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BULLETIN  
10 December, 1941

Last bulletin in  
this form. (to be  
put in larger scale  
by Navy.)

Naval Air Station, Sitka, Alaska, reports ex-avia-  
tor at Chicagoff Mines reported multi-motored planes  
passed over Chicagoff (Chichagof) Islands, Alaska,  
headed South at approximately 11:30 A.M. December 9.  
Army reports series of fires discovered at 7:30 P.M.  
1 1/2 miles West of Port Angeles (South shore of  
Strait of Juan de Fuca (State of Washington, U.S.A.)  
in form of an arrow pointing South East toward Seattle  
and Bremerton).

Cipher card taken from crashed plane referred to Aleut-  
ians as well as Hawaii and Midway area, ONI reports.  
All agencies of public information in United States  
requested December 8 by Maritime Commission to avoid  
publishing or announcing information of movements,  
position, cargoes, or destination of any merchant  
vessel in any waters.

Air transport is desperately needed by the British  
in Libya MID reports from Cairo. Not less than 100  
required, but only 10 are available. The British  
Army has failed to avail itself sufficiently of RAF  
assistance. The best conclusion one can draw is

that it has had poor communication with the RAF and the Army commanders have been unable to comprehend the full capabilities of air support.

A spokesman said the second phase of the Battle of Libya, that of dealing with the German tank forces, has been very nearly finished; the German tanks have "had a very serious knock and have withdrawn West of the Bir el Gobi - Tobruk line", it is reported from London.

Because of the considerable strength of the Russian Air Force in the Rostov area, it appears that the Nazis do not have air superiority there, MID reports from London. German air operations on all fronts continue to be restricted by weather. This is believed to account for the lack of effectiveness in the slowing of the Russian advance out of Rostov.

The official German announcement that large-scale operations must be postponed until spring and that additional advances around Moscow or the fall of that city are not looked for in 1941, is thought by the British to be true, MID reports from London. The head of the British Russian Mission thinks that the air over this entire theatre, especially around

Moscow, is now controlled by the Soviet.

SEA OTTER trials, of the ship loaded, completed. The Board has returned and the report is being studied, the Secretary's Office reports. A substitute bill introduced by Senator Radcliffe to control the activities of radio communications service officers on ships of United States registry, was passed December 8. In brief this prohibits employment of any radio operator aboard a merchant ship of United States registry whose employment is considered detrimental to National Defense in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy.

4,000,000 rounds of .30 calibre service ammunition was received recently by the Second Marine Division, as was 64,500 rounds of .50 calibre armor piercing ammunition by Marine Corps units at Pearl Harbor, U.S.M.C. reports.

First Army Maneuvers were attended by twenty-five Marine Corps Officers in the capacity of observers, U.S.M.C. reports.

All forging contracts for 16"/45 caliber heavy rifles have been completed and all ship deliveries will be met, the Bureau of Ordnance reports. Additional

liners for regunning are on order.

Scheduled Keel Layings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>1 Submarine Chaser</u>	Mathis Yacht Bldg. Co.	12/10/41
<u>1 Submarine</u> RUNNER	New York Portsmouth	12/ 8/41

Scheduled Launchings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>-1 Coastal Minesweeper</u>		
ROCKET	Anderson & Cristofani	12/10/41
<u>2 Destroyers</u>		
DORAN	New York, Boston	12/10/41
EARLE	New York, Boston	12/10/41
<u>2 Submarine Chasers</u>		
	Dravo Corporation	12/13/41
	Mathis Yacht Bldg. Co	12/10/41

Scheduled Deliveries reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>2 Coastal Minesweepers</u>		
CONQUEROR	Warren Fish Co.	12/12/41
ENERGY	W.A. Robinson, Inc.	12/ 8/41
<u>2 Submarine Chasers</u>		
	Defoe Boat & Motor Wks.	12/10/41
	Peterson Boat Works	12/10/41
<u>1 Submarine</u>		
DRUM	New York, Portsmouth	12/13/41

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Two fishing trawlers PRESIDENTE ROCA and PRESIDENTE MITRE, said reliably to be owned by Japanese interests although nominally by Compania Argentina Industrial Depesqueria, left Buenos Aires in apparent haste morning of December 9, a Naval Observer reports from Buenos Aires. Both ships sail under Argentine flag but crews said to be all Japanese except Argentine Captain for compliance with local regulations. Crews possible Nazi reservists. Both ships built in Japan and have cruising radius estimated at 15,000 miles. The Germans will shortly set up supply points for U-boats and commerce destroyers near and across from Florianopolis, Brazil, (approximately 400 miles South of Rio). Assistance will be furnished by motor boats of an athletic association, aided by landed proprietors on lower points on the river (including those in the vicinity of Joinville and Blumenau), by which an unoccupied island nearby will be stocked. The Chiloe group of islands in Chile are being used for the same purpose, MID reports from Buenos Aires. The Germans are greatly put out by their inability

to take Moscow before now, after a complete attempt. They are now committed to an effort to encircle the city or at least to sever rail connections to Moscow from the North and South. The German failure to take Moscow has affected the German public adversely, and the effect on both public and Army will be even more serious if the city is not finally taken. The French prisoners who are to be released as a result of the recent Petain-Goering meeting are colored colonials, and will be used by the Germans in Libya, MID reports from London.

Germans consider the outcome of the Libyan campaign of the utmost importance to future plans, MID reports from London. It is believed the Rostov defeat has already dislocated plans for operations against the British in the Middle East and for the Caucasus.

Authorities are explaining to the German people that the drive on Rostov was only a diversion and that defeat there was only an incident.

J. C. FITZSIMMONS (U.S. Tanker, 6,716 tons), failing entry into Nagaevo on account of ice, has been ordered to proceed to Vladivostok to discharge. (Note: Ship carries 70,000 barrels of motor gas for discharge at

Nagaevo; would be most useful to Japanese on account of present fuel shortage, ONI reports.

Italy's oil stocks are believed to be virtually exhausted, and minimum import requirements to maintain her war effort are estimated at 100,000 tons a month. Deliveries from Rumania have dropped from 110,000 tons in September to below 80,000 in October, and it is indicated that they will fall even lower, it is reported from a Naval Observer in Italy.

Digest of Officer Personnel on Active Duty (Dec. 6).

	<u>Line</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Warrant</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Regular Navy on Active Duty	7502	2277	2071	11850
2. Retired Officers on Active Duty	1174	268	104	1546
3. Reserve Officers on Active Duty	17322	4290	163	21775
Total	25998	6835	2338	35171

as reported by the Bureau of Navigation.

A change in procedure for Lend-Lease was made effective December 1. In effect allocations are made en bloc to cover programs, or to cover emergency and non-programmed items. Defense Aid requisitions are furnished the Navy Department together with authority to obligate funds and initiate procurement. This should expedite action on foreign requisitions by a

matter of two or three weeks. At the same time the entire accounting system is switched to a requisition basis, so that eventually all defense aid expenditures can be matched against a foreign government receipt, it is reported by the Office of Budget and Reports.

Three hundred and thirty-three (333) 20 mm Anti-aircraft machine guns have been shipped as of the end of November. Of this total 240 have been shipped from the American Oerlikon Gazda Plant, Providence, Rhode Island. (183 to the United Kingdom, 57 to the United States Navy) and 93 have been shipped from the Pontiac Division, General Motors Corporation, Pontiac, Michigan (56 to the United Kingdom, 37 to the United States Navy). For the month of December the following deliveries are expected:

American Oerlikon Gazda Corp.,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island. 110

Pontiac Division  
General Motors Corp.,  
Pontiac,  
Michigan. 100

Naval Ordnance Plant  
Centerline,  
Michigan. 10

it is reported by the Bureau of Ordnance.

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Preliminary computation of shipping losses, British, Allied and Neutral in November show only 121,000 tons, as compared with 243,000 in October, 378,000 in September and 181,000 in August. This November figure is the lowest since March 1940, ONI reports. Reported air damage to British Dockyards and shipyards has been nil for some weeks, ONI reports. MID reports from Singapore, the major portion of the British air strength is being launched into action as Singapore is made a target for Japanese air operations. An enemy landing has taken place at Kota Bharu (East Malay Peninsula) where severe action is beginning, as well as in the vicinity of Cape Kemassin. Commander-in-Chief Pacific has been informed of the location of NARUTO MARU (Japanese 7,149 tons) estimated position west-bound at 4 N 127.30 W and TERUKAWA MARU (Japanese 6,172 tons) at 17.30 N 178 E as of noon G C T December if on regular course and speed, ONI reports.

Following Japanese dispositions as reported by a Naval Observer in Manila "are conservative" (1)

Heavy concentration of Japanese aircraft at Taiwan (Formosa) at Kaigi, Takao and Taichu airstations (2) South China Air Force headquarters now in Saigon area with at least four groups of planes (3) Eight Maru air-tenders in South China area estimated at Takao - 5, Saigon - 1, Sama - 2; "extensive operations may be imminent" and (4) AKAGI (Japanese Aircraft Carrier, 26,900 tons) is moving South from Empire, now in Nansai area. Peru, in an attitude of "co-operation", has taken steps to guard public and private properties with Naval and Army units ordered to Talara for protection of oil fields. Anti-Japanese demonstrations expected, Naval Observer reports from Lima, Peru. In the Libyan campaign 7,500 Axis prisoners have been counted by the British so far. In addition to the prisoners counted, many others have been reported taken, it is reported from Cairo. Axis entered Libyan Battle with 387 tanks in the nine-tons or over category of which the British report they have destroyed 184, MID reports from London. This is an adjustment of original British estimates.

Axis believed will employ submarines, submarine tenders and aircraft to screen and escort some convoys across the Mediterranean, using fast transports in direct daylight trips when possible. One such crossing reported successful, the Naval Attache in Rome reports. Departure and arrival points for Axis troops not yet known.

Regular and reserve personnel of the U.S.M.C. on December 1, was 61,666, and on December 6 was 62,115 a gain of 449.

The Fourth U.S.M.C. Defense Battalion has completed movement from Cuba to Hawaii and movement has been completed from Shanghai to Olongapo, P. I. by 796 officers and men of the Fourth Regiment as of December 8, it is reported by the U.S.M.C.

Seven strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were sttled during the week ending December 6. Only three strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and only three strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not available, as of December 6.

Progress is reported on many of the 220 research projects now underway in the Bureau of Ordnance in co-

operation with N.D.R.C., Co-ordinator of Navy Re-  
search, private and governmental research labora-  
tories. Each project is important, however, the  
following stand out: (1) Tests on Nylon fabric indi-  
cate it will be as desirable as silk in flare  
parachutes (2) Tests (10 rounds) of powder charges  
bagged with nylon "revealed no defects on firing"  
(3) All phases of rocket propellant program being  
expedited (4) Revised specifications for engine-start-  
er cartridges are under consideration. (5) Very favor-  
able reports have been received from Army Ordnance upon  
firing tests of 37 mm barrels made of seamless tubing  
(6) Work is contemplated for elimination of gunflash  
at night, in view of British experience (7) There  
are under procurement 20 mild steel barrels for 20 mm  
Oerlikon and 40 mm Bofors to test the possibility of  
using this material instead of nickel steel thereby  
freeing nickel (8) Substitution of steel bomb racks  
coated with plastic on air craft for those of monel  
metal is expected to be successful. It will save monel  
metal which is critical and will reduce the weight 30%,  
which is vital due to the constantly increasing de-  
mands for equipment to be placed in air craft.

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Total Enlisted Strength, December 6 ..... 288,752

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on Active Duty	.....	9,872
<u>Other Reservists</u> "           "           "           "	....	50,408
<u>Retired Men</u> "           "           "           "	....	3,034
Total	....	63,314

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (Last 24 hours)	....	197
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> "           "           "	....	101
Gain	....	96

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of December 6.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2657	4149	-	6806
DE-V(S), D-V(S), E-V(S)	2231	252	1	2484
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	637	126	-	763
I-V(S) Officers	1288	5	-	1293
O-V(S) Officers	629	-	-	629
L-V(S) Officers	70	-	-	70
Probationary Officers	24	41	1	66
Merchant Marine	144	906	12	1062
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V Officers	690	-	-	690
Sup Corps Officers	1029	345	-	1374
MC & DC Officers	1613	237	-	1850
CC-V Officers	144	1	-	145
CHC-V Officers	75	12	-	87
Retired Officers, NR	43	3	-	46
Aviators (Instr)				
(Does not include A-V(N))	1146	14	-	1160
A-V(N) Officers	1484	1667	-	3151
Res Off. from Approp. other than PS&T	98	-	-	98
Total	14003	7758	14	21775

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Unconfirmed reports in Rome indicate that Hitler has been shot, United States Naval Attache reports. Results unknown but very reliable contact states entire staff German Embassy at Rome were kept on duty all last night, December 2 - 3, and not yet allowed to leave Embassy Building. USN Attache was unable to make appointments at Marine or Air Ministries and reports dinner engagement with German Naval Attache was cancelled by special messenger. Information is being treated with "great reserve" until further report is submitted.

The British report (1) Two British cruisers with two destroyers on the evening of December 1 intercepted and sank one destroyer, one 8,000 ton tanker and one 6,000 ton merchant ship, all South-bound about 80 miles N.N.W. of Tripoli. (2) on the evening of December 1st a British cruiser intercepted in the South Atlantic, a vessel of about 11,000 tons which scuttled herself on a warning shot being fired. (3) The activities of the Russian Air Force over the last fortnight have been such as to indicate that

they have at least 1,000 aircraft operating to the South of Kursk (S.W.Soviet Russia), of which about 50% are serviceable. Recent activities in the Southern Sector moreover have not been accompanied by any noticeable falling off in the scale of operations in other sectors.

The WEST CHETAC (United States 5,627 tons - 10½ knots) reported by British overdue Capetown since November 22 is a United States Maritime Commission ship operated by Robin Line, Seas Shipping Company, charterer. It is not routed and is running independently from New York for Port Elizabeth. Due date confirmed by Maritime Commission, ONI reports.

The Destroyer ALVISE DA MOSTO (1,628 tons "Navigator" Class), reported sunk, December 2, was the thirty-fifth Italian destroyer reported sunk during the war, cutting in half the known destroyer strength of the Italian Navy, it is reported from London.

Crew members of the MS ODENWALD (German 5,098 tons - 10½ knots) in San Juan say that Japanese Naval Airplanes escorted the vessel for three days after leaving Yokohama. Other than rubber, ODENWALD's cargo had been transferred from five other German

ships in Japan, four of which - the BOGOTA, QUITO, RHAKOTIS and OSORNO - had successfully completed the trans-Pacific run after escaping from Chilean harbors. Note: ODENWALD's log shows transit of Pacific on course four hundred miles South of Hawaiian Islands instead of by way of Japanese Mandate area, as had been suspected, ONI reports.

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., advised Secretary Knox on December 3, that as of December 1, 1941, \$991,422,337 or 69% of the funds earmarked for the Navy Department for all countries in the Second Lend-Lease appropriation had been allocated or was in the process of allocation and that he understood negotiations were under-way for an early allocation of the remaining funds now to be made available.

Information has been received from Commander, Support Force, at Argentina, that flying conditions are becoming so unfavorable as to preclude the future operations of Navy flying boats in that area. It is planned to provide amphibious airplanes at the earliest possible date, which can operate from shore, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

A despatch has been sent to the Fleet forces invit-

ing recommendations concerning Fleet needs for additional converted aircraft carriers, similar to the USS LONG ISLAND, now in service, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

It is planned that the Navy's first sea train, the KITTY-HAWK will transport two squadrons of inner patrol airplanes from San Pedro, to the Asiatic Station during the forthcoming month of January.

