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Dredging at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Squantum, Massachusetts, awarded to the J.S. Packard dredging Co., of Boston, Mass. Estimated cost, \$52,000.

Conte di Savoia, Italian liner, sailed from Genoa at 6 P.M.

Italian Steamer, FOSCOLO, 3,059 tons, out of Antwerp, radioed it had been bombed by German aircraft off the Dutch Coast and was sinking.

Admiralty, London, announced the destroyer VALENTINE, 1,090 tons, had been damaged by German air attack off the Dutch Coast and was subsequently beached.

Add Bids, General Motors, Diesel Division, Cleveland, submitted low bids on machinery 6 submarines - NAUTILUS, NARWHAL, and ARGONAUT.

National Defense Program, will allot \$250,000,000 to the Navy. Considerable emphasis will be placed on rapid training of additional pilots.

Vinson-Trammell and Walsh-Healey Acts, were under fire from A. B. Homer, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, today at the House Naval hearing. He urged their removal and that changes during construction be cut down and that duplication of ships would also help to step up work.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

17 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 16 May 139,865

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,836

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,393

Total 4,229

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 196

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 58

Gain 138

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 17 May:

Line Officers	305
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>435</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 15 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	67	67
Miscellaneous	293	293	235
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.)			
with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>610</u>

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

2. Communications, Reserve drill season has been finished with 100 percent attendance, all stations, coast to coast, the first year this has been true. Roll call will be continued during the summer months and code groups will be sent out for practice in dispatches of 8, 12, and 18 code words per minute, from the Navy Department.

U.S.S. CHARLES F. HUGHES (DD410) and MONSSEN (DD436), were launched and undocked at their building dock, Puget Sound Navy Yard on 16 May.

U.S.S. NIBLACK (DD424), will be launched at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, on 18 May.

Navy fuel oil contracts were let on 16 May as follows: Standard Oil of California, \$33,427.90; Tidewater Associated Oil, \$15,060; Pacific States Oil, \$124,000; General Petroleum, \$338,800; Texas, \$579,420; Hercules Oil (diesel engine oil), \$52,075; Richfield Oil, \$1,459,027.50; Shell Oil, \$1,771,100; Union Oil, \$1,501,272.97. Total fuel and Diesel oil, \$5,874,183.37.

Naval Reserve, As of 15 May, 29 officers were promoted to the ranks of commander and lesser grades including junior lieutenants. 4 officers, communications volunteer service, were ordered to the Philippines.

All Commodity Price Index for week ending 11 May was 78.4, down .5 from the previous week.

Admiral Stark, spent the morning with the chairmen of interested committees in Congress as to means of handling the \$250,000,000 appropriation requested by the President.

U.S.S. CALIFORNIA, during drill 4 men stationed in after fire room, the boiler of which was not in use, suffered asphyxiation as result of which Earl Phillips, Watertender second class, failed to respond to resuscitation and was pronounced dead. Lincoln Peter Snider, Fireman 3rd class, after rallying grew worse and died also. John Cochrane, Durman, Fireman, 1st class, and William Harold Edwards, Watertender, 1st class, apparently are in satisfactory condition. Preliminary diagnosis and investigation indicate death and injuries were due to inhalation of irritant asphyxiating gas, apparently drawn into the fire room from the uptake of adjoining live boiler. A Board of Investigation will convene today aboard the CALIFORNIA.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces a contract has been awarded to James Fyfe for 810,000 pounds of Manila Fiber at a unit price of \$.0537 per pound, total, \$43,497.00.

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Western Front, Germans are driving toward Laow and Marle about 70 miles northeast of Paris, it is reported reliably from London. Allied troops are withdrawing from their Brussels defensive positions, which city Germans are entering. General Gamelin, in an order of the day, said: "every unit which is unable to advance must accept death rather than abandon that part of the national territory entrusted to it. The fate of the country and that of the allies and the destiny of the world depends on the battle now taking place." The situation was described by reliable sources in London as the most serious since the Great German drive of March, 1918, when the Germans threatened to crumble the whole allied defense in France. Senator Byrnes, in charge of naval bills in the Senate, said an additional \$100,000,000 will be proposed for speeding up construction of the building program and \$50,000,000 for urgently needed ordnance. Byrnes said most of the \$100,000,000 for acceleration of warship construction may be spent to break a "bottleneck" in the machine-tool industry. He was unable to estimate the number of naval planes which will be available with an additional \$100,000,000.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

20 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 18 May 139,925

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,836

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,393

Total4,229

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 106

Aggregate Discharges " " " 47

Gain 59

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 20 May:

Line Officers 306

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 18 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	101
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	67	67
Miscellaneous	293	293	252
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>622</u>

Men

District Patrol planes 340 340 340

Communications 120 113 113

Miscellaneous 900 882 882

Total Men 1360 1335 1335

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

Contract for extension of Shipway No. 2 at the Navy Yard Philadelphia, to Duffy Construction Corporation, New York City, for \$201,785. Time: 240 calendar days.

Lubricating Oil, contract has been let to the Texas Company in amount of \$1,955,940.70. Also to Tidewater Associated Oil Company, for Navy fuel oil, to the amount of \$664,000.

Bids-Destroyers, proposals for construction 4 destroyers, 1,630 tons standard displacement, will be received until noon on 31 May, when they will be opened publicly.

Commander Squadron 40-T, on 15 April communicated with Pan American Air Clipper on 4235 and 5165 kilocycles, with good reception both ways.

German Communications, Germany is testing out a high powered radio station which Naval Communications thinks is probably the old Warsaw station.

Rear Admiral Byrd, has informed Admiral Noyes that his communications via Navy radio have been very satisfactory while in Antarctica.

Squadron 40-T, has been requested to be in Lisbon from 22-30 June, commemorating Portuguese Centennial Celebra-

tion. OMAHA, BARRY, and GOFF will proceed on 27 June to Ponta Delgada, affecting rendezvous with relief at that point on 5 July, proceeding to Lisbon, arriving about 10 July. TRENTON, DICKERSON, and HERRBERT will return to Norfolk, departing the Azores on 8 July.

Admiral Stark, spent the morning with the House Naval Affairs Committee discussing expenditures on \$250,000,000 emergency naval appropriations.

U.S.S. SAN JUAN, (CL54), keel was laid at Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Net Tenders (small craft for tending nets), bids will be opened on 26 June. One company has already submitted its check for \$1,000 as deposit for receipt and safeguarding of plans. Number of net tenders to be built is as yet undecided.

Construction and "Repair", In allocating construction of new ships, the word "repair" is to be added to expedite destroyer program, thus allowing commercial shipyards to do this work. About 35 destroyers are to be converted at such yards as Todd, Bethlehem, Newport News, etc., to speed up the program. Letters are being prepared today to a number of ship repair yards requesting their

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representatives to attend a conference in the Navy Department on 24 May, with a view to discussing type of contract best adapted to this work.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
21 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 20 May 140,115

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,836

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,418

Total 4,254

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 211

Aggregate Discharges " " " 51

Gain 160

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 21 May:

Line Officers 306

Staff Officers 100

Warrant Officers 30

Total 436

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 20 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	101
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	67	67
Miscellaneous	293	293	252
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	810	622
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	113	113
Miscellaneous	900	882	882
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1335	1335

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Bureaus of C. & R. and Engineering, have initiated an investigation at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, of the suitability of domestic and Mexican Guayule rubber as a substitute for ordinary or Hevea rubber. This is in addition to a present development program on the so-called synthetic rubbers. The rubber is mechanically extracted from the Guayule shrub which is a native to the Southwest and Mexico, and while not suitable for oil resisting gaskets and hose stock, is believed suitable for most purposes for which Hevea rubber is used. This belief is based on earlier work carried out by the Bureau of Standards in 1927 which investigation lacked the modern knowledge of anti-oxidants, organic accelerators and compounds from protection against sunlight.

The Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, conferred with Mr. L. Metcalf Walling, Administrator of Public Contracts relating to legislation (Walsh-Healey Act). He also convened the Board consisting of himself, Admiral Reeves, and Captain Callaghan on methods concerning distribution, promotion and retirement of the Staff Corps of the Navy. By direction to Captain Almy, Shore Establishments Division, Mr. Compton arranged for diversion of machine tools,

manufactured for export, and which are now urgently needed^{2.} in connection with Navy machine tool requirements. In a letter addressed to the Naval Establishment on the subject of expediting National Defense, Mr. Compton directed that, (1) work be put on a 2 shift basis as rapidly as possible, (2) Shipbuilding Yards should be able to increase their civilian forces by at least 15,000 within 3 months, (3) helpers and mechanics should be taken on and trained, (4) granted authority for 48 hour work week instead of 40. He specified that nothing in his order should be construed as authorizing any action contrary to law.

Admiral Leahy, on arrival in New York, said the battleship would remain the backbone of sea power, but changes in design were necessary for defense against air bombing. "We have recognized the need for such a change in design for a long time", the Admiral said. "We have made changes when ships were under construction, in accordance with needs." He predicted heavier deck armor and that hulls may be redesigned to combat the air menace.

Premier Reynaud, in his address to the French Senate made what some observers regarded as a bid for support from

abroad, perhaps from the United States. "People abroad are beginning to understand the situation," he said. "Thousands of men, women, and children at last realize that their future is at stake. May they not understand too late."

Senate Sub-Committee, on Appropriations, commenced hearings today on the Navy's \$250,000,000 supplementary appropriations.

H.M.S. CARADOC, (British Cruiser of 4,180 tons), is patrolling off Curacao.

Senator Lundeen, introduced a resolution calling for the creation of a separate department of air service combining the Army and Navy air corps and governmental civil aviation units.

U.S.S. TROUT (SS202), was launched at Navy Yard, Portsmouth, on 21 May.

House Naval Affairs Committee, approved legislation designed to speed the shipbuilding program. The Bill was approved unanimously after the group agreed, 8-6, to eliminate a provision which would have suspended the Walsh-Healey Government contracts Act on private and public construction. The Committee also adopted an amendment allowing dismissal of civilian employees without regard to civil service, so as to rid the organizations of subversive influences.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
22 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 21 May 140,209
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 1,836
Other Reservists " " " " 1,418
..... Total 4,254

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 195

Aggregate Discharges " " " 101

Gain 94

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 22 May:

Line Officers 305
Staff Officers 100
Warrant Officers 30
Total 435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 21 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	101
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	67	67
Miscellaneous	293	293	252
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>622</u>

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

2. Recruiting Activities for week ending 17 May:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 844
Number of first enlistments 781
Number of reenlistments within three months
(continuous service) 47
Number of reenlistments under broken service .. 25
Total Enlistments 853

Admiral Towers, told the House Committee hearing the Navy has 1800 aircraft useful for military purposes, had 933 additional on order, and 146 soon to be ordered with 471 provided for in the 1941 appropriation. This would total 3,350 planes. In addition it is hoped to procure 800 training planes in 1941. Admiral Towers said he had checked with Brig. General Arnold, Chief of Army Air Corps, and compared plans of procurement, that the two programs did not conflict.

Japanese Diplomats and Representatives, from all the American Republics are understood to have planned a meeting in New York on 22 June. American experts pro and anti-Japanese, are reported invited to a dinner.

Additional Flight Examiners, will be necessary for the accelerated Naval aviation program. A considerable number will be appointed for qualification at school in Pen-

sacola, from the Naval Reserve, where further classes will be held.

Bureau of C. & R., reports at bid opening on the General Storehouse at the Fleet Supply Base, Oakland, California, the three lowest of 18 bidders were:

Johnson, Drake and Piper, Oakland, Calif., \$918,690

Minson Bros., San Francisco, Calif., \$955,400

William Wills, South San Francisco, Calif., \$970,000

Senate Sub-Committee, reported favorably to the full committee on the 1942 Appropriation Bill which calls for 170,000 men in the Navy and 34,000 in the Marine Corps. Bill carries \$1,458,367,728 and provides for 500 additional retired and 500 additional reserve officers.

R.O.T.C., Senior Class will cruise in California waters on neutrality patrol destroyers. Their projective cruise to Alaskan waters is cancelled.

Submarine Rescue vessels, Orders are being issued by the Bureau of C. & R. to equip 5 ships with oxygen-helium diving equipment such as was used successfully in salvaging the SQUALUS.

Navy Aviation Gasoline, contracts have been awarded to 6 oil companies in total amount of \$811,018.

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Hurricane Test Messages, During the hurricane season messages are periodically transmitted to the individual naval radio stations in the hurricane belt with orders to assume interruption of regular radio circuits and to re-establish communications using emergency equipment. On 20 May the first drill message of the season was transmitted to Radio San Juan. San Juan reported that it had successfully re-established communications with Radio Washington and Radio Charlotte Amelie, St. Thomas, after an elapsed time of 7 minutes.

Communications with U.S. Merchant Marine, To test emergency communications with U.S. ships in and about the Mediterranean, a test message was broadcast over the week-end of 18-19 May. Communication was established with 7 ships of approximately 14 in a position to answer. Additional replies are expected by mail from ships not equipped with high frequency apparatus.

Add Vinson Bill Hearing, The Naval Affairs Committee agreed by unanimous consent to a proposal of Chairman Vinson to authorize spending \$10,080,000 in establishing auxiliary air bases at any point thought necessary for national defense.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
23 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 22 May 136,050

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,836

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,418

Total 4,254

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 118

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 23

Gain 95

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 23 May:

Line Officers	305
Staff Officers	100
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	435

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 22 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	102
District Patrol Planes	42	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	60	60
Miscellaneous	293	293	261
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	803	625
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All Commodity Price Index, for the week ending 18 May was 78.5, up .1 from the previous week.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces a contract has been awarded to James Fye for 810,000 pounds of Manila fiber at a unit price of \$.0537 per pound, totalling \$43,497. Contracts for aviation gasoline have been awarded as follows: Standard of California, \$700,533.40; Union of California, \$101,233.95; Shell Co., Inc., \$618,971.92, totalling \$1,420,739.27.

Senate Appropriations Committee, has reported the additional appropriations to the Senate where action is expected shortly.

House Naval Affairs Committee, has reported the aviation expansion bill to the House.

House Appropriations Committee, is convening immediately for hearings on increased appropriations.

