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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

15 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 April ..... 223,149

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,955

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,148

Retired Men " " " " ..... 541

Total ..... 26,647

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 248

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 112

Gain ..... 136

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers 940

Staff Officers 219

Warrant Officers 75

Total - 1234

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 12 April:

Character of Duty	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	156
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	2283
Communications	198	198	138
Afloat { Organized Reserves	( )	8051*	6636
{ Volunteer Reserves	(5000)	2268*	2268
Miscellaneous	( )	2636	2539
{	(2325)		
Class V-7 Procurement Program	( )	180	180
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	_____	_____	_____
Radio and Signal Schools	4323	3121	2796
Total Men	14,486	13,969	16,996

\*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 5,319 in excess of number allowed

2. Naval Academy, The early graduation of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1942 in December, 1941, has been approved. In view of the difficulty in making vessels available for cruising Midshipmen, the usual three months' Midshipmen Cruises will not be made during the summer of 1941. Midshipmen of all classes will remain at the Naval Academy during the summer term, except for a period of leave for the first, second and third classes, and the routine and studies of that term will be adjusted to summer conditions. Midshipmen of the third class will be given short cruises in vessels attached to the Naval Academy and in district craft. The following Naval Academy academic schedule has been approved:

- (a) First Class (1942).  
 Leave - June 2 - July 11, 1941  
 Summer term - July 14 - September 25, 1941  
 Fall term - September 29 - December 13, 1941  
 Graduation - December 19, 1941
- (b) Second Class (1943).  
 Leave - June 2 - July 11, 1941  
 Summer term - July 14 - September 25, 1941  
 Fall term - September 29 - December 20, 1941  
 Winter term - December 22, 1941 - June, 1942
- (c) Third and Fourth Classes (1944 and 1945).  
 Leave for the third class only, one-third at a time  
 Fall term - September 29 - December 20, 1941  
 Winter term - December 22, 1941 - March 14, 1942  
 Spring term - March 16 - June 13, 1942

3. Naval Reserve, during this emergency enlistments in the Naval Reserve will be made for a period of four years or minority. Men will be enlisted as apprentice seamen and for seamen and firemen ratings, yeomen, signalmen, radio-men, machinist's mates, aviation mechanics and electricians. They will be sent to training stations for the regular training period and if found qualified, will be sent to schools located throughout the United States for the above specialties. If they are not qualified they will be available for general Naval service. Enlistments will be made between the ages of 17 and 36.

Cooper-Bessemer Corporation, Mount Vernon, Ohio, has been awarded a contract for the construction of propelling machinery for (14) minesweepers of the AM32-99 class at its plant in Grove City, Pennsylvania, at a total price of \$3,766,000, or a contract price of \$269,000 for each set of machinery.

Expansion of plant facilities, General Machinery Corp., Hamilton, Ohio, a contract has been awarded to the General Machinery Corporation, for the acquisition, construction and installation of additional plant facilities including the extension of existing buildings, expansion

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of facilities, tools and equipment, at an estimated cost including a reserve for contingencies, of \$1,499,000.

These facilities are to be used by Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the contractor, in the performance of Navy contracts for propelling machinery.

U.S.S. Colhoun (DD85), developed serious vibration in her port high pressure turbine at 12 knots which quieted down when the speed of the shaft was reduced to 8 knots. The reduction gear developed an alarming rumble after 5 hours and engine was stopped. The high pressure pinion shows uneven wear. The port propeller is being removed to ease the strain on the starboard reduction gear bearings of which heat up at 16 knots. This ship will proceed to Norfolk on 17 April for repairs.

U.S.S. Curtiss (new seaplane tender) will proceed to the West Coast about 1 May for duty in the Pacific Fleet.

Admiral Scheer, is said to have been re-engined to make 28 knots. She formerly made 26. She has also been modified with a clipper bow and control tower box constructed so as to be vertical instead of with sloping cowls to funnels.

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16 April 1941

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Total Enlisted Strength, 15 April ..... 223,286

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,958

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,148

Retired Men " " " " ..... 541

Total ..... 26,647

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 167

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 30

Gain ..... 137

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers . 924

Staff Officers 219

Warrant Officers 75

Total - 1234

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 12 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
V-G Officers	614	1959	2575
Merchant Marine Reserve	60	546	661
Aviation Instructors	307	1	308
I-V(S) Officers	429		432
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Medical and Dental Officers	802	26	829
Communication Officers	394	73	469
CC-V(S) Officers	66		66
Miscellaneous	888	118	1014
Organized Reserve Officers	<u>341</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>655</u>
Total	4727	3124	7923

2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announced the following award:

Contract for Foundry and Extension to Structural Shop at the Navy Yard, New York, on a cost plus fixed fee basis to Thompson-Starrett Company, Inc., New York City, the total estimated cost, including fee, of this contract is \$1,650,000.

S.S. ENA DE LARRINAGA, British registry, of 5,000 tons was torpedoed 205 miles East of St. Paul's Rock, Pernambuco, Brazil. One life boat with 19 men was picked up by a Brazilian vessel.

War Sinkings, Advance information has been received to the effect that the British got 3 Italian destroyers and 5 heavily laden transports off Tripoli with the loss of only one destroyer.

Japan, Joint Army and Navy maneuvers are scheduled for HOKKAIDO about the middle of May.