Her sister ship, the HAMMONDSPORT will remain on the East Coast and be available for the transportation of airplanes in the Atlantic area, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Digest of Officer Personnel on Active Duty (Nov.29).

	<u>Line</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Warrants</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Regular Navy on Active Duty	7502	2277	2071	11850
2. Retired Officers on Active Duty	1174	268	104	1546
3. Reserve Officers on Active Duty	17067	4246	164	21477
Total	<u>25743</u>	<u>6791</u>	<u>2339</u>	<u>34873</u>

as reported by the Bureau of Navigation

Final arrangements have been completed by the Bureau of Ordnance for the training program for civilian inspectors at the Naval Gun Factory. Thirty men have reported for the current two-month's class.

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German supply ship sunk 700 miles South of the Is-  
land of St. Helena afternoon December 1 by British  
cruiser DORSETSHIRE, (9,975 tons). Indications from  
loaded boats in water when discovered that U - boats  
were in vicinity and about to replenish supplies,  
ONI reports.

The lower classes of France have shown favor for the  
De Gaulle movement, but, denied communications,  
press, armaments and spirited leadership as they  
are, they can be welded into no integrated force.  
With this fact, one must recognize that the chance  
for planned insurgency is gone, MID reports from  
London.

There are no more than 20 Turkish vessels of approxi-  
mately 3,000 tons capacity in the Black Sea and an-  
other 20 of similar capacity in the Sea of Marmara  
that could be used to carry troops in case the Germans  
should be aided by Turkey, a Naval Observer reports.  
Spain's Foreign Minister, Serano Suner, strongly pro-  
Axis, has lost caste with Franco and the Spanish  
population. When the settlement comes, he will be

sent to Italy as Ambassador, or, failing the acceptance of the Italian Government, he will be retired, MID reports from London.

Results of German-French parley at Wiesbaden, seat of Armistice Commission, as reported from MID in Vichy are as follows: (1) Germany is permitted to establish communications across Tunisia to Gabes (Tunis) (2) The French are re-routing to Tunisia 20,000 tons of fuel oil previously destined for Marseilles (3) By December 20, the French will make an initial delivery of 22 155 m.m. howitzers to the Libyan frontier (4) In return, an undetermined number of French prisoners will be released, including 10,000 North Africans trained in German propaganda methods. It is observed the reported French concessions to Germany lead directly to the Mareth Line, the main French fortification defense system against invasion from Libya.

NARUTO MARU (Japanese 7,149 tons) "departs" Tocopilla (Chile), November 29 direct for Yokohama. This is the last Japanese merchant vessel in Western Hemisphere, with none en route, a Naval Observer in Lima reports. However, TATUJA MARU (16,975 tons) is scheduled to

depart from Yokohama December 2 for San Francisco, ONI reports.

MID reports from CAIRO (1) the Axis has instituted a supply service between Crete and Libya, using gliders towed by Junkers - 57's (2) Axis supplies at Bardia (Libya) are much larger than the British had guessed, hence British air attacks will be centered on this city (3) evidently the Italians judged concentration of the British fleet in the Mediterranean to be in preparation for an attack on the Italian mainland. This brought about the recall to Italy on November 14 of the only Italian dive bomber squadron in North Africa. All in all, the Italian air Corps had no important hand in the Libya operations.

German troops and supplies are still moving through Italy in increased volume and large numbers of German planes are flying South, MID reports from Rome. British tank losses in Libya are figured to be between 50 and 60%, while German tank losses are from 20 to 30%. The Germans are reported to be greatly disturbed, however, for fear their tank reserves will not prove sufficient.

The British Admiralty has requested that high priority be accorded to deliveries of Grumman Fighter and Torpedo planes. It is particularly unfortunate that the Navy recently lost the prototype of the torpedo plane which caught fire in the air, crashed and was destroyed. The flight personnel parachuted to safety, it is reported by the Bureau of Aeronautics.

The ODENWALD was salvaged in order to prevent her from sinking. The Navy has not asserted the belligerent right of capture since we are not a belligerent, the Judge Advocate General's Office reports.

Priorities: Deliveries of materials have been expedited by the Bureau of Ordnance in twenty-three instances through raising the priority ratings. The ordnance delivery dates vary from two weeks to five and one-half months. This is a part of an intensive program to speed up the delivery of raw materials and plant facilities.

Public Hearings by the House Naval Affairs Investigating Committee (Congressman Vinson) will not begin until after the Holidays, according to latest information available to the Navy, the Clearing House reports.

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1 December 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 30 November ..... 287,105

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on Active Duty	.....	9,887
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " "	.....	49,498
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " "	.....	2,992
Total	.....	62,377

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (Last 24 hours)	.....	217
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " "	.....	132
Gain	.....	85

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of November 30.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2726	4074	-	6800
DE-V(S), D-V(S), E-V(S)	2211	250	-	2461
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	634	127	-	761
I-V(S) Officers	1261	5	-	1266
O-V(S) Officers	627	-	-	627
L-V(S) Officers	67	-	-	67
Probationary Officers	25	44	1	70
Merchant Marine	144	895	14	1053
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V Officers	686	-	-	686
Sup Officers	1024	345	-	1369
MC & DC Officers	1606	237	-	1843
CC-V Officers	116	1	-	117
CHC-V Officers	75	12	-	87
Retired Officers, NR	42	3	-	45
Aviators (Instr) (Does not include A-V(N))	1140	16	-	1156
A-V(N) Officers	1299	1670	-	2969
Res Off. from Approp. other than PS&T	99	-	-	99
Total	13783	7679	15	21477

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The losses in East-bound trans-Atlantic convoys were in the nature of 2.0%, during the period from the end of November, 1940, until the beginning of October, 1941, it is revealed by the records of the O.N.I. No figures are available from January 1, to October 1, 1941. General Anders, commanding Polish Forces in Russia, as reported by M.I.D. in London, believes: (1) major reasons for Russian weakness are economic troubles such as lack of civilian needs and poor railroad situation, plus stoppage of Volga shipping (2) stabilized battle lines have slowed Soviet internal degeneration. He reports: (1) strong Siberian reinforcements are now in position around Moscow and Siberian forces are once more traveling through Kuibyshev by train (2) east of the Volga new outfits are being activated (3) big reserve force is supposedly being organized by Voroshilov (Marshall, organizing reserves); (4) Soviet forces are reported superior to Germans in experience and material for winter combat. Other M.I.D. reports from Polish sources

"believed creditable" include: (1) Soviet defense of Moscow is well planned, with Far Eastern troops being used as reserves (2) German probable effort to encircle Moscow will fail due to lack of sufficient forces for the operation (3) Soviet units are better equipped for and more able to endure winter fighting than the Germans (4) Voroshilov's effort to organize his new army in rear areas is handicapped by shortage of heavy equipment and transport.

Vladivostok Courier arrived in Kuibyshev on the 22nd, carrying second class mail dated May through August, en route sixteen days, a Naval Observer in Kuibyshev reports. Courier reports all American tankers going Magadan (West Coast Sea of Okhotsk) and believes Vladivostok will be kept open all winter for Soviet shipping only.

Russia's four largest Black Sea tankers, loaded with oil for Turkey and escorted by nine Russian war ships, arrived at Turkish docks November 29. The ships totaled 28,000 tons.

TIRPITZ (German Battleship, 35,000 tons), LUTZOW (German Heavy Cruiser, 10,000 tons), EMDEN (German

Cruiser, 5,400 tons) and SCHLESIEEN (German Training-Ship, ex-Battleship, 13,040 tons) at Kiel, November 29, reconnaissance showed. SEYDLITZ (German Heavy Cruiser, 10,000 tons) located at Bremen and SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN (German Training Ship ex-Battleship, 13,040 tons) at Hamburg. A British submarine attacked three cruisers and several destroyers seventy miles S. S.E. from Taranto (Italy), three hits claimed, a Naval Observer reports from London. German ship at Yokohama previously unidentified believed to be OSORNO, displacement about 9,000 tons, a Naval Observer reports from Tokyo. It is not armed at present. It recently docked, loading supplies and fuel. Indications departure near future, probably to carry rubber to France.

Activities of fighters in Libya have been reduced to a minimum in anticipation of moving the fighter wing to Gazzala and Tobruk, in order to operate against the landing grounds and road toward Benghazi, M.I.D. reports from Cairo. Headquarters of the R.A.F. will move with the wing. The plan which the Army and the R.A.F. had for close support has failed, for

the organization had no unified command.

Deliveries of aviation ordnance equipment have im-  
proved considerably, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Deliveries of bomb racks and bomb-rack release handles, however, are behind schedule, due to the shortage of Monel Metal. Ordnance is preparing a priority list for distribution of bombs and future loading schedules for bomb cases will be based upon this list.

The TNT supply situation is improving, and preparations for the arming of merchant vessels are being continued, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

The commanding officer of the United States Naval Air Station, Trinidad, was detached on November 23, 1941. He will report on or about December 1, to the Bureau of Aeronautics as head of the Training Division, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Six strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending November 29.

Seven strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and six strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense contracts was not available, as of November 29.

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28 November, 1941

A decision in the Western Desert should come within the next week (Nov. 26 - Dec. 3). There has been a high armored casualty rate among both the Axis and Imperial forces. British intention on the follow-up of this campaign is to annihilate the Axis element and go on to occupy the entire North African coast-line, the British War Office has stated to M.I.D. Churchill told M.I.D. he felt deep consequences lie in the result of the Battle of Libya. For one thing, the Japanese will continue their policy of hesitation until they can judge the direction of the fighting in Libya and in Russia.

From information available in O.N.I. there have been no sinkings along the North Atlantic Sea route by Axis submarines since November 9, 1941. Sinkings during November along this route were as follows:

November	3	-	3
	5	-	1
	7	-	1
	9	-	1
Total			6

Great action in all sectors is reported from Kuibyshev. Fighting has become a war of extermi-

nation without quarter. American and British planes have gone into action on Moscow front.

Cold weather has hit Russia earlier this year than usual. Temperatures in some-districts are already as low as 22° below zero, it is reported from Moscow.

7-ship convoy arrived Archangel included Panamanian vessels COOLE and EL CAPITAN. Tanker SAN AMBROSIA moored Molotovsk, below Archangel on Western mouth of River Dvina. It was aided by breaker STALIN. Remainder at Bakaritsa, railhead opposite Archangel, were aided by LENIN and two auxiliary breakers. Breaker LITSK is due within the next few days. According to Captain Papanin, Arctic authority who is in charge of keeping the port open all winter, it is the intention to keep Bakaritsa open until the middle of December, at which time seven berths Ekonomia, at Northern mouth of river and five cargo berths at Molotovsk will be ready. KRASSIN (Russian icebreaker, 8,700 tons) is due to leave shortly via canal for duty at Archangel. Bakaritsa is much improved with space for eleven ships with tracks along entire quay and six railway cranes of six tons. A Soviet trawler engaged and sunk a submarine "off" the entrance to White Sea on November 25.

Additional convoys are due November 29th and December 7, a Naval Observer reports.

Six aerodromes in South French Indo-China are reported ready for use. There is a noticeable movement of aircraft to French Indo-China and Hainan, the strength at present being approximately 200 in each place. The Japanese have requested the use of four additional landing-grounds in North French Indo-China with permission to effect improvements. At Saigon there is abnormal transport activity and indications of similar activity at Haiphong.

The Navy Department has proposed a bill to waive during the present emergency, the restrictions against employment of non-citizens on public works in the Territory of Hawaii (Sec. 105, Hawaiian Organic Act), to allow the employment of "nationals of the United States" at the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard and on national defense contracts in Hawaii. The proposed bill has been referred to the Committee on Territories of the House of Representatives. As originally proposed to the Bureau of the Budget, this bill contained a section to waive the immigration laws so as to allow bringing additional Filipinos into Hawaii. Upon recommendation

of other interested departments this section was eliminated and the Navy Department agreed to rely upon exercise of the authority of the Department of the Interior under the Act approved March 24, 1934 (48 Stat. 462), to allow the immigration of Filipinos into Hawaii "on the basis of the needs of industries" there. In the letter to the Speaker the Navy set forth the fact that a serious shortage of unskilled labor exists in Hawaii and that sufficient Filipinos can be obtained and brought to Hawaii in naval vessels, the Judge Advocate General's Office reports.

The Purchase Division of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts has kept pace with the expanding material needs of the Navy by the increase of both officer and civilian personnel to meet the demands of the emergency. Since May 1, 1940, officer personnel has been increased from 4 to 21, or 425%, among whom are many reserves of specialized experience, which is taken advantage of in their respective assignments. Civilian personnel, during same period has been increased from 80 to 308, or 285% Assistant Secretary Gates has just returned from inspection of Naval Aviation Facilities in the Norfolk area.

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BULLETIN  
27 November, 1941

British now outnumber the Axis in Libya by two planes to one due to considerable increase in planes in recent months, MID reports. However, the Axis can reinforce the Libyan front to whatever extent it is willing to withdraw aircraft from other operations. Moreover, Axis planes in the Dodecanese, Crete and Greece tend to enhance Axis offensive air capabilities and therefore increase the British defensive problems. 1,567 British aircraft now are in the Middle East area and it is estimated that 773 Axis aircraft are now in Middle East area.

(1) Under German leadership, Italian troops are showing 100% improvement over the campaigns of last winter

(2) The performance of American M-3 tanks has been extremely satisfactory

(3) The two Axis powers have been calling for aviation supplies with some anxiety.

The Germans are also urgently requesting anti-tank guns and ammunition, it is reported from a reliable source in London.

The Italian merchant fleet available in the Mediterranean at the war's start has been approximately

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cut in half by sinkings. The merchant fleet at "the war's start" does not, however, include an unknown number of French ships made available to the Italians by Germany's requisitions.

A new passenger and freight air service links Dakar with Conakry, Abidjan, Conotou and Niamey (Dahomey), it is reported from Vichy. The greater part of this route is over water to avoid crossing British colonies.

This will extend present Air France service now terminating at Dakar and also will provide Vichy with observation of ship positions in British area around Freetown, ONI reports.

Air attacks on merchant vessels have decreased, due to British resistance and to German lack of personnel and equipment, it is reported from London.

There is a report of some credibility in London that there is a well-advanced move to oust Franco from Spain.

Best anti-submarine methods are governed by conditions at the time, the head of the British Anti-submarine warfare believes. The merits of hydrophone - echo ranging - detection, under some conditions, especially during darkness and periods of low visibility are recognized. He considers it vital that RADAR sets be

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installed in all escort ships as rapidly as possible since main means of submarine detection will be RADAR plus sight and hearing, a Naval Observer in London reports.

The installations under the original Kingboard Program, covering the arming of Navy vessels and installation of splinter protection is reported by the Bureau of Ships to be about 75% complete.

A conference between high officials of the Navy Department and a delegation of British officers has been arranged for November 28 by Admiral Reeves at the request of the British Admiralty Supply Representative. Advisability of constructing various types of small craft for landing tanks on beaches and also a special type of transport vessel which could carry the tank landing craft to within range of their objective will be discussed. The British have already requested under Lend-Lease the construction of four of the special transport vessels and it is probable that they will shortly request construction in this country of several hundred of the tank landing craft. Studies have recently been made of the requirements of our own fleets in con-

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nection with tank landing craft and TLC carriers. One purpose of the conference November 28 is to ascertain whether certain "common" types can be designed which will fulfill the requirements of both our own and the British Navy, the Secretary's Office reports.