Floating Drydock YFD-2, Upon arrival of the PLATTE at the Canal Zone about 11 June, the Commanding Officer will report for duty in connection with the preparations for towing. Drydock to be towed from Balboa to Pearl Harbor. Upon reporting of the additional vessels designated the Commanding Officer of the PLATTE WILL assume command of

the Task Force for the duration of the towing assignment (CAPELLA, NAVAJO, PLATTE, YFD-2). Personnel to man the drydock and necessary towing equipment and accessories will be transported to the Canal Zone via the CAPELLA. Towing speeds, unless emergency conditions necessitate otherwise, will be limited to 5 knots. It is expected Drydock will be ready for towing sometime between 1-15 July. PLATTE will report to CincUS for duty in the Base Force upon arrival in Pearl Harbor.

Decommissioned destroyers, recommissioning for active service. It is expected that the remaining 35 decommissioned destroyers will be made ready for active service and recommissioned as soon as practicable. These destroyers are located as follows: 23 at Navy Yard, Philadelphia; 11 at Destroyer Base, San Diego; 1 at Navy Yard, Mare Island. The following vessels will be converted into special types as follows:

2 anti-aircraft defense ships -- TILLMAN and SIGOURNEY, (both are now at Navy Yard, Philadelphia).

5 high speed troopships -- LITTLE, GREGORY, STRINGHAM, COLHOUN, McKEAN (all at Philadelphia now); 7 seaplane tenders (small) -- BELKNAP, OSMUND INGRAM (now at Phila-

4. delphia), BALLARD, THORNTON, GILLIS, GREENE (now at San Diego), and McFARLAND (now at Mare Island).

4 high speed mine sweepers -- HOGAN, HOWARD, STANSBURY, and PALMER (now at San Diego).

Anti-aircraft defense vessels will be converted in accordance with approved characteristics now being formulated by the General Board. High Speed Troopships will be converted in a manner similar to conversion of the MANLEY, for which plans are now available. Seaplane Tenders (small) will be converted in manner similar to conversion of GEORGE E. BADGER, for which plans are now available.

High Speed Minesweepers will be converted in manner similar to conversion of Destroyer Division 52 during the forthcoming overhaul at Navy Yard, Mare Island. Suggestions will be made for places of conversion because of drydock considerations and because of certain yards being

familiar with work in question as follows: High Speed Troopships at Navy Yard, New York; 2 seaplane tenders (small) at Navy Yard, Philadelphia; 4 seaplane tenders

(small) at Bath Iron Works, San Francisco; 1 seaplane tender (small) at Navy Yard, Mare Island. 17 remaining destroyers not designated are desired commissioned in accordance with previous policy. It is desired that these vessels be commissioned as soon as sufficient officers and men are available for watchstanding.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
24 May 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 23 May 140,412

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,821

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,433

Total 4,254

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 247

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 139

Gain 108

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 24 May:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	104
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>437</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 23 May:

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Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	90
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Men

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Miscellaneous	900	882	882
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1335</u>	<u>1335</u>

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

General Storehouse at the Fleet Supply Base at Oakland, California, awarded to Johnson, Drake and Piper, Inc., of Oakland, California, for \$954,690. Time of completion, 360 days.

Naval Communication Reserve, The thirty stations of the National drill circuit have established a one hundred percent attendance record for the 1939-1940 Competition Year. The Competition Year began with the drill of 21 September 1939 and ended with the drill of 16 May 1940. Drills were held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Approximately three hundred officers and men comprise the personnel responsible for the radio activities at those thirty stations. Though the 1939-1940 National Competition has terminated, it is considered desirable, in view of the limited emergency and as a preparedness measure, to maintain the circuit for the present.

Fuel Oil Contracts, have been awarded to 16 major oil companies, totalling \$2,361,460.50.

Midshipman's Cruise, by Battleships to Rio Janeiro has

been cancelled. New itinerary with changed dates will include La Guaira, Newport, Boston, New York, Havana, Guantanamo, and Hampton Roads. No visits will be made to ports of belligerents or involved nations.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, is inspecting the Philadelphia Navy Yard today and will deliver the principle address before the Graduating Class of the Naval Finance and Supply School. Mr. Compton will return to Washington this evening.

Submarine Chaser 450, Shakedown cruise itinerary has been approved, departing Norfolk 4 June and visiting Washington, Savannah, Key West, Charleston, and New York, arriving New London, 1 July.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee, rejected a suggestion by Chairman Walsh to suppress testimony by Rear Admiral Towers Chief of Aeronautics, that the United States will have less than 2,000 first class naval planes by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1941. Senator Walsh made his suggestion after Admiral Towers told the committee in open session that the Navy has 1,367 competent planes and 734 on order. Obsolescent and crash losses would reduce this figure to less than 2,000.

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Foreign plane orders, Aviation circles say that 2,300 of the 6,100 American-built war planes ordered in the United States by the Allies since the start of the war have been delivered. American aircraft plants are reported ahead of delivery schedules. It is understood the British and French are negotiating for 4,000 more planes.

Liner President Roosevelt, filled with extra cots to provide accommodations for homecoming Americans, sailed for Galway, Ireland, today. Liner is fitted to accommodate 1,000 persons on the homeward voyage.

American Planes, were reported to have been placed in action today by the French, some of them aircraft which arrived early this month. Most of these planes were bombers. They were said to have been employed in attacks on the German communications at Aachen.

Staff Corps Board, to study matters concerning officers of the Staff Corps of the Navy, convened in the Navy Department on 21 May. This board was instructed to make recommendations regarding the enactment of legislation, as it may deem appropriate and to submit the record of the proceedings to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation on or before October 11, 1940. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy acted as senior member of the Board. Rear Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, U.S. Navy, Retired, is serving as additional member and Captain Daniel J. Callaghan, U.S. Navy, is recorder of the Board.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

27 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 25 May 140,474

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,820

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,426

Total 4,246

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 151

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 47

Gain 104

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 27 May:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 104

Warrant Officers 30

Total 437

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 25 May:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	104
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	64	62
Miscellaneous	335	322	250
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	112
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	91
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	836	619
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	107	107
Miscellaneous	900	890	890
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1337	1337

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U.S.S. JUNEAU (light cruiser), keel was laid at Kearney, New Jersey, at the plant of the Federal Shipbuilding Company, on 27 May.

Admiral Stark, with Captain Allen, spent the morning with Congressional leaders on naval appropriations.

Conversion destroyers. The revised assignment of destroyers for conversion follows: Prepare for towing to New York about 31 May -- LITTLE and GREGORY. About 4 June -- to Norfolk, STRINGHAM, COLHOUN, and McKEAN, all for conversion to troop transports. The BELKNAP and OSMUND INGRAM will be retained at Philadelphia for recommissioning and conversion to seaplane tenders. The TILLMAN and SIGOURNEY will be retained at Philadelphia for completion and recommissioning overhaul and about 21 June will be towed or will steam to Boston for conversion into anti-aircraft defense vessels. The HOPEWELL, THOMAS, ABBOT, DORAN, COWELL, MADDOX, FOOTE, KALK, CONNER, STOCKTON, CONWAY, RINGGOLD, ROBINSON, and ALLEN will be retained at Philadelphia for recommissioning as destroyers. The SAPELO (oiler) will be retained at Philadelphia for completion and readiness overhaul. The MATTOLE, KAWEAH, and LARAMIE (all oilers) will be prepared for towing to places to be

designated later.

East Base, U.S. Antarctic Service. A message to Naval Communications Service asks the latter to inform station WGEO (General Electric Radio, South Schenectady, New York) that the East Base is ready to test and exchange messages. This will give service similar to that with West Base. The program last night was reported to be greatly enjoyed with good reception throughout.

British Naval Attache, Brasil, notified the British Admiralty that there is danger of a "putsch" by the Germans in Uruguay and the Argentine. Our attache London also reports that it is possible that the ships taking refuge in Brazil contain about 6000 men who might try to take the Gulanas. Attache admits reliability of above information is in doubt.

Allied attaches, are making little progress according to Naval Attache, Paris. He reports that the Northern armies can resist only a few days longer.

Fleet Reservists, will not be released to inactive duty on and after 25 May.

Recruiting. Due to the authorized increase of enlisted personnel to 170,000, recruiting officers have been direc-

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ted to enlist a total of 4,000 men during the month of June. Selection Board, has been approved by the President recommending one officer of the rank of Captain for promotion to Rear Admiral in the Construction Corps. The board recommended Captain Henry Williams, assistant chief of Bureau of C. & R. Captain Williams is President of the American Society of Naval Engineers.

Contraband Control, Reliable reports from London indicate that the Allies are preparing to modify their blockade in favor of Italy by allowing Italian ships to reach Italy without inspection at contraband control points. In return, Italy would guarantee that nothing imported to Italy in Italian ships would be re-exported to Germany.

Bausch and Lomb, Zeiss and Company, alleged subsidiary and indicted with Bausch and Lomb, pleaded not guilty in court. Their trial was set for 24 June. Bausch and Lomb officers were fined (President and two vice presidents). The defendants by a consent decree, said that they would pledge discontinuance of the practices set forth in the indictment. The decree will be drawn up and signatures affixed within a few days.

Calais, may be in German hands, though it is not confirmed, according to a Paris report.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

29 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 May 140,788

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,807

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,526

Total 4,333

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 167

Aggregate Discharges " " " 70

Gain 97

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 29 May:

Line Officers	303
Staff Officers	104
Warrant officers	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>437</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 28 May:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	103
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	71	68
Miscellaneous	335	321	248
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	111
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	92
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>622</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	107	107
Miscellaneous	900	890	890
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1337</u>	<u>1337</u>

2. Recruiting Activities for week ending 24 May:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1071
Number of first enlistments 596
Number of repletments within three months
(continuous service) 51
Number of repletments under broken service .. 22
..... Total Enlistments 669

U.S.S. VINCENTNES, TRUXTON, and SIMPSON, sailed at 6 o'clock last night for Lisbon, Portugal, via Ponta del gada, Azores, at 15 knots. They will make no movement or progress reports except to the Chief of Operations 24 hours prior to arrival at Ponta Delgada and Lisbon. On arrival Lisbon ships will report to Commander Squadron 40-T for duty.

U.S.S. LAUB, EDWARDS, AULICK and McLANAHAN, when ready for sea will proceed and report for duty in the West Gulf Patrol.

U.S.S. OMAHA, BARRY, and GOFF, will proceed aboard as scheduled (previously reported) on 27 June.

U.S.S. HOPKINS, reported to CincUS for duty in Destroyer Battle Force on 25 May.

U.S.S. MARLIN (SS205), keel was laid on 28 May at Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

U.S.S. CHAMMONT (transport), will depart San Francisco on

21 June for the Asiatic Station and return, touching at Honolulu, Guam, Manila, Guam, Honolulu, arriving San Francisco on 18 September.

S.S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, Direct Communication was established by Naval Communication Service the day after sailing in merchant ship cipher. Satisfactory messages have been received from the ship's master.

House of Representatives, passed the Naval Expansion Bill yesterday and is expediting the shipbuilding program. The Navy Department is now concentrating work on the assembly of necessary information for submission of requests for funds in next Deficiency Appropriation Bill.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton will attend the launching of the U.S.S. WASHINGTON at Philadelphia on Saturday and will speak at Antietam on Memorial Day.

Bids, for furnishing machinery for 9,000 ton submarine tender, AS-12 to be built at Mare Island Navy Yard were opened today. The bids follow:

General Motors Corporation: Cleveland Diesel Engine Div.-
With General Electric electrical equipment ..\$1,405,469
With Westinghouse electrical equipment 1,358,169
With Allis-Chalmers electrical equipment 1,509,969

Fairbanks Morse & Company:-
Chicago, Illinois

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With General Electric electrical equipment ..\$1,703,750
With Westinghouse electrical equipment 1,654,300

Pig Tin, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts awarded a contract for \$368,005 to Caswell, Strauss & Company, Inc., of New York City.

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

Dredging at the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Virginia, awarded to the Norfolk Dredging Company of Norfolk, Virginia for \$66,000. Time of completion, 75 days.

Personnel buildings at the Naval Patrol Base at Long Island, New York awarded to S.S. Hirsch of New York, N.Y. for \$117,840. Time of completion, 90 days.

Naval Reserve, A directive to Commandants of all districts within the continental limit of the U.S. has gone out to proceed with the procurement of applications from enlisted men of the surface component of the Naval Reserve for active duty afloat for any period from 2 weeks to 1 year commencing 1 July. The plan is to order to active duty afloat all such applicants for the period requested up to a total of 5,000 (provided in the current supplemental 1941 Naval Appropriations). The placing in effect of this plan is contingent on passage of the appropriations bill.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
31 May 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 29 May 140,900

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,807

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,526

Total ... 4,333

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 134

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 22

Gain 112

Retired Officers -returned to active duty as of 31 May:

Line Officers 303

Staff Officers 104

Warrant Officers 30

Total 437

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol, as of 29 May:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	103
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	71	68
Miscellaneous	335	321	248
Ens. and Lieuts.(j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	111
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	92
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	842	622
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	107	107
Miscellaneous	900	890	890
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1337	1337

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Destroyer Bids, for the construction of 4.

Numbers 453-456 inclusive, were opened today. Two companies submitted bids with fixed prices for 2 of the 4, and alternate proposals subject to adjustments for cost of labor and material. These destroyers are 1,650 tons displacement. Bids submitted follow:

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|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath Maine | PROPOSAL | ALTERNATE | |
| | Fixed Price (each of 2) | -Adj.Price | Mos. |
| | \$5,327,000 - 18-20 mos. | \$4,898,000 | 18-20 |
| 2. Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Kearny, N.J. | | | |
| | \$5,700,000 - Time same | \$5,277,000 | 18-20 |

U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD435), named in honor of Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. on 7 August.

U.S.S. BEAR, Byrd Antarctica, will return to Philadelphia Navy Yard for overhaul and ship work on 5 June. BEAR will be assigned to limited availability.

S.S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, will arrive at Galway, 7: P.M. (Greenwich Time) today.

Submarine reported, by a Mr. Jason Blakeman 5 miles S.W. of West Quoddy Head Light was not found after search.