Istanbul, The Commandant of the Turkish Naval Academy stated to Alusna that Turkey was remaining neutral because there were 4 million British soldiers in England, but only a few in Greece.

Tokyo, There are rumors impossible to verify of an impending attack on Singapore by the Japanese. The drive

3. was rumored to begin before the return of Matsuoka.

Ships to be converted, as of 10 April include the following: 1 destroyer tender, 4 ammunition ships, 2 provision storeships, 1 miscellaneous auxiliary, 1 hospital ship, 6 cargo ships, 3 submarine tenders, 8 oilers, 7 transports, 4 seaplane tenders, 15 minesweepers, 38 coastal minesweepers, 38 coastal minesweepers, 4 submarine chasers, 1 coastal minelayer, 4 patrol vessels, 16 converted yachts, 16 net tenders and 20 yacht patrols.

Senate, passed legislation which would authorize an increase of approximately 100,000 men in the enlisted strength and sent it to the White House. Naval enlisted strength calls for 286,000 in 1942, 408,000 in 1943, 474,000 in 1944, 504,000 in 1945 and 532,000 by 1946.

Latin America, Tentative itinerary of Navy Chiefs during their visit to the United States was announced today.

Bureau of Ships, As of 12 April there were 361 combatant vessels under construction. There is an increase of 407 auxiliary vessels building. Personnel of shipyards has increased from 74,385 on 1 January 1940 to 142,999 on 1 April 1941.

German battlecruiser, Gneisenau while docked at Brest

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has received two bomb hits according to best information.

New submarine campaign is anticipated with particular concentration on the area west of 28 degrees longitude.

S.S. Collegian, British merchantman reported on 13 April that she was pursued by a submarine 400 miles southwest of Halifax. She was travelling alone from New Orleans to Liverpool.

Naval Aviators, 31 have been designated as assistant attaches for air at the Embassy in London and are being ordered for such duty as may be assigned them. 24 enlisted mechanics will be sent in the near future for duties previously reported in this bulletin.

Greek War, is expected to become an all out struggle from now on with opposing forces reported in contact along 150 mile front. Operations so far have been confined to skirmishes. Germans are said to have one million men in the Balkans, one half of whom are in Greece. Heavy raids in Larissa are reported. The Germans claimed their advance had cut off the British retreat and bombing of Greek ports prevented British troops from evacuating.

The Yugoslav second Army was reported to have capitulated in Sarajeco.

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Total ..... 26,647

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 218

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 86

Gain ..... 132

Retired Officers: returned to active duty as of 15 April:

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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 12 April:

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2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards: a contract with the Midvale Company, Nicetown, Philadelphia Pa., of special additional equipment and facilities required to expedite the National Defense Program at a total estimated cost of \$12,970,200 without profit or fee to the contractor. Contract for Shipbuilding dry dock at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C. on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis to MacDougal Construction Company, Charleston, S.C. The total estimated cost, including fee, of this contract is \$2,465,000.

House Naval Affairs Committee, considered amendments to the Vinson Bill for compulsory mediation of defense labor disputes. It adopted one compelling mediation of labor disputes, broadening it to cover all national defense production. If this fails a dispute would go to the U.S. Conciliation Service for five days. If this fails it goes to the Defense Mediation Board for 20 days. During this time labor would not strike. Another amendment struck out creation of a Naval Defense Adjustment Board. German planes damaged four merchant ships totalling 28,000 tons in St. George's Channel, the German High Command claimed, besides a 5,000 ton freighter so badly

3. damaged it was a total loss. Germany also claimed 13,000 tons sunk near the British coast by speed boats. Defense Strikes, 16 were in progress today through the country. Days idle in the plants totalled 383 and involved 10,500 men. Secretary Knox, testified before the Truman Committee investigating the National Defense Program. The Navy has received \$128,963,000 of lend-lease appropriations and has requested an additional allocation of \$272,422,000. This money will undoubtedly be used to replace equipment sent to the British. The Navy is giving Britain war material from supplies now on hand. Federal expenditures, during the fiscal year 1942 will reach 19 billion dollars. Maritime Commission, and the War and Navy Departments approved a House Bill authorizing procurement and compensation for ships through requisition. British Intelligence reports, of 21 March and 11 April contain the best recent information on German raiders, copies of which have been sent to O.N.I. All cruiser and battle cruiser raiders are believed to be Brest at the present time.

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Balkans and Africa, Best information says there are now 25 German divisions in Africa and 10 more ready to move. It is possible that part of the latter figure were sunk by British yesterday (previously reported). There are 2000 tanks of all sizes and kinds to be increased to 4,000. The mission for the German occupation of Egypt is calculated to take one month. Bombers fly to Africa carrying small tanks. In the Balkans are 40 German divisions including all reserves. A large number of the German navy personnel are at Fiume putting together small submarines. Numerous components of the German navy including the Rex and two large German cargo ships are at Trieste. Submarine, previously reported 400 miles southeast of Halifax is believed to be British. Kiel, on 14 April according to an eyewitness report, the Naval Administration Building was badly damaged, 1400 people were killed and the gas, water and electric systems disrupted. German U-Boats, one is reported east of Pernambuco, Brazil and a heavy concentration is developing southwest of Iceland. They are also becoming more numerous in the northwest approaches.