The next Lend-Lease report is being made up by the Lend-Lease Administration which has called on the Navy for the following types of information (1) description of the repair of ships (2) status of ships under construction (3) naval equipment other than ships being furnished (4) other services such as training of pilots (5) explanation and general administration. In view of the fact that this report will have an unrestricted distribution, the information to be supplied will be of general nature in the interest of security, War Procurement Planning reports.

A battery has been supplied by the Navy and has been installed by the Maritime Commission on one Russian vessel which is about ready to sail. Batteries for three large Russian ice breakers have been assembled and are awaiting transportation to Archangel for installation, War Procurement Planning reports.

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**BULLETIN**  
 24, November 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 24 November ..... 285,393

<u>Fleet Reservists (Enlisted)</u> on Active Duty .....	9,882
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " .....	48,399
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " " .....	2,952
Total .....	61,233

<u>Aggregate Enlistments (Last 24 hours)</u> .....	222
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " " .....	148
Gain .....	74

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of November 24.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore Or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2776	4056	-	6832
DE-V(S), D-V(S), E-V(S)	2191	248	-	2439
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	628	129	-	757
I-V(S) Officers	1247	6	-	1253
O-V(S) Officers	629	-	-	629
L-V(S) Officers	64	-	-	64
Probationary Officers	26	43	1	70
Merchant Marine	142	893	11	1046
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V Officers	687	-	-	687
Sup Corps Officers	1023	347	-	1370
MC & DC Officers	1615	234	-	1849
CC-V Officers	114	1	-	115
CHC-V Officers	75	13	-	88
Retired Officers, USNR	41	2	-	43
Aviation Officers(Instr)				
(Does not include A-V(N))	1129	12	-	1141
A-V(N) Officers	1270	1578	-	2848
Res.Off.from Approp. other than PS&T	100	-	-	100
Total	13758	7562	12	21332

B U L L E T I N  
24 November, 1941

A total of 4,210,000 dead weight tons were imported into the United Kingdom during October. This is the largest monthly total imported since April and represents one of the most satisfactory months since the opening of hostilities.

According to British Sources, Axis forces in Libya have long been lacking in supplies, mostly for German units. Sinkings of supply ships by the British Navy lately have made the situation worse.

Authorized German Military quarters have admitted that the British offensive in North Africa constitutes "an extremely strong attack...which cannot be regarded as a purely propaganda affair".

German air force reported by the British as not withdrawing aircraft from the vicinity of Moscow as rapidly as expected. They state necessity for the continued support of ground forces and the activity of the Russian air force do not permit the release of German planes.

1500 German aircraft, the greater part of fighters, are coming to Southern Italy within the next two weeks to

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attempt to wrest control of Central Mediterranean from British and stop bombing of Italian cities. Most of the planes would be from the Russian fronts according to a young Italian General Staff Air Lieutenant who also reports Germans have taken over complete control and command of Italian air force. This was demanded after the sinking of the big convoy by the British when many German soldiers drowned November 8.

Two Turkish Generals recently returned from Russia reported by British to believe: (1) Axis planned a brief two-months offensive, thus making the gathering of foodstuffs an easy matter (2) inability to accomplish this is thought to have ruined their chances of victory over the Russians (3) Axis forces are in bad shape because of inadequate supply of vehicles, insufficient protection of their soldiers from the weather, not enough food and wells poisoned by Soviet forces.

An assault on Cyprus by parachute troops is impending it is claimed in Berlin.

British air attacks were made on the railway center and gas works at Naples during the night of November 19-20.

Also attacked were oil tanks, barracks and factories at Brindisi, Tripoli, Benghazi and Messina.

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Submarine locations are again reported in the Western Atlantic. Three or four are thought to be about 250 miles East of Cape Race. There are two 150 miles South of Iceland and several in the central belt in Longitude 30 W. The aggregate number is the low of 15.

HMS Submarine UTMOST reported she attacked November 21 three cruisers in company with three destroyers near Straights of Messina (Sicily), near Southern end, probably sinking one cruiser.

Reliable sources in Rio de Janeiro report general sabotage activities may be expected any day. This is interpreted to mean in South America generally. British Consulate in Rio is redoubling vigilance in British and allied ships while in port there.

Acute shortage of rubber in Germany, estimated by British at 21,000-ton deficiency for this year, may be good reason for more efforts to get rubber cargoes through the blockade from the Far East. If Berlin succeeds in forcing action through Vichy, ships would likely try the plan of rounding Cape Horn, ONI reports. As a part of its preventive medicine program, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is preparing a series of one-page leaflets to be made available to officers

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as a means of acquainting them with the conditions they will meet in certain climates. "General Facts on Tropical Hygiene" is the subject of one of the leaflets and separate leaflets will be prepared on each of the new bases. The need was discovered by the recent survey when it was found that officers were renting houses which were not mosquito-proof, children were playing barefooted on ground infected with hookworms, officers were fishing in streams infected, during the middle of the day only, with a serious tropical disease, etc.

The aircraft complement of the HMS INDOMITABLE is at present at East Field, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, where the British pilots are maintaining their flying fitness while the parent vessel is in the Norfolk area incident to the recent grounding accident, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Three strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending November 22.

Nine strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and five strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not yet available, as of November 22.

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B U L L E T I N  
21 November, 1941

Pronounced increased German aviation and submarine activities in Italy and Mediterranean designed for greater control of that area are reported by a Naval Observer. Large concentration German combat planes in Sicily is underway. Heavy air attacks of Malta and British Naval forces are contemplated. Increased German air operations at Grosseto (Italy) and Bari, (S.E. Italy) airfields also reported. Action against British North Africa believed by Ministry contact essential inside 3 months or Axis withdraw necessary. Italian anti-aircraft defense reported not effective; it continues to remain subject to the Ministry of Interior. The fact that Italian pursuit planes have not succeeded in protecting cities is said to be reason for ousting Under-Secretary of Air. His successor, General Fouriger, is a specialist in pursuit aviation. It is believed he will relegate bombers to second place in favor of the manufacture and use of pursuit planes. Naval Observer in Rome reports "as direct from German Aide to General Rommel". (1) 7 of 10 ships sunk in British attack on Italian convoy November 8 contained

2. German troops (2) Germans not in position to support Italians in Africa (3) Arrival of German submarines in Mediterranean confirmed (4) German High Command considers victory over Russia hopeless but hopes for a draw with war finished at end of 1942 (5) Germans desperate for oil and fear they cannot reach Baku in time, as Grozny (N. Caucasus region, Soviet Russia) fields are not enough (6) German attack weakening due to necessity for additional troops in Balkans and France (7) Definitely no invasion of England (8) High Command believes no break with United States prior to June and will endeavor to avoid incidents. Amount of army equipment and personnel moved through the Brenner Pass during September and October may have been enough for eight German Divisions of the light type according to an unconfirmed MID report from Rome. It is known that eight German Colonial Divisions have left Germany recently. The Russians have discovered a way to stop German mechanized columns, Peter Masfield, air correspondent of the London Sunday Times states. It is the large bore, shell firing cannon from the air. Speed, mobility and weight of fire are the three essentials

3. needed to stop the tanks. All are fulfilled in the airplane which carries the large bore cannon and so far in that alone he states. Russian new anti-tank measure reported proving most effective and has accounted for more enemy tanks than the normal anti-tank artillery. Carefully picked men remain concealed until tanks approach; then a quick attack is made with high explosive grenades and flaming "Molotov cocktails" (gasoline-filled bottles). Russians reported getting only one half of the efficiency out of British tanks because tank crews do not care to learn about radio, will not set gun sights correctly and have other "whims". There is ample evidence that the Japanese are constructing a Naval Base at Camranh Bay (Indo-China), it is reported by O.N.I. Approximately 14,000 Japanese troops, 20 field pieces and 80 tanks are reported to have arrived in Shanghai by rail from Nanking during the past five days. They are probably reinforcements to be dispatched into Indo-China. The first six of the folding wing Grumman fighter planes have been delivered to Naval Air Station, Norfolk,

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Virginia, to custody of British there who are going to train six pilots with the idea of providing fighter protection for the HMS FORMIDABLE and the ILLUSTRIOUS when they depart from the Norfolk area, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Admiral Hooper has been requested by Senator Radcliffe to furnish a substitute draft of a bill for the one which passed the House, H.R. 5074. This latter bill had for its purpose the control of the activities of subversive individuals in the radio communications service of ships. Senator Radcliffe's substitute, in its present state, is to merely require the Maritime Commission, upon recommendation from the Navy Department, to remove any radio operator from a specific ship or from a specific ship for a specific voyage. This places the entire responsibility on the Navy Department rather than the 7-man board of the Federal Communications Commission. As far as is known, it is not contemplated to provide for any appeal from the Maritime Commission's action or the Navy Department's recommendation. It is to be noted that such a draft should, and no doubt will, include the Secretary of Commerce with respect to ships under his jurisdiction, Judge Advocate General's Office reports.

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B U L L E T I N  
19 November 1941.

Admiral Hart plans evacuate Marines from Shanghai in  
PRESIDENT MADISON and HARRISON scheduled to depart  
Shanghai 27 and 28 November.

Damage to the Royal Dock-yards and Private Shipyards  
by air the week ending November 14 was nil, it is  
reported from London.

There is a rumor to the effect that the Germans will  
transfer to Bulgaria approximately 1,000,000 of their  
soldiers either in December or at a future time if  
conditions in Russia will allow it, the purpose being  
to threaten Turkey or merely to provide winter quarters.  
For this reason, it is said that stocks of food sup-  
plies are being built up by the Bulgarians for the  
German troops.

Baron Von Papen indicated in an interview in Ankara  
yesterday that Germany proposes to unite Europe and  
overwhelm Russia, "pacifying" any dissident sections  
by starvation and extermination of opposition. He  
admitted that Germany can expect no more than 20%  
grain harvest from the Ukraine next year, and little  
in the way of industrial or economic benefits from

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Russia for two or three years.

In connection with the boarding of the ODENWALD

(German 5,098 tons) November 6, our records for the Pacific show seven 3 high-speed 5 to 9,000 ton German ships "at sea and/or locations unknown", any one of which might be occupied in attempting a run from the Far East for Europe. In addition to these seven ships, there are six Nazi ships last reported under Jap charter and operating in Jap waters which might equally well be used for blockade-running purposes. Note - Fleet has data and descriptions.

The Pay Bill, S. 2025, now has a dual status. The subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, of which Senator Johnson of Colorado is chairman, has commenced hearings. At the same time, the Navy Department, and it is believed other departments, are preparing the formal reports on the bill to be transmitted to the Bureau of the Budget. At the first hearing held on Monday of this week only representatives of the various veterans and service organizations were heard. It is contemplated to hear the services themselves at the next hearings, which are indefinitely postponed awaiting the clearance of formal reports through the Bureau of the

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Budget, the Judge Advocate General's Office reports. Difficulties are still being encountered in the procurement of steel, aluminum, magnesium and Monel metal.

Through the co-operation of the Office of Production Management serious delays in production have been averted except in the case of Monel metal, which has interfered with the production of smoke screen generators and bomb racks, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

The Bureau of Ordnance reports: Deliveries of steel, especially in small lots, are becoming more and more difficult to obtain, but in practically all cases the Bureau has, with the co-operation of the Office of Production Management, been able to avoid delays in the production of Ordnance material..The Office of Production Management is developing a plan for the allocation of steel on all defense contracts on a monthly basis. However, the Bureau's procedure in handling individual shortages as they have occurred or been anticipated has worked out satisfactorily.

A new school with 1,000-man capacity, for training enlisted men in radio material maintenance was authorized November 4, 1941. The project will be carried out in the Twelfth Naval District, the Bureau

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of Navigation reports.

Scheduled Launchings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>3 Coastal Minesweepers</u>		
ASSERTIVE	Bristol Yacht Bldg.Co.	11/19/41
FEARLESS	W. A. Robinson, Inc.	11/20/41
VICTOR	Snow Shipyards, Inc.	11/20/41
<u>1 Battleship</u>		
INDIANA	NewportNews Shpbldg&DD	11/21/41
<u>3 Destroyers</u>		
AARON WARD	Federal S.B.&D.D.Co	11/22/41
BUCHANAN	Federal S.B.&D.D.Co	11/22/41
FARENHOLT	Beth.SteelCo.Staten I.	11/19/41
<u>3 Submarine Chasers</u>		
	Dravo Corporation	11/20/41
	Quincy Adams YachtYdIncll	11/21/41
	Vinyard Shipbuilding Coll	11/22/41
<u>1 Submarine</u>		
GROWLER	Electric Boat Co.	11/22/41

Scheduled Deliveris reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>2 Coastal Minesweepers</u>		
ENERGY	W. A. Robinson, Inc.	11/21/41
PRESTIGE	Anderson & Cristofani	11/20/41
<u>2 Motor Torpedo Boats</u>		
(2)	Miami Shipbuilding Corporation	11/20/41

Dry dock No. 2. at Pearl Harbor, on which construction was started on January, 1940, is now ready for emergency docking of ships, the Bureau of Yards and Docks reports.

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B U L L E T I N  
18 November, 1941

Joint Intelligence Council in London estimates future German operations as: (1) Aimed in near future at holding its position in Libya (2) Advances southward into N. Caucasia, probably over the Don River rather than based on the Crimea. British believe Caucasus Mountains will not be gained, even with clement weather, before December's end (3) Continue efforts to take Moscow and perhaps Leningrad and sever lines of communications on routes to Archangel and Murmansk (4) Consolidate gains behind front (5) Continue Battle of the Atlantic with resumption of bombing over British Isles and (6) Possibly Germany will offer her enemies a general peace.

German peace rumors emanate from Von Papen, Ambassador to Turkey. Von Papen is reported to have stated that Germany is willing to consider giving Britain a free hand in Western Europe if Britain agrees to German control of Eastern Europe embracing the Balkans, former Poland, the Baltic States and the occupied parts of U.S.S.R. Turkey would act as mediator, ONI reports.

General impression among German soldiers in regard to Russian campaign is that Hitler wants to satisfy his

2. personal pride and is indifferent to Nazi losses. An often-heard remark is this: "We must finish this fight we started with Russia or be finished ourselves, but Hitler and his boys will one day have to pay for what we have gone through". Many officers are disgusted with German radio propoganda, misleading statements and are becoming more and more discontented with party regimes. Few in Army expect any practical benefit for Germany from the Russian campaign other than the destruction of Soviet Military Power, a Naval Observer reports.

Because of lack of sufficient food, housing, clothing and sanitary conditions, both en route and after arrival at new regions, the health of the Russian people evacuating eastward is only fair. Due, however, to long-held fear and hatred of the Nazis, the Soviet morale is good, M I D reports from Kuibyshev.

British have been urging Soviets to agree to receive definite number of cargoes at Murmansk, but Soviets are unwilling to commit themselves on any use of this port unless Archangel proves inadequate to handle entire program. Continuing uninterrupted to present: operations, railroad connections Murmansk, Archangel, Vologda, a

Naval Observer reports.

An increasing number of German troops and parachute elements are reported at Naples.