Recommissioning program 40 inactive submarines:

The S-24 and S-26 will be ready to start operations as soon as officers and crews have reported. They are now

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in commission in reserve. The S-21 and S-30 will start sea trials about 21 October. Decommissioned submarines E-3, 5, 12, 16, 1 and 6 plus the S-11 will start sea trials about 1 October. S-32 and S-31 will start sea trials about 1 and 10 November respectively. The BARRA CUDA, BASS, and BONITA will start sea trials about 15 November, 25 November, and 10 December respectively.

The S-1 and S-33 will start sea trials about 15 December. The above information is subject to change. The other 22, details to come later. Dates for sea trials do not necessarily mean ships will be ready for service. No official time has been arrived at, but it is estimated ships will be ready for service within two months after dates given above.

All commodity price index, for 25 May was 77.8 off .7 from 18 May, the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts reports.

Royal Air Force planes, according to word from best sources, London, have established a definite superiority over all German types in combat. The above is particularly true in cases where Spitfires are engaged in action and particularly so in the Dunkirk area where home-based fighters are now in action. Germans

4 are losing their 3-1 advantage in numbers generally, and the 5-1 ratio in the Belgian Coastal area. Nevertheless British damaged planes, plus losses continue to reduce materially the total number of planes available. Each day the need of replacements both in total planes and pilots becomes more urgent.

Evacuated troops (across the English Channel as of 30 May) are said to be in the neighborhood of 70,000, although this figure is admittedly questionable. First troops evacuated are those of impaired morale. Naval losses include one destroyer sunk, and five destroyers damaged; minesweepers and trawlers sunk 6, damaged 3, plus one sloop also damaged. Daylight operations have been found more favorable than darkness for evacuation due to avility to see planes attacking. Total loss of equipment is fully conceded.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee; Captain Fisher appeared today to explain technical terms of the House approved Bill to expedite shipbuilding. This measure would empower the Navy Department, during a state of emergency, to advance 30 per cent of the contract price to contractors before work begins.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
3 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 1 June 140,888

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,807

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,526

Total 4,333

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 97

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 63

Gain 112

Retired officers - returned to active duty as of 3 June:

Line officers 311

Staff officers 105

Warrant officers .. 30

Total 446

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol, as of 31 May 1940:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	102
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	77	76
Miscellaneous	335	293	220
Ensigns & Lts(jg) active duty with fleet	200	200	113
Merchant Marine & Lieut. (D-V(G) Afloat	100	100	92
<u>Total</u>	870	820	603

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	900	899	899
<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1353	1353

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U.S.S. PLUNGER and POLLACK, first submarines to have Fairbanks Morse Diesel Engines; 4 years in commission. On each ship frame of one engine (out of 4) cracked from fatigue stresses. Repairs will be effected by welding and 2 spare engines are being purchased for possible use as replacements.

Shipbuilding Program - predicated on awarding contracts immediately upon passage of the Appropriation Bill and laying keels of all vessels within the next two fiscal years has been temporarily worked out. Completion of ships by 1 July 1944, with the possible exception of battleships, can be expected under the 48 hr. work week with shifts. The approved program including ships in the 1941 budget is as follows: 2 battleships (BB63-64) duplicates of 61 & 62; 4 aircraft carriers (CV 9-12 inc.) to be in accordance with plans and specifications now in process of preparation; 11 light cruisers (CL 57-67 Inc.) duplicates of the CLEVELAND; 4 heavy cruisers (CV 68-71 Inc.) of approximately 13,000 tons each (modified WICHITA) as originally contemplated; 12 destroyers (DD 463-464 Inc.) duplicates of the 437 class; 26

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destroyers (DD445-452 and 465-462 Inc.) in accordance with plans and specifications now in process of preparation, except 6 of these destroyers which are to be fitted with catapults in lieu of guns; 28 submarines (SS212-239 Inc.) Tentative allocation of the above ships for purposes of negotiating contracts follows: BB 63, Navy Yard New York; BB64, Navy Yard, Philadelphia; CV9 and 10, Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; CV 11, Bethlehem Steel, Fore River Plant; CL 57-61 Inc., New York Shipbuilding Co., CL 62-65 Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; CL 66-67 Bethlehem Steel, Fore River Plant. Destroyers 437 class as follows: 4, Federal Shipbuilding Co.; 2, Bath Iron Works; 2, Boston Navy Yard; 2, Charleston Navy Yard; 2, Bethlehem Steel Co. Union Plant. 26 Destroyers of new design as follows: 6, Federal Shipbuilding Co., 5, Navy Yard Boston; 3, Navy Yard Charleston, 6, Bath Iron Works, 3 Bethlehem Steel, Union Plant; 3, Puget Sound Navy Yard. Submarines as follows: 8 Portsmouth Navy Yard, 4, Mare Island Navy Yard, 16 Electric Boat Co., Battleships, 42 months from 1 July; aircraft carriers, 40 months from 1 September (3 months interval between ships same yard)

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Heavy cruisers, 34 months from 1 July (2 months interval);
Light cruiser, 32 months, from 23 March 1940 (2 months
interval); Destroyers, 24 months for new design, 18 months
for repeat design (2 months interval); Submarines - 20
months (2 months interval). Auxiliary ships allocations
will come later.

Naval Communications, report good communications with
S.S. President Roosevelt and S.S. Washington.

VINCENNES, TRUXTON, SIMPSON, expect to arrive Ponta
Delgada on 4 June.

USS QUINCY, is proceeding to make friendly visit to
South American ports. The first port to be visited is
Rio Janeiro.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee - Captain Fisher urged
approval of bill already passed by the House which would
suspend the Walsh-Healey Act and advance 30 per cent of
contract prices for warcraft to contractors. Under this
measure government orders for machine tools would take
priority over export orders.

Selection Board, will convene on 10 July to recommend
one officer in the Supply Corps for advancement to Rear
Admiral.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
4 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 3 June 140,904

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty) 2,807

Other Reservists, " " " 1,526

Total 4,333

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) . . . 142

Aggregate Discharges " " ") . . . 125

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Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 4 June:

Line officers 311

Staff Officers 105

Warrant Officers 30

Total 446

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforce-
ment of neutrality patrol, as of 3 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	102
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	77	76
Miscellaneous	335	293	220
Ensigns & Lts.(jg) active duty with Fleet	200	200	113
Merchant Marine and Lieut. (D-V(G) Afloat	100	100	92
<u>Total</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>603</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	900	899	899
<u>Total men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1353</u>	<u>1353</u>

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BU. YARDS AND DOCKS

	Number of Contracts	Amount of Contracts
July 1 to April 30	490	\$85,057,669.71
May	72	4,982,985.70
Total Fiscal year 1940		
Thru May 1940	562	\$100,040,655.41

The following Yards and Docks contract awards have been made:

Temporary Office Building, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, awarded to the Charles H. Tompkins Co. of Washington D.C. for \$167,786. Time of completion 120 days.

Pumping plant for dry docks Nos. 2 and 3 at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. awarded to Cory and Joslin Inc. of San Francisco for \$379,000. Time of completion 360 days.

Power plant equipment and piping, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. awarded to Henry G. Dupree of Jacksonville for \$267,604.44. Time of completion 240 days.

Power plant equipment and distributing system at the Naval Air Station, Tongue Point, Oregon awarded to Lord and Loryea of Portland, Oregon, for \$126,570. Time of completion 210 days.

Capstans for dry docks at the Navy Yards Puget Sound Mare Island and Pearl Harbor awarded to the Enterprise Foundry Co. of San Francisco, Calif, for \$93,160.

Paving and gasoline distributing system at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, awarded to A.C. Haisch of San Francisco for \$166,100. Time of completion 120 days.

Steel work for Assembly and Repair Shop at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. awarded to the

Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pa. for \$142,440. Time of completion 120 days.

Caisson for dry dock No. 4 at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. and dry dock No. 4 at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif. awarded to the Consolidated Steel Corporation of Los Angeles for \$152,000. Time of completion 300 days.

Completion of hangar at the Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, awarded to the W.P. Severin Co. of Chicago for \$110,000. Time of completion 150 days.

Decking Crane Building, Galley and Latrine for dry dock No. 4 at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, awarded to the A.F. Howat Construction Co. of Seattle, Washington, for \$127,682. Time of completion 210 days.

Extension to Barracks Building No. 9 at the Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington, awarded to H.R. Olsen of Tacoma, Washington for \$128,852. Time of completion 240 days.

U.S.S. QUINCY, Departed Guantanamo on 1 June,

Schedule subject to revision includes stops at Rio June Janeiro 12-17/and Montevideo, 20-25 June.

U.S.S. IOWA (BB61) - keel will be laid at Navy Yard, New York, sometime this month.

U.S.S. TAMBOR (SS198) - Constructed by the Electric Boat Company was delivered on 3 June to the Submarine Base, New London, about six months ahead of contract date of delivery.

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MARINE CORPS -- As a result of the contemplated increase of 9,000 enlisted men, it is planned to organize the following units: (1) The Seventh Marines consisting of Regimental Headquarters and Service Co., three infantry battalions and one battalion of the Eleventh Marines (artillery). This unit to be stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina. (2) At San Diego, California, it is planned to form the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines (infantry); the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines (infantry); and the Second Battalion of the Tenth Marines (artillery). (3) It is also planned to organize two additional defense battalions.

The locations of these battalions will be determined at a later date.

Bureau of Aeronautics - As a result of the German Air operations, particularly during the recent drive through the Low Countries and northern France, our Army Air Corps is displaying great interest in dive bombing. Arrangements have been made permitting certain Air Corps officers to witness, at Norfolk, Va., dive bombing by a RANGER squadron, including riding as a passenger in the back seat of two-place planes.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

5 June 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 4 June 140,912

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 2,807

Other Reservists " " " " 1,526

Total 4,333

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 122

Aggregate Discharges " " ") 114

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Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 5 June:

Line officers 311

Staff officers 105

Warrant officers 30

Total 446

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol, as of 4 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
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Aviation Instructors	150	150	103
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District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
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Naval Intelligence	85	78	78
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Miscellaneous	335	315	233
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Ensigns & Lt. (jg) active duty with Fleet	200	200	115
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Merchant Marine Reserve and Lieut. D-V(G) Afloat	100	100	93
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<u>Total officers</u>	870	843	622
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<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340

Communications	120	114	114
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Miscellaneous	900	899	899
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<u>Total Men</u>	1360	1353	1353
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2. BUILDING PROGRAM - Plans are being rushed to lay down 37 new warships within the next few months. The supplemental defense program of \$1,277,741,000 includes funds to begin work on 68. In the regular 1941 Appropriation Bill there is money for 19 ships. The two programs will be fed into existing private and navy yards as rapidly as possible. The 19 ships include two 45,000 ton battleships, one aircraft carrier, two light cruisers, eight destroyers and six submarines. This should bring within a short time to 143 the total number of ships under construction. Already underway are eight battleships, 6 light cruisers, 27 destroyers, 14 submarines and 1 aircraft carrier. When completed the entire program will provide 522 fighting craft, average and average.

Aviation Expansion Committee - of top ranking Navy and Army officers headed by Admiral Towers and General Arnold are coordinating the aviation program. This board has been discussing matters relative to Army and Navy air forces, types of planes, possible duplications, joint use of facilities, etc. to put the two services on a more solid basis.

3. Rear Admiral Courtney, Commander of Squadron 40-T has been ordered to duty with the General Board, Rear Admiral LeBreton relieving him abroad.

15 Navy Planes, enroute from Honolulu to Manila were expected to take off from Midway Island for Guam today on the second leg of their flight. The squadron reached Midway last night.

Submarine Proposals - were opened today, covering three ships, Nos. 212, 213 and 214, in the presence of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton. The Electric Boat Company, Groton, Conn. submitted the only bids. The Electric Boat Company offered to build them 4 months ahead of previous schedules. This concern bid \$3,547,000 for each of 3 on a fixed price basis, or \$2,957,000 on each on an adjusted contract arrangement providing for changes in labor and material costs. The Company said it would complete all 3 within 20, 21, and 23 months from date of contract.

Bureau of Construction and Repair reports, that dispatches to various ship builders have gone out calling for a conference in the Navy Department

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on various ships to be ordered.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, conferred with Mr. Martin and Mr. Nicholson of Long Beach, with reference to Terminal Island procurement for Navy facilities. Naval Communication Service, is still maintaining good contact with S.S. President Roosevelt and S.S. Washington.

Negotiate for Public Works, under a provision contained in the Naval Appropriation Bill which has passed both houses of Congress and a similar provision which it is anticipated will be included in the Second Deficiency Bill which is now being formulated in the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy will be authorized to negotiate with reputable and qualified contracting individuals, firms, or corporations and contract for the accomplishment of the public works and public utilities projects authorized by the bills mentioned. Whether such authority will be invoked in each case will depend upon the result of negotiations with applicants desiring consideration. In all cases where it is not invoked the usual advertisement will be issued when the necessary plans and specifications are ready for issue. The work will include practically all types of construction and improvements at the various shore establishments throughout the United States and its possessions. The locations and the individual projects will appear in the legislation mentioned.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

6 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 5 June 140,942

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 2,810
Other Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty 1,555
Total 4,365

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) . . . 67

Aggregate Discharges (last 24 hours) . . . 69

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Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 6 June:

Line officers 311
Staff officers 105
Warrant officers 30
Total . . . 446

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol, as of 5 June:

Officers	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Aviation Instructors	150	150	103
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	78	78
Miscellaneous	335	315	233
Ensigns & Lt.(jg) active duty with fleet	200	200	115
Merchant Marine Reserve and Lieut.D-V(G) afloat	100	100	93
<u>Total officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>622</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	900	899	899
<u>Total men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1353</u>	<u>1353</u>

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Recruiting Activities for week ending May 31, 1940
 Number of applicants accepted for first enlistments 1174
 No. of first enlistments317
 No. of reenlistments within three months
 (continuous service).... 58
 No. of reenlistments under broken service 19
Total enlistments394

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, reports that contracts have been entered into with 9 Electric Cable manufacturers for electric cable aggregating in money value about \$1,070,000. The bids were all tied as to price. The awards were made by drawing lots. In this drawing the business was distributed about equally among all bidders, each receiving an award for a quantity approximately \$111,000 to 120000 in money value.