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Total Enlisted Strength, 17 April ..... 223,563

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,958

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,148

Retired Men " " " " ..... 541

Total ..... 26,647

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 296

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 151

Gain ..... 145

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers 940

Staff Officers 219

Warrant Officers 75

Total - 1234

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 12 April:

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2. All personnel, attached to the Naval attache in London are safe following recent air raids.

Wholesale Price Index, for the week ending 12 April was 82.9.

Italian, High Command admitted today that one torpedo boat and two cargo ships were lost to the British in the recent attack (previously reported) and that other cargo vessels were damaged. In addition to the loss of the destroyer Mohawk, the British "probably" suffered other damage. Italy said British cruisers and destroyers carried out the attack. Most of the crews of Italian vessels were said to have been saved.

War Sinkings, North of Ireland the Germans claimed such damage by bombers to a 7,000 ton merchant ship in a strongly protected convoy that it could be considered lost.

Newspaper editors, in session at Washington will be addressed by Lord Halifax and Colonel Donovan at a dinner tonight closing the annual meeting.

German, ambassadors to Turkey and Russia have arrived at Berlin, probably to converse on the Balkan-Turkish-Russian situation.

German bombers, gave the Portsmouth naval base a taste of

3. what London had suffered the night previously, an all-out raid. British bombers again attacked Berlin. Strikers, in National Defense plants today totalled 16. Days idle totalled 35% and men involved totalled 14,120. These included 1700 at the Phelps Dodge Copper Company and 5,100 at the John A. Roebling's Sons plant in Trenton, N. J. The Defense Mediation Board met today with labor and management offices of the Phelps-Dodge Company. This company has \$30,000,000 in Defense orders. Senator Barkley, on authority of the Secretary of the Navy told the Senate that American warships had not convoyed foreign munitions ships and that no such convoys had been authorized. Admiral Stark confirmed the above in a similar statement. House Rules Committee, will consider the Vinson anti-strike bill next Wednesday, reaching House consideration on Friday. Philip Murray condemned the contents of the bill. Army Transport, American Legion sailed from New York with a military contingent for Bermuda. Britain, will bomb Rome if Cairo and Athens are bombed. Ankara, The Soviet naval attache to Turkey stated that

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the Russian policy is clear - to allow everyone else to fight while Russia fights with no one.

Japan, has increased her numbers of aircraft by 150 planes at Shanghai during the past week. These included 30 transports and 80 naval bombers. Parachute landings are being practiced by the incoming units.

Maritime Commission, awarded contracts for 184 ships, including 112 that will be turned over to Great Britain. These contracts total \$364,800,000. The British ships will be of the emergency type cargo carriers of about 10,000 tons each. 200 such vessels were ordered originally for the British. The other 72 ships included in today's awards are 16,000 ton high speed tankers to be constructed by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry dock Company. These latter will cost approximately \$180,000,000.

War in Africa, It is believed the German attempts at this time to enter Egypt are being held up. It is possible further attack is awaiting the result of the battle for Greece when a German victory would put more pressure on Turkey for possible passage to Suez by that route.

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## REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 21 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 April ..... 223,588

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,958  
Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,148  
Retired Men " " " " ..... 541

Total ..... 26,647

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 128  
Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 103

Gain ..... 25

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers 940  
Staff Officers 219  
Warrant Officers 75  
Total - 1234

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 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
V-G Officers	850	1961	2613
Merchant Marine Reserve	64	547	650
Aviation Instructors	318	2	320
I-V(S) Officers	445	1	449
CEC-V(S) Officers	422	-	422
Supply Corps Officers	412	87	500
Medical and Dental Officers	375	30	907
Communication Officers	476	74	552
CC-V(S) Officers	69	-	69
Miscellaneous	926	121	1055
Organized Reserve Officers	<u>347</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>665</u>
Total	5004	3141	8202

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Strikes, of companies engaged in National Defense contracts numbered 26 today, a gain of 10 over the week-end. They represented 191 idle days in industry and involved 18,320 men. The largest idle factory of 5,100 employes was the John A. Roebling's Sons Co., Trenton, N. J. Phelps Dodge Copper Company, Molding Navy contracts was still on strike tying up 1,750 workers.

The Balkans, Latest reports from London would indicate the imminent withdrawal of British forces in Greece. Evacuation without loss of men and sacrifice of war materials will be difficult.

Mohandas Gandhi, today rejected an appeal to call off his civil disobedience movement in India. He characterized it as a "grand protest against the conduct of the war in the name of a free people." He said his movement was the yearning to achieve freedom for 350,000,000 people through non-violent effort.

Sydney Hillman, cited a stabilization agreement in ship-building industries on the West Coast between labor and management as an accomplishment that within 6 months would cover the whole country. The West Coast agreement covers basic hours and wages and assures adjustments of

3. disputes without work stoppages. There will doubtless be fewer strikes in defense industries in the future because of the growing feeling among labor's constituency of its responsible role in National Defense.

House Naval Affairs Committee, reported a bill authorizing the Navy to outfit 29 small craft defense bases, already approved, and to build 29 more. \$15,000,000 is needed to outfit the bases now under construction, and \$25,000,000 additional will be needed for the new bases. All the projects in this program will average about \$877,000 each.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, awarded the following contract For locomotive cranes at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa seven locomotive cranes to the Browning Crane & Shovel Co., Cleveland, Ohio, first crane to be delivered within 135 calendar days from the date of receipt of notice to proceed and one crane each ten days thereafter; for the sum of \$208,825. Four locomotive cranes to Orton Crane & Shovel Co., Chicago, Ill., time- first crane to be delivered within 120 calendar days, and the 4th crane within 134 calendar days; for the sum of \$80,347. Total Contract \$289,172.