The Bureau of Navigation reports on Officer Training (1)

A new class for 76 reserve officers was convened at Bowdoin College on November 6, 1941 for RADAR training

(2) The Merchant Marine Reserve Training Center at New York was discontinued on November 13, 1941. Merchant Marine reserve officers are not available for training due to demands of merchant marine for seagoing officers

(3) There are 41 reserve officers, D-M and D-V(G) at present attending the Merchant Marine Training School at San Francisco (4) Organization has been set up to train 100 per cent spare crews for large patrol type planes at the Operational Training Units at Norfolk and San Diego. Training will be conducted by the Fleets. The program will be greatly increased when additional patrol planes are delivered in July 1942.

8 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending November 15. 8 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and 8 strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not yet avail-

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able as of November 15.

Scheduled Keel Layings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>3 Minesweepers</u>		
SWAY	John H. Mathis Co.	11/18/41
SYMBOL	Savannah Mach'y & Foundry Co.	11/18/41
THREAT	Savannah Mach'y & Foundry Co.	11/18/41
<u>1 Destroyer</u>	Bethlehem Steel Company,	
BACHE	Staten Island	11/19/41
<u>7 Submarine</u>		
<u>Chasers</u>	Mathis Yacht Building Co.	11/19/41
	Dravo Corporation	11/17/41
	Leathem Smith Coal and Shipbuilding Company	11/17/41
	Peterson Boat Works	11/20/41
	Peterson Boat Works	11/22/41
(2)	Inland Waterways, Inc.	11/17/41

Captain Melville J. Aston, M.C. USN, has been ordered to the new hospital ship, USS SOLACE as Senior Medical Officer replacing Captain H. L. Jensen.

The OPM sub-contracting trains now touring the country are being received very well according to reports from Naval Officers on board.

Fjords of Iceland, in view of their narrowness and the mountainous conditions, require special consideration for aircraft landings. Navy pilots have been commended for their flying under these conditions and every possible precaution has been established to meet them, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

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**B U L L E T I N**  
 17, November 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 15 November ..... 283,561

<u>Fleet Reservists (Enlisted)</u> on Active Duty .....	9,887
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " .....	47,194
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " " .....	2,905
Total .....	59,986

<u>Aggregate Enlistments (Last 24 hours)</u> ....	254
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " " ....	189
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Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of November 15.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2769	4056	-	6825
DE-V(S), D-V(S) & E-V(S)	2154	249	-	2403
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	627	129	-	756
I-V(S) Officers	1224	6	-	1230
O-V(S) Officers	632	-	-	632
L-V(S) Officers	63	-	-	63
Probationary Officers	26	43	1	70
Merchant Marine	142	888	10	1040
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V Officers	679	-	-	679
Sup Corps Officers	1021	352	-	1373
MC & DC Officers	1607	232	-	1839
CC-V Officers	114	1	-	115
CHC-V Officers	75	13	-	88
Aviation Officers(Instr)				
(Does not include A-V(N))	1120	12	-	1132
A-V(N) Officers	1198	1368	-	2566
Retired Officers, USNR	40	2	-	42
Res.Off. from Approp. other than PS&T	100	-	-	100
Total	13592	7351	11	20954

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B U L L E T I N  
17 November, 1941

The allocations for 50 caliber machine guns for the calendar year 1942 are sufficient for all known requirements including defense aid. The same applies for heavy barreled (air-cooled) anti-aircraft guns. The allocations for water-cooled anti-aircraft guns for all known requirements including defense aid will be met before the end of 1942, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Naval Aviation appropriations for 1941-1942 are:

	1942	1941
Appropriation	\$1,006,596,600	\$452,319,950
Contract Authorization	10,000,000	530,000,000
<u>Total . . . . .</u>	<u>\$1,016,596,600</u>	<u>\$982,319,950</u>

The above total for the fiscal year 1942 includes \$849,243,600 for new aircraft and \$106,820,000 for routine maintenance and operation. A total of 9,365 airplanes and 27 non-rigid airships is included in the total for the two fiscal years. The appropriation for 1942 contains \$350,000,000 to pay a portion of the contract authorization of \$530,000,000 for 1941 to cover the cost of aircraft to be delivered in 1942. Funds will be requested later to cover the difference of \$180,000,000, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

The Naval Ammunition Depot at Burns City, Indiana, a

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\$2,500,000 project will be placed in commission approximately December 1, 1941. The contract was awarded December 12, 1940, the Bureau of Yards and Docks reports.

Digest of Officer Personnel on Active Duty

	<u>Line</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Warrants</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Regular Navy on Active Duty	7502	2268	2071	11841
2. Retired Officers on Active Duty	447	259	100	1506
3. Reserve Officers on Active Duty	16559	4236	159	20954
Total	25208	6763	2330	34301

as reported by the Bureau of Navigation.

10 Swordfish and 4 Fulmers reported landed at Gibraltar from the Ark Royal. This indicates the probable loss of 20 Swordfish and 20 Fulmers in the ship.

German submarines have reinforced the Italian under-sea craft operating in the Mediterranean is revealed for the first time in a special communique from Berlin.

A decrease in air raid casualties is announced by the British Home Security Ministry. They stated 262 persons were killed and 361 injured in air raids on the United Kingdom during October. It is an interesting comparison that 10,000 were killed in the second quarter of this year, representing, however, only 10% increase of normal mortality rate in that period. On November 15

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a naval observer in Berlin reported no bomb fell within half mile of the Embassy. Eden Hotel was hit, wrecking top floor without casualties. Morale reported uneffected and only relatively minor widely scattered damage to date.

British estimate German minimum losses for first 20 weeks of the war at 1,250,000 out of total casualties of 1,750,000. 70 of 156 German Infantry Divisions engaged on the Russian Front have suffered fairly high losses - in some cases running to 50% and it is believed numerous infantry regiments have lost up to 2/3 of their complement. 16 of 19 German Armored Divisions reported on Russian Front believed to have had abnormal losses - losses of 9 of these divisions are "considerable". These figures do not take into account the disease cases, which are believed high and will multiply throughout the winter.

Arrangements have been set up for the conferences between General Auchinleck and Marshal Cakmak, Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Army, M I D reports from Cairo. It is believed no talks have occurred as yet. There is no trusting the Turk -- so runs sentiment "here". Any power that invades Turkey will find

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Turkish resistance. The Turk will gladly receive any and all armaments United States and Britain care to give to him, but a victorious Germany, or even an apparently victorious Germany, will find the Turk a turn-coat on the German side.

Estimated strength of the Turkish Army is 600,000. No information is available on officer strength, M I D reports.

Following eight days of close observations of the Russians in that part of Iran occupied by the Soviets, it has been discovered that there are no first-line Soviet troops in Iran. The Russians have Line of Communication troops and recruits still in their early training as occupying forces.

The Argentine Congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities has publicly asserted that a "German tourist invasion" of Argentina has been in progress since March. 1,295 Germans arrived in Argentina up to October, 542 of them by airplane.

A trusted informant forwards word from China of his practical certainty that the Japanese employed gas warfare against the Chinese October 8 - 10 in the battle of Ichang (Province on the Yangtze).

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BULLETIN  
14 November, 1941

Four matters have been turned up in the past month by the National Defense Research Committee which may be of very great significance to the Navy. They are (1) the application of a new physical principle (magnetic) to submarine detection (previously reported) (2) a source of pulses using a condenser discharge has been devised for RADAR which will be several times more powerful and yet more compact for shipboard installation. The effect should be a great extension of the range of detection of aircraft from ships. (3) an improvement in the special vacuum tubes (magnitrons) used in RADAR permits the use of much more power without burning out and allows the powerful pulse mentioned above to be used effectively (4) very much more compact RADAR has been designed which now makes it possible to equip the single engine airplanes used on aircraft carriers. The adaptation of the airplane and RADAR to one another is being taken in hand, Dr. Hunsacker reports.

Incident to the question of transporting United States Army type tactical airplanes to Basra (Iraq), it is understood that the Navy Department has recommended that

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this transportation be provided for or arranged by the Maritime Commission, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports. The aircraft tender ALBEMARLE is now at Norfolk and plans contemplate her trip to Iceland in the near future with the objective of transporting PBV-5 amphibian patrol bombers for our use in that area, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

The Bureau of Ordnance reports: (1) Present contracts for 5" and 3" Anti-aircraft and Illuminating Projectiles are proceeding satisfactorily and a program of additional quantities is under way (2) Aircraft armor deliveries are progressing satisfactorily. The contractor "Atkins" is expected to complete his contracts by December 1 (3) Delivery of .50 caliber machine guns to ships at the rate of one hundred and fifty per month is being maintained by the Army (4) Deliveries of landing force ammunition and equipment of Army manufacture is proceeding in accordance with allocations.

Rear Admiral Furer, USN, now with Compensation Board will become Co-ordinator of Naval Research when Dr. Hunsacker leaves shortly to assume his duties in a full time capacity as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, it is reported.

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Main Japanese movement of troops reported toward Tongking (No. French Indo-China) with some movement to Saigon (So. Indo-China). Latest arrivals mostly of labour corps. Preparations of lines of communications and aerodromes in both North and South Indo-China continues but present distribution of strengths would indicate the first action would more probably be against China than Thailand. Present estimated strengths, less labour corps, is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  divisions in Tongking and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in South Indo-China. Large recent increase of transport movements indicates a desire to complete preparations as soon as possible. The combined fleet, including all aircraft carriers, remains in Home waters, the British report.

Russian garrison in the Crimea is now thought to be much smaller than the Soviets reported. Sevastopol lies in dire threat of capture. A neutral observer, however, just back from the rear installations of the German Front reports enemy transport extremely strained with capacity loads of munitions and ration supplies, and no facilities left for bringing up winter housing material.

(1) Great majority German people place no trust in Nazi hierarchy nor do they believe its claims (2) Germans will surely be beaten, although there is no strategy apparent

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by which to accomplish it (3) Swedish hatred of Germans is only slightly less than their hatred of Russians and this abhorrence is believed intensified by the German treatment of the Norwegian people, are the personal opinions of a Swedish Colonel air observer now visiting London.

One infantry regiment with war reserve anti-aircraft artillery batteries and one mounted detachment attached are said to be en route from W. Hungary to garrison certain areas of occupied Russia.

One Hungarian aviation squadron and one mountain brigade recently recalled from Russia have arrived in Hungary.

Recently seized French ships are at Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa. These ships resisted search.

Sabotage such as wrecked steering gear, wiped engine bearings and setting fire to ship was committed. The South African Government will take over these ships and loan them to the British, a naval observer reports.

The British Air Ministry told the press yesterday that hundreds of British Hurricane fighting planes are being assembled on various parts of the Russian front and that Soviet pilots were being instructed in their use by members of an RAF wing.

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B U L L E T I N

13 November, 1941

More tanker tonnage was launched in 3rd Quarter 1941 by United States and Britain than was sunk or captured by the Axis powers according to ONI's balance sheet:

	G r o s s	T o n s
	War, to end Sept. 1941.	3rd Qtr 1941.
Tanker tonnage lost .....	1,406,842	105,521
Tankers launched in British Isles.....	- 258,750	-68,550
	1,148,092	36,971
Tankers launched in U.S..	- 400,621	-57,417
NET.....	747,471	20,444
	Loss	Gain

Barring certain Axis reinforcements, both the Imperial armored and air strengths are superior in the Western Desert. British tanks now number 772 and armored cars number 330. Opposing this, Axis can claim 490 tanks, of which 276 are German. Enemy armored cars are said to be few. Against RAF's 1,000 operative airplanes in the Middle East, Germans can command in Libya 362 aircraft, while Italians have 411. Barring last-minute German reinforcements, British aircraft will be superior in number. As in tanks, Italian aircraft in the light of past performance are inferior to British craft.

British report: Brindisi, Italy attacked with 30 tons of

high explosives November 7-8 - hits claimed on aircraft factory, torpedo boat (base) and railway centers.

Naples attacked with 20 tons of high explosives - fires started in railway centers and near torpedo factory.

Targets attacked in Sicily included Bitumen factory at Ragusa and gun powder factory near Comiso.

Large German airport reported by naval observer located in valley approximately ten kilo-meters due West of Foggia airport in Italy. It has exceptional and complete facilities for major overhaul of motors and planes. The personnel and operations are exclusively German.

Russian casualties reported running heavier than German losses, which a Turkish intelligence officer recently returned from Moscow estimates between 1 and 1½ million.

Russian power of attack now greatly decreased, due to extensive losses of armored vehicles and artillery.

However, obsolete units are being thrown into action in sufficient numbers to assure a Russian defensive for some time to come. Over 600 first class Russian airplanes were observed in the trans-Caucasus which led this officer to believe Russians are not short of aircraft.

German Air Force reported to have exerted its maximum effort in the Russian war. Although 60% of its entire strength of first line planes have been used, air superiority has been established only locally. It is believed their air force has been reduced to an operational efficiency of about 50% and strength in reserve training units is indicated to be declining.

War supplies are flowing through the Near East to Soviet Russia by several routes, British Army officials in Basra, Iraq have told a reporter.

General British conclusion on whether weather conditions from now until April are more favorable than at any other time of the year for a Japanese attack against Kunming (S.W.China) is that the supply problem alone would render a Japanese action against Kunming most difficult.

Monthly top operating capacity of the Burma Road set at about 30,000 tons. Its present operating capacity is about half that. Dumps have accumulated along the Road to extent that with the present capabilities in force, 1 year will be needed to clear the accumulated supply dumps off the Road. 2 Lieutenant Commanders, Dental Corps, Special Service, USNR, were selected to Commander, and 2 Lieutenant Commanders, Dental Corps, USN, were selected to Commander. Seven

Commanders, Dental Corps, USN, were selected to Captain, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery reports.

During September about the same amount of Defense Aid funds was obligated as in August. However, since only a small amount of new money was made available, the proportion of funds committed to funds available rose from 67% on August 31 to 76% on September 30. Contracts, letters of intent, project orders, Bureau requisitions and Bureau allotments or service totalled \$872,673,988 compared with \$740,647,674 at the end of August against total funds available of \$1,144,651,465 and \$1,105,803,081 respectively. Among the Bureaus of Ships, Ordnance and Aeronautics, which have received the largest allocations, there is very little difference in the proportion of funds committed by contract, letter of intent, or project order (under which actual production can be initiated) to the total amount of money available to each, the Office of Budget and Reports reports.

Delegate King has advised concerning the importation of Philipinos into Hawaii that there should be a maximum number set and provision made for their return to the Philippines. The Bill is before the Budget and "smooth sailing" is anticipated JAG's Office reports.

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12, November 1941

There are 1360 RADAR equipments on order, 35 of which are experimental models which are installed in the fleet. 25 equipments have been delivered on the first production contracts which call for 400 ship control and 500 fire control equipments. Delivery of fire control equipments will build up to 80 per month by the end of the year. Ship control equipments are scheduled for production at the rate of 15 per week. Contracts for additional equipments will be let in the near future, when negotiations now underway are completed. Considerable new design work is involved in equipments remaining to be procured, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

There is some feeling in the Bureau of Ships that "the KEARNY" may not have been a "first order explosion". Instead it may have been an influence type torpedo. Therefore, this may not have been a complete test of what destroyers of the KEARNY type can take. The damage to the structure was somewhat more severe than the first impression. The Bureau is "heartily pleased" with what the KEARNY did but they don't want to develop overconfidence until they are sure. Therefore,

the study is continuing.

Assistant Secretary Gates is inspecting the Grumman Plant, Garden City, Long Island; Quonset Point and the Vought-Sikorsky Plant, Bridgeport, Connecticut. This is a part of a long-range inspection program of aircraft plants, bases and activities which the Assistant Secretary hopes and plans to follow as opportunity offers.