All Commodity Price Index, for the week ending 1 June was 77.8, no change since a week ago.

Ship ventilation under tropical conditions,

Representatives of the Bureau of Ships completed an investigation of ventilation systems on the QUINCY and SIMS in the Caribbean Area under simulated war time

operations. These vessels steamed over 6700 miles with the sun directly overhead. At least one spurt to high speed was made daily. The Director of Research of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers and a nationally known air conditioning engineer, both of whom are naval reservists, were in the party. Temperatures encountered were within about 1 degree of maximum to be expected anywhere at sea. This severe operating program developed many conditions requiring changes in design. In general physical and mental conditions of ships' companies after operations were satisfactory.

Medicine and Surgery - Captain Luther Sheldon will relieve Captain Sutton as Assistant Surgeon General, Captain Sutton assuming command of the Naval Hospital, San Diego.

S.S. WASHINGTON - Direct communication has been kept prior to arrival at Le Verdun (Port of Bordeaux).

U.S.S. SABLE (Oiler) is being prepared for commissioning at Navy Yard, Philadelphia. KANEAN, LARAMIE and MATTOLE, additional oilers will be overhauled at private yards.

U.S.S. HULBERT (DD342), being converted into a sea-plane tender, small, was placed in commission at Navy Yard, New York, on 5 June. GOLDSBOROUGH, CLEMSON, WILLIAM B. PRESTON (similar status) are expected to be commissioned before end of June. The NOA, first of this group, already in commission will report to the Atlantic Squadron on 29 June.

U.S.S. RANGE, reports arrangements have been made with the Commanding General of the General Headquarters Air Force of the Army for dive bombing demonstrations at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, at 10 a.m. Friday.

U.S.S. WICHITA (Heavy cruiser) will be sent on a good will cruise to South America.

U.S.S. WATKINS (DD416), was reported completed by the Navy Yard, Boston, as of 31 May.

Appropriation Bill, was approved by the Senate today and sent to the White House. This bill carries \$1,492,000,000. Senate action was without a record vote. It will expand the Navy's air force by 2,970 planes of which 2600 will be used for training purposes.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
7 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 6 June 141,016

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) On active duty. : 2810

Other Reservists (" " ") 1593

Total 4404

Aggregate enlistments (last 24 hours) 151

Aggregate Discharges (last 24 hours) 116

Gain 35

Retired Officers, returned to active duty as of 7 June . . .

Line officers 311

Staff officers 105

Warrant officers 30

Total 446

Naval Reservists, ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol, as of 6 June:

Officers	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
Aviation Instructors	150	150	104
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous Service	335	329	235
Ensigns & Lt. (jg) active duty with fleet	200	200	115
Merchant Marine Reserve and Lieut. D-V(G) afloat.	100	100	96
<u>Total officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>635</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	900	899	899
<u>Total men</u>	<u>1360</u>	<u>1353</u>	<u>1353</u>

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VP-26, consisting of 15 planes (previously reported) reached Wake Island on 6 June and is due to arrive Cavite P.I. on 9 June. Planes are guarded by four destroyers and two cruisers between Wake and Guam.

U.S.S. HARADEN (DD183), has been detailed to Rockland, Maine, to celebrate Flag Week from 10-14 June.

U.S.S. MACKENZIE (DD175), will be at Belfast, Maine, for Veterans of Foreign Wars celebration from 14-16 June.

NAVY PLANES, will fly North Carolina and Congressional delegations to New York, for launching of the U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA (BB55), on 13 June.

Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, for which \$6,500,000, was appropriated by Congress when completed will provide 80,000 square feet of storage space, will handle 125,000 tons of stores per year and employ 360 people. Dredging and filling are expected to be completed this summer. Title to all the property, except one parcel, passed to the government on 20 May 1940. The remaining parcel of 28 acres is expected to become government property at

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at an early date. Delay in acquisition does not affect initial plans for development of the depot. Bureaus of Yards and Docks and Supplies and Accounts have completed plans for the buildings included in the initial development, 10 in all. In addition a wharf with 2,250 feet of berthing space with 40 feet of water at mean low water is contemplated. Roads, rail, and service connections have been laid out. A second development, to include additional storehouses, transit sheds and pier, at a cost of \$3,500,000, is not yet authorized by Congress.

S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, 9,400 tons, first of 7 passenger vessels to be constructed by the Maritime Commission, was launched at Newport News today. This ship was constructed under naval supervision and can be converted into a naval unit with slight alteration. It will be ready for service this fall.

S.S. WASHINGTON, two members of the crew were reported today as having been taken from the liner at Bordeaux and interned as a result of charge arising from investigation of German espionage. According to the American Embassy, London, The Washington is to

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proceed to Lisbon to pick up 900 Americans there and then go to Ireland to pick up several hundred more refugee Americans. There are said to be 3,100 Americans in the United Kingdom. 1,000 of whom were anxious to return to the United States. It was believed the Washington could accommodate 1,000 passengers when she gets to Ireland.

U.S. Aircraft for France, additional planes arrived at Buffalo today. It was reported 50 would be there by nightfall. It was also reported Curtiss Wright Corp. was attempting to recruit pilots to fly planes by Canada. Number assembled at 3 p m was said to be 51 by reliable sources.

State Department, circles made it plain that other ships would probably follow the QUINCY and WICHITA into South American waters, in relays so that two or three would be constantly on duty there as the first ones returned. The move would back up South American Navies in event of untoward events, most of their ships being of lighter category.

Assignments, of the Graduating Class, 1940, Naval Academy were announced by the Bureau of Navigation today. They include all the battleships and cruisers of the Fleet.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
10 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 8 June 141,037

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,833

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,589

Total 4,422

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 146

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 134

Gain 12

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 10 June:

Line Officers 330

Staff Officers 110

Warrant Officers 30

Total 470

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

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	334	251
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	129
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	96
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	869	667

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	1080	1076	1076
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1530	1530

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

Marginal wharf at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California awarded to M.H. Golden of San Diego, California, for \$613,000. Time of completion, 360 days.

Four storehouses at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, awarded to the N.P. Severin Company of Chicago, Illinois, for \$1,050,000. Time of completion, 360 days.

Dredging, timber pier and improvements to causeway at the Naval Operating Base (Air Station), San Diego, California, awarded to the Case Construction Company, San Pedro, (dredging) for \$94,910, and Lipscombe-Barclay of San Diego (timber pier and improvements to causeway) for \$32,409. Time of completion, 150 days.

Operations building and control tower at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to the North-Eastern Construction Company of Winston-Salem, N. C., for \$114,800. Time of completion, 150 days.

Bureau of Aeronautics, Admiral Towers reported on 8 June that final arrangements had been made to turn over to the Curtiss Company 50 naval scout-bombers from the various Naval Reserve Aviation Bases at Buffalo. The transfer was effected by turning the planes over to the Army and having the Army turn them in to the Curtiss Company for replacements. This was carried out under the general provisions of Section 1272, Code of Laws of the U.S. - 1925.

Second Class Midshipmen, at the Naval Academy will embark on destroyers of the Atlantic Squadron for two coastal

cruises this summer. Destroyer Squadron will consist of the FAIRFAX, BABBLITT, CLAXTON, ROPER, BADGER, JACOB JONES, and SCHENK. There are 586 midshipmen in this class, one half making each cruise of about 5 weeks duration.

Admiral Spear, has designated Commander M.L. Ring (S.C.) to serve as coordinator of purchase matters within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts to represent that bureau on Mr. Stettinius's raw materials section and Mr. Knudson's finished products section.

U.S.S. PRAIRIE, (destroyer tender) will have builder's trials about 9 July and official trials on 30 July, according to a report received from the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

Naval Aviation Personnel Act of 1940, Introduced by Representative Vinson, will provide for "Increasing the number of naval aviators in the line of the regular Navy and Marine Corps and for other purposes." The bill authorizes the President to appoint in the line of the Navy and the Marine Corps as many naval aviators of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve as he may deem necessary. Officers so appointed will occupy the same grade with the same precedence therein as they occupy in the reserve at the time of appointment and will be eligible for promotion or con-

sideration by selection boards.

British Admiralty, announced that the 22,500 ton Aircraft Carrier GLORIOUS and the transport ORAMA were presumed to be sunk. The tanker OIL PIONEER was also believed to have been lost, with the destroyers ACASTA and ARDENT. The entire group had accompanied the GLORIOUS in the withdrawal from Narvik. Losses were the worst Britain has suffered in any single naval engagement of the war. Casualties were uncertain. The GLORIOUS must have had at least 1216 men aboard. The destroyers, 1,350 tons each, carried 138 officers and men. The 19,840 ton ORAMA was said not to be carrying troops. The OIL PIONEER was 5,666 tons. The Admiralty pointed out that a German communique "states there were several hundred survivors on our ships". The loss to the 26,000 ton German battleships of 9-11" guns brought British destroyer losses to 22, regarded as serious since they are employed as protection against submarines. The British indicated they would like to buy destroyers from the United States. The Senate, unanimously agreed to conference reports on two Navy bills to increase the air arm to 10,000 planes and add 167,000 combatant tons to the fleet.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
11 June 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 10 June 141,244

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

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,631

Total 4,476

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 203

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 47

Gain 156

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 11 June:

Line Officers	330
Staff Officers	110
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>470</u>

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

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	334	251
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	129
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	96
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>667</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	1080	1076	1076
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1530</u>	<u>1530</u>

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The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, swore in Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve.

French Government, has left Paris with the Germans still advancing, having reached a point 15 miles Northwest of the city. Entry into the city is expected at any time.

Assistant naval attaches evacuated Paris today to follow the French authorities, on Ambassador Bullitt's orders, and will communicate directly with the Navy Department.

Commander Hillenkoetter remains in Paris with the Ambassador.

Naval Communications, have been in contact with S.S. WASHINGTON which was stopped by a belligerent submarine off Iceland and allowed to proceed. Dispatch from WASHINGTON was received direct at the Navy Department in cipher.

Wage Board of Review, convened today to commence hearings of National Labor Representatives and Navy Yard employees' committees relative to wages to be established for various trades and occupations in the field service of the Navy Department and Marine Corps. It is expected that the Board will hear representatives and committees in the order of the number of employees represented, those in the largest craft on trade groups first. Captain J.A. Furor,

Construction Corps, U.S. Navy, is senior member of the Board.

Bureau of Ordnance, Admiral Furlong reports the Gun Factory is authorized to furnish to the Baldwin Southwark Division, Baldwin Locomotive Works, information regarding valve fittings, type of packing and methods of measuring pressure in equipment used for the radial expansion of gun forgings. This radial expansion equipment is being manufactured by the Baldwin Southwark Division, Baldwin Locomotive Works, for the Canadian Westinghouse Company, Hamilton, Ontario, and is probably for use in the manufacture of guns for the British.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, announces contract has been awarded in the amount of \$333,728.60 for cartridge containers to the Morris Stamping and Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles, California. The Aluminum Company of America was also awarded a contract in the amount of \$1,313,385 for aluminum alloy.

Late Report, from best sources is that lower Seine is entirely in the hands of the Germans. It is expected the Germans may gain possession of the ports of Le Havre, Cherbourg, and Brest very soon, as there are no forces

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available to prevent it. A naval action between Britain and Italy can be expected within the next 24 hours.. Narvik evacuation, because of fear of invasion, heavy British ships did not participate in protection of convoy from Narvik. It was hoped, through adverse weather conditions, the GLORIOUS, et al, would escape. One Nazi fast battleship, 2 pocket battleships, and several German cruisers are said to be in Trondheim. Senate, voted 67 to 18 to allow the armed services to trade in surplus or obsolete military equipment, supplies, and munitions to manufacturers for resale to the Allies. Personnel, of Embassy, Paris, and consulate are in Tours. S.S. WASHINGTON, late dispatch says Captain Manning, Master, was unable to identify the submarine that halted his ship because of darkness. All communication was carried on by blinker. 1,600 Americans are on board. Shortly after the first encounter at midnight, Captain Manning said the WASHINGTON had sighted another submarine of unknown nationality. The second submarine did not stop him. WASHINGTON continues on course to Galway. Passengers and crew had been ordered to lifeboats and some were actually being swung over side for launching in the first encounter.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
12 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 11 June 141,425.
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,845
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,631
Total 4,476
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 272
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 91
Gain 181

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 11 June:

Line Officers	330
Staff Officers	110
Warrant Officers	30
<u>Total</u>	470

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 11 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	81	81
Miscellaneous	335	334	283
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	96
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	865	710
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	1080	1076	1076
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1530	1530

2.
U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, will be launched at the Navy Yard New York on 13 June.

Shipbuilding Program, The Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, announced after the approval of the Appropriation Act by the President, award of contracts to private shipyards and allocations to Navy Yards for the construction of 22 ships.

Government constructed vessels at Navy Yards are: Battleship #63, New York; Battleship #64, Philadelphia; 2 destroyers, Boston; 2 destroyers, Charleston; 3 submarines, Portsmouth; 1 submarine tender, Mare Island; 2 seaplane tenders, Boston; 1 minesweeper, Norfolk. Estimated cost of above vessels is \$262,909,000, which includes armor and armament and for the submarines government-furnished machinery. The following figures for private yard vessels do not include these items, which are furnished by the government. Private yard vessels are: 2 light cruisers, New York Shipbuilding Corp., \$17,580,000 each; 2 destroyers, Bath Iron Works, \$4,898,000 each; 2 destroyers, Federal Shipbuilding Corp., \$5,277,000 each; 3 submarines, Electric Boat Company, \$2,938,000 each. In anticipation of passage and approval of this Act the Department had been in communication with shipbuilders. As a result, immediate

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date action in awarding contracts became possible. Mr. Compton, with the cooperative efforts of Mr. Knudson, was able to complete the contract awards within one hour after official notification of the Appropriation Act's approval by the President.

U.S.S. BOREAS (storeship), last of its kind, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, will probably be recommissioned shortly. Additional storeships will probably be bought commercially.