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Storehouse for shipbuilding materials at the Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., has been awarded on a cost plus fixed fee basis to Thomas O'Connor & Co., Cambridge, Mass, total estimated cost, including fee \$700,000.

RECRUITING ACTIVITIES

FOR WEEKS ENDING MARCH 28th and APRIL 11, 1941

March 28th    April 11

Number of applicants accepted

for first enlistment ..... 1556    1311

Number of first enlistments ..... 1392    1038

Number of reenlistments, continuous service ..... 56    69

Number of reenlistments, broken service ..... 35    30

Totals ..... 1483    1137

Latin America, Chiefs of South American Navies visiting the U. S. at Admiral Stark's invitation will include representatives from Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Paraguay. All of these countries have accepted the invitations.

U.S.S. Jamestown, acquired for conversion into a gunboat will be used for a third class cruise of the Midshipmen at Annapolis this summer. This ship will accommodate 100 midshipmen. There are 853 in this coming 3rd class at the Naval Academy.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY . . . .  
22 April 1941

<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 21 April .....	224,687
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty .....	7,945
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " .....	18,910
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " " .....	541
Total .....	27,396
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours) .....	234
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " " .....	26
Gain .....	208

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers	940
Staff Officers	219
Warrant Officers	75
Total -	1234

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2. U.S.S. ALBACORA (SS 213), keel was laid at the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Conn. on 21 April.

Bureau of Ordnance, has entered into a contract for equipment with the Pollak Manufacturing Company at a total cost of \$1,156,932.

Marine Corps, construction of training facilities at the Marine Barracks, New River, North Carolina will be built by the Goode Construction Copr., Blyth Bros., and the Harrison-Wright Co., all of Charlotte, North Carolina on a cost-plus-a fixed fee basis for \$13,000,000 including fee.

Greece, German forces have occupied Volos and Lamia on the British flank and Ioannina on the Greek flank according to German reports. This would put the German drive within 100 miles of Athens. London refused to comment on reports British troops were evacuating Greece. Indications were that a stand would be made at the historic pass of Thermopylae. A German short wave broadcast picked up in New York said that the German High Command would submit figures to show that it has practically wiped out the British Expeditionary Force and that German troops would enter Athens in a few hours.

3. This broadcast bore no official weight. An official communique from Rome said Italy had sunk 50,000 tons of enemy shipping in the Mediterranean between 18-20 April. Germany claimed the sinking of 6 fully laden transports totalling 31,000 tons.

British Fleet, bombarded Tripoli and its harbor and shipping facilities for 42 minutes. Ambassador Winant, said in a London speech that the U.S. is determined to aid Britain by action instead of words to insure total victory over totalitarian aggression.

Housing units, for 1600 workers at the Mare Island Navy Yard has been approved by D.P.M.

Defense Mediation Board, began hearings on the strike of 4,210 members of the machinists union at 64 plants in the San Francisco area that has \$27,500,000 worth of defense contracts.

Greece, A Rome broadcast heard by C.B.S. said that German troops pushing toward Athens has crossed the Helledda River and that the only enemy resistance now left is on the slopes of the Parnassus. Both points are 80 miles from Athens. The Helledda River lies

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just north of Thermopylae. General Franco, has again refused consent for German troops to enter Spain, according to unofficial reports from Vichy.

British Admiralty, reported sinking by aircraft 23,000 tons of enemy ships carrying supplies to the Balkans.

Among these was a tanker of 10,000 tons, a supply ship of 6,000 tons and an ammunition ship of 7,000 tons.

Defense Strikes, 24 were in operation today throughout the country. They involved 406 idle days and 17,120 men.

Prime Minister Churchill, told Commons Britain desired to avoid a break with Spain and defended British policy against questions directed to him from the floor from Labor members concerning loans to the Spanish government.

Air compressors, contracts were awarded in the amount of \$326,291 to the Worthington Pump and Machinery Company and another for the Mare Island Navy Yard was awarded to the Ingersoll-Rand Company in the amount of \$78,894.

This latter shipment is to be made within 23 weeks from date of notice to proceed.

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23 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 22 April ..... 224,267

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,884  
Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,413  
Retired Men " " " " ..... 537

Total ..... 26,834

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 180  
Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 38

Gain ..... 142

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2. Bureau of Ordnance, During the first nine months of the current year this bureau has expended on contracted funds totalling \$1,075,000,000. This figure will probably reach \$1,500,000,000 by the end of the present fiscal year. \$280,000,000 of this sum has gone for expansion of production facilities including 5 new ordnance plants at Louisville, Canton, Ohio, Macon, Georgia, Centerline, Mich., and Indianapolis, as well as expansion of existing establishments. Expansion of facilities in 36 privately owned plants with 19 more contemplated will permit larger production of ordnance items. Availability of machine tools is still a critical item in ordnance production. The Bureau of Ordnance will probably receive initially \$285,000,000 under the Lend-Lease program. 9 private companies have financed their own expansion under a 5 year plan of repayment, such funds totalling over 13 million dollars. 7 Government owned plants where government funds have been provided and private companies supply management account for over 102 millions in plant expansion and 16 plants where expansion has been financed directly by the government total over 69 millions of dollars.