The aircraft squadrons of HMS INDOMITABLE have been landed at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, where they will base while the ship is under repair, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Digest of Officer Personnel on Active Duty

	<u>Line</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Warrants</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Regular Navy on Active Duty	7497	2268	2052	11,817
2. Retired Officers on Active Duty	1147	259	100	1,506
3. Reserve Officers on Active Duty	16440	4227	159	20,826
Total	25084	6754	2311	34,149

as reported by the Bureau of Navigation.

Japanese ships have been ordered to return to Japan as soon as possible according to "reliable information" from Lima, Peru. TERUKAWA MARU (6,172 tons) arrived Antofagasta (Chile) 9th. NARU to Valparaiso (Chile) on

same day. TERUKAWA MARU agents are giving instructions in various ports to expedite handling of cargo regardless of cost. They desire to remove ships from South American waters as soon as possible, it is reported from Santiago, Chile. A report from Callao, Peru, stated there are no more Japanese ships to leave from Japan for the West Coast of South America.

Reliable information has been received by ONI that Japanese sending air reinforcements Mandated Islands consisting of 48 bombers and patrol types and 12 fighters. This, however, may be simply confirmation of prior report showing intention of Japanese to station some 62 planes divided among several islands.

In Moscow there is evidence of considerable lowering of popular morale, although Army and Government workers continue optimistic.

On November 9, six survivors, including Master and first mate of SS TARPOOL, British registry arrived Fox Cove on the West side of Placentia Bay (Newfoundland).

Survivors report ship was torpedoed 200 miles east-south-east of Cape Race on November 1st.

240 tank cars oil reported entering Italy daily from Bucocuvia Danube. Upon entering Italy oil is sent to

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Fiume, Livorno and Trieste for refining. Germans have ice breakers ready and intend to keep the Danube open all year round for oil shipments.

Remaining November 1, total 78 Italian submarines. 6 in Atlantic and 72 in Mediterranean. Damaged or otherwise unavailable 35 under overhaul, leaving 3 in Atlantic and 40 in Mediterranean available. 17 various types under construction or projected. Operating at one time in Mediterranean, reports indicate not more than 8, it is reported by a reliable source in Rome.

Italians in Libya as reported by ONI:

Regular Army

- 1 - Armored Div. (5,000 men in a Division)
- 2 - Motorized Div. (10,000 men in a Division)
- 5 - Infantry Div. (Average 15,000 men in a Div.)
- 8 - Divisions

138 tanks - 470 planes.

In addition the Italians probably have two Blackshirt Divisions (average 12,000 men in a Division) and four uncomplete Divisions which were previously destroyed by the British and are now being reconstituted.

Because L.A.T.I. and Airfrance have German radio facilities at Natal airports and Brazil has no surveillance, Nazi agents obviously will continue reporting movements of airplanes being ferried to Europe as long as Axis dominated airlines operate in Brazil, it is reported.

B U L L E T I N  
10, November 1941

British War Office believes (1) Germans can reach Baku in four months after Rostov falls if Russians resist strongly the advance, in 2½ months if resistance is weak (2) No drive by Germans to reach the Caucasus oil grounds is considered probable during the winter through Turkey, nor for the present is any combined operation expected across the Black Sea (3) There is no likelihood Germany will attack Turkey as an auxiliary move to the Russian campaign; however, present preparations indicate every intention of striking Turkey next spring.

Full load Nazi trucks have recently been rolling into Bulgaria. This "may indicate" ammunition and equipment for a possible German Caucasus thrust to be launched from Bulgarian shores, it is reported by M. I. D.

Leningrad stands firmly and holds every possibility of denying the Germans successful investment of the city, in spite of certain shortages in supplies. Considerable reserve contingents, which appear to be fit units for combat, have been sent to Moscow from the East. Further reinforcements believed to have been called, Chief Czechoslovak Mission to Moscow "reveals".

Germany monthly accession of oil from all sources including synthetic production and new supplies from Rumania totals 1,015,000 tons. Total consumption by all branches of the Axis armed forces and by all civilian groups is 1,375,000 tons. The German air force on the Russian front is accounting for 65,000 tons of this monthly total and the German army in the same area is consuming a monthly total of about 375,000 tons, it is reported.

As to the reason for a decline in imports of oil from Rumania into Germany, British War Office information indicates that Rumanian fields are producing smaller and smaller amounts of oil due to the fact that the wells have been playing out over a period of months.

It is also stated that the quality of the oil produced is very low and all refining must be accomplished in Germany. In addition to a decline in the imports of Rumanian oil into Germany, it is said that no Rumanian oil is now going to Italy.

Some French motor vessels manned by German crews reported now at Naples.

Although General Wavell's visit to Singapore shows excellent political timing at this juncture, it was scheduled

six weeks ago as an inspection tour of Indian units in Burma and Malay. It appears to bear no relation to the present tense situation, it is reported. The possibility is being investigated of accommodating flight crews of the British aircraft carrier arriving at the United States Naval Air Station Norfolk today. This possibility is in addition to giving them flight facilities on the station field, it is reported by the Bureau of Aeronautics.

#### Reenlistment of Enlisted Personnel on Active Duty

Average for the year . . . . 74.05%

Average for the month . . . . 75.29%

as reported by the Bureau of Navigation.

150 Reserve officers are now in attendance at the Naval Reserve School of Indoctrination for newly procured Naval Reserve officers at Fort Schuyler, the Bronx, New York, the Bureau of Navigation reports.

9 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending November 8. 11 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and 2 strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not yet available as of November 8.

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The first of three officers from the Admiralty has arrived to discuss various forms of tank transport and landing craft. These discussions should be very "profitable" the Bureau of Ships reports.

Scheduled Keel Layings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>12 Minesweepers</u>		
EXCEL	Jakobson Shipyard Inc.	11/15/41
FORCE	Penn-Jersey Corp.	11/15/41
PORTENT and PREVAIL	Pennsylvania Ship- yards, Inc.	11/15/41
SEER, SENTINEL, STAFF, SKILL SPEED, STRIVE STEADY, SUSTAIN	American Shipbuild- ing Company	11/15/41
<u>1 Light Cruiser</u>		
HUNTINGTON	N.Y. Shipbuilding Corp.	11/15/41
<u>1 Submarine</u>		
TUNNY	New York Mare Island	11/10/41

Scheduled Launchings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>6 Submarine Chasers</u>		
(2)	Seabrook Yacht Corp.	11/15/41
	Leathem Smith Coal & Shipbuilding Co.	11/15/41
	Elizabeth City ShipYd	11/12/41
	Elizabeth City ShipYd	11/15/41
	Mathis Yacht Bldg.Co.	11/12/41

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Total Enlisted Strength, 8 November ..... 282,182

<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on Active Duty .....	9,887
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " .....	46,358
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " " .....	2,905
Total .....	59,150

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (Last 24 hours) .....	112
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " " .....	72
Gain	40

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of November 8.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2760	4066	1	6827
DE-V(S), D-V(S) & E-V(S)	2136	250	1	2387
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	627	129	2	758
I-V(S) Officers	1209	6	2	1217
O-V(S) Officers	628	-	-	628
L-V(S) Officers	62	-	-	62
Probationary Officers	27	45	1	73
Merchant Marine	138	894	12	1044
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V Officers	678	-	-	678
Sup Corps Officers	1024	352	1	1377
MC & DC Officers	1599	227	2	1828
CC-V Officers	113	1	1	115
CHC-V Officers	75	13	-	88
Aviation Officers(Instr) (Does not include A-VN)	1109	11	-	1120
A-V(N) Officers	1155	1327	-	2482
Retired Officers, USNR	39	2	-	41
Res.Off.from Approp. other than PS&T	100	-	-	100
Total	13480	7323	23	20826

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BULLETIN  
7 November 1941

British action in the Western Desert reported from London, "imminent" as shown by several minor indicative details.

British Empire forces in the Middle East are under two commanders. General Auchinleck commands the units in S. Africa and Syria; those in Iraq and Iran are commanded by General Wavell, Commander in Chief in India. Each of these Generals receives orders from the War Office in London. General Wilson commands the forces in Syria and is answerable to General Auchinleck.

Air support for the entire Middle East is under the command of Air Marshal Tedder, who is directly under the Air Ministry. However, Prime Minister Churchill has subordinated him to General Auchinleck for the conduct of operations in Egypt and Libya, MID reports.

The 35,000-ton German battleship TIRPITZ sister ship of the ill-fated BISMARCK, was damaged in a Russian air attack on Danzig, according to a British report from Stockholm.

Coast of toe of Italy reported being fortified with medium caliber and machine-guns. Haste of machine guns

being placed to control vital roads and principal junctions and railways heavily guarded.

There is further confirmation concerning the transit of Axis colonial forces to Italy, estimated at eight Divisions.

1100 German sailors at Naples November 4. Italian technicians are reported leaving to establish assembly bases for small submarines in E. Mediterranean. Several suspect German-Italian material still flowing Libya by convoy.

Troops are to be air borne from Sicily where 2200 German air force personnel recently sent for the purpose.

German 42-passenger transport planes are used.

An Italian tanker headed for Trieste, the first such vessel to leave the Black Sea since October 6, passed Istanbul (Turkey, on the Bosphorus), November 1.

A movement of Axis light tank and air force units to Greece via Jugoslavia is reported. It is believed the tanks will be transported by plane to Libya.

There are only 22 Russian Divisions (approximately 500,000 men in all) in the Far East and Manchukuo border area according to previously dependable source.

Commenting on the United States-Japan discussions currently going on, a well-known Japanese told the

British representative in Tokyo: "The Japanese Army is concerned with saving its face; the United States is seeking to preserve its principles".

Provisions for instruction of personnel in RADAR have been made by the Bureau of Navigation as follows: (1)

75 officers are now taking a primary course at Swelin College and 15 at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

(2) 135 Naval Reserve Officers have completed the primary course. 25 are now taking advanced course at

Bellevue and 60 have completed it already. (3) three officers and 20 enlisted men are now taking advanced

RADAR training in Canada. 32 officers and 200 enlisted men have completed this course. (4) A RADAR material

school, with capacity of 1,000 men, is being established on the West Coast at Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay.

(5) On the East Coast a RADAR school, with a capacity of 300, is being established at Annapolis. (6) Fighter-

director classes in RADAR are now being held at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, and Naval Air Station, San Diego.

The 38th Ordnance "M" will be awarded to the Continental Ordnance Company, Birmingham, Alabama, on next Saturday for its excellent performance in the manufacture of

heavy Navy Ordnance. The Ordnance "B" is much sought after, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Comparative cost of the ration of General Messes is reported as of October 23 by the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts as follows:

Group	Vessels	Third Quarter 1941	Fourth Quarter 1941
A 100	men or less subsisted daily	.4808	.6770
B 101-200	" " "	.4652	.4894
C 201-350	" " "	.4739	.4921
D 351-500	" " "	.4524	.4876
E 501-800	" " "	.4453	.4585
F 801	" and over "	.4489	.4749
	General average	.4508	.4749

Receiving and other Shore Stations

A 100	men or less subsisted daily	.4249	.5147
B 101-200	" " "	.4505	.4831
C 201-350	" " "	.4309	.4751
D 351-500	" " "	.4495	.4738
E 501-800	" " "	.4545	.4785
F 801	" and over "	.4377	.4564
	General Average	.4418	.4564
	General average all activities	.4473	.4671

Operating under Lend-Lease program as of 23 October

132 Corlikon 20 mm anti-aircraft equipments (guns, mounts, etc.) have been delivered to the British.

Funds have been allocated for procurement of 12,000 of these guns for the British. Manufacture is proceeding at three plants, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

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BULLETIN  
6 November 1941

The training of officers and men in groups for duty as Armed Guard Gun Crews commenced on October 16, 1941.

Each crew consists of one ensign, one petty officer to act as gun captain, and seven non-rated men. All men are being trained in the various stations at surface and anti-aircraft guns, and also in the use of 30 caliber and 50 caliber anti-aircraft machine guns. This is to give flexibility in the assignment of men to ships in varying numbers depending on the armament. Twenty-three such gun crews are in training on the East Coast and thirty-one on the West Coast. The training program was originally designed to train 225 officers and 1800 men during a period of three months. It is contemplated expanding the program to train 280 officers and 2800 men during a period of four months. About 250 men and sixty officers previously trained for armed guard duties are being absorbed in and made a part of this program, the Bureau of Navigation reports.

Delivery of armor for ships is progressing satisfactorily. Expansion of armor facilities for an ultimate capacity of 8,000 gross tons per month should be attain-

2. ed within 12 months. Authorization for an additional thousand tons per month is pending, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Labor trouble which threatens to become serious in San Diego area will definitely retard progress of Naval Shore Establishment work unless settled immediately. Every effort is being made toward this end, the Bureau of Yards and Docks reports.

A British carrier damaged due to grounding en route to Norfolk where arrangements will be made by the Naval Air Station to provide facilities for the operation of the carrier's complement of airplanes which is understood to be thirty-six, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Launchings for the week reported by the Bureau of Ships:

Ship	Builder
Coastal Minesweeper	F. L. Fulton
MEMORABLE	
2 Seaplane Tenders	Navy Yard,
WACKINAC and CARCO	Puget Sound.
1 Submarine Chasers	Elizabeth City Shipyards.
	Leathes Smith Coal & S. S. Co.
	Peterson Boat Works
	Vinyard Shipbuilding Co.

The morale of the Japanese people is reported "not good".

They have been in a state of tension for too long and economic problems bother them too much. They do not want to fight us or anybody else. The Army and the Navy

3. both know this and are doing their best to bolster the morale, telling them that foreign countries underestimate Japan's strength and appealing to them for national unity. This publicity campaign is doing some good but not enough to convince the people that they can stand the strain indefinitely.

U.S. Ambassador in Japan has received from Minister of Foreign Affairs highly unsatisfactory reply to representation concerning Japanese activities against British interests in China and elsewhere. U.S. Ambassador favored retaliation now.

British Military Intelligence does not look for a Japanese attack from Indo-China on Yunnan (Province S.W. China) designed to sever the Burma Road, in the near future.

United States and British air aid is believed to be the objective of any Chinese statements predicting such an attack. Such statements are labeled propaganda.

Despite Finnish claim Russians state categorically that no German or Finnish advance has been made on Itrasmak front.

Spanish Chief of Naval Staff has informed British Naval Attache that Spanish Government protesting to German Government against German attack on two British merchant

ships within Spanish territorial waters off Huelva (S.W. Spain). Spanish Chief of Naval Staff reported accepted hint that it might be necessary to require escort for British ships if Germans did not give guarantee to respect Spanish territorial waters in future.

Ministry of Economic Warfare London, stated November 5 that during this year the Allied blockade has seized 39 French ships and said that for blockade purposes Britain regarded occupied France as enemy-controlled territory.

French merchantmen reported November 4 intercepted by British were HANGROK, CAPPA DARAN, CAPTOURANE, CHANANDAK DONISE, COMPTINE, escorted by French sloop DIBERVILLE. French ships less DIBERVILLE are being brought into Port Elizabeth and East London (Cape of Good Hope, Africa). DIBERVILLE returned to Tamatave, (Madagascar).

Suez Canal reported temporarily closed owing to suspected unexploded mine or bomb dropped south of Middle Lakes, it is reported.

British planes have dropped 10,000 tons of bombs on Germany and occupied territories during the past four months the British announce in London.