Italian Tanker BRENNERO, has been inspected by officers from the Third Naval District. Vessel is found to be owned by Italian Navy, crew furnished by a private concern. Number of officers and men aboard, 40. Fourteen members of the crew believed to be in the Italian Royal Naval Reserve. Captain is in the Italian Navy. At Bayonne, N.J., the BRENNERO took on over one million gallons of lubricating oil, the direct and ultimate consignee being the Royal Ministry of Marine, Rome. Ship is reported to have 6 gun platforms, unmounted. Apparently there are no guns aboard. Ship's radio has been sealed by the Coast Guard and no one but the Captain is permitted to leave the vessel, nor is she permitted to get underway.

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until full investigation of her status by the Navy Department is completed. One officer and 12 men of the Third Naval District will board the Coast Guard Cutter NAVESINK which is standing by.

Marine Corps strength, is 25,449 enlisted personnel as of 11 June. Percentage of reenlistments for June to date is 66.67, for the fiscal year it is 59.28. For the previous year it was 39.55. The Marine Corps is starting an immediate recruiting drive for 9,000 additional men allowed by the Appropriation Act. 200 retired officers and 250 reserve officers will also be recalled.

Navy Yards and Arsenals, on a 24 hour day, three shift basis, to accelerate rearmament, was under discussion in the Senate and House Committees. Mr. Vinson said this would be accomplished soon, "just as soon as we can get the men".

German High Command, said 20,000 British and French troops had been surrendered at St. Valery en Caux after efforts to escape by sea. St. Valery is between Le Havre and Dieppe.

S.S. WASHINGTON, German radio reports it was a German submarine that stopped the Washington.

American Embassy, Paris, is the only one remaining in the French Capital, all others having been evacuated.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

13 June 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 12 June 141,645

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

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,631

Total 4,476

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 234

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 14

Gain 220

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 11 June:

Line Officers	330
Staff Officers	110
Warrant Officers	<u>30</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>470</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 12 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	81	81
Miscellaneous	335	334	283
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>96</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>710</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1076</u>	<u>1076</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1530</u>	<u>1530</u>

2. Contracts awarded, The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Compton, on June 12, awarded contracts for machinery for submarines and three naval auxiliaries which totalled \$9,368,287:

Contract for propulsion machinery for Submarines #212, #213, and #214, was awarded to the General Motors Corporation, Cleveland Diesel Engine Division, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$2,317,857. Contract for construction of SS212, 213 and 214 has been awarded to the Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut, for \$2,938,000 each.

Contract for propulsion machinery for Submarines #215, 216 and 217 was awarded to Fairbanks Morse and Company, Chicago, Illinois, for \$2,850,461. Construction of these submarines has been allocated to the Portsmouth, N.H. Navy Yard.

Contract for machinery for Submarines NAUTILUS, MARWHAL, and ARGONAUT (one complete set of propulsion machinery for NAUTILUS and two reduction gears and two hydraulic clutches for MARWHAL and ARGONAUT, plans and equipment to be used by a navy yard in manufacturing main engines for MARWHAL and ARGONAUT) was awarded to the General Motors Corporation, Cleveland Diesel Engine Division, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$1,406,450.

Contract for machinery for Submarine Tender #12 was awarded to the General Motors Corporation, Cleveland, Diesel Engine Division, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$1,358,169. The construction of Submarine Tender #12 has been allocated to the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Contract for two sets of propulsion machinery for Seaplane Tender (small) #21 and #22, was awarded to Fairbanks Morse and Company, Chicago, Illinois, for \$1,435,350. Construction of Seaplane Tenders (small) #21 and #22 has been allocated to the Boston Navy Yard.

Recruiting Activities for week ending 7 June:
Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1,695

Number of first enlistments 1175.
Number of reenlistments within three months
(continuous service) 79
Number of reenlistments under broken service 45
Total Enlistments 1299

Total number of applications for first enlistment remaining on waiting list, 1,907.

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

15-ton gantry crane at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. awarded to the R.W. Kaltenbach Corporation of Bedford, Ohio for \$95,600. Time of completion, 285 days.

Target range at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, awarded to W.C. Spratt of Fredericksburg, Virginia, for \$82,300. Time of completion, 90 days.

Railroad tracks at the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, awarded to Charles Forsythe of San Leandro, California, for \$58,448. Time of completion, 60 days.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, All Commodity price index for the week ending 8 June was 77.1, off .4 from a week ago.

U.S.S. ALBEMARLE (seaplane tender), The New York Shipbuilding Corporation proposes date for launching, 13 July.
Counsellor Japanese Embassy, Mr. Morishima came to see the Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, on the question of machine tools, after first going to the State Department.

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U.S.S. TATTNALL (DD125), is expected in New York on 15 June, carrying material from the Canal Zone, which has been declared as surplus or obsolete, for eventual sale to belligerent powers.

U.S.S. SAMPSON (DD394), will proceed to the Atlantic Coast to act as flagship of Commander Destroyers Atlantic Squadron.

U.S.S. GLEAVES (DD423), built at Bath Iron Works will probably be commissioned at Boston on 14 June.

Naval Communications, Admiral Noyes reports that the Italian cable (Horta to Genoa) has been cut about 3 miles West of Gibraltar. Communications with Rome are continuing via Radio Corporation and Mackay Radio. There is also Navy private circuit to Italy. Communication with France is difficult due to the evacuation of Paris by the French Government. Messages can be broadcast through the TRENTON (there is no provision for reply) if cable and commercial communications are finally cut off.

Under Secretary of the Navy, The House concurred with the Senate provisions in Navy Bill S4026. This provides for an Under Secretary during a national emergency which includes the present limited emergency.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

14 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 13 June 141,831

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,882

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,682

Total 4,564

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 246

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 148

Gain 98

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 11 June:

Line Officers 330

Staff Officers 110

Warrant Officers 30

Total 470

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 13 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	81	81
Miscellaneous	335	334	283
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	96
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>710</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes 340 340 340

Communications 120 114 114

Miscellaneous 1080 1076 1076

Total Men 1540 1530 1530

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Bureau of Aeronautics, Admiral Towers reports that at a conference yesterday between representatives of War Department, Navy Department, and Civil Aeronautics Authority it was definitely established that if C.A.A. pilot training program as now planned is carried out, it will conflict seriously with Army and Navy pilot training programs on account of creating demands for instructors and aircraft considerably in excess of prospective supply. A further conference on this matter will be held next week.

New Naval R.O.T.C. Units, will be established this summer at the University of Michigan and the University of Oklahoma. During the present session of Congress, funds have been appropriated for the establishment of two new units in 1940, which completes the authorized increase in the number of naval units to 11 in all and 2400 students.

Units of the corps are now maintained at Yale, Harvard, Northwestern, Georgia School of Technology, University of California, University of Washington, University of California at Los Angeles, Tulane, and University of Minnesota.

Foreign Minister Arata, announced in Tokio that he had notified the British and French Embassies that henceforth Japan would represent German interests at Singapore and

Hongkong and Italian interests in Canada, Hongkong, South Africa, Kenya, and Colombo.

British Admiralty, announced the German battleship SCHARNHORST had been hit once and probably twice by bombing planes in Trondheim fiord yesterday. It was the second time the British said they had inflicted serious damage on the SCHARNHORST, the first time in a battle with the battle cruiser BISMARCK on 9 April. The SCHARNHORST's sister ship, the GNEISENAU was reported sunk on that occasion.

50 Editors of industrial publications called on the Assistant Secretary this morning.

Rear Admiral Reichmuth, has been named Commanding Destroyers, Atlantic Squadron, a new position deemed necessary by the increasing number of destroyers being recommissioned, putting all Atlantic destroyers under a unified command. Admiral Ellis remains in command of the Atlantic Squadron. U.S.S. RUSSELL (DD414) will arrive Navy Yard, Washington, on 18 June and Admiral Reichmuth will break his flag on the RUSSELL on 20 June.

PT-9, (Scott Payne Motor Torpedo boat) will be brought to Washington from New Jersey through inland waters as

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soon as it is accepted. Inspections will be made while she is here by important officials of the Navy Department. U.S.S. CAPILLA (cargo ship) and DIXIE (destroyer tender), will conduct towing tests on 17 June to test DIXIE's towing engine.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, announces a contract has been awarded to the Consolidated Shipbuilding Corporation, Morris Heights, New York, for 4 harbor tugs, at a unit price of \$244,890, a total of \$979,552.

Bureau Construction and Repair, announces contract for the construction of the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, has been awarded on a cost plus fixed fee basis to Brown and Root, Inc., Houston, Texas; W.S. Bellows, Houston, Texas, and Columbia Construction Co., Oakland, Cal., as a joint venture. The estimated amount of the contract is \$23,381,000.

Captain Charles Mason, has been ordered to duty in connection with the establishment of the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, and to command that station when it is placed in commission.

Great Britain, has agreed to accept whatever future political and military decisions France is forced to make, carrying on the war alone if France should be compelled to surrender. (JP Dispatch)

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

17 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 14 June 141,923

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,882

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,682

Total 4,564

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 259

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 167

Gain 92

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	33
<u>Total</u>	484

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 15 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	335	307
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	98
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	870	740

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	1080	1077	1077
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1531	1531

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

Electric distribution system at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to the H. B. Nelson Construction Company of Atlanta, Georgia, for \$265,048. Time of completion, 240 days.

Water system, sanitary sewers and storm sewers at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to the Boyd and Goforth Co., Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina, for \$118,300, time of completion, 180 days, and the Blythe Brothers Company of Charlotte, North Carolina, for \$240,015.55, time of completion, 210 days.

Temporary landplane hangar and gasoline fueling facilities at the Boulder City Airport, Boulder City, Nevada, awarded to Charles J. Dorfman, of Los Angeles, for \$61,722. Time of completion, 150 days.

Improving and extending shipways No. 3 at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., awarded to Day and Zimmermann, Inc., of Philadelphia for \$197,500. Time of completion, 240 days.

Naval Reserve, 8 officers will probably be ordered to the Army Industrial College for a 4½ months course in industrial procurement, after which they will be assigned to appropriate agencies on active duty. The Bureau of Supplies and Accounts is also arranging for a 2½ months course of instruction for supply officers, volunteer reserve, on completion of which officers will be ordered to active duty in various places ashore and afloat. A third class of two months training period

for aviation medical examiners has been inaugurated to start at Pensacola on 15 July.

Chairman Vinson, today introduced a new naval expansion bill calling for a 22% increase in the Navy by the addition of 84 warships at an ultimate cost of \$1,200,000,000. He said that an \$80,000,000 deficiency appropriation would be asked for immediately to start the new program. It would increase the number of ships under construction to 244. The new bill would authorize construction of another 379,600 tons as follows: 3 aircraft carriers, 79,500 tons; 12 cruisers, 198,000 tons; 41 destroyers, 81,100 tons; 28 submarines, 42,000 tons. It is estimated that by an initial expenditure of \$50,000,000 in industrial yards, this program can be gotten underway immediately. Vinson said hearings would start tomorrow with Admiral Stark the first witness. He added he hoped to get this bill through the House by the end of this week.

1941 Budget, allocated contracts (previously reported) have been assigned with exception of one aircraft carrier to be built at Norfolk and one large seaplane tender. (H.R. 8026)

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German Battleship, SCHARNHORST, from best information is expected to be inoperative for several months from a certain hit by a 500 lb. bomb abaft her smoke stack.

Senate Appropriations, subcommittee today completed hearings on a \$1,706,053,908 supplemental national defense bill. This bill may be reported tomorrow. It is not indicated whether the total may be boosted above the House approved figure, but committee members indicated that a steep increase may be ordered. The measure calls for \$71,400,000 for commencement of work on the 11% naval expansion program; \$169,000,000 for speeding up of shipbuilding; \$329,800,000 for 3,000 airplanes. The measure proposes appropriations totalling \$1,381,917,147 and contract authorizations of \$324,136,761.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, announces a contract has been let to the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., for engines and airplanes totalling \$5,489,308.00.

Major General Commandant, spent the morning in Congress relative to legislation for the Marine Corps. Midshipman's Coastal Cruise, second class, will attend the races at Poughkeepsie tomorrow.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

18 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 17 June 141,345

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,882

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,682

Total 4,564

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 212

Aggregate Discharges " " " 32

Gain 180

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers 337

Staff Officers 114

Warrant Officers 33

Total 484

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 18 June:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	335	307
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	98
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	870	740

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	1080	1077	1077
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1531	1531

2.
Medical Corps, will hold examinations for commissions in the regular service on 19 August. An indefinite number can be chosen, but it is hoped to get 40 new assistant surgeons (lieutenants (j.g.)). As a result of the recent examinations held on 6 May, 47 candidates qualified for commissions as assistant surgeon, 22 of whom are internes in Naval Hospital at the present time.

Walter P. Murphy, of Chicago, has offered the Navy his yacht "Intrepid" for the consideration of \$1, according to a message received from his friend, James Roosevelt. Yacht is 265 feet long, diesel powered, fully equipped and said to be in perfect condition. It is now at New London, Conn., ready for delivery on any date agreeable to the government.

Naval Attache, London, wires request for adequate temporary refugee quarters for safety of personnel in the attache's office of the Embassy, part of whom are to be evacuated when ordered. Safety House would be rented in the region of Surrey.

Naval Reserve, Admissions for Corpus Christi will be made on the assumption that it will be ready about a year ahead of time to train aviation cadets. Funds have been asked for an increase of 807 aviation cadets, 2,269 being the

total named for entrance prior to this request. Funds have also been asked to fully implement local defense divisions (harbor defenses), which require increased personnel, both officers and enlisted men and increased facilities for drills and training duties (under local commanders of coastal areas). Funds have been asked to bring all reserve divisions up to 100 men each as compared with the present strength of 69. All volunteers now on the rolls will be trained. 435 additional officers for aviation cadet training plus 2300 men, and 500 additional officers for the fleet will probably be trained. There is a possibility of training 1700 additional enlisted men with the Fleet for a year, or 5000 on a 3 month's basis. It has also been requested that drills be increased from 48 to 60 a year for the organized reserve, and training periods, previously of 15 days duration be stepped up to something requiring from 3 to 6 months. Fire, broke out on a pier at the Submarine Base, New London. Damage is estimated at \$10,000. The pier can still be used.

