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10 January 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 84.

32 AKA's (AKA 21-52 incl.) and 32 APA's (APA 57-88 incl.)
 30 AKA's (AKA 64-93 incl.) and 130 APA's (APA 106-235 incl.)
 65 AK's and 10 AF's - Cl-M-AVL type small freighters.

Refs: (a) JCS Sec. ltr of 8 Jan. 1943 to MC.
 (b) MC Conf. ltr of 17 Feb. 1943 to SecNav.
 (c) JCS Sec. ltr of 9 Nov. 1943 to MC.
 (d) MC Conf. ltr of 6 Dec. 1943 to SecNav.
 (e) JCS Sec. ltr of 8 May 1943 to MC.
 (f) ComGen ASF Sec. ltr of 15 Nov. 1943 to CNO.
 (g) CNO Conf. ltr Ser. 0160539 of 17 Dec. 1943 to MC.

1. The Board met at 1000, 4 January, 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady	(Op-12)
Commander Herman Barter	(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R. M. Hinckley, Comdr. G. E. Lindley, Lt. Comdr. L. A. Straits, Operations; Comdr. S. N. Pyne, Comdr. Alex. Sledge, Comdr. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Capt. W. B. McHugh, Ens. P.W.F. Jones, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Comdr. J. F. Castree, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. By reference (a), the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended that the Maritime Commission construct 32 small APA's and 32 small AKA's for the Navy. By reference (b), the Commission stated their willingness to proceed with this program. The following hulls have been contracted for:

Walsh-Kaiser Co., Inc., Providence, R.I. - MC Hulls 1882-1913 (AKA 21-52 incl.)
 Consolidated Steel Corp., Ltd., San Pedro - MC Hulls 1850-1881 (APA 57-88 incl.)

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The Board recommends that these 64 vessels be acquired by transfer of title from the Maritime Commission upon their completion as Cargo Attack Ships (AKA) and Transport Attack Ships (APA).

4. By reference (c), the Joint Chiefs of Staff requested that the Maritime Commission construct 130 standard APA's and 30 standard AKA's for the Navy for completion as early in the fourth quarter of 1944 as practicable. By reference (d), the Commission advised that Western Pipe and Steel Company, San Francisco, would build 4 APA's and Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, 7 APA's. The balance of 119 APA's are to be constructed by the following yards:

- 36 - Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., Portland, Oregon
- 34 - California Shipbuilding Corp., San Pedro, Calif.
- 27 - Kaiser Company, Vancouver, Washington
- 22 - Kaiser Company, (Richmond #2), San Francisco, Calif.

The 30 AKA's will be built, 24 by North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, Wilmington, North Carolina, and 6 by Moore Dry Dock Company, Oakland, Calif. The Board recommends that these 130 Transport Attack Ships (APA 106-235-incl.) and 30 Cargo Attack Ships (AKA 64-93 incl.) be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan-charter basis upon their completion.

5. By reference (e), the Joint Chiefs of Staff requested that the Maritime Commission build 100 small freighters for use by the Army and Navy and agreed that one design would meet the requirements of both services. In reference (f), the War Department requested that Navy man 25 of the 50 vessels assigned to the Army. By reference (g), the Maritime Commission was advised which of the 75 vessels would be outfitted and manned by the Navy including 10 vessels to be completed by the Commission as reefer ships:

- 12 - Kaiser #4 yard, Richmond, California - MC 2101-2112 incl.
- 14 - Pennsylvania Shipyard, Beaumont, Texas - MC 2194-2207 incl.
- 15 - Walter Butler, Superior, Wisconsin - MC 2113-2127 incl.
- 10 - Froemming Bros., Milwaukee, Wisconsin - MC 2141-2150 incl.
- 8 - Globe, Superior, Wisconsin - MC 2151-2158 incl.
- 16 - Leauthem Smith, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin - MC 2159-2174 incl.

The Board recommends that the foregoing 75 vessels be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan-charter basis, 65 completed as Cargo Ships (AK) and 10 as Provision Store Ships (AF).

6. A representative of the Bureau of Ships reported that: "all auxiliary vessels covered by this report, with the exception of 19 APA's (APA 57 to 75 incl.) and 32 AKA's (AKA 21 to 52 incl.) (for which authorized charge was previously made against the 1799 Emergency Construction Act of 6 February 1942) are included in Presidential Schedule of 28 December 1943, which covers limitation of clearance of 2,000,000 ton portion of Public Law 204 of 17 December 1943".