BULLETIN  
5 November 1941

British compilation of ships sunk during October shows:

	No.	Tonnage
British	27	125,501
Allied	13	117,579
Neutral	3	10,259
Total	43	253,339

This is midway between August sinkings of 179,945 tons and September of 323,658 tons.

The total strength of the Royal Navy is 395,000. Of this total 212,000 are for "war service only". Included in the above is the Women's Royal Naval Service of 850 officers and 15,000 ratings, it is reported. This reported not to have mobilized reserves or concentrated troops on Eastern border. In Bangkok unconfirmed reports are that Thailand will make an agreement with Japanese unless aid is guaranteed by USA or Britain. In late November or early December, when dry season commences, Japanese are believed to be preparing to invade Thailand. Returning after a short junket to Kalbyshev, Britain's Military Chief to the Soviets reports the existence of at least one full Russian reserve division well armed and in fine condition. The Polish report

2. another three divisions around Saratov, two of which are cavalry. The British Chief feels something is brewing in the Russian camp. Russian air forces reported concentrating their destructive power upon German personnel rather than upon material on the "thesis" that German shortage, if any, will eventually be manpower. General Gromov, Chief Soviet Military Mission in London critical of the R.A.F. because it is trained for defense of British Isles and not for offensive action. He believes R.A.F. should train alongside ground troops in preparation for offensive operations and emphasized need of schooling aviation in anti-tank warfare, pointing out Russian conviction that the first secret of stopping an armored drive is to cover it quickly with anti-tank aircraft. A petrol shortage at forward stations, supplied by air transport, of German fighter commands is reported holding up fighter operations around Rostov. Soft landing fields, poor visibility, snow and frost, during last week have all contributed to many cancellations of German air operations in Russia. Only about 50% of the planes in the fighter units are now serviceable.

Should the railroad center of Volozha be bombed, Archangel will be cut off, except by air, it is reported.

British Middle East Intelligence foresees no probability Axis air power will be strengthened in Libya before a fortnight is out. Nor does it estimate German southward drive from Caucasus before Yuletide.

3. In September, 21 Defense Aid projects for which \$5,020,600 had been specifically allocated became 100% complete, raising the number of completed projects to 61 and the amount of the allocation of funds involved to \$48,622,860. In numbers, the projects completed to date are mostly repair jobs or projects where procurement and manufacture is relatively simple, but in amount allocated material for bases accounts for about three quarters of the total. Progress toward completion during the month continues to be chiefly in these same types of projects, with the showing of the Bureau of Ships, Supplies and Accounts, and Harbors and Docks the most noticeable. It should be noted, however, that in the case of another large project, namely, Oerlikon guns, the first Defense Aid deliveries began in September, the Bureau

Budget and Reports, reports.

the third group of awards for the Bureau of Ordnance "E" Incentive Program, seven Shore Establishments have been included for the first time. They are:

- Naval Gun Factory, Washington.
- Torpedo Station, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Torpedo Station, Newport, Rhode Island.
- Naval Ammunition Depots, St. Julians Creek, Va.
- Mare Island, California.
- Powder Plant, Indian Head, Maryland.
- Ordnance Plant, Baldwin, Long Island.

is in recognition of the splendid work the Naval Shore Establishments are doing. Fourteen industrial plants were also included in this group of awards.

Twenty-three members of the Ninth Platoon, Parachute Troop, USMC have completed their six-week course of instruction and are eligible to receive their "Certificates of Proficiency" in parachute jumping.

It is earnestly believed that too much praise cannot be given to the men that comprise the parachute Troop. They are strictly volunteers; no man is ordered to this type of duty against his will. And a man who volunteers for this arduous and hazardous branch of the military Service rightfully deserves the praise that can be handed out, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

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 3 November 1941

Enlisted Strength, 1 November ..... 280,343

Reservists (Enlisted) on Active Duty ....	9,864
Reservists " " " " ....	45,533
Men " " " " ....	2,858

Total.... 58,255

Enlistments (Last 24 hours) .....	261
Discharges " " " " .....	185
Gain	76

Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Guard within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of 1 November.

Category of Duty	Ashore	Afloat	Temp		Total
			Ashore	or Afloat	
<u>Officers</u>					
Officers	2742	4090	1		6833
Warrant Officers, D-V(S) & E-V(S)	2103	244	1		2348
Officers	1	-	-		1
Education Officers	620	130	2		752
Officers	1191	6	2		1199
Officers	627	-	-		627
Officers	58	-	-		58
Warrant Officers	26	46	1		73
Warrant Marine	131	896	13		1040
<u>Officers</u>					
Officers	674	-	-		674
Warrant Officers	1022	353	1		1376
Officers	1590	215	2		1807
Officers	113	1	1		115
Officers	75	13	-		88
Warrant Officers(Instr)					
Warrant Officers (not include A-V(N))	1098	11	-		1109
Officers	39	2	-		41
Total	12110	6007	24		18141

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BULLETIN  
31 October 1941

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New German Action on Moscow Front may prove final Nazi attempt to seize capital before winter. Failure would probably force Germans to withdraw bulk of armies as far West as Smolensk, British experts reported believing.

Sweeping German advances across flat plains of Northern Crimea have brought "immediate danger of military operations" to Sevastopol, Russia's big Black Sea Naval Base, it is reported.

Russian Black Sea fleet reported 30 October active in Crimea fighting, apparently bombarding German lines.

Reports on Russia from a reliable source include: (1) Main concern of the people is over obtaining food (2) Barricades have been built in some streets and all evidence shows city is to be defended with determination (3) It seems Russians do not expect to save Moscow but have every intention of making the Nazis pay for it as dearly as possible (4) Since Russian Army has had chance to reform its lines again a direct assault is apparently less likely to be undertaken than a siege (5) City's anti-aircraft defense remains very strong

and heavy bombings have been impeded by bad weather. MOUNT EVANS, (United States 6,267 tons) presently at Boston, is being armed and will fly Soviet flag. This is the first United States ship transferred to Russia, under Lend-Lease Plan, it is reported.

British Coastal Command Hudson planes attacked shipping at anchor in Aalesund, (W. Coast of Norway, approximately 100 miles N. of Bergen) Harbor, hitting seven ships, two of which sank. No British losses, it is reported. Blackouts are being carefully observed in Rumania because of possible distant English air attacks, it is reported.

Daily arrival of troops, at Haiphong (Seaport of Tonkin French Indo-China), plus steady stream of supplies and material reported arriving at Formosa (Island in China Sea) and Hainan (Island, South China Sea), indicate possible invasion of Yunnan. Such an operation would be difficult, but feasible if executed in force.

Chinese contention that it would be turning point in battle for Asia believed correct. Capture of Kumaing (Yunnanfu, China) would completely crush Chinese resistance while penetration even to Mengten - (Yunnan, China) would close Burma road, it is reported.

The Bureau of Ships reports the estimated dates of completion during October, 1941, for 16 AIRCRAFT RESCUE BOATS being built in Commercial Yards is as follows:

- 36' Aircraft Rescue Boats
  - 7 Completed by 15 October, 1941.
  - 1 Completed by 16 October, 1941.
  - 1 Completed by 25 October, 1941.
  - 1 Completed by 31 October, 1941.
- 45' Aircraft Rescue Boats
  - 2 Completed by 15 October, 1941.
  - 3 Completed by 21 October, 1941.
  - 1 Completed by 24 October, 1941.

Of 19 additional Aircraft Rescue Boats being built, ten are expected to be delivered before the first of the year.

Twenty-seven submarines are scheduled for completion in 1942 at an average of over six months ahead of contract date, Bureau of Ships reports.

Wholesale price index for all commodities for weeks ending reported as follows:

20 Sept.	1941 - 91.5
27 Sept.	1941 - 91.2
4 October	1941 - 91.6
11 October	1941 - 91.6
18 October	1941 - 91.7
25 October	1941 - 91.2

40 mm Bofors Barrels. 2500 forgings are on order with adequate deliveries. Authority to negotiate with a supplier located in Ohio for an additional 3500 barrel forgings has been requested. This will provide the present requirements of 6000 barrels, 3000 of which are

be supplied for machining to a contractor located in Pennsylvania and the remaining 3000 to a contractor located in South Carolina. Steps are being taken to secure additional sources of supply, Bureau of Ordnance reports. Importance of development and research in modern warfare seen in the Bureau of Ordnance's allocation of \$66,080 for this purpose for the fiscal year 1943 which is \$2,300,000 greater than has been appropriated heretofore for 1942.

Number of Civilian Employees in the Navy as of 16 October reported to be:

Atlantic United States Coast alone	228,133
Navy Yards	23,404
Other than Navy Yards and exclusive of Washington, D. C.	251,537
Washington, D. C.	121,260
Washington, D. C.	30,068
	10,835
	<u>162,163</u>

Additional civilian employees for the Navy Department

were authorized in the Naval Supplemental Appropriation Act approved 28 October. This will bring the total number of Departmental Civilian employees up to 162,163 plus, a point expected to be reached prior to the end of March 1942, the Administrative's Office reports.

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30 October 1941

Some 105 Ordnance contracts have been executed for facilities to expedite the production of armor and munitions destined for ships under construction, 23 have been completed. Those still uncompleted amount to \$218,788,781 and orders have been placed with other government establishments for the same purpose amount to \$53,944,855. It is expected that expenditures on these outstanding obligations will increase as more building projects and facilities are finished and put in production. Estimates for succeeding years to furnish ordnance for the present construction program are: for fiscal year 1944-\$550,000,000; 1945-\$550,000,000; 1946-\$394,149,936, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

20 mm Gun and Mount - The delays at the American Oerlikon-Gazda Corporation due to lack of some small parts, are being remedied. Deliveries from the Hudson Motor Car Company are expected to commence in November. The National Cash Register Company, whose requirements for copper had not been met, has, through the efforts of Office of Production Management, acquired copper on a monthly basis for magazines and loading frames.

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possible substitutes for copper in the magazine assembler are being investigated, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Proposed legislation for the admission of additional Philipinos into the Hawaiian Islands to work as common laborers is under consideration. Delegate King of Hawaii reports that the territorial officials are in favor of the proposed legislation as plantation labor is being drained into defense projects thus creating a very serious shortage. Navy will "expedite" as quickly as possible.

It is understood that the British will request United States Navy facilities to indoctrinate their pilots who are to man sections of airplanes on the ILLUSTRIOUS and FORMIDABLE on the voyage of these vessels to their home waters. It is expected that the indoctrination will consist of flying Navy type F4F airplanes (Grumman Fighters) in preparation for the above duty the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

The Bureau of Navigation reports:

Nurses on Duty	June 30	June 30	Dec 31	June 30	Sept 30
	1939	1940	1940	1941	1941
Regular	438	442	490	525	753
Reserve	0	0	14	146	187

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The Bureau of Yards and Docks has approval to recruit public work battallions - draftsmen, artisans, mechanics, carpenters, etc. - as enlisted men for those stations where it is difficult to obtain civilian labor.

Russian Front Commanders warn that Germans are starting biggest artillery bombardment of war on Moscow Front. Report concentration of huge German forces including large tank units behind lines intimating new and ferocious attack on Soviet Capitol, it is reported. 40,000 Nazis reported in North Finland, mainly at Rovaniemi and at Kem, within striking distance of Sweden's frontier. They are working on a two-year building program, consisting in part of military air-dromes.

"Iron savings system" under which Germans will be invited to give Government their savings until end of war in return for partial immunity from income taxes, reported soon to be decreed.

British reported will seize Axis funds at sea. British Authorities at Trinidad recently seized \$70,000 in currency in possession suspect passenger enroute in Brazilian ship. It is assumed seizure took place under new rule.

Neapolitans reported generally appreciative bombardments by British planes only directed against military objectives. Naples would now resemble Pompeii had it not been for this policy is comment frequently heard there.

General Southward movement of Japanese shipping in West Pacific reported.

Two Japanese Aircraft Carriers, one of which is Kaga, are reported operating in Mandated Islands.

In preparation for possible Japanese offensive along railway from Indo-China directed toward Kunming (Yunnanfu, China) Chinese reported to have organized three new defensive zones.

Japanese reported seeking land near Culebra Bay (North West Coast), Costa Rica, it is reported.

Wiedenmann's position in Tientsin (China) as Consul

General reported merely a front for his espionage work in the Nazi military under-ground spy ring, as head of the "Orient Gruppe". Intimidation and sabotage his particular forte and he has plenty of hidden financial backing. The chief activities will be directed against India and Burma and it will serve as the fore-runner of an Oriental pincer movement against India and balancing the march of Germany into Russia, it is reported.

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29 October 1941

September defense aid deliveries of material valued  
\$19,291,122 were very close to three times the  
August figure, which in turn was three times that for  
July. On 30 September the value of deliveries was  
approximately double their value on 31 August. As  
anticipated, the gap between the value of articles  
delivered from stocks and the value of those procured  
with Defense Aid funds is rapidly widening, the Office  
of Budget and Reports, reports.

Prior appropriation articles shipped under Defense Aid  
continue to be mainly 3"/50 guns and 4"/50 projectiles.  
Defense Aid Supplemental Appropriation materials de-  
livered, as in August, were chiefly petroleum products;  
but there were significant deliveries of aircraft  
engines, parachutes, Oerlikon ammunition and guns,  
table, anchors and chain, generators and marine engines  
under the cognizance of the Bureau of Aeronautics,  
Navy or Ships, the Office of Budget and Reports,  
reports.

The Navy is making arrangements to deliver for Great  
Britain 48 fighter planes to be flown from New York to

2. Norfolk and 50 twin engine amphibian utility planes from New York to Trinidad, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports. Operating under Lend-Lease program as of 23 October, 1,363,700 rounds of 20 mm anti-aircraft ammunition have been delivered to British. Funds have been allocated to the Bureau of Ordnance for 32,000,000 rounds of this ammunition for the British, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Scheduled Deliveries reported by the Bureau of Ships:

Ships	Builder	Date
Coastal Minesweeper	Berresford Mfg. Company	10/27/41
Coastal Minesweeper	Warren Boat Yard	10/30/41
Submarine Chaser	Westergard Boat Works, Incorporated	11/ 1/41
Submarine Chaser	Rice Brothers Corporation	11/ 1/41

Naval hospital authorized bed capacity in 21 hospitals as of 1 October was 9,333. The actual occupancy was 5,227 or 56 per cent. During the 1942 fiscal year 1,853 new beds are planned, while in the 1943 fiscal year an additional 1,060 bed increase is planned, it is reported.

A suggestion by Delegate King that the Navy take up with the Governor of Hawaii the question of the Territory concerning all fishery rights in defense project

areas is being studied.

Early in November the Reich will launch a peace offensive, it is reported.

Nazis reported continuing their negotiations with the Turks.

Reich since 22 June reported to have put the following divisions on the Russian Front: 235 German; 20 Russian; 15 Italian; 10 Finnish; 10 Hungarian and 1 Slovak.

Nazis estimated to have lost between 750,000 and 800,000 men during the 21 days which followed 2

October, in the Southern and Central Section, it is reported.

Pills are being used to stimulate over-exerted Nazi troops to further exertions, it is reported.

A new Nazi Panzer Division is reported to have left the Reich ten days ago destined for General Rommel, Commander of the German forces in Libya.

Fall of Leningrad is reported expected in the near future.

Although some shortages of raw materials is felt by the Reich's war industries, in general, they are reported to have sufficient supplies. Textiles are an exception.