Maritime Commission, has awarded contracts to the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company for the construction

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of 3 new tankers adaptable as naval auxiliaries, the commissions to pay the cost of national defense features incorporated in construction. House, Naval Affairs Committee began consideration of the new \$1,200,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill in secret session to protect confidential information submitted by Navy officials. Involved in consideration of the bill was the eventual disposition of the French Fleet, providing it is surrendered to Germany. Reason given for secret meeting was to allow Admiral Stark to speak with the fullest frankness. Admiral Stark recommended a 70% increase in the strength of the Fleet. Specifically, he recommended an increase of about 200 fighting ships and 100,000 tons of auxiliaries. The total authorized strength now built and building is 1,724,780 tons. When this program could be completed it would give the Navy 3,670,000 tons of overage and underage ships, far in excess of any other Navy in the world. The proposed increase would double the battle fleet. The increase was recommended to be divided into 385,000 tons of capital ships; 125,000 tons of airplane carriers; 420,000 tons of cruisers; 250,000 tons of destroyers; and 70,000 tons of submarines.

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 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
 19 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 18 June 142,457

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,924

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,699

Total 4,623

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 178

Aggregate Discharges " " " 125

Gain 53

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	484

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 18 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	335	307
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	870	740
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1077</u>	<u>1077</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1531	1531

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U.S.S. PHOENIX, (light cruiser) has been nominated by CINCUS to a request by the Chief of Operations that the former designate a vessel to visit Valparaiso and Callao for the purpose of cultivating friendly relations. PHOENIX if approved, will be ready to proceed on 20 June, fueling at Balboa. Approximate itinerary would be: at Balboa, 3-5 July, Valparaiso, 12-18 July, and Callao, 22-26 July.

Western Union, announces all communications with France have been suspended.

The Acting Secretary of Labor, Mr. MacLaughlin, conferred with the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, this morning.

PT-9, arrived in Washington, will go down the river on an inspection trip this afternoon. Mr. Compton, Admiral Van Keuren, and Captain Atkins will be aboard.

Bureau Supplies and Accounts, reports a contract has been made with the Westinghouse Electric Elevator Company for the design, development and manufacture of dies, tools, and fixtures to the value of \$495,000 for the manufacture of 1.1 gun mounts. (Restricted). A contract has been made with Karl L. Hermann for conducting tests on his 12 cylinder commercial type of engine for the purpose of determining its possibilities for aircraft use, including the

construction of a complete redesigned engine and endurance tests, manufacturing plans, drawings, etc., at a total cost of \$198,000. (Restricted)

Bureau of Navigation, has asked for an estimate of the total number of Class I-V(S) (Intelligence Officers) which will be required on active intelligence duties during the fiscal year 1940-41 under present conditions. The Office of Naval Intelligence has directed each of its branches to furnish its needs as soon as possible.

Naval Appropriations Act, 1941, contains a provision that no officer of the Navy or Marine Corps adjudged "fitted" shall be involuntarily retired during the limited emergency. This does not apply to officers who have failed to be adjudged "fitted", applications for voluntary retirement of "fitted" officers previously submitted are thus cancelled.

U.S.S. QUINCY, on friendly visit to South American waters will call next in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Naval Communications Service, S3018, bill to amend Section 210 of Communications Act of 1934 to permit volunteer service to the Navy by commercial companies in preparation for National Defense was passed yesterday. This

4. will be very helpful to Naval Communications Service in that it can request aid at any time from commercial companies. Admiral Noyes reports preliminary arrangements have been made so that Communications Office, Navy Department, could take control of any one of 6 Radio Corporation of America transmitters at Rocky Point, Long Island, in from 4 to 24 hours without previous notice. With previous notice this can be done in 1 hour by daylight or 3 hours in darkness. On 15 June, Radio Summit (Canal Zone) was secured for 6 hours to cut in a new sub-station. All normal communication was continued without interruption by emergency measures.

20 Naval Academy Graduates, Class of 1940, not issued commissions because of physical disqualification have been retained for active duty in the Naval Reserve, and after leave when and if they apply, will be assigned to shore duties only. The Superintendent of the Naval Academy has requested that 5 of these graduates be assigned to Annapolis as instructors.

Senate Appropriations Committee, reported out the

\$1,777,489,788 Supplemental Defense Bill carrying

\$588,233,170 for the Navy.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
20 June 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 19 June 1,664

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,924

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,699

Total 4,623

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 267

Aggregate Discharges " " " 80

Gain 187

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>484</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 19 June:

	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	106
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	85	85
Miscellaneous	335	335	307
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>740</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1077</u>	<u>1077</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1531</u>	<u>1531</u>

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Recruiting Activities for week ending 14 June:

Number of Applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1875	
Number of first enlistments	1269
Number of reenlistments within three months (continuous service)	87
Number of reenlistments under broken service .	31
..... Total Enlistments	1387

Marine Corps, Enlisted strength as of 19 June was 25,810.

Bureau of Aeronautics, It is interesting to note that although the Navy has been employing dive bombing for some fifteen years as an effective means of attack, the Army appears to have just become interested. At the request of the Chief of the Air Corps a demonstration of dive bombing was given to a group of Air Corps officers and the Bureau of Aeronautics has been requested to include, in its next order of dive bombers, 150 airplanes of that type for the Air Corps.

It appears entirely practicable to so attach a small or moderate size tank to a large glider that it can be towed behind a large four-engine airplane, released at altitude, glide down to a landing field, release itself from the glider and keep right on going. It is not beyond the realm of probability that this scheme may be employed if and when the Germans attempt an invasion of England.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, contract has been awarded as follows: For the construction of a breakwater at the Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, C.Z. on a cost plus fixed fee basis to Frederick Snare Corporation, New York, New York. The estimated amount of the contract is \$2,340,000.00.

Non-Rigid Airships, Included in recent legislation enacted by Congress is authorization for 48 non-rigid airships for coastal patrol. The Naval Expansion Act of 1938 included authorization for a training rigid airship of 3,000,000 cubic feet capacity, or about the size of the LOS ANGELES, recently scrapped.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, All commodity price index as of 15 June was 77.4, no change since a week ago.

Bureau Medicine and Surgery, is preparing to provide hospital supplies and equipment for a hospital ship as soon as it is made available. One 500 bed mobile hospital is being planned, probably to be installed at Guantanamo, consisting of temporary buildings, but mostly under canvas. It was conceived as a practical basic unit which could be expanded to as many as might be required by War Plans. Proposed compliment is 20 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 Chief Pharmacists, 176 hospital corpsmen, and 83 non-medical person-

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nel composed of navy ratings, for upkeep.

Midshipmen's Cruise, will be modified to return to Annapolis on 15 August in view of earlier graduation of the 1st Class, probably in February 1941. The second midshipmen's coastal cruise (second class) will return to Annapolis about 13 August.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, (previously reported) has been designated to visit South American ports and will leave Lahaina on 20 June.

Bureau of Navigation, is assigning to a 3 months course at Submarine School, New London, those officers of the Naval Reserve who apply and meet physical requirements. On completion of course they will be assigned to duty on submarines if they request it.

Supplemental Army and Navy Appropriation Bill, for \$1,777-489,788, was approved by the Senate and sent back to the House for final action.

Senate Committee, on Naval Affairs reported the bill to expedite the shipbuilding program. It refused to yield on sections which would limit profits on naval contracts to 7%. The bill would permit negotiated contracts. It also provides exceeding limitations on working hours when time and a half is paid for over 40 hours per week.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

21 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 20 June 142,829

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 2,979

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,702

Total 4,681

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 298

Aggregate Discharges " " " 171

Gain 127

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>484</u>

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

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	82	81
Miscellaneous	335	335	323
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	144
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>753</u>

<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	340
Communications	120	114	114
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1077</u>	<u>1077</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1531</u>	<u>1531</u>

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New Aircraft Carrier, The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton, announced this morning that the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, had been designated to commence construction on an aircraft carrier, which was authorized by the Act of May 17, 1938 and appropriated for in the Navy Department Appropriation Bill for 1941. The estimated cost of this vessel, without armor, armament, and ammunition, is \$48,000,000 and approximate standard displacement 25,000 tons. Work will start immediately and it is expected that this vessel will be completed within forty-eight months.

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

Extension to building No. 159 at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., awarded to the George Hyman Construction Company, of Washington, D.C., for \$322,000. Time of completion, 200 days.

Steam distribution system at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to the Industrial Heating and Plumbing Company of St. Joseph, Mo. for \$193,863. Time of completion, 210 days.

Temporary quarters for non-commissioned officers at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, awarded to Victor

Beauchamp, Inc., of Washington, D.C., for \$50,292. Time of completion, 120 days.

Kitchen and bakery equipment at the Naval Submarine Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone -- kitchen equipment awarded to the Federal Manufacturing Company of Brooklyn, N.Y. for \$41,827; bakery equipment awarded to the I.J. White Company of New York for \$21,685. Time of completion, 150 days.

Laundry equipment at the Naval Submarine Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, awarded to the Ellis Drier Company of Chicago for \$52,847. Time of completion, 150 days.

The Norwegian Minister, Mr. Morgenstierne, called on the Assistant Secretary and the Chief of Naval Operations to introduce Commander Riiser-Larsen, New Norwegian Naval Attache.

Chairman Walsh, of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee declared himself against giving aid to the Allies. He told the Senate he would resign his post rather than vote for U.S. entry into anything except a defensive war. The theory of aiding the Allies by means short of war, he declared, is risky and may lead to a point where war is "inescapable -- unavoidable".

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Commander Squadron 40-T, has been ordered to send a completely fueled destroyer at once to Bilbao to report to Ambassador Biddle and to carry him and party to any port that he may designate. When this duty is completed destroyer will request the Chief of Operations for further orders.

S.S. WASHINGTON, docked in New York today and discharged 1787 men, women, and children.

Admiral Samuel L. Robinson, was nominated by the President as Chief of the Bureau of Naval Construction provided in the reorganization bill.

Columbia Broadcasting System, picked up an Italian short-wave newscast today quoting the German Official News Agency as saying that the Germans have captured 400 airplanes which had just arrived from America, and 2000 motors complete with plans for mounting.

French Battleships, CLEMENCEAU and RICHELIEU, of 35,000 tons, have fallen into German hands, Der Angriff asserted. There was no official confirmation of the report. The newspaper asserted that when German troops entered Brest they found the battleships still at the French building yards there. This is opposed to previous reports received here.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

24 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 22 June 143,258

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,059

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,716

Total 4,775

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 285

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 133

Gain 152

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>484</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 22 June:

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	84	82
Miscellaneous	335	335	333
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	145
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>765</u>

	Number <u>Allowed</u>	Number <u>Obligated</u>	Number <u>Ordered</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	70
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1104</u>	<u>955</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1558</u>	<u>1135</u>

2.
The Assistant Secretary, Mr. Compton flew his flag on the yacht VAMARIE at Annapolis yesterday, probably the first time this flag has ever been flown from a sailing ship.
H.R. 9822, has passed both houses and has gone to the President. It provides for contracts on a cost plus fixed fee basis, 7% profit on negotiated contracts, and 8% profit on competitive contracts.

U.S.S. CLEVELAND (CL55), keel will be laid at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. on 1 July.

U.S.S. LANSDALE (DD426), Commandant Boston recommends that 1 October be set as a tentative date for commissioning. Date of completion after all tests is estimated for 1 November. By use of shifts, commissioning could be advanced about two weeks, on 15 September.

PG449, (second of the 110 foot subchasers), Luders Marine Construction Company requests presence of Board of Inspection and Survey for acceptance trials on 9 July, at which time she will be virtually completed.

U.S.S. PATOKA (oiler), is at Navy Yard, Norfolk for repairs to engines said to be in bad condition, until about 1 August. Regular overhaul period from 22 July to 22 September will be postponed to the end of the year in or-

der that her services may be used until that time. 2.

U.S.S. RHIND (DD404), STACK (DD406), and HUGHES (DD410), on completion of test torpedo firings at Newport will proceed to Norfolk and will report to CinCUS for duty on arrival.

U.S.S. VINCENT, TRUXTON, and SIMPSON, when ready for sea on 25 June will proceed to Hampton Roads area and report to Commander Atlantic Squadron for resumption of regular duties.

French Fleet, may not be very sympathetic to the British, according to best advices from Bordeaux. Strong anti-British feeling is growing. The majority of the Navy is believed to favor terms. Demobilization with 3 months pay is planned to take effect with the armistice. Air reserves are being demobilized, the Air Force having flown to Africa via Corsica. Only a few pursuit planes remain in France.

U.S.S. WICHITA, will probably arrive Montevideo on 29 June if diplomatic arrangements can be made.

Naval Reserves, It is projected to train 5,000 future ensigns (deck officers) at sea on WYOMING, TEXAS, ARKANSAS, and NEW YORK for one month, followed by 3 months at Anna-

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polis, or on U.S.S. ILLINOIS.

Admiralty, London, announced that the British had accounted for the seventh Italian Submarine sunk since Italy entered the war on 10 June.

S.S. NORMANDIE, the only large French ship in the New York area, will remain at her Hudson River pier for the present, it was said at the French Consulate-General. It was reported that the NORMANDIE might be taken over by the U.S. under a like action pending against her.

Bureau Medicine and Surgery, School for flight surgeons embodying the basic course in aviation medicine and indoctrination flight training has been established at the naval air station at Pensacola, Florida. The first regular class will report for instruction July 15. The school will provide training leading to one of two designations: (a) Naval Flight Surgeon; and (b) Qualified Aviation Medical Examiner. The designation "Naval Flight Surgeon" will be restricted to those medical officers who complete a prescribed course of indoctrination flight training in addition to their basic training in aviation medicine. The designation "Qualified Aviation Medical Examiner" will pertain to those officers who complete the basic course in aviation medicine but who do not complete the indoctrination flight instruction. The basic course in aviation medicine will comprise about eight weeks of training, and will be virtually the same for both designations. The indoctrination flight instruction will consist of about six to eight weeks of flight training, to be followed by a further short period of practical instruction in the performance of the duties of a flight surgeon, particularly with regard to the conduction of flight physical examinations.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

25 June 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 24 June 143,504

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,059

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,716

Total 4,775

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 320

Aggregate Discharges " " " 73

Gain 247

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	33
<u>Total</u>	484

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

	Number Allowed	Number Obligated	Number Ordered
<u>Officers</u>			
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	84	82
Miscellaneous	335	335	333
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg)			
with Fleet	200	200	145
Merchant Marine and			
Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	98
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	869	765

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	70
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	1080	1104	955
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1558	1135

2.
Ammunition Storage Dump, to cost about \$3,000,000 and located in Tennessee is being considered. Three sites are under scrutiny.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, placed orders with four different firms for copper in amount of \$395,375.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, contracts have been awarded as follows:

For Pumping Plant for Dry Dock No. 4 at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, has been awarded to Fred J. Early, Jr., Co., 369 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, for \$21,663. Time, 210 calendar days.

