

Navy's 65,000 Ships Sail Seas Of World

Secretary Forrestal Reports Vast Armada Dominates All Ocean Forces—Says U. S. Fighting Navy Has More Than 1,150 Major Fighting Vessels.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The American fleet now numbers more than 1,150 major fighting ships, Navy Secretary Forrestal disclosed today in reporting that 65,000 vessels of all types have been added to the Navy in the last five years.

This armada makes the U. S. "the greatest naval power on earth," Forrestal commented at a news conference, with its building program, "little more than half finished."

He was asked how many ships have been turned over to other nations under the lend-lease and was unable to reply off-hand, but the Navy later issued a memorandum giving the total as 2,822. Of these, the memorandum said, 1,784 are classified as combatant ships and include large type landing craft.

Forrestal said the warships added to the Navy number more than three times those in the fleet just before the war started. This means the Navy has at least 1,150 ships of principal fighting types—battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

These are the "spectacular" vessels, but it is the auxiliary ships, Forrestal continued, that make the victories possible by supplying the fighting fleet.

In addition to the Navy's vast growth in ships, Forrestal gave these figures on other expansion in the five years since the European war started.

Aircraft—57,600 planes, delivered air strength increased 20 times and still growing, with 30,000 planes to be delivered in the next 12 months.

Ordnance—Torpedo production increased 40 times over 1939. Depth-charge production 60 times greater than five years ago; 125,000 anti-aircraft guns and one million rounds of anti-aircraft ammunition produced.

Personnel—For every person serving in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in September, 1939, there are over 24 today. Combined strength of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard is now 3,717,000.

Forrestal also reported that many new weapons, "most of which cannot be talked about," have been developed to meet modern battle conditions.

Soldier News

Cpl. J. R. McNeely Now In France

Cpl. James R. (Bob) McNeely, who has been stationed in Italy, is now with the American Army in southern France, according to a letter received from him today by Thos. E. Rhodes. Bob also said that he had recently seen Jake Rhodes, who is now in France, and that he was all right.

ADDRESSES:

A/S William Samuel Lander, Jr., Co. 3500, Brks. 327W, U.S.N.T.C., care Third Regt., Bainbridge, Md.

Sgt. Astor Huffstetter, ASN 344-39186, APO 104, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Pvt. C. Guy Rudisill, 38628245, Hdq. Co., 840th Sig. Tng. Bn., Camp Kohler, California.

Pvt. Robert Cashion Jetton, 44015-556, Co. B., 10th Bn., 4th Regt., Fort McClellan Ala.

S/Sgt. John Robert Lackey, 1400-9646, APO 922, care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

James H. Schrum, CM 3/c, has returned to his base in California after a seventeen-day emergency leave spent here. His present address is 17th N. C. —B2, No. F-5, N. B. R. B. A. B. D., Port Huene, California.



Nehi Bottling Company
Cleveland Springs Road
SHELBY, N. C.

Harlan Boyles Improving At Polio Hospital

C. E. Boyles reported today that his son, Harlan, who is a patient at the polio emergency hospital in Hickory, is improving and has been removed from Ward 2 to Ward 9, a convalescent ward.

Harlan, said his father, has almost complete use of his body from his waist up and shows considerable improvement in the use of his lower limbs.

With several more months of the fine treatment being given him at the hospital, said his father, he will probably be at home and back among his many friends.

Harlan can have visitors each Wednesday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m., and it would cheer him considerably to have his friends visit him on those days, also have them write to him.

GANGSTER STYLE SALE.

Chicago.—The first pair of shoes David Cohen tried on one of his customers was the right fit. While Cohen waited for payment and a ration coupon, the customer pulled a gun from his pocket, took \$93 out of the cash box, and scampered out of the store—wearing the unpaid-for shoes.

Tires for "A" car drivers will probably not be available until early in 1945, OPA says.

Want Ads

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms by business couple. Best of references. Address "Rooms," Box 69, Lincolnton, N. C. 8-28-21*

GET READY for winter, rent steam-heated room, with hot and cold water. Showers in hall. Price \$5.00 up. North State Hotel, Mrs. F. G. Roy, 8-28-21*

FOR SALE—Crimson clover seed, 14 cents pound, R. M. Goodson, Lincolnton, Route 3. 8-28-21*

JUST RECEIVED a big shipment of Fall Hats. Michael Hat Shoppe. 8-28-21

WANTED—To buy ton and a half truck. W. F. Quinton, Phone 359. 8-24-41

WANTED—Men and women to work in furniture factory. Do not apply if employed in essential industry. Ideal Chair Co., Lincolnton, N. C. 8-24-41

FOR SALE—One Home Comfort Range 1931 model. Mrs. L. E. Jones, Lincolnton, N. C. 8-21-31

MOLDERS WANTED—For bench or floor, 92½ cents to \$1 per hour, time and one-half for overtime; 48 hours is average week. Plant within forty miles of Charlotte, N. C. Write "MOLDERS," Box 69, Lincolnton, N. C. 8-17-41

FIRST-CLASS MACHINIST WANTED—90 cents to \$1.15 per hour; time and one-half for overtime; 54-hour average week. This shop is 80 per cent on defense work. Plant within 40 miles of Charlotte, N. C. Write "MACHINIST," Box 69, Lincolnton, N. C. 8-17-41

FOR SALE—Alfalfa seed, crimson clover seed, turnip seed, vetch and rye grass. See us for roofing material, certain roof, in rolls or shingles; corrugated roofing and siding in 8, 9, and 10-foot lengths; red brick siding. Phone 288-W. Abernethy Implement Co.

