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1. Review of Enlisted Personnel Situation.

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
1st. Enlistments	1598	7092
Re-enlistments	592	3435
Surrender	105	490
Deliveries	89	381
Income	2464	11398
Honorable Discharge	1102	5609
Ordinary (Recommended)	36	167
Ordinary (Not Recommended)	2	14
Inaptitude	20	57
Undesirable	96	417
Bad Conduct	71	331
Dishonorable	37	209
Medical Survey	95	401
Special Order	45	253
Transferred to F.N.R.	20	106
Deserted	393	2099
Cancelled	10	58
Retired	4	9
Died	15	52
Out Go	1946	9782
Extensions	191	1258
Re-enlistment & Extension		
Expiration of Enlistment & Extensions	66.3%	66.6%
Total Strength as of Sept. 15, 1923-	84,803	
Shortage	1,197	

2. Trade Schools: Many candidates for trade schools from forces afloat are found not sufficiently well grounded in elementary school work resulting in much loss of time. Pending issue of printed correction to Bunav Manual change Article D-3201 to read as follows:

The qualifications as outlined below are subject to change without notice and details to these classes in a large majority are dependent on the needs of the Service for men in the different ratings. A necessary qualification for all classes is that

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the applicant has a good record and shows aptitude for the rating desired. In addition the applicant should possess an elementary knowledge of arithmetic and should be able to do simple problems in addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, cancellation, decimals, simple proportion, etc. He should be able to read, spell and write English with a fair degree of ability and in general should possess the equivalent of a grammar school education in these subjects. Before recommending a candidate for a trade school he should be given a written test to determine his ability as set forth above. Unless the applicant is qualified requests for details to trade schools should not be forwarded.

The following shows the number of men under instruction at the various stations and schools under date of 8 September 1923:

	Great Lakes	Hampton Roads	Newport, R. I.	San Diego	Other Stations
Recruit Training					
Apprentice Sea.	1702	772	1306	564	
Firemen 3c		217	223	353	
Other ratings		474	111	293	
Aviation	239				
Electricians		216			
Fuel Oil					34 NY. Phila.
Gunners Mates					119 NY. Wash.
Hospital Corps					315 Portsmouth
" "					224 NY. Mare Is.
Machinists Mates		343			
Coppersmiths		27			
Musicians		148		98	
Optical					18 NY. Wash.
"					22 NY. Mare Is.
Pharmacists Mates					2 Portsmouth
Pigeon Training					7 Anacostia
Photographie					0 Pensacola
Radio	328	73		56	
Radio Material		0			
Torpedomen			84 tpda gva.		
Yeomen		116		93	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2269</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>1724</b>	<b>1858</b>	<b>741</b>

# Last report's figures.

SUMMARY

	Recruit Training	Trade Schools	Total
Great Lakes	1702	567	2269
Hampton Rds.	1463	923	2386
Newport, RI.	1540	44 Tpdo Sta.	1724
San Diego	1610	248	1858
Other Stas.	641	741	741
	<b>6415</b>	<b>2503</b>	<b>Grand Total 8978</b>

3. Miscellaneous. The uniform regulations will be modified in the near future to provide distinguishing marks for "gun director pointers" and "gun range finder operators". As outlined in Secretary of the Navy's letter, file Op-22 (452-12) 21393-740:2, of 19 June 1923. The former will wear the "gun pointers mark" and the latter the "fire control men" specialty mark as a distinguishing mark.

The Bluejackets Manual has been revised and is now at the Government Printing Office. It will probably be about six months before it is issued to the Service.

The revision of the Boat Book will be started about January 1, 1924. This revision is made necessary because of many changes in Communications, Office of Naval Operations.

The Ship and Gun Drills has been revised and the final proof is now ready for the Secretary's signature. It will probably be about six months before it is issued to the Service.

The Transportation Section is flooded with correspondence, both official and unofficial, from officers making requests for transportation of persons other than legal dependents.

The Bureau desires to be as liberal as possible in affording transportation to the families of officers, and especially desires to accommodate those, other than the legal dependents of officers, who permanently reside with the officer's family. On every sailing, practically all space is required for official travel.