For repairs to Quay Wall and Pier at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, has been awarded to Kansas City Bridge Company, Kansas City, Missouri, for \$163,266. Time, 150 calendar days.

For Administration Building at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia (Reserve Base), Washington, D.C., has been awarded to Oscar M. Stanley, Inc., 366 Madison Street, New York, for \$155,500. Time, 150 calendar days.

TNT Loading Bombs and Depth Charges at Hawthorne, Nevada,
In order to get into operation the loading facilities for bombs and depth charges in addition to those at Yorktown, Virginia, the Bureau of Ordnance has ordered the starting of the loading plant at Hawthorne. They will load 4,200,000 pounds of TNT into 5000 depth charges and 7000 bombs, completing next spring.

Marine Corps, Total Enlisted personnel as of 15 June is

26,126.

Cunard Line, information confirms the loss of the GEORGIC and FRANCONIA. The same source states that 2,000 were lost on the LANCASTRIA. An unconfirmed rumor had previously indicated that the GEORGIC had been sunk. Lloyds lists the GEORGIC as 27,759 gross tons, the FRANCONIA, 20,175 gross tons, and the LANCASTRIA, 16,243 gross tons.

Bureau Medicine and Surgery, Captain Sheldon relieves Captain Sutton, Assistant Surgeon General, tomorrow.

British Admiralty, announced today that during the week ended 16 June, British, allied, and neutral shipping lost as a result of enemy action, 107,386 tons. Losses included 10 British ships, totalling 52,642 tons, 8 allied ships totalling 31,574 tons, and 6 neutral ships totalling 23,170 tons. Losses by Britain and her allies of 84,316 tons, were the heaviest of any week of the war, due mainly to casualties resulting from the evacuation of Narvik. Submarines, mines and aerial bombs all contributed to the losses.

Shipbuilders, from all over the country are in conference today at the Navy Department over the building program.

Bureau of Ships, Under the Act for providing reorganization

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of the Navy Department there is provision for placing all
equipment not including technical ordnance material under
the Bureau of Ships as of 1 July 1940.

British Naval Attache, Rear Admiral Poits, just reporting
for duty at the Embassy in Washington paid his respects
at the Navy Department. He stated that it had been found
necessary for destroyers to have adequate air defense.
Old destroyers without air defense had suffered the most
in battle, whereas new destroyers had stood up well. He
stressed the British need of more destroyers and small
boats.

Drydock YFD-2, will be completely reassembled by 2 July
and ready for towing to Pearl Harbor.

U.S.S. WILLIAM WARD BURROWS, upon completion of conver-
sion work will depart Norfolk on 9 July for the West
Coast after loading equipment for Alameda, California.
Tentative schedule would have her depart Alameda for
Midway Island on 23 August.

Priority on contracts, will need to be worked out between
the Army and Navy on service requirements in conjunction
with the Knudson committee. Machinery is being set up
to take care of the Navy Department's end.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

26 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 25 June 143,628

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,059

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,716

..... Total 4,775

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 149

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 25

..... Gain 124

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>484</u>

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement
of neutrality patrol as of 25 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	84	82
Miscellaneous	335	335	333
Ens. and Lieuts. (jg) with Fleet	200	200	145
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>765</u>
<u>Men</u>			
District Patrol Planes	340	340	70
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	<u>1080</u>	<u>1104</u>	<u>955</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>1540</u>	<u>1558</u>	<u>1135</u>

Recruiting Activities for week ending 21 June:

Number of applicants accepted for first enlistment, 1951

Number of first enlistments 1116

Number of reenlistments within three months
(continuous service) .. 96

Number of reenlistments under broken service . 39

Total Enlistments 1251

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, has awarded the following

contracts: For engines and aircraft, to Aviation Manufacturing Corp., Williamsport, Penna., in the amount of

\$1,541,448.80. For engines and aircraft, to Continental Motors Corp., Muskegon, Mich., in the amount of \$1,442,275;

For airplanes and spare parts, to Stearman Aircraft (division of Boeing), Wichita, Kansas, in the amount of

\$3,779,628.

Rear Admiral Robinson, was sworn in this morning as Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

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

Apartment buildings at the Submarine Base, Coco Solo, C.Z. awarded to the McCarthy Brothers Construction Co. of St. Louis, Mo. for \$829,529. Time of completion, 290 days.

Landplane hangars at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif. awarded to Robert E. McKee of Los Angeles, Calif., for \$1,149,000. Time of completion, 330 days.

Protection of insulation Naval Experimental Model Basin

Carderock, Md., awarded to the Hudson Supply and Equipment Co., of Washington, D.C., for \$61,085. Time of completion, 92 days.

Superstructure for extension of machine shop building at the Philadelphia Navy Yard awarded to Ralph S. Herzog of Philadelphia, Pa., for \$217,890. Time of completion, 180 days.

Shipbuilding docks at Norfolk and Philadelphia, to Spencer, White and Prentis, Foley Bros., Inc., and Merritt, Chapman, and Scott Corp., estimated contract price, \$16,175,000.

Corpus Christi Air Station, to a combination of Brown and Root, Inc., W.S. Bellows, and Columbia Construction Co., for \$23,300,000.

U.S.S. HANNIBAL (auxiliary), is being retained in commission as the degaussing test ship.

Panama Canal, Destroyers are requested by the Commander, Panama Canal, to guard the Army mine field, one to be located at the Atlantic entrance and one in the Pacific. In the local defense forces neither destroyers or other types of vessels are available.

S.S. MONTEREY, President J.B. Bryan of the American Ship-owners Association has advised that the passenger and cargo liner MONTEREY, bound for Hawaii, Samoa, and Australia with 300 members of the crew and 700 passengers plus full cargo including considerable shipments of naval stores for Samoa and U.S. mail lies in San Francisco harbor unable to sail for lack of radio operators. The union claims it is

unable to secure operators to fill positions. Union contract gives preference to union men, but also permits employment of others if union men are not available. President Bryan has urgently requested that Navy furnish regular Navy radio operators for this voyage only at ship's expense, permitting ship to proceed so that national defense be protected, U.S. mail and commerce be not interrupted.

Wage Board Hearings, Captain Furer reports that data collected to date do not, in general, justify a raise in pay for Navy Yard workmen, though there are a few trades where such justification exists due to Navy Yard wages being lower than those in private industries, especially where local contractors and intermittent workers are taken into consideration. Relations at hearings have been friendly with both the C.I.O. and A.F. of L. representatives. The Navy, in general, has 3 grades of wages (example, 96, 102, 108 cents an hour) for different trades. Comparisons have been made with the middle grade in all cases. Labor unions would like the comparisons with only the highest grade, intermediate and lowest being abolished, and pay only the maximum. Hearings are continuing.

Add MONTEREY, Maritime Commission is handling the situation and Navy Department is watching it.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
27 June 1940

<u>Total Enlisted Strength</u> , 26 June	143,946
<u>Fleet Reservists</u> (Enlisted) on active duty ...	3,142
<u>Other Reservists</u>	1,744
<u>Total</u>	4,886
<u>Aggregate Enlistments</u> (last 24 hours)	304
<u>Aggregate Discharges</u>	97
<u>Gain</u>	207

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers	337
Staff Officers	114
Warrant Officers	33
<u>Total</u>	484

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement of neutrality patrol as of 26 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	84	82
Miscellaneous	335	335	333
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.)			
with Fleet	200	200	145
Merchant Marine and			
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<u>Men</u>			
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Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	1080	1104	955
<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1558	1135

Navy Personnel, as of 26 June:

Officers - Regular Navy	10,817
Officers - Naval Reserve	14,226
Aviation Cadets (Naval Reserve)	574
Enlisted Men (Naval Reserve)	40,240
Officers - Regular Marine Corps	1,433
Enlisted Men - Regular Marine Corps	26,067
Officers - Reserve Marine Corps	1,145
Aviation Cadets - Reserve Marine Corps	42
Enlisted Men - Reserve Marine Corps	14,956
Officers and Enlisted Men U.S.M.C., retired	1,358

U.S.S. ALBEMARLE (seaplane tender) will be launched on 13 July at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, N.J. Mrs. Compton is the sponsor.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, All commodity price index for week ending 22 June was 77.1, off .3 from the previous week.

R.C.A. Communications, seem to be progressing satisfactorily with their labor troubles in New York and San Francisco, traffic conditions moving normally without outside assistance.

Code and Signal Publications, Numbers 937 and 938 have now been distributed to practically every operating shipping company. There are now only 6 of well over 300 companies and lines which have not been accounted for and are still being checked. Publications have been issued to over 150

companies and the publications section of Naval Communications feels that the distribution is practically complete. Publications are now in the hands of operating companies for practically every vessel of 2,000 or more gross tons. Reports have been received from approximately 75 percent of vessels that publications are aboard. Further improvement is expected.

U.S.S. WICHITA, is en route to Montevideo from Rio de Janeiro, where she will join the QUINCY.

Naval Reserve, Response to order to train 5,000 ensigns in a 4 months course is expected to be great. From immediate sources applications are expected to be great in quantity.

The first 90 day cruise for reserve midshipmen will be conducted in the U.S.S. ILLINOIS at New York beginning on or about 17 August, commencing on completion of the first cruise in the WYOMING, commencing 16 July.

U.S.S. IOWA (BB55), keel was laid this morning at the Navy Yard, New York.

U.S.S. DICKERSON (DD157), at Bilbao, reports part of Ambassador Biddle's party is there, but that the Ambassador has not yet arrived.

Canadian War Industries, Great Britain is planning to build

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plants or extensions for 35 Canadian war industries at a cost of \$50,000,000, the Munition and Supply department in Ottawa announced. Orders have been placed for one year's supply of the Plants' output, valued at \$250,000,000. The British Government is purchasing Canadian foodstuffs and raw materials. These are expected to amount to \$400,000,000 during the first year of the war. 764 war contracts, amounting to \$10,813,041 were placed during the past week.

4 Large French Warships, passed through Gibraltar and into the Atlantic yesterday according to a report from Tangier. French Foreign Minister, Paul Baudoin, said today none of the American made airplanes shipped to France will fall in- to German hands. Relations with the U.S. continue in clos- est unity, he added. American airplanes will be disarmed, dismantled, and stored in warehouses under joint German and French control.

Supplemental Defense Bill, was signed by the President to- day. It will give the Navy money for starting construction on 68 new warships.

Red Cross Vessels, carrying relief for European War re- fugees will not be barred from belligerent waters under the neutrality act.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

28 June 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 27 June 144,092

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,142

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,744

Total 4,886

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 281

Aggregate Discharges " " " 135

Gain 146

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 15 June:

Line Officers 337

Staff Officers 114

Warrant Officers 33

Total 484

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 27 June:

	Number	Number	Number
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	107
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	84	82
Miscellaneous	335	335	333
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.)			
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<u>Total Men</u>	1540	1558	1135

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Admiral Leahy, former Chief of Operations, today predicted that the U.S. Fleet would ultimately turn up in the Atlantic. He emphasized that he was merely voicing his own guess and that he had not received any inside information at an earlier conference with the President. "I think the fleet sooner or later will be in the Atlantic, for that is where we are going to need it," he said. He added that under normal fleet cruising speed of about 16 knots, it would require about 10 days for the battle fleet and its train to cruise from Hawaii to Balboa.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, contracts have been awarded as follows:

For Roads and Walks at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to M.C. Caddell, Jacksonville, Florida, for \$149,522. Time, 150 calendar days.

For Dispensary, Commanding Officer's Quarters, and Gate House at the Naval Air Station, Duval County, Jacksonville, Florida, to E. and E.J. Pfozter, Philadelphia, Pa., for \$214,110. Time, 240 calendar days.

For Cold Room in the Gun Assembly Shop, at the Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., to Norair Engineering Corp., 1124 - 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., for \$16,427. Time, 120 calendar days.

For Boathouse at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to W. M. Whitmire, Jacksonville, Florida, for \$39,997. Time, 120 calendar days.

U.S.S. LARAMIE (oiler), was placed in ordinary commission

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on 26 June at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, and was towed to Robin's Drydock Company for recommissioning work. The MATTOLE (oiler) was placed in ordinary commission on 26 June and was towed to the Maryland Drydock Company, Baltimore, for recommissioning work. The KAWEAH (oiler) was placed in ordinary commission on 28 June and was towed to the plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, Brooklyn, for recommissioning work. With the 12 submarines towed to New London and Portsmouth and the 5 destroyers towed (2 to New York and 3 to Norfolk), completion of towing work from Philadelphia to recommissioning yards was accomplished.

The Second Japanese Fleet, is reported near Saipan or Yap according to best available information. One airplane carrier and 18 cruisers are near the island of Palau at maneuvers and landing marines. The reason is, apparently, to prevent the U.S. Navy from landing support to the Indies. This information was received from the Dutch Intelligence at Batavia by way of the British in Manila. Regular Officers, of the Navy and Marine Corps will be examined for promotion on their records during the emergency. The usual promotion examinations requiring as long as 10 days to complete, in certain grades, interfere with

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urgent work of training new personnel and expansion, so temporary suspension has been ordered. The regular physical examination will be taken as usual. This order does not apply to candidates for warrant officer in the regular service.

French Fleet, Efforts to rally resistance against Germany in the French Empire and to salvage part of the French Fleet to carry on the war at sea appeared today to be ending in failure. French Colonial Commanders in North Africa, the Near East and Indo China were reported to have acted in line with the armistice negotiated by the French Government of Marshal Petain.