FOR SALE—New five-room house, with electric pump, about one mile north of High Shoals on High Shoals-Lincolnton highway. Two and one-half acres. S. K. Beal, Lincolnton, N. C. 8-14-41

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SEE Abernethy Equipment Co., Charlotte Highway, for hog, poultry and barb wire, electric fence controllers, paints, Nos. 2 and 3 Cans, one gallon syrup cans, glass jars, all sizes, complete line of poultry, dairy and hog feeds, Certeinteed roofing, roll and shingles. Phone 288-W 7-13-41

CHEK-ER-CHICS, H A T C H E I from our own flock every Tuesday See us for your spring chicks. Polhill Feed Co. 2-7*

NOTICE—OLD PICTURES LEFT for framing over 30 days will be sold for charges. Frank P. Barkley Furniture Store. 5-1-t

We fill any doctors prescription anytime. Economy Drug Store. Phone 88. Quick Delivery. 4-9-17

Chatterings

—By The Staff—

CHAS. D. (BLOCK) SMITH.

This column today is dedicated to the memory of Charles D. (Block) Smith, for twelve years head of the athletic department of the Lincolnton High School, and more recently first lieutenant in the United States Army, who died at Fort Taylor, Key West, Florida, last Friday morning.

Each of us connected with The Times feel a personal loss at his death, and this goes, we can safely say, for the three members of our staff now serving in the armed forces. During the time Block, as he preferred to be called, was connected with the city schools we were, by reason of our position, in frequent communication with him and had opportunity, perhaps, as no other, aside from those for whom and with whom he worked, to evaluate his true character.

We have seldom come in contact with one which embodied so many of the finer traits. He was often in our office, particularly during the football season, and his genial and cordial manner, his understanding of our problems and his willingness to cooperate made him always a welcome visitor.

He had the happy faculty of spreading sunshine wherever he went and there was no place in his life for gloom or sadness. Patrons of the school here held him in the highest esteem, his boys adored him and he was everybody's friend.

As to his ability as an athletic coach we liked the tribute paid him by Jack Horner, of Guilford College, and are passing it on to his friends here:

"Guilford teams under Block were amateur in the first sense of the word, however, and they played the game for the fun of it."

"Despite the many losses his teams suffered on the athletic field, and victories were few and far between, Block never liked to lose. He would have been a successful coach with adequate material, we are confident, but Block turned down numerous offers to go elsewhere for his post here as director of athletics and head coach of Quaker teams."

"He once told me: 'I know I could make more money somewhere else, Jack, and could build winners with good material, but Guilford has been good to me and I love the place. I've got a job here as long as I want it and that's more than some coaches can say.'"

"Block told us on his last visit home on furlough that he planned to return here after the war."

"He came back today, to his final resting place, but not as Block intended. Still, he died a typical athlete's death. He died with his boots on, you might say, and that's probably the way Block would have wanted to go."

U. S. prisoners of war behind the German lines have received 15,000 pounds of vegetable seeds from the United States through the American Red Cross, the War Food Administration reports.

Reduced mortgage indebtedness rather than invest in highly inflated lands, say farm economists.

"Block may be gone from our midst but his dry wit, good humor, sportsmanship qualities and friendliness will never be forgotten by those who knew him. There was only one Block Smith, there will never be another like him."

"Just as plain as an old shoe, Block was liked and loved and admired by friend and foe alike, and we can truthfully say that in the eight years we knew him never did we hear an unkind word uttered about him."

"Block, who earned his lasting nickname for his ability to block opponents out of the way to clear the path for his ball-carrying teammates as a football player at Guilford College, had rather I refer to him as Block, if he were living, than First Lieutenant Charles D. Smith, of the United States Army."

"At the time the Grim Reaper called Block to his final resting place, he was special services officer at Ft. Taylor, Key West, Fla., and doing a hangup job in this capacity. In fact, I am afraid Block was carrying too heavy a load for his 43-year-old shoulders. He was a glutton for work and he put every ounce of energy at his command into whatever the task. He never went at anything without putting his heart into it, be it coaching, waiting on tables, cooking, teaching, playing a game or a thousand and one other things Block could do."

"That's how Block suffered the injuries that proved fatal to him. In a post softball game, July 29, between the officers team and the navy detachment at Ft. Taylor, he made a slide into second base during the heat of battle, suffered a broken leg. He didn't think the leg was hurt badly at the moment and jumped to his feet. As he started for third base a moment later, he collapsed between the base paths and had to be carried off the field never to return again."