3. Naval Mission to Venezuela, 4 officers will cooperate in an advisory capacity with the Venezuelan Navy. This mission was requested by Venezuela. Merchant Marine, enlistments into the naval reserve are going forward among citizens between the ages of 17 and 40. Original enlistments may be made in 17 ratings in the Navy according to experience, as well as apprentice seamen. War Sinkings, Germany claimed 2 destroyers and one armed merchantman in convoy work sunk by bombers in the Mediterranean and 14,000 tons of merchant shipping in the battle of the Atlantic. S.S. Rajputana, British armed merchantman has been sunk. German losses, in Greece were said to be small in a statement from German quarters, which said they would be smaller than in any other campaign excepting Norway. The same source put British shipping losses off Crete and Greece at 150,000 tons. An Istanbul report placed German losses in Greece at 70,000. Chairman Vinson, asked the House rules committee to allow two days of general debate on his bill that

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would establish compulsory mediation in labor disputes.

Lord Beaverbrook, said today Britain possesses almost 1,000 assembled Canadian and American airplanes.

Defense strikes, in progress totalled 24 today. They involved 432 idle days and 17,200 men.

H.M.S. Malaya, Hugh C. Robbins of Mineola carrying a New York Daily news photographer flew over the Malaya and made several pictures. Robbins violated three provisions of the civil aeronautics regulations in so doing. It appeared the pilot flew within 500 feet of naval planes escorting the Malaya into New York. A Civil Aeronautics Board is hearing the case demanding that the pilot show cause why his license should not be revoked.

Aircraft for Britain, only one plane has been lost in ferrying operations.

Enlisted personnel, bill was signed by the President authorizing 232,000 and up to 300,000 in emergency. The authorized strength at present is 191,000.

House Naval Affairs Committee, held hearings on a bill to promote retired officers and voted favorably on it.

Boston Evening Transcript, will suspend publication effective 30 April for lack of revenue after 111 years in the Boston news field.

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## REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

24 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 23 April ..... 224,687

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,884

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 18,579

Retired Men " " " " ..... 537

Total ..... 27,000

Aggregate Enlistment (last 24 hours) ..... 335

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 67

Gain ..... 268

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers 940

Staff Officers 219

Warrant Officers 75

Total - 1234

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 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp.</u>		<u>Total</u>
			<u>Ashore</u>	<u>or Afloat</u>	
V-G Officers	650	1961	2		2613
Merchant Marine Reserve	64	547	39		650
Aviation Instructors	318	2	-		320
I-V(S) Officers	445	1	3		449
CEC-V(S) Officers	422	-	-		422
Supply Corps Officers	412	87	1		500
Medical and Dental					
Officers	875	30	2		907
Communication Officers	476	74	2		552
CC-V(S) Officers	69	-	-		69
Miscellaneous	926	121	8		1055
Organized Reserve Officers	347	318	-		665
Total	5004	3141	57		8202

2. Auxiliary Base Field, at Jacksonville air station has been named Cecil Field, honoring Commander H. B. Cecil, killed in the dirigible Akron, 4 April 1933.

Ships to be converted, as of 21 April include the following: 1 destroyer tender, 4 ammunition ships, 2 provision storeships, 1 miscellaneous auxiliary, 1 hospital ship, 6 cargo ships, 4 submarine tenders, 8 oilers, 7 transports, 4 seaplane tenders, 15 minesweepers, 38 coastal minesweepers, 3 minelayers, 4 submarine chasers, 4 patrol vessels, 16 net tenders, 20 district patrol vessels, and 1 aircraft rescue vessel.

Selection Board, to recommend officers of the Dental Corps for promotion to lieutenant-commander and lieutenant will convene on 5 May.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, announces the appointment of 32 assistant surgeons (lieutenant, j.g.) to rank from 20 March 1941.

U.S.S. Gudgeon (SS 211), was placed in commission on 21 April at the Navy Yard, Mare Island.

U.S.S. Wilkes (DD 441), was placed in commission at the Navy Yard, Boston on 22 April.

San Diego Strike, 2,000 A.F. of L. construction workers

3. struck for higher wages, halting work on two large naval housing projects costing a total of \$3,500,000. Electricians, painters, floor-layers and roofers walked out at the Destroyer Base and at the Naval Training Station. Union leaders anticipated a walkout of 13,000 workers, but so far the strike was being confined to the first mentioned number. Work proceeded on the cruiser graving dock.

Radio Ankara, quoted a special correspondent in Berlin as reporting that Spain is expected soon to adhere to the Axis alliance and that a military move would be conducted against Portugal.

War Sinkings, H.M.S. Urge (submarine) torpedoed and sank heavily laden enemy oil tanker of 10,000 tons attempting to run the British blockade.

For Airplane parts, and accessories, contracts and supplements to contracts previously announced for the acquisition, construction and installation of plant facilities totalled \$1,307,406 in awards made today.