There are no facilities on board any naval vessels for transporting colored female servants, and none for white servants unless the arrangement of space on board permits their travel in staterooms with the families of officers to whom they are attached. In future the Bureau will not consider any applications for travel of such persons.

The next class in aviation will convene 2 January 1924, at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Applications submitted in accordance with Part C, Chapter 1, Section 2, Bureau of Navigation Manual should reach the Bureau of Navigation not later than 1 November, 1923.

Captain Alfred Brooks Fry, U.S. Naval Reserve Force, who has been on active duty in the office of Naval Operations for some time in connection with the instruction, training and drilling of the Naval Reserve Force, has been relieved from such duty at his own request. Captain Fry has been appointed Commodore, commanding the New York Naval Militia by the Governor of New York to succeed Commodore R. P. Forshew, who has been retired from active service in the Naval Reserve Force and Naval Militia. Captain Fry has had over 30 years service in the Navy, Naval Militia, National Naval Volunteers and Naval Reserve Force, and his appointment to active service in the Department met with the unqualified approval of members of the Naval Reserve Force, and the Naval service generally. Captain Fry found that it was impossible to attend to his duties as Commanding Officer of the Naval Militia of New York and also perform active service in the Navy Department in Washington. He will be

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succeeded in the Office of Naval Operations by Captain Charles F. Macklin, Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. CHEYENNE and Naval Reserve Units at Baltimore.

The following letter regarding promotions of officers of the Naval Reserve Force has been issued to the Commandants of Naval Districts:

"All officers who are entitled to confirmation transferred to Classes 2 and 5 have been confirmed up to the present date except possibly twenty who have not as yet taken the physical examination required prior to confirmation.

"The Bureau of Navigation has practically completed an examination of the records of all officers who are entitled to promotion and examination papers for such officers will shortly be prepared and forwarded to Commandants who will be instructed in regard to the convening of the necessary examining boards. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed officers to prepare prior to their appearance before the examining boards; the desire of the Navy Department being to examine as many officers at the same time as may be possible."

The Bureau is assigning Running Mates to Officers and computing sea service to determine whether or not they are eligible for promotion. Upon completion of this task, request will be made to the Examining Board for examination questions. It is believed that all officers will have had ample opportunity to prepare for examination before final instructions regarding the examination are issued.

The Bureau expects to issue in the near future copies of Navy Department General Orders, Navy Regulations and Bureau of Navigation Manual to all officers of Classes 1, 2 and 5 of the Naval Reserve Force.

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1. Review of Enlisted Personnel Situation.

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
1st. Enlistments	2878	8372
Re-enlistments	1239	3982
Surrender of deserters	254	639
Deliveries of deserters	<u>212</u>	<u>504</u>
Income	4583	13497
Honorable Discharge	2076	6583
Ordinary (recommended)	66	197
Ordinary (not recommended)	8	20
Inaptitude	49	86
Undesirable	206	527
Bad Conduct	145	405
Dishonorable	63	233
Medical Survey	168	474
Special Order	100	308
Transferred to F.N.R.	42	128
Deserted	869	2575
Cancelled	22	70
Retired	5	10
Died	<u>46</u>	<u>83</u>
Out Go	3865	11699
Extensions	540	1607
Re-enlistment & Extension		
Expiration of Enlistment & Extensions	66.1%	66.4%
Total Strength as of 30 September 1923 . . . . .		84,983
Shortage . . . . .		1,017

2. Miscellaneous.

At a conference held by the Secretary of the Navy at which were present the Assistant Secretary, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, the Judge Advocate General, and the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, general discussion was held on the Navy personnel situation, based partly upon the information secured by Captain Leigh on his visit to the West Coast.

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Among the matters discussed were:

PROMOTION OF ENLISTED MEN:

It appears that there has been some delay by the Bureau of Navigation in acting on recommendations made by vessels afloat in regard to the promotion of enlisted men. After thorough consideration it was decided that in order to prevent any delay a quota would be assigned the various commands of the Navy, both ashore and afloat, for each quarter. The commanding officers of these commands would then immediately, upon receiving the recommendations and evidences of proper qualification, assign promotions.