"A great worrier, Block told his wife a few days before his death the morning of August 25 that he was going to die. He wanted to write a will, she wouldn't let him, and passed it off by telling him he'd be up and about in a few days. But Block knew he wasn't well inside. Complications had set in following the broken leg, and he developed a lung infection which caused his death."

"Block was one of the best known athletic coaches in North Carolina sporting circles. He never missed the ball sessions at the Southern conference basketball tournaments each year, an annual meeting place for coaches of all sports, and he attended six football coaching schools, one under the direction of the immortal Knute Rockne."

"His continual good-natured chatter was a feature of all football workouts held by his Guilford College Quakers, and in the good old days of plenty of gasoline it was not uncommon for several Greensboro citizens to sit on the sidelines at Block's practices and listen to his witty conversation of his players."

"Freshmen reporting for their first drills used to hear Block bellow: 'I don't care how many fancy tricks you have in the bag, you can't play football unless you can block and tackle.' No truer words were ever spoken."

"He would tell his ball carrier after reeling an end around play, 'you go

19 SELECTEES TO GO TO CAMP CROFT

For Pre-Induction Examination Monday, September 11, At 8:45 A. M.

Pre-induction notices have been mailed to the following men who will report to the local board office Monday, September 11, at 8:45 a. m. for trip to Camp Croft, S. C.:

- Charles David Sigmon.
- Charley Hoover Seagle.
- Bonnie Melvin Wilson.
- Donald Lagary Fisher.
- Robert Alexander Cobb.
- Robert Lewis Denton, trans out.
- Daniel Morgan Scronce.
- Robert Lewis Beal.
- Charles Ensor Hobbs.
- Glenn Lee Parker.
- James Samuel Stowe, Jr.
- Calvin Henry Burrell.
- Luther Yarbrough, Jr.
- Bryan Lewis Dellinger, Jr., vol.
- Reese Daniel Abernethy.
- For immediate induction: Claude (NMN) Hoyle, vol.
- Arnold Ernest Tarr.
- William Ralph Eaker, vol.

MRS. BOLLINGER DIES AT HOME

Mrs. Mildred F. Bollinger, 27, wife of Glenn Bollinger, died this morning at her home on Route 1, after an illness of several months.

Survivors are the husband; two children, Phyllis Ann and Gary Conner; her mother, Mrs. J. H. Conner, and the following brothers and sisters, Russell Conner, E. H. Conner, Mrs. Richard Leatherman, Mrs. Ray Bangle, Miss Gladys Conner and Paul Ray Conner.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Gainesville Baptist church by Rev. Bruce Littleton, assisted by Rev. Albert Campbell. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

SAVE YOUR WASTE PAPER

Don't burn or destroy your waste paper. Every ounce of it is desperately needed in the war effort.

You are urgently requested to bundle your waste paper and place it on your porch or in a convenient place, and it will be called for every Tuesday and Wednesday.

If for any reason it should not be picked up call W. M. Glenn, at phone 283, who will see that it is collected.

It is vitally important that we save all waste paper. Begin today!

RE STORE AND READ our want ads.

GUEST SPEAKER.

County Agent Graham Morrison was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club at Elkin last Thursday evening. He has been asked to talk to the local Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting Tuesday evening and to be the guest speaker at the Shriners supper at a joint meeting of the Charlotte and Gastonia clubs at the Gastonia Country Club at 7 p. m. September 1.

Two Hickory Patients Taken To Warm Spgs.

Hickory, Aug. 30.—Two patients at the emergency polio hospital here were taken this week to Warm Springs, Ga., by Dr. Gaither Hahn, assistant director of the hospital. They are Joan Bohn, 18, of Lenoir, daughter of General and Mrs. John J. Bohn, and Mrs. Carl Hardin, of West Jefferson. Joan's father is serving with the armed forces overseas.

Two Raleigh physicians were at the hospital Tuesday in connection with follow-up work. Dr. G. M. Soop, assistant state health officer and director of the division of child and paternal health, and Dr. C. F. Stevick, epidemiologist of the State Board of Health.

Traffic Fatalities In Nation Continue High

Chicago, Aug. 30.—The National Safety Council reported today the nation's traffic fatalities in July were 1,770 against 1,750 in July 1943, a decrease of one per cent. The fatality total for the first five months of 1944 was 12,620 or eight per cent above the 11,680 total for the same period last year—but it was 38 per cent below the 20,317 fatalities in the first seven months of 1941.

Boy, 12, Is Spanked Found Hanging Later

Aurora, Ill., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Susan Limpack spanked her 12-year-old son, Raymond, after he told her he had taken 20 cents from a box of change on a dresser.

Raymond did not appear particularly depressed after the spanking, his mother said. Later, when Raymond's cousin called for him, he went into the basement and found him dead, a clothes line looped several times around his neck.

A coroner's jury was unable to determine whether strangulation was accidental or deliberate.

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