The following firms were concerned: Electrol Incorporated, Kingston, N.Y., \$393,462; Titeflex Metal Hose Co., Newark, N. J., \$375,000; Worthington Pump and

4. Machinery Co., \$129,700; United Aircraft Corp., Vought Sikorsky Division, \$365,918; Edo Aircraft Corp., \$43,326.
- British citation, was given today to Pilot Officer Grahame for landing a direct hit on either the Gneisenau or Scharnhorst.
- Small Craft, 171 have been contracted for since 1 April. They include 44 minesweepers, 50 coastal minesweepers, 10 fleet tugs and 67 submarine chasers. A contract for 6 additional large minesweepers is still pending. All will be constructed at private yards.
- The Secretary, will deliver an important address to the A.N.P.A. tonight. A mutual hookup from 9:30 to 10:00 P.M. local station WOL will carry it.
- Wholesale price Index, for all commodities for week ending 19 April was 83.0. This is a rise of .8 in the past two weeks.
- Defense Strikes, totalled 25 throughout the country today.
- H.M.S. Prince of Wales, new British battleship of 35,000 tons is now in service with the Fleet.
- General Motors, CIO-UAW announced a probable strike and inability to separate workers on defense and non-defense contracts. G.M. employs 160,000 men.

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## REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY 25 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 April ..... 224,920

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (enlisted) on active duty	.....	7,884
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	.....	13,660
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	.....	537
Total	.....	27,081

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	.....	216
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	.....	164

Gain ..... 52

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers	940
Staff Officers	219
Warrant Officers	75
Total	1234

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 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp. Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
V-G Officers	650	1961	2	2613
Merchant Marine Reserve	64	547	39	650
Aviation Instructors	318	2	-	320
I-V(S) Officers	445	1	3	449
CEC-V(S) Officers	422	-	-	422
Supply Corps Officers	412	87	1	500
Medical and Dental Officers	875	30	2	907
Communication Officers	476	74	2	552
CC-V(S) Officers	69	-	-	69
Miscellaneous	926	121	8	1055
Organized Reserve Officers	347	318	-	665
Total	5004	3141	57	8202

2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award: Contract for improvement of power plant at the Navy Yard, New York to the J.G. Engineering Company, New York City, on a cost-plus-a fixed fee basis in the amount of \$3,860,000.

Biographies, of Chiefs of Western Hemisphere Navies visiting the United States are available in the Navy press room.

German warship, operating in overseas waters has reported the sinking of an additional 30,000 tons. The vessel previously had been credited with sinking 29,000 tons.

Commercial air lines, new restrictions on operations were invoked today to make more facilities available for defense work. The C.A.A. announced that any expansion of commercial airlines must first have Army and Navy approval.

Defense Strikes, Last minute efforts to meet a General Motors strike involving over 100,000 workers reached an apparent deadlock today. \$750,000,000 in defense contracts are involved. The preparedness program faced a paralyzing fuel shortage as the soft coal strike of 400,000 miners reached its 25th day. The Defense

3. Mediation Board is attempting to settle it. There were 24 additional labor disputes holding up defense production. C.I.O. leaders called a strike at the Glenn L. Martin Company. If successful it would affect 17,000 workers and millions in plane orders. The strike of 2,000 workers at San Diego on naval housing has been settled by granting increased wages.

Motor Torpedo Boats, The Electric Boat Company, received a contract for the construction of 12 motor torpedo boats and 12 motor boat submarine chasers at the company's Elco Works, Bayonne, New Jersey. The cost will be \$212,870 per vessel or a total contract price of \$5,108,880.

Propelling Machinery, The Fairbanks, Morse & Company, of Beloit, Wisconsin received a contract for eight sets of propelling machinery for coastal mine sweepers at a total cost of \$311,200.

Expansion of Plant Facilities, A contract has been entered into with the Atwood & Merrill Company, Salem, Massachusetts, for the expansion of shipbuilding facilities, tools and equipment at a cost of \$209,000. Nichi Nichi, Japanese newspaper reported in a dispatch

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from Shanghai that it understood Britain was preparing to shift its naval forces in China and Indian waters to the Eastern Mediterranean. The action, it was said, would come as a result of the Greek defeat. The U.S. Asiatic Fleet, Nichi Nichi reported, would be entrusted with the defense of Singapore and Hong Kong.

General Viscount Gort, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar.

Spanish newspapers, gave the Lindbergh speech great prominence, one of them stating 100 million Americans oppose entry into the war.

House Merchant Marine Committee, approved the President's request for authority to requisition for whatever use he elects the foreign merchant vessels in American ports.

Crete, British and Greek forces intend to make a final stand on this island, 70 miles south of the Greek mainland.

Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, were raided by the British again last night, causing fires and explosions.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company, said production had dropped from 103 percent to 93 percent since 1 April because of the coal shortage.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
28 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 26 April ..... 225,577

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,834  
Other Reservists " " " " ..... 19,049  
Retired Men " " " " ..... 537

Total ..... 27,470

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 260

Aggregate Discharges ..... 99

Gain ..... 161

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 26 April:

Temp.

Ashore

or Afloat Total

Character of Duty Ashore Afloat or Afloat Total

Line Officers

Organized Reserve 345 325 - 670

V-G Officers 710 1976 1 2687

DE-V(S), D-V(S) & E-V(S) 809 97 2 908

DE-F Officers 2 - - 2

Communication Officers 501 79 - 580

I-V(S) Officers 478 1 2 481

O-V(S) Officers 59 - - 59

L-V(S) Officers 15 - - 15

Probationary Officers

(E & F) 34 29 - 63

Merchant Marine Reserve 64 557 41 662

Staff Officers

CEC-V(S) Officers 445 - - 445

Supply Corps Officers 425 88 - 513

Med. and Dental Officers 907 32 2 941

CC-V(S) Officers 71 - - 71

CHC-V(S) Officers 40 1 - 41

Aviation Instructors 313 2 - 315

Retired Officers 13 - - 13

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2. Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers	940
Staff Officers	219
Warrant Officers	75
Total	1234

Recruiting Activities, Week Ending April 18, 1941.