1. Not a single Soviet aircraft factory has yet (27 October) been captured by the Nazis, it is reported. Government in Berlin expects Italy to collapse entirely by the month of February, at the latest and perhaps by the end of December. This is due to war-weariness, under-nourishment and hatred of the Germans which is not only widespread but intense among the Italian rank and file and is beginning to prevail in the Fascist Party, it is reported.

Strategic survey of Azores reveals that one fourth to one-third of Portuguese army now garrisons islands. In group, island of Terceira (Azores Islands, Atlantic Ocean) has great strategic importance by virtue of the aviation facilities and by virtue of opportunity presented to influence population of archipelago through Catholic Bishop residing there, it is reported.

Brazilian Foreign Minister understood opposed to transfer of Danish ships (5 aggregating 19,545 tons of which largest is ARIZONA - 6,385 tons) to Panamanian registry but believes can secure a decree for transfer to Brazilian registry with operation probably by Danish crews. Proposes these ships be used for transporting strategic minerals to United States, it is reported.

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B U L L E T I N

28 October 1941

Chinese still insist that four unidentified Japanese divisions are enroute to Manchuria from Japan and that a like number are available in North China.

Eleven Japanese transports arrived Saigon (Cochin China) 20 October carrying 48th division from Hainan (Kwangtung Province, South China) or 4th Brigade from Tokyo, a Chinese source reports.

According to British estimates Japanese will need at least four or six divisions for an offensive toward Kunming (Yunnanfu, China) and such a force has not been sent to Tonkin. 5,000 have been landed at Haiphong (French Indo-China) and 15,000 more are being landed without haste. Preparations being made for receiving 20,000 additional at later date, it is reported.

Range of German 600-ton submarines reported such that they can make round trip between Bordeaux or St. Nazaire and Freetown without having to refuel. Refueling bases, however, said to be available to them in Canary, Cape Verde or Bissagoes (Bissages) Islands.

Finnish military operations reported will be continued at least through the month of December. Leningrad is

reported undoubtedly in a state of famine.

Fins reported experiencing great difficulty with Soviet land mines. Soviet prisoners are used in efforts to discover them. These mines are made of wood in order to escape being discovered by magnetic detectors.

American Brewster fighting planes were reported by officer of Finnish General Staff as magnificent.

Rork reported being pushed on trans-Iranian routes to Russia for trains and trucks, that will transport daily average of 3000 tons of British and American supplies expected to arrive in Persian Gulf starting soon.

Panamaian Government reported to have ordered all Japanese business establishments including barber shops to close 28 October in accordance with Nationalization of Commerce Law.

Mexican Foreign Minister reported stating in the event United States goes to war "The Mexican Government will know how to carry out its obligations under the Pan-American Agreements with honor".

ADMIRAL SCHERER (German Panzerschiff 10,000 tons) reported to have left floating drydock 24 October. Present whereabouts unknown.

Germans in Norway requisition all wind-proof equipment.

Camouflage to-day is different from that in the last war. It is only one element in defense. It is successful as a defense from air attack if it causes the bomb aimer to hesitate long enough to overshoot his "lead-line". To have effective camouflage the background must be watched carefully. Disruption or blending still is a basic aim. Reflections must be avoided where possible. With the introduction of indirect observation - photographs - camouflage has to be good. Shadows reveal poor camouflage. Photographic interpretation is becoming an art. The best techniques are known by Navy and are being exchanged with Army and Civilian Defense. Studies have been made of stereoscopy, infra red and color photography, camouflage materials and methods. The Black-out has been a subject of intensive study. Special attention has been given to illumination control in passive defense of Naval Shore Activities and to passive defense against incendiary attack. Special studies have been made of structural camouflage and of smoke screens of the type of "fog" reportedly used by Germans on the Russian Front. Confidential instructions and special information have been prepared covering these subjects, the

Bureau of Yards and Docks reports.

Smokeless powder - the procurement of smokeless powder is proceeding satisfactorily. The Bureau has requested DuPont to expedite delivery of the first lot of 20 m powder to supply early requirements for ammunition, the

Bureau of Ordnance reports.

Scheduled Keel Layings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Date</u>
Minesweeper	Pennsylvania Shipyards	
PILOT	Incorporated	11/ 1/41
Heavy-Hull Repair	Los Angeles Shipbuild-	
Ship JASON	ing and Drydock Corp.	11/ 1/41
2 Submarine Chasers	Vinyard Shipbuilding Co.	10/30/41
	Elizabeth City Shipyard.	10/28/41
Submarine		
SAEY	Electric Boat Co.	11/ 1/41

Monday evening the Chief of Bureau of Aeronautics accompanied by Rear Admiral Lyster, returned to Washington after an inspection of the plants of Gruman, Pratt and Whitney and Hamilton Standards. A large part of the production of these plants is being manufactured for Great Britain, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

The Bureau of Aeronautics reports up to the present time plant expansion contracts have been signed or letters of intent issued in the aggregate amount of \$128,891,000. Further plant expansion contracts are now pending in the estimated amount of \$13,631,000.

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BULLETIN  
27 October 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 25 October ..... 278,211

<u>Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on Active Duty</u> .....	9,833
<u>Other Reservists</u> " " " " .....	43,923
<u>Retired Men</u> " " " " .....	2,836
Total .....	56,592

<u>Aggregate Enlistments (Last 24 hours)</u> .....	172
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u> " " " " .....	118
Gain	54

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of Peace-time authorities, as of 25 October.

Character of Duty	Ashore	Afloat	Temp		Total
			Ashore	or Afloat	
<u>Line Officers</u>					
V-C Officers	2744	4103	1		6848
DE-V(S), D-V(S), & E-V(S)	2061	248	1		2310
DE-F Officers	1	-	-		1
Communication Officers	619	131	2		752
I-V(S) Officers	1161	7	2		1170
O-V(S) Officers	583	-	-		583
L-V(S) Officers	51	-	-		51
Probationary Officers	29	46	1		76
Merchant Marine	130	896	13		1039
<u>Staff Officers</u>					
CEC-V Officers	672	-	-		672
Sup Corps Officers	1019	354	1		1374
MC & DC Officers	1575	212	2		1789
CC-V Officers	92	1	1		94
CHC-V Officers	69	13	-		82
Aviation Officers (Instr)					
Does not include A-V(N)	1099	11	-		1110
Retired Officers	39	2	-		41
Total	11944	6024	24		17992

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BULLETIN

27 October 1941

Germans reported to have at present (22 October) three or four times more tanks than the Russians. U.S.S.R.'s position will become "acute" if the Germans come to enjoy the same preponderance in the air. Russians hope to receive as many planes as possible at the earliest possible date. Soviet aircraft production has declined sharply because they have been obliged to move several of their most important airplane factories, it is reported. Italy reported 70% anti-Fascist and the beginnings of revolutionary ferment in Italy are reported.

Italian Official reports no warning was given in raid on Naples, 21 October. Attack in seven waves lasted 5½ hours. Large fires destroyed entire streets of buildings, electric distribution center furnishing entire railroad system of Naples area, paralyzed train service and destroyed half the windows in the city. Reported city has no lights and limited water supply. Finland reportedly will reduce a large part of its army at an early date. The remainder will be fully equipped for winter action to hold or gain "limited objectives".

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Council of Ministers in Turkey will issue decree further restricting movements of foreigners in Turkey, especially those classified as tourists. Rail schedules to be revised to insure passage through military zones only by night. Although this will not be admitted, aimed primarily at Germans.

Spanish food situation again becoming critical. If the shortage of petroleum products makes it necessary to further reduce transportation facilities, the possibilities of internal disorders must not be over-looked, it is reported.

Government of France has taken no decision on changing status of France's African possessions and no concessions have been granted to either the Reich or Italy which would allow them to use France's air and naval bases in Africa, Weygand is reported declaring. His own personal status "remains the same".

French ships reported left Dakar 20 October "for South Colonies" in convoy: SAINT BRIGITTE, VILLE de HAYRE, TOURS, CHELMA, CORBET and CHOIX.

Alliance between Chile and United States suggested by Chileans since the war situation makes common defense absolutely necessary.

Negotiations with Argentina reported appear to be making progress.

Up to 25 October recruiting is at the rate of 10,450. This is expected to be increased by the end of the month. The co-operation of the American Legion in this special drive has been of inestimable value. Preliminary figures on the co-operation of the American Legion show that 1500 recruits resulted from this joint recruiting activity. The two high states are Georgia with 173 recruits and Florida with 168.

Scheduled launchings reported by the Bureau of Ships:

Ships	Launchings	Dates
2 Coastal Minesweepers		
POWER	Noank Shipbuilding Co.	10/27/41
FORTITUDE	W. A. Robinson, Inc.	10/30/41
1 Light Cruiser		
CLEVELAND	N.Y. Shipbuilding Corp.	11/ 1/41
1 Destroyer		
LAFAY	Bethlehem Steel Co., San Francisco.	11/ 1/41
2 Submarine Chasers	Seabrook Yacht Corp.	10/26/41
	Quincy Adams Yacht Yard, Inc.	11/ 1/41
1 Submarine		
GROUPER	Electric Boat Co.	10/27/41

The Bureau of Ships reports as of 15 October, the estimated dates of completion during October, 1941, for LANDING FORCE EQUIPMENT now being built in Commercial Yards as follows:

2692  
 56,592  
 43,923  
 2,836  
 9,833  
 278,211

No.	Type	Date
188	36' Eureka Landing Boats	10/30/41
38	45' Tank Lighters - 16 delivered.	10/ 4/41
	Balance at 6 per Mo.	
46	45' Tank Lighters - 14 delivered	10/10/41
	Balance at 8 per Mo.	
200	Amphibian Tractors- 26 completed by	10/ 4/41
	Balance by 30 December	
564	Rubber Boats	80 completed by 10/30/41

7 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending 25 October. 17 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and 11 strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not yet available as of 25 October.

Business men in Illinois are reported objecting strenuously to the Illinois Tax Authorities contentions that they can tax a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract. Owing to "Illinois tax mix-up" it is understood the War Department has directed some \$200 million of contracts from Illinois to non-Illinois firms. Navy is collaborating with Army in connection with this problem. Navy is interested in the case now before the Supreme Court, referred by Supreme Court of Alabama, involving right to apply a State's Sales Tax to a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract. This interest is based on a desire to reduce appropriations, Judge Advocate General's Office reports.

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BULLETIN

24 October 1941

Russian officials reported not able to give United States representatives any more information on military situation than is to be found in official communiques.

British Military Mission to Russia threatened, 21 October, to leave unless they were placed in touch with the proper military authorities of the U.S.S.R.

Turks believe Soviets will hold out even if Moscow

and Rostov fall. Faced with an organized front, regardless of how far East it may be situated, the Turks believe the Nazis would be unable to spare the troops that would be needed for a drive into the Middle and Near Eastern area, it is reported.

Japanese, who are considered better informed than anyone else on the conditions that actually prevail in the U.S.S.R. do not expect the resistance offered by the Soviets to collapse at an early date, it is reported.

Moscow situation reported 21 October as follows: (1) inhabitants urged to buy and store flour on sale in all quantities (2) other foodstuffs on sale in quantities larger than ration allotments (3) Public Service operating (4) central agencies of Government moved to

Kuibyshev and (5) city being mined.

600 mile trip by American Embassy representatives from Moscow to Kuibyshev reported made in 4 days and 5 nights under very trying conditions. Upon arrival their quarters were not ready.

Vichy is a barometer and any indications of German successes or set-backs are reflected all too promptly by the senior officials in this capital which is so isolated. Germans now are capitalizing there on their military victories. France is in a dilemma. French fear "as soon as the Russian campaign has ended" they will be asked to offer to the Axis all the resources which they hold. Even those of Petain's advisors who are most friendly to the U.S. are changing, it is reported. This may necessitate a change in the view point of Petain and his ministers, it is reported.

WARRIOR (United States 7,551 tons) reported believed torpedoed in South Atlantic, near position of I.C. WHITE.  
H.C. TEAGLE (British tanker 9,552 tons) reported sunk by enemy action 17 October in convoy. This 125,000 barrel tanker formerly owned by Standard Transport Company erroneously reported to the press as Panamanian registry was transferred to British registry in August last.

Chinese air force reported now completely ineffective with no immediate prospect of revival.

Total Defense Aid allocations to the Navy Department on 30 September stood at \$1,144,651,465 for a total of 359 projects. This represents an increase of \$38,628,364 in the size of the program since 31 August. While this increase is smaller than previous months, it is to be expected with only a small part of the original Defense Aid Supplemental Appropriation remaining unallocated, the Office of Budget and Reports reports.

Recent information from the United States Naval Attache for Air in London indicates that the British will rely greatly on the Grumman fighter produced in this country to meet Fleet Air Arm needs. Although two new types of naval fighters are under development in England it is anticipated that deliveries cannot be expected until approximately October, 1942, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.  
Advantage will be taken of the opportunity of Admiral Lyster's presence in this country to discuss with him in detail the program for the equipment with fighter types of airplanes, of British carriers, and converted merchant ship carriers. This equipment is being obtained

under the Lease-Lend Bill.

The Bureau of Aeronautics will make nomination in the near future of officers of suitable qualifications to command the Naval Air Stations at Johnston and Palmyra Islands. The general situation in the Pacific and the strategic importance of these islands make it necessary to increase the rank and the responsibilities of the United States Naval Aviators assigned to command these important stations.

The Ordnance requirements for the fiscal year 1943 are estimated at \$1,053,000 which compares with \$1,025,438,665 appropriated and requested for 1942, and it is expected that monthly expenditures in Naval Ordnance will reach \$10,250,000 during 1943, as compared to present expenditures of \$53,500,000, the Bureau of Ordnance reports.

In addition to the destroyer BRISTOL, completed this week, four other destroyers are due for completion this year, averaging almost four months ahead of contract date. During 1942, seventy-one destroyers will be completed, sixty-five of them on an average of seven months ahead of schedule. The other six have no contract date of completion, the Bureau of Ships reports.

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23 October 1941

21 October was an historic day for research for the Navy. On that day a submerged submarine was located repeatedly by a PBV airplane flying low over the surface of the ocean. An entirely new principle was used. Dr. Hunsacker was generous in his praise for the work done by the civilian group that has been told to find new ways "to get submarines". This same method can be used to locate submerged mines. It will be pushed with vigor.

Two different types of projects are being undertaken by the Office of Co-ordinator of Research. The first involves continuing research projects on such things as under-water sound by working committees while the second involves studies on which a time limit has been set for conclusions to be reached and turned over to the Navy Department. The armor project is typical. It is interesting and of importance to note these co-ordinated research projects in which the Navy, the Army, industry, schools, independent laboratories and outstanding experts are engaged, give promise of easing the critical material situation. And this is

only a by-product of the main job. Conclusions must be in this calendar year on the Armor project and the other investigations of this type also have "dead lines", Dr. Hunsacker reports.

Progress is reported on interesting under-water sound research which will add to "our bag of tricks".

After conferences with Admiral Lyster, Fifth Sea Lord, Royal Navy, the Navy Department has agreed to divert deliveries of Grumman carrier type of fighters in order that a total of forty-eight of these planes may be available to outfit ILLUSTRIOUS and FORNIBLE prior to sailing, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

Test dockings on the marine railway at the Naval Station, Key West, Florida, have been completed. The marine railway operated satisfactorily in docking a submarine and can be considered as in full commission and ready for service, the Bureau of Yards and Docks reports.

The builder now estimates the date of completion of the light cruiser ATLANTIC on December 31, 1941.

Seven other light cruisers will be completed in 1942, an average of eight months ahead of contract date.

