIR STATION, Sitka, Alaska

Good progress is being made at Sitka, Alaska, and the project is 28 per cent completed, 485 men are now employed and completion is scheduled for September, 1941.

(13) NAVAL AIR STATION, Unalaska, Alaska

Construction at Unalaska is 5 per cent completed, 100 men are employed and the project will be completed in September, 1941.

(14) NAVAL AIR STATION, Wake Island.

Surveys have recently completed and although construction has not been started to date, completion of this new air base is contemplated by July, 1942.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, has awarded contract for Supply Pier, Rehabilitation of Existing Piers, and Breakwater at Submarine Base at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, on a cost plus fixed fee basis, to McLean Contracting Company, Baltimore, Maryland. The total estimated cost, including fee, of this contract is $3,226,500.

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