Number of applicants accepted	
For first enlistment	1,251
Number of first enlistments	1,074
Number of reenlistments, Continuous service	54
Number of reenlistments under broken service	30
Total	1,158

Naval Powder Factory, a fire broke out in the ether house at Indian Head, virgually destroying it. Cause of fire is unknown. The blaze was prevented from spreading to other buildings. Damage is estimated at \$150,000. There were no injuries to personnel. There is no suspicion of sabotage. The fire will cause no interruption in the work of other units, and it is expected the ether house will be rebuilt in a short time.

Balkans, Italian forces have occupied Corfu. Berlin reported British shipping losses off Greek ports might total as much as 700,000 tons. London believes the drive on Suez has begun with a thrust through Spain toward Gibraltar probable. 4 British warships including 1 cruiser sunk and 2 damaged, and 30 other vessels were

3. claimed by Germany as sunk or damaged over the week-end.

The Atlantic, Berlin reported severe damage to five ships last night totalling 58,000 tons off the Northern Scotland and East of Britain. Two others were set on fire and sank.

Bombing of Britain, raids continued last night with the naval bases of Portsmouth and Plymouth the chief targets. They revived talk in Britain of a possible invasion attempt, though there still no signs of concentrations for such an attempt in North France.

Defense Strikes, 21 were in progress today. They involved a total of 450 idle days and over 16,000 workers.

Soft Coal Strike, Continuation of the strike would eventually paralyze the industrial preparedness program.

House Naval Affairs Committee, Approved the Vinson Bill for broad powers to impose priorities and ration all materials needed for production of war supplies. This bill will probably go before the House this week.

Reassignment of Contracts, for the construction of three seaplane tenders and three destroyer tenders, totalling \$80,007,000, are as follows: Contract for three seaplane tenders has been awarded to the Los Angeles Shipbuilding

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and Dry Dock Corporation, San Pedro, California, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. The total estimated cost, including fee, is \$39,750,000 or a cost of \$13,250,000 per unit. Contract for three destroyer tenders has been awarded to the Tampa Shipbuilding Company, Inc., Tampa, Fla., on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. The total estimated cost, including fee, is \$40,257,000 or a cost of \$13,419,000 per unit. These contracts formerly were held by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Chester, Penna., and were cancelled by mutual agreement in order that the above company might undertake work for the Maritime Commission.

Naval Supply Depots, Congress was asked for legislature covering facilities at Middle and Orchard Points, Washington.

Canada, Strikes threatened the steel industry involving 20,000 workers. The National Steel Car Company at Hamilton, Ont. employing 2700 men was already on strike.

Greek credits, in the U.S. totalling \$6,000,000 were ordered frozen today. The total of frozen funds in this country is about \$4,500,000,000.

Glenn L. Martin, strike was settled today. Only a few workers had gone out and production lines were not affected

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

29 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 28 April ..... 225,898

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,884

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 19,216

Retired Men " " " " ..... 537

Total ..... 27,637

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 204

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 43

Gain ..... 161

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers 940

Staff Officers 219

Warrant Officers 75

Total - 1234

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 26 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Inshore Patrol Bases	340	215	153
Naval Reserve Aviation Bases	2300	2300	2277
Communications	198	198	138
(Organized Reserves)	(	8887*	6976
Afloat (	(		
(Volunteer Reserves)	(5000	2271*	2271
Miscellaneous	(	3272	2587
	(2325		
Class V-7 Procurement Program	(	180	180
Class V-7 for Midshipmen, USNR	-----	-----	-----
Radio and Signal Schools	4323	3120	2713
Total Men	14,486	20,443	17,295

\*Number authorized for active duty afloat is 6,158 in excess of number allowed.

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N.O.B. Newport, has recommended that the Constellation be named Receiving Ship, no other space being available for this activity.

Admiral Stark, addresses the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at luncheon today.

Soft Coal, production in the mines will be resumed on 1 May.

S.S. Natal, German 3,000 ton cargo carrier arrived at Santos, Brazil today after a 32 day voyage from Hamburg through the British blockade.

Defense Mediation Board, will hold hearings tomorrow on the dispute between U.A.W.-C.I.O. and the General Motors Corporation.

U.S. Foreign Trade, reached new high levels in March. Imports were valued at \$268,000,000 highest in 4 years. Acquisition of rubber and tin was partly responsible.

Exports totalled \$358,000,000, highest in over a year. They included 481 airplanes and 1,012 aircraft engines.

Representative Scruggs, chairman of the Naval Affairs appropriations sub-committee urged Congress today to act vigorously in establishing a unified command of the Army and Navy air forces. He based his conclusion on

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inspection of air force establishments. Duplications in air authority, he said, are everywhere the same, from Hawaii to Puerto Rico, from Alaska to the Virgin Islands.

Bureau of Ordnance, announced the following awards: Contract with the General Electric Company of Schenectady New York, for the manufacture of Ordnance equipment. The contract is a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract, the estimated total cost of the equipment to be furnished being \$21,216,471. Contract with the Carrier Corporation, of Syracuse, New York, for the manufacture of Ordnance equipment at a total cost of \$1,088,985.

Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics will return tomorrow from a tour of inspection of aviation activities on the West Coast.

Radio Berlin, reported today that British Consuls in Spain had advised all Britons to leave the country.

Unconfirmed reports from London stated that all frontiers in Spain were suddenly closed, with a ban on transmission of the news abroad. 31 British subjects were said to have been arrested in Valencia "for activities against the Spanish State."

Plymouth and Portsmouth, were raided again last night.

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10,000 children have been ordered evacuated from Plymouth to the country. Dover was receiving its heaviest shelling from German guns on the French Coast.

Freezing, of credits to Germany and Italy and stoppage of oil shipments to Japan were under consideration.

Naval appropriations, the House approved the Conference report on the \$3,415,521,700 bill. This bill includes \$1,515,000,000 for ship construction, \$434,000,000 for airplanes, and \$142,000,000 for alterations to vessels to provide against air attacks and \$60,843,000 for aircraft ground facilities.

Plant Facilities, a contract has been entered into with the Ex-Cell-O Corporation of Detroit, Michigan for plant facilities at a total estimated cost of \$3,506,657.

This company manufactures small machined parts and assemblies for aircraft engines and propellers. This contract is a complete substitute for a prior contract, under date of January 2, 1941, with this same Corporation totalling \$1,689,678. The further expansion cost is estimated at \$1,816,979.

Strike, of the John A. Roebling Company, wire rope manufacturers, was reported settled. This strike involved 6,000 steel workers.

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
30 April 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 29 April ..... 226,409

Fleet Reservists (enlisted) on active duty ..... 7,884

Other Reservists " " " " ..... 19,709

Retired Men " " " " ..... 537

Total ..... 28,130

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) ..... 144

Aggregate Discharges " " " " ..... 136

Gain ..... 8

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 26 April:

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp. Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
Organized Reserve	345	325	-	670
V-G Officers	710	1976	1	2687
DE-V(S), D-V(S) & E-V(S)	309	97	2	908
DE-F Officers	2	-	-	2
Communication Officers	501	79	-	580
I-V(S) Officers	478	1	2	481
O-V(S) Officers	59	-	-	59
I-V(S) Officers	15	-	-	15
Probationary Officers (E & F)	34	29	-	63
Merchant Marine Reserve	64	557	41	662
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V(S) Officers	445	-	-	445
Supply Corps Officers	425	88	-	513
Med. and Dental Officers	907	32	2	941
CC-F(S) Officers	71	-	-	71
CEC-V(S) Officers	40	1	-	41
Aviation Instructors	313	2	-	315
Retired Officers	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>
	5231	3187	48	8466

2. Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 April:

Line Officers	940
Staff Officers	219
Warrant Officers	75
Total	1234

Cruiser 11, was placed in commission, Captain Beye commanding in the U.S.S. Sampson.

12th Naval District, Rear Admiral Greenslade assumed command, relieving Rear Admiral Hepburn.

Submarine O-3, was placed in full commission at Philadelphia on 29 April.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following award:

Contract for ship building dry dock at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, to the Aberthaw Company, Boston, Mass. on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis for \$2,500,000, including fee.

Post Graduate School, 64 officers have been selected for training at Annapolis. Aerological Engineering Class convened on 21 April. Other classes will convene on 28 July.

Mobilisation, of the remaining Naval Reserve fleet divisions still on inactive service will be completed by 30 May. 45 divisions are affected, comprising 230 officers and 4600 men, from nine naval districts and

3. Washington, D. C. Naval Yard (Grand Fleet) Naval Yard

Combatant ships, under contract on order as of 12 April were 361. Work is actually underway on 312. Of these 52 are on the shipbuilding ways and 17 have been launched

\$387,000,000 has been authorized to increase productive facilities of government and private yards.

Auxiliaries. As of 12 April 175 were on order or under contract. 21 of these were on the ways, 12 are water borne and on 50 work has been started.

New Submarines. Two additional (not previously reported) have been allocated to the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Tonnages for these vessels was authorized under the Naval Expansion Act of 1940, of which there remained 3,525 tons available. Estimated cost of each vessel is \$6,084,000. Necessary funds are available under 1941

appropriations. Submarines are being finished at Mare Island from 2 months to one year ahead of schedule.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, New Naval Medical Center is scheduled for completion late this year. A new class of 15 has been selected for training in aviation medicine at Pensacola. This course will last four months.

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U.S.S. Ingham (Coast Guard), relieved the U.S. Campbell on 27 April.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee, voted 13 to 10 not to report either of two anti-convoy resolutions offered in the Senate. Other attempts by Senators Nye and Tobey to get the resolutions to the floor of the Senate were also defeated.

Greece, Of 60,000 British landed in Greece, 45,000 have been successfully evacuated. 3,000 were killed and wounded.

P M, said today in an Ingersoll editorial that this paper has become convinced the Mediterranean is lost and Gibraltar doomed. This conclusion was said to have been reached on the basis of news received and confirmed by a special dispatch from abroad.

War Sinkings, The German High Command claimed U-boats had sunk 35,000 tons of shipping off the South Coast of England and that speed boats had accounted for 9,500 additional tons in a strongly protected convoy.

Canadian Government, has taken over the strike bound plant of the National Steel Car Corporation at Hamilton, Ont. 2,700 employees stopped work Monday.