Japanese Navy reported afraid of Anglo-American Naval

power. Clustering of the Japanese Press is mostly for Axis and home consumption, it is reported.

Recall of American ships from Chinese and Japanese waters, as well as other measures showing United States is prepared to employ force, will have a sobering effect upon official circles in Japan which are not yet fully convinced that the Anglo-American powers are ready to fight, it is reported.

TERUKAWA MARU, reported arrived Lima, Peru, 20 October, painted war colors, upper structure darker than hull, flags still on hull. Reported took 1,000 tons oil Mexico.

Continued United States Aid to Turkey is recommended, 15 October. However, owing to the lack of serious appreciation with which the Turkish Government accepts our gifts, as though it has a right to them, it is recommended that the policy of impersonal and distant assistance be abandoned and they be impressed that (1) we are rendering them great assistance (2) this will be done only as long as they are united in the same policy with the democracies and (3) we have the right at any given moment to determine if their policy of soothing the Germans would make us decide that we are gaining nothing by continuing our gifts, it is reported.

Excessive losses of Italian merchant ships have placed Italy in serious position of supplying troops and equipment to North Africa. Due to lack of security by sea, important airplane parts are being sent by plane, it is reported.

Portugal forbids shipping for belligerents. This follows sinking of CORTE REAL by German submarine 12 October while enroute Lisbon to New York, carrying transit cargo for Canadian destination. Berlin justified sinking on that score.

Both the air and military authorities of Brazil continue to make sarcastic references to the American assistance which was promised their country under the Lend-Lease Act. Even the President of Brazil (Vargas) has now added his voice to the chorus, it is reported.

Italians in Argentina have been advised it would not be possible to continue furnish aviation gas to Lat.

INVERLEE (British) now reported sunk, 21 October.

MS POLYPHEMUS (Netherlands 6,269 tons) reported week over-due at Balboa (Canal Zone) on voyage from Netherland East Indies to New York with strategic cargo.

GORIZIA (Italian light cruiser 10,000 tons) reported sunk.

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22 October 1941

The Truman Committee has requested of the Navy Clearing Office, facts concerning information that the Blaw Knox Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in connection with a contract for the renovation of the old Laughlin Works of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation for the manufacture of anti-aircraft guns, intended to do the work with CIO labor but ultimately agreed to sub-contract work with firms employing only A F of L labor. The Committee has asked particularly for information as to whether OPM or "Board of Review" has made any recommendations "there-to" and the reasons advanced "therefor", it is reported.

14 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were settled during the week ending 18 October. 14 strike cases affecting Naval Defense Contracts were still open and 9 strikes were continuing on which information relative to Naval Defense Contracts was not yet available as of 18 October.

Contracts for 47 million 20 mm Oerlikon anti-aircraft projectiles are about to be awarded to 16 contractors in quantities ranging from 50,000 to 12,500,000 shells.

This represents a wide distribution of these contracts which have been awarded to concerns in the twelve following states: Buffalo and Brooklyn, New York; Monroe, Detroit and Lansing, Michigan; Louisville and Wilmerding, Pennsylvania; Rahway, New Jersey; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Charlotte, North Carolina; St. Louis, Missouri; Los Angeles, California; Columbus, Ohio; Wichita, Kansas; Chicago, Illinois and Littleton, Colorado.

Incident to the delay in the tests of the first British autogiro the plan to have tests of this craft on the USS LONG ISLAND has been cancelled and the LONG ISLAND released from this particular duty, the Bureau of Aeronautics reports.

The Bureau of Aeronautics has been advised by the Martin Company that it is hoped that the large Naval flying boat PB2M-1, about to be completed at the Middle River, Baltimore, Maryland plant, will make its initial flight on 8 November.

Civil Aeronautics Authority has reported it is advised Argentina production of gasoline does not have octane count necessary for aviation and averages only about 370,000 gallons total a month. In consequence Argentina Government gravely concerned with possible shortage of

aviation fuel. Distribution of all fuel stocks has been placed in hands of Argentine Minister of Marine. No reference to Argentine ethyl imports, available for stepping-up lower grade gas, is reported.

German campaign in Russia reported to have created a more serious gasoline situation in the Reich than has existed at any time since the war got under way. Quotas of many industrial plants reduced 60% and many individual consumers have had their supplies cut off entirely. Germans reported reinforcing troops in North Africa with one division of about 15,000 men, while the Italians were sending air reinforcements.

New more liberal British policy toward France and her North African possessions reportedly will include (1) relaxing of the blockade of France (2) relaxing British radio campaign against French Government (3) make easier the shipment of goods to French North Africa from the United States.

British planes raided coastal town of Acireale, near Catania, Sicily, 21 October, killing one person and wounding five, it is reported.

INVERLEE (British) now reported not sunk. Blown in half. Tugs sent.

KELVIN (British) reported torpedoed and sunk 19  
er near Cape Trafalgar (S.W. Coast of Spain).  
esent there is no evidence of any U-boats in  
ean Sea (20 October), it is reported.  
Italian torpedo boats sunk in Central Mediterranean,  
oly as result of striking mines, it is reported.  
believed unlikely that Weygand will be removed  
North Africa, "under some pretext or other", it  
orted.  
ry tactics reported to continue in Colombia (South  
ea) where negotiations for purchase of Italian  
s started four months ago, it is reported.  
se attack at Ichang (Hupeh Province, China), now  
ed by a reliable source, developed satisfactory,  
s suddenly called off by Chungking "apparently"  
e political reasons that the Chinese hope Japan  
start operations against the Soviet in Far East if  
defense weakens in the West and the Chinese  
to await the outcome of Japanese-United States  
ences. From a military point of view, it was  
the Japanese would shift rapidly from Changsha  
Province, China) area and strike vulnerable  
e concentrations.

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BULLETIN

21 October 1941

Nazi success in Russia and German arguments that (1) the Reich is in possession of the European continent (2) with the Soviet resources, the Germans will be able to offset any Anglo-American attempt to excel them in weapons and war material (3) the British have proven they cannot move even after two years of warfare, believed will have great influence on Vichy Government and French people, it is reported.

Rumania reported intending to repatriate most of its troops (has about 300,000) now that Odessa has fallen.

Rumanians believed to have captured little material or troops in Odessa.

The Suez Canal is reported open but traffic is very small, according to the most recent report (16 October).

KURIKKA (Panamanian 3,106 tons, tanker, ex-Finn) reported (18 October) seven days overdue Santos from Newport News.

BOLD VENTURE (Panamanian 3,222 tons - United States owned, ex-Danish ALSSUND) believed sunk by enemy attack on convoy 16 October.

A recommendation has been received to have all United

States ships bound for the Red Sea painted dark before their arrival there in order to make them less likely targets, it is reported.

TOA MARU arrived Buenos Aires 15 October from Japan via Valparaiso with seventy-three cases of gold for Argentina believed valued at \$10 million, of which \$5 million is to be used to buy Argentine products. May indicate Buenos Aires to become center for Japanese activities in Western Hemisphere, it is reported.

New Japanese law for censorship of all mail became effective 20 October.

Strength of Soviet Far Eastern army estimated to be between 35 and 40 divisions (about 18,000 men in a normal division). Chinese have no information of any drastic reduction in this force, it is reported.

Japanese Cabinet crisis was precipitated by arbitrary transfer by General Tojo of four additional divisions of troops to Manchuria, contrary to wishes of Konoye. This produced open break in Cabinet forcing Konoye to resign, it is reported. Japanese strength in Manchuria is set at 33 divisions (approximately 495,000 men). A northward movement by Japanese is predicted within two weeks (of 19 October).

Commander Thomas B. Magath, MC-V(S), U.S.N.R. has recently returned from a trip to the Tenth Naval District on which he visited San Juan, Roosevelt Roads, St. Thomas, Trinidad, Antigua, St. Lucia and British Guiana, looking into problems of sanitation at the Bases being established. Judging from his reports the sanitation problem will be an immense one at all of the Bases particularly in regard to the Malaria problem. In British Guiana the problem is not so acute because of the remoteness from human habitation. Another question causing some concern is the difficulty of obtaining proper food. He reports that refrigerating facilities are lacking and that food brought down by supply ships has been spoiled in many cases before it could be used. This necessitates living on canned goods and dried vegetables most of which are starchy in nature. Unofficially he has recommended that some small supply vessel with proper refrigerating facilities make regular trips to these Bases carrying fresh fruits and vegetables as well as meats and that proper cold storage facilities be provided on shore at all of the Bases as rapidly as possible.

The ceremonies for the Commissioning of the HENRY yesterday-

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day were impressive. The Secretary's "earnest" speech was most favorably received. Observers enjoyed the clock-like precision of the ceremony and left with the impression that this was the way the ship would be operated. The seamen's eyes were "popping" at the newness, the size and the beauty of the ship, it is reported.

Scheduled launchings reported by the Bureau of Ships;

<u>Ships</u>	<u>Launchings</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2 Coastal Minesweepers		
SKIPPER	H. G. Marr	10/20/41
VALOR	Snow Shipyards Inc.	10/25/41
1 Light Cruiser		
JUNEAU	Federal S.B. & D.D. Co.	10/25/41
5 Submarine Chasers	Seabrook Yacht Corp.	10/19/41
	Consolidated S.B. Corp.	10/25/41
	Quincy Adams Yacht Yd. Inc.	10/25/41
	Elizabeth City Shipyard	10/25/41
	Peterson Boat Works	10/25/41
.2 Submarines		
HADDOCK	Navy Yard Portsmouth	10/20/41
TRIGGER	Navy Yard Mare Island	10/22/41

To conserve space, a central supply section has been established outside of the Department Building. Supplies in the building will be kept to a minimum. Also, a central distribution point near Washington is being established from which Navigation, Yards and Docks, Aeronautics and perhaps other Bureaus will make distribution of bulky periodicals, etc. to Navy establishments and the Fleet, it is reported.

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20 October 1941

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 October, ..... 276,649

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on Active Duty	.....	9,807
<u>Other Reservists</u>	" " " "	42,878
<u>Retired Men</u>	" " " "	2,782
Total	.....	55,467

<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (Last 24 hours)	.....	179
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u>	" " "	72
Gain		107

Naval Reserve Officers ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality and the strengthening of the National Defense within the limits of peace-time authorities, as of 18 October.

<u>Character of Duty</u>	<u>Ashore</u>	<u>Afloat</u>	<u>Temp Ashore or Afloat</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Line Officers</u>				
V-G Officers	2750	4089	1	6840
DE-V(S), D-V(S) & E-V(S)	2043	241	1	2285
DE-F Officers	1	-	-	1
Communication Officers	615	131	2	748
I-V(S) Officers	1155	8	2	1165
O-V(S) Officers	582	-	-	582
L-V(S) Officers	49	-	-	49
Probationary Officers	29	46	1	76
Merchant Marine	130	895	13	1038
<u>Staff Officers</u>				
CEC-V(S) Officers	669	-	-	669
Sup Corps Officers	1017	353	2	1372
MC and DC Officers	1577	211	2	1790
CC-V(S) and (G) Officers	92	-	1	93
CHC-V Officers	67	13	-	80
Aviation Officers (Instr)				
(Does not include A-V(N))	1093	11	-	1104
Retired Officers	37	2	-	39
	<u>11906</u>	<u>6000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>17931</u>

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BULLETIN

17 October 1941

The Navy announced that the Destroyer USS KEARNY was torpedoed this morning on patrol duty about 350 miles South and West of Iceland. No casualties are reported and the ship is reported proceeding under her own power.

Diplomatic Corps and Government reported leaving Moscow for Kuibyshev; expected to arrive there about 18 October. Two Secretaries of American Embassy remaining in Moscow to protect American property.

Direct Press communication with Moscow has been interrupted for twenty-four hours, it is reported.

"Only a miracle" can keep Japan out of war... The Pacific cannot remain static... hope for improvement is gone, the Honolulu Adviser is reported "predicting" to-day.

Consensus of American Missionaries and business men in the Far East is reported by U. P. as being "the time has come for real action if American interests in the Orient are to be maintained".

Radio Berne is reported saying "a broadcast from

Bankok (Siam) warned the population of Thailand to prepare for all eventualities-- Thailand is facing a serious situation".

High Grant recently resigned Minister to Thailand is reported as saying to-day he thought Japan was playing "the old bluffing game to keep the United States agitated and its attention away from Europe".

Hitler is reported calling the Heads of Secret and regular police from all parts of the Reich and various occupied areas to report on conditions. Unconfirmed rumors have Himmler, Head of the Gestapo (1) under house arrest (2) sick (3) executed.

Nazis reported bringing heavy pressure on King of Bulgaria, to participate in the war. The King is reported making every effort to avoid the issue and at the same time to conciliate the Nazis by making concessions many of which are comparatively unimportant.

Concentrations of Nazi Forces in Sicily are again reported, 14 October.

Officials friendly to the Anglo-Saxon Powers are reported concerned over the fact that the question of using local bases (Tunis) will be re-opened by the Axis

Powers in the event that the British fail to take action in Libya. They are reported particularly worried over this taking place upon the conclusion of the campaign in Russia. They assert that it will be impossible to dislodge the Germans once they get into Tunisia.

Mexican Navy to patrol nine miles to sea reported "results" from United States recognition of Mexican action in halting an American ship within nine mile limit.

One thousand photographs a day are being handled by the Pictorial Section of the Office of Public Relations in connection with requests for publication. During the fiscal year 1939-1940 only seven thousand pictures were handled during the entire year. Both the quality and quantity of the pictures are reported improved due to the splendid co-operation of Bureaus, particularly that of Recruiting, Bureau of Navigation and the Bureau of Aeronautics which are the largest users of pictures.

The Bureau of Aeronautics reports that the Army is exerting every effort to give the highest priority to the delivery of twenty Lockheed planes which are

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- to be diverted from the British and assigned to the Navy for probable duty in Iceland.

- The Bureau of Aeronautics reports it is co-operating very closely with Doctor Compton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the development of radar. It is planned to assign a special airplane and pilot to Navy Air Station, Squantum, with the idea that this plane will be primarily available for experimental development in radar now under investigation at MIT.

"Ivan the Terrible the Caustic Cossack", "Bill the Blaster" and "Harassing Harry" and other "radio ghosts" are being given increased space in our newspapers. This type of heckling domestic radio programs on the Continent has been in use for at least a year. The recent exchange of repartee between Virginia Gayda and an English voice as reported from Rome is believed to be a "phony" - it was too perfect. It would have been possible for the Fascists, as a part of their counter-propaganda program, to have staged this performance using the March of Time technique or merely to have reported it has happened so as to get space in United States and other newspapers.

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16 October 1941

Don Nelson was particularly effective in his off-the-record talk at the Press Club to-day. "We need more men like that" is typical of the remarks. He said SPAB was receiving full co-operation from the Army and Navy in regard to "alleged" copper "hordings".

Negotiations are under way with the supplier of RADAR equipment to furnish qualified civilian field engineers for the installation, maintenance and modification of this equipment. The specialized service represented by these men, which will supplement that of the Navy, will be strategically located as to provide expert advice and assistance to all Naval Activities, the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts reports.

All Navy Activities have been requested to utilize existing supplies and equipment and to transfer surpluses to Procurement for re-issue where needed.

\$1.1 billion was authorized during the past fiscal year for an "un-precedented expansion" of the Naval Shore Establishment. In this period 712 contracts involving Navy Shore Establishment construction were awarded at a cost of \$603,199,632. From the close of the past fiscal year