PROCEDURE in REGARD to PUNISHMENTS:

A decision was reached by the Secretary that this matter should be referred to the General Board for recommendation. The General Board is further to make recommendation to the Secretary relative to legislation which would give commanding officers more authority in the punishment of men in the way of fines, the idea being that the present Deck Court, by which a junior officer on a ship may assign a punishment involving fines to an enlisted man whereas the captain has no such authority, should be changed. It is believed that in many cases a punishment, such as a fine, administered immediately upon the commission of an offense against the discipline of the Navy would have much more beneficial effect than a heavier punishment administered by a court, and there would also be a great advantage that the time taken up by the court would be avoided.

WAR-TIME UNIFORMS:

There is considerable complaint about the quality of the present uniform of the enlisted men. The stock on hand at the present time is very largely war stock, and in many cases is made up of inferior material which does not wear well and which shrinks and changes its color, thus making it almost impossible for an enlisted man to have a good-looking uniform from material furnished from the Government. This applies only to the blue uniform. A decision was reached that a representative of the Bureau of Navigation and one from the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts should make a thorough investigation of this matter and submit full report to the Secretary of the Navy with recommendations as to action which should be taken to bring about beneficial results.

HANDLING OF ENLISTED MEN:

This very important question was discussed quite thoroughly. A decision was reached that the Bureau of Navigation should expedite its work in getting up its courses of instruction on this important subject. This work is now well under way by the Training Division of the Bureau of Navigation.

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COMFORT OF ENLISTED MEN:

The question of more provision for comfort of enlisted men on board ship was thoroughly discussed, especial attention being given to the question of proper sleeping facilities and proper means for stowing clothing of enlisted men.

3. GENERAL.

Applications will be considered from Members of the Naval Academy Class of 1922 for assignment to instruction in Naval Construction Preliminary to transfer to Construction Corps. Applications must be received prior to 1 October 1923.

There is published below a table showing the percentage of re-enlistments by grades for the calendar year to date. The Bureau is much pleased with the large increase of re-enlistments reported for the month of August.

	<u>Re-enlistments and Extensions</u>								
	<u>Expirations of Enlistments &amp; Extensions.</u>								
	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	
Chief Petty Officers	83.6	104.2	96.2	88.0	92.3	88.5	80.6	85.3	
Petty Officers 1c.	62.0	59.6	74.3	60.0	68.0	70.5	71.4	77.1	
Petty Officers 2c.	41.4	43.5	52.3	38.9	51.4	52.2	51.4	66.9	
Petty Officers 3c.	42.0	45.5	41.2	32.3	41.8	43.6	44.8	56.9	
Sea. 1c.F.1c. & H.A.1c.	44.7	44.4	43.6	29.8	49.3	43.3	42.0	63.0	
Sea. 2c.F.2c. & H.A.2c.	67.3	114.0	56.3	48.2	47.5	45.9	47.5	71.0	
A.S. & F.3c.	75.4	183.3	69.5	73.0	59.0	64.1	120.0	117.6	
Messman Branch	68.3	73.8	82.3	75.1	69.2	93.7	82.6	79.2	
TOTAL	53.0	58.3	59.1	46.7	59.7	63.3	59.2	73.1	

FAILURE to SEND TRANSCRIPT OF SERVICE RECORD with RECOMMENDATIONS for ADVANCEMENT To CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RATINGS.

Many recommendations and reports of examination for Chief Petty Officer ratings are received in the Bureau without Form N.Nav.21 as required by Article D4140 (c) Bureau Manual. This necessitates a request from the Bureau for this form and a delay of one or two months in placing a man on the eligibility list, and in some cases an equivalent delay in the promotion of the man concerned. Failure to forward this form increases the clerical work in the Bureau; and commanding officers should exercise greater care in forwarding reports of examination for advancement to chief petty officer ratings, accompanied by transcript of current service record on form N.Nav.21.

The Bureau has authorized Supplies and Accounts to supply cap ribbons with "U.S.Naval Training Station" woven on them to Training Stations as soon as the supply of "U.S.Navy" cap ribbons is exhausted.

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4. The Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va. reports that between 27 June and 12 September 1923 there were a total of 39 expirations of enlistments at that station. Of this number there were 18 extensions and 7 re-enlistments. This is an excellent record and indicates the contentment and efficiency of that station.