Allied Purchasing Commissions, said today approximately 3,000 warplanes of the 9,512 contracted for have been shipped to Europe. Great Britain has assumed all French contracts for American planes. Nearly half of the 9,512 planes have been delivered; that is, turned over to Allied officials here. French orders had totalled 4,934 and British orders now stand at 4,578 planes.

Canadian Destroyer FRAZIER, was sunk off Bordeaux, according to advices from Ottawa. 45 men were lost. The Admiralty announced that a British submarine had sunk a German transport of about 8,000 tons off the south Coast of Norway.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1 July 1940

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Total Enlisted Strength, 29 June 144,824

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,531

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,749

Total 5,280

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 338

Aggregate Discharges " " " " 108

Gain 230

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

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

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 30 June:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number Allowed</u>	<u>Number Obligated</u>	<u>Number Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	111
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	71	68
Miscellaneous	335	566	382
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	151
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	104
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	1087	816

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	69
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	2290	1104	957
<u>Total Men</u>	2750	1558	1136

2. New Naval Construction, totalling 193,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$414,000,000, covering 11 cruisers, 20 destroyers, 13 submarines, and 1 large seaplane tender, was announced today by the Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, under the National Defense Appropriation Bill. Negotiated contracts, cost not including armament, armor, ammunition, or propelling machinery for submarines, follow:

Electric Boat Company, New London, Conn.
13 submarines at \$2,795,000 each.

Bethlehem Steel Company, Quincy, Mass.
4 cruisers at \$23,618,000 each
4 cruisers at \$18,573,000 each

Bethlehem Steel Company, Union Iron Works Plant
2 destroyers at \$5,977,000 each

Bethlehem Steel Company, Staten Island Plant
2 destroyers at \$7,431,000 each

New York Shipbuilding Corp., Camden, N.J.
3 cruisers at \$18,657,800 each

Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Kearney, N.J.
6 destroyers at \$7,159,700 each
2 destroyers at \$8,500,000 each
2 destroyers at \$5,277,000 each.

Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine
6 destroyers at \$6,813,200 each.

The additional award of one seaplane tender (large) authorized by the 1941 Appropriation Bill was given to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, at a

cost of \$14,260,500. Contract for 3 aircraft carriers and 2 cruisers has been temporarily withheld pending negotiations with shipbuilding companies. This is the fourth award of ship construction within the past three weeks. Previous awards authorized starting construction on 42 naval vessels.

YFD-2, and task group (CAPELLO, NAVAJO, and PLATTE) expect to depart Balboa for Pearl Harbor on 9 July. Towing is estimated to take 45 days; distance is 4692 miles.

U.S.S. GILLIS (DD260) and GREENE (DD266), were placed in commission in ordinary on 28 June at Destroyer Base, San Diego.

U.S.S. STACK (DD406), HUGHES (DD410), and NOA (DD343) reported to CinCUS for duty in Atlantic Squadron.

U.S.S. GOLDSBOROUGH (DDL88), converted into a seaplane tender, was recommissioned at Navy Yard, New York, today.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, announces the following awards:

For Buildings at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, to Moore & Roberts, San Francisco, California, for \$427,324. Time: Officers' quarters and gate house, 240 calendar days and Recreational building, 300 calendar days. For Roads, Walks, Paving, and Service Connections, Naval Aviation Patrol Base, Floyd Bennett Field, Long Island, N.Y., to Gould & Kress, Inc., New York City, for \$93,640. Time, 90 calendar days.

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For Improvements to Shipways #3, at the Navy Yard, Phila., Pa., to Duffy Construction Corp., New York City, for \$215,000. Time, 240 calendar days.

For Bachelor Officers' Quarters and Administration Building, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to T. A. Loving & Co., Goldsboro, N.C. for \$767,500. Time, 270 calendar days.

For Superstructure, Assembly and Repair Shop, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, to Doyle & Russell, Richmond, Virginia, for \$772,160. Time, 240 calendar days.

For Exhausters, Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa., to Ingersoll-Rand Company, Philadelphia, for \$132,750. Time, 180 calendar days.

U.S.S. WALKER (DD416) and WAINWRIGHT (DD419) will each take 1 officer and 50 marines on board in Hampton Roads before departure for Rio Janeiro, arriving there 19 July. Marines will then board QUINCY and WICHITA to be added to Marine Guards.

Naval Net Depot, Tiburon, California, will be placed in an active status as of 1 July and its designation changed from fuel to net depot under cognizance of the Bureau of Ordnance.

Mine Fields, Balboa and Cristobal have passages 1000 feet wide at present free of obstruction in axis of Canal channel.

German Motor Ship, HAVELLAND, 6,334 gross tons, is reported to have departed Manzanillo, Mexico, on 27 June for an unknown destination, thought by some authorities to be Vladivostok.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
2 July 1940

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Personnel
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Total Enlisted Strength, 1 July 144,996

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,531

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,749

Total 5,280

Aggregate Enlistments (last 48 hours) 230

Aggregate Discharges " " " 56

Gain 174

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

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

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

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Allowed</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Obligated</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	111
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	71	68
Miscellaneous	335	566	382
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	151
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>104</u>
<u>Total Officers</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>1087</u>	<u>816</u>

Men

District Patrol Planes	340	340	69
Communications	120	114	110
Miscellaneous	<u>2290</u>	<u>1104</u>	<u>957</u>
<u>Total Men</u>	<u>2750</u>	<u>1558</u>	<u>1136</u>

2. Bureau of Yards and Docks, reports a cost plus fixed fee contract for two shipbuilding docks at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, and the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., has been negotiated with a combination of Spencer, White and Prentiss; Foley Brothers, Inc.; and Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation. The estimated contract cost is \$17,000,000. The following Yards and Docks contract awards have been made:

Completion of fuel system at the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa., awarded to Warren J. Cathcart, of Philadelphia, Pa., for \$50,678. Time of completion, 150 days.

Superstructure for Assembly and Repair Shop at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, awarded to Doyle and Russell of Richmond, Virginia, for \$772,160. Time of completion, 240 days.

Roads and exterior services for Officers Quarters area at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, awarded to Maguire and Hester of Oakland, California, for \$84,447. Time of completion, 180 days.

Operations building and Control Tower at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, awarded to the Martinelli Construction Co., of San Francisco for \$158,000. Time of completion, 150 days.

Propelling Machinery, The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Compton, announced today that the following negotiated contracts for propelling machinery for Navy Ships have been awarded at a total cost of \$17,634,521 - engines, diesel

for Submarines:

The General Motors Corp., Cleveland Diesel Engine Div., 13 for Submarines, at \$720,000 each.

Fairbanks, Morse Company, 5 for Submarines at \$870,000 each

Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Co., 4 for Submarines at \$939,328 each, plus \$167,209 for a spare main engine generator set.

S.S. MONTEREY, strike (previously reported) of radiomen is settled.

Radio Corporation, Communications strike in New York City was settled last night. All operators have returned to work.

U.S.S. OMAHA, was tracked all the way to Europe by Naval Communications.

U.S.S. BARRY (DD248), has been directed to proceed to Bilbao, Spain, to relieve the DICKERSON, arriving there in the forenoon of 3 July.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, arrived at Balboa, enroute to Valparaiso, and Callao.

The Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, will be on the air tonight in the interests of the reserve midshipmen's training program from 6:30 - 6:45 E.S.T., on the N.B.C. Red Network, and from 9:15 - 9:30 E.S.T., on the Columbia Network.

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Marine Corps, total enlisted strength, is 26,686 as of 2 July.

S.S. SEA ARROW, taken over from the Maritime Commission will be reconditioned as a seaplane tender and renamed TANGIER. She will be placed in ordinary commission on 8 July at Moore's Shipyard, San Francisco.

Allied Sinkings, Germany sank 192,911 tons of British, allied, and neutral shipping during the week ended 24 June. Of this total 30,446 tons of British and 33,020 tons of neutral shipping were lost in operations off the French Coast, including embarkation of the British Expeditionary Force. British sources said German claim of sinking a British cruiser of the ORION Class was without foundation. The ORION is 7,215 tons, carries 8-6" guns, 8-4" A.A. guns, and 8-21" torpedo tubes.

Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, A contract has been awarded Willis & Geiger, Inc., for Winter, Aviators' Flying Suits at a total cost of \$243,576.50. Bids are being opened in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts today for a large quantity of blankets; these include 450 white, wool, type B; 50,000 white, wool, type D; 6,000 hospital; 4,500 green, wool and 10,000 jersey blankets.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

3 July 1940

*File Personnel
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Total Enlisted Strength, 2 July 145,150

Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,531

Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,749

Total 5,280

Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 166

Aggregate Discharges " " " 12

Gain 154

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Contracts awarded - Five Naval Vessels, The Acting Secretary, Mr. Compton, announced that negotiated contracts for the construction of five naval vessels appropriated for by the first Supplemental National Defense Act of 1941 were awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company at Newport News. The awards, amounting to \$169,530,000, were for the following vessels: 3 aircraft carriers at \$43,662,000 each, and 2 cruisers at \$19,272,500 each. This brings the total number of ships on which construction has been started during the past three weeks to 92 naval vessels. The types of vessels included in this group are: 2 battleships, 4 aircraft carriers, 15 cruisers, 38 destroyers, 28 submarines, 1 submarine tender, 1 seaplane tender (large), 2 seaplane tenders (small), 1 minesweeper, a total of 92. The total tonnage involved in this project amounts to 499,435 tons. The estimated cost of these vessels is \$1,140,000,000. With the award of these five contracts this morning, construction has been started on all combatant vessels of the Navy, authorized and appropriated for, to date, by Congress.

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Naval Reserve medical units throughout the country have been recently increased

from 99 to 110.

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Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, School for instruction of Supply Corps Reserve officers will start at Georgetown University on 8 July. To date approximately 65 officers of the Organized and General Service Classifications have applied for instruction. On graduation, officers will go to sea and to Naval Districts as Assistant Disbursing Officers.

Hearings, on S10100 will be held today with Admiral Stark appearing before the committee.

U.S.S. BOWDITCH, was placed in full commission on 1 July at the Navy Yard, Norfolk.

U.S.S. R-12 and R-16, were placed in ordinary commission on 1 July at New London, Conn.

U.S.S. S-24 and S-26, returned to full commission on 1 July at New London.

U.S.S. CLEVELAND (light cruiser), keel was laid on 1 July at Camden, New Jersey.

Rear Admiral Dubose, has been appointed as Admiral Land's assistant to coordinate shipbuilding between the Bureau of Ships and the Committee of National Defense.

Colonel Sanders, retired marine quartermaster, will act

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in the interests of the Marine Corps as assistant to the Purchasing Commission with Mr. Nelson.

U.S.S. BALLARD (DD267) and THORNTON (DD270), arrived at the Bethlehem Steel Company's Union plant, San Francisco, on 29 June, for conversion into seaplane tenders (small). Auxiliaries, \$41,000,000 has been approved for auxiliaries in recent bills. It is believed the second deficiency appropriation will ask for \$160,000,000 more so that within two years there will have been acquired, completed, or in the advance stages of construction, 500 auxiliary vessels for the Navy.

Senate Naval Affairs Committee, is considering today the 70 percent Naval Expansion Bill.

New Supplementary Defense Program, will be sent to Congress early next week containing \$4,000,000 for the Army and \$1,000,000 for the Navy.

Colonel Knox, was approved by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee today to be Secretary of the Navy.

S.S. WASHINGTON, is due to arrive at Galway, Ireland, tonight. A passenger list of 1,500 as compared with an emergency capacity of 1,926 has been announced. WASHINGTON will sail for home from Galway on 5 July.

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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

5 July 1940

Total Enlisted Strength, 3 July 145,255
Fleet Reservists (Enlisted) on active duty ... 3,531
Other Reservists " " " " ... 1,749
Total 5,280
Aggregate Enlistments (last 24 hours) 287
Aggregate Discharges " " " " 82
Gain 205

Retired Officers returned to active duty as of 1 July:

Line Officers 412
Staff Officers 134
Warrant Officers 34
Total 580

Naval Reservists ordered to active duty for enforcement

of neutrality patrol as of 2 July:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Ordered</u>
Aviation Instructors	150	150	111
District Patrol Planes	0	0	0
Naval Intelligence	85	71	68
Miscellaneous	335	566	382
Ens. and Lieuts. (j.g.) with Fleet	200	200	151
Merchant Marine and Lieut. D-V(G)	100	100	104
<u>Total Officers</u>	870	1087	816
<u>Men</u>			
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U.S.S. DICKERSON, reports there are 500 Americans at Bilbao, Spain, who desire evacuation to the United States. Reports have been received that Bilbao is probably mined and one floating mine has been sighted, which would indicate a risk if the S.S. MANHATTAN were to call at Bilbao. More than 100 Americans stranded at Bilbao are receiving aid from the American Red Cross.

Commander Atlantic Squadron, has ordered destroyer division 68 (Branch (F), HUNT, MASON, and SATTERLEE) to relieve the WYOMING for reserve cruises.

U.S.S. TRIPPE (DD403) and RHIND (DD404), will report to Commander Atlantic Squadron for duty on 6 July.

Naval Reserve Cruise, Six destroyers (SWASEY, MEADE, EDWARDS, AULICK, LAUB, McLANAHAN) will not visit Havana, Cuba, from 13 - 15 July as scheduled, due to Cuban National Election being held at that time.

Naval Communications Service, has been informed that the expected strike of Press Wireless employees has been called off and a new labor contract signed.

British Convoys, the loss of French assistance in protecting convoys is being replaced by units of the British Fleet.

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The German Government, in a formal note has rejected this country's warning to keep hands off the Western Hemisphere, though Germany professed to have indicated no desire to seek territory here. Berlin indicated that the principles of the Monroe Doctrine and the respect for same should be coupled with non-interference in European affairs on the part of American republics. Algeciras, Spain, states in a report that a French airplane dropped bombs on Gibraltar this morning, apparently in anger over the British-French fleet engagements.

French Council, of ministers decided today to break off diplomatic relations with Great Britain as a result of the Oran naval engagement, it was announced officially at Vichy, provisional French capital.

French sources, in Washington, said today that Martinique, French Island off Venezuela, had been blockaded by British cruisers and that fighting might be imminent.

Spanish News Agency, reported that two British destroyers arrived at Gibraltar from Oran with dead and wounded. Both destroyers were reported damaged. Three.