

Navy Ship Total Climbs To 61,045

(CNS) Here's how the U. S. Navy, largest in the world, shapes up to the beginning of the New Year:

Total vessels, 61,045; Total number of warships, 1167; Landing Craft, 54,026; Battleships, 23; Aircraft Carriers, 26; Escort Carriers, 60; Cruisers, 63; Destroyers, 418; Destroyer Escorts, 496, and Submarines, 249.

The following table shows combatant ship construction since 1941:

Items	1941	1942	1943	1944
Battleships	2	4	2	2
Aircraft carriers	1	1	15	8
Aircraft carriers, escort	2	13	50	37
Battle cruisers	0	0	0	2
Heavy cruisers	0	0	4	2
Light cruisers	1	8	7	11
Destroyers	16	81	128	84
Destroyer escorts	0	0	306	197
Submarines	11	34	56	77
Total	33	141	568	420

The Navy added, in all, 5,457,490 tons during 1944, giving it an aggregate of 11,707,000 tons afloat.

During the year, the Navy also acquired 30,070 aircraft, of which 26,401 were tactical combat planes, and spent \$2,800,000,000 on guns, shells, torpedoes, rockets and other ordnance items.

From 1941 through 1943, 76,490 planes were produced for the Navy.

—Naval Pilots—

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Pre-Flight stages of the Naval Aviation training program since last June when the scheduled output of pilots was reduced, will begin during the spring and summer months.

Approximately 7,000 Affected
These men who were separated from the preliminary stages of pilot training as a result of the over-all cutback were promised that they would be shifted back into flight training when the Navy's needs justified such a move. Recent estimates of future aviation requirements have indicated that it will be necessary to increase the present rate of pilot training to a point somewhat above that at the time of the cutback.

Approximately 7,000 aviation cadets and students were affected by the separation program started in June. To return to pilot training, they must have been in good standing at the time of separation, or must have elected to withdraw voluntarily to other Naval duties. Upon receipt of a letter from BuPers notifying them that they now have a chance to reenter the program, eligible personnel will have to submit applications which will be considered on the basis of the individual's record and availability, and the Navy's need.

Re-accepted students will be entered at a stage of training commensurate with their position at the time of separation. Former students who may have been as-

Here's The 'Black Widow' Girl



This is NOT the Black Widow seen daily—and nightly—by Jap and German flyers. This is Janis Paige of Hollywood, "dramatizing" the Black Widow P-61 night fighter. Combat reports tell of the ever mounting toll Black Widows are taking. She's large as a medium bomber, fast as a pursuit plane, heavily armored and carrying fire power sufficient to destroy any plane regardless of size. We refer not to Miss Paige, of course, but to the P-61.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY

MOVIES

Village: Free movies, "San Diego, I Love You," with Louise Albritton and Jon Hall at 1315 and 1445, and "In The Meantime, Darling," with Jeanne Crain and Frank Latimore at 1910 and 2032.
Carolina: "Sunday Dinner for a Soldier," with Ann Baxter and John Hodiak.
Pick: "Sons of the Desert," with Laurel and Hardy.

SUNDAY

DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant: Memorial Hall at 1000.
Catholic: Gerrard Hall at 0615, Hill Music Hall at 1000.
Jewish: Hillel House at 1000.

MOVIES

Free movies, "Janie," with Joyce Reynolds and Robert Hutton at 1307 and 1457.
Carolina: "Can't Help Singing," with Deanna Durbin and Robert Paige.
Pick: "Enemy of Women," with Donald Woods and Claudia Drake.

WEDNESDAY

BASKETBALL

Cloudbusters vs. Camp Peary, Woollen Gym at 1930.

THURSDAY

WRESTLING

Cloudbusters vs. Cherry Point Marines, Woollen Gym at 1930.

signed to reserve midshipman training will not be returned to flight training until they have completed the reserve midshipman course, and have been commissioned. They will then undergo training as commissioned officers.

Umpire Shortage Exists As Pacific Claims Brownback

Listed on the official officers' roster merely as "Senior Watch Officer," but also serving as officer-in-charge of the Officers Mess, and, during season, as baseball umpire of unperturbable temperament was Lieut. Walter R. Brownback, detached early this week for duty in the South Pacific.



LT. BROWNBACK

While Lt. Comdr. John R. Gaddy has succeeded to the post of Senior Watch Officer, and while Lt. (j.g.) David E. Hirsch has taken over the Officers Mess duties, time alone can tell who will assume Lieut. Brownback's unenviable role as arbiter on the basepaths when spring brings the diamond game back into Emerson Stadium.

Upon entering the Navy in December, 1942, Lieut. Brownback was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, as a liaison officer with government agencies.

Named All-American

Reporting here in the spring of 1943, Lieut. Brownback was assigned as assistant coach of soccer until March, 1944, when he was moved to Alexander Hall into the Senior Watch billet. A native of Philadelphia, he is an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania where he lettered three times in soccer and twice in baseball. Two years he was named to the All-America soccer team, and later played both soccer and baseball professionally.

Lt. Comdr. Gaddy, who was initially assigned to the Military Department after reporting here last July, is a veteran of the South Pacific.



LT. COMDR. GADDY

Attached to a Carrier Aircraft Service Unit, the new Senior Watch Officer landed on Munda Island the day after the Marines had taken over the Jap air strip on that New Georgian island. There were dead Japs everywhere, but live Japs also returned every night for three months to bomb the installations that the Navy Seabees and Marines were constructing.

While on Munda, Lt. Comdr. Gaddy served as First Lieutenant, Transportation and Recreation Officer.

Playmakers Present Operetta For Cadets

A special performance of the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, "The Gondoliers," will be presented for Pre-Flight Cadets by the University of North Carolina Playmakers on Thursday, Jan. 25, in Memorial Hall.

The two-hour show, which will begin at 1900, will replace the usual Wednesday "Happy Hour" that week.



"I wonder if it's safe for me to smoke."