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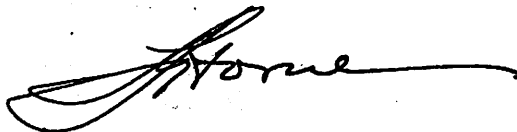
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To : Secretary of the Navy.

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1. Forwarded, recommending approval.



F. J. HORNE

----- Vice Chief of Naval Operations -----

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.

2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take necessary action.



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24 January 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 85.

Acquisition of seven concrete dry cargo barges
(non-self-propelled).

Refs: (a) CINCPOA Conf. despatch 120235 of January 1944.
(b) CNO Conf. ltr Serial 05539 of 18 January 1944
to M.C.
(c) CNO Conf. despatch 211340 of January 1944.

1. The Board met at 1030, 22 January 1944 in room 2721 Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady	(Op-12)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present:
Comdr. W.C. Lockhart, Operations; Comdr. B. G. Lowrey,
Comdr. Russell Keith, Lt. Cdr. G. H. Campbell and Mr.
S. B. Crosby, Bureau of Ships; Comdr. J. C. DeWitt,
Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. By reference (a), it was requested that six (6) additional concrete barges (B7-D1 type) under construction by Barrett and Hilp, Belair Shipyards, San Francisco, be acquired with conversion by the builder to the same specifications now being undertaken in the case of IX 149-157 inclusive, to provide facilities for carrying and issuing provisions, general stores, and spare parts at advance bases in the Pacific. This request has been increased to seven (7) since there are exactly that number of concrete barges remaining in the Maritime Commission contract with Barrett and Hilp and in view of the Commission's willingness to transfer them to the Navy.

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4. It is recommended, therefore, that seven (7) B7-D1 type concrete barges (MC Hulls 1332-1338 inclusive) be acquired by loan charter basis in accordance with existing law from the Maritime Commission upon their completion, including conversion features recommended by Commander Service Force, Pacific, that they be manned by Naval crews and be placed in service classified as unclassified (IX).

5. A representative of the Bureau of Ships stated, "Sufficient authority exists to acquire the barges covered by this report as recommended in paragraph 4 of the report".

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 85.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

F. J. Horne
F. J. HORNE
Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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26 JAN 1944

From: Secretary of the Navy.
 To : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 85.

1. Returned, approved.
2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take necessary action.


RALPH A. BARD

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3 February 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 86.

Requisition purchase of hulk Ex-THOMPSON (Ex-DD305).

- Refs: (a) ComFair Alameda ltr L8-2/11-gh (2659) of 6 Nov. 1943 to ComTwelve.
 (b) ComTwelve ltr F41-10 (21648-14-CC/Hs) of 19 Nov. 1943 to JMBV.
 (c) Cominch memo FF1/L4-3, Ser. 1015 of 1 Feb. 1944 to VCNO.

1. The Board met at 1000, 3 February 1944 in room 2721 Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline
 Captain E. E. Brady
 Commander Herman Barter
 Commander W. N. Mansfield

Senior Member (Op-23)
 (Op-12)
 (Op-23)
 Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. C.M. Bolster, Bureau of Aeronautics; Comdr. C.R. Griddle, Bureau of Ordnance; Comdr. S.N. Pyne, Comdr. Alex. Sledge, and Comdr. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Capt. W.B. McHugh and Ens. P.W.F. Jones, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and accounts.

3. By reference (a), the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, was advised of the urgent need for ship hulks for use as aerial bombing targets in lieu of water bombing targets. By reference (b), the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, recommended the requisition purchase of two (2) ex-destroyer hulks in the San Francisco Bay area, one of which is afloat. By reference (c), the Vice Chief of Naval Operations was authorized to procure the Ex-THOMPSON (Ex-DD305) for use as aircraft bombing target by the Commander Fleet Air, Alameda.

4. The Board recommends the requisition purchase of the hulk Ex-THOMPSON (EX-DD305) chargeable against "Maintenance - Expendable Equipment" under the cognizance of the Bureau of Ships.

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

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W. S. FARBER

Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.

2. The vessel herein provided for is necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take necessary action.

Artemus L. Gates

ARTEMUS L. GATES
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14 March 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 87.

Cancellation of AK's 141-155 inclusive.
 ARG 12-13 conversions changed to AG 68-69.
 Conversions AK 120 and 122 modified to AG 70-71.

Refs: (a) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report, No. 81.
 (b) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 71.
 (c) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 80. (75)
 (d) CNO Conf Serial 025339 of 29 Feb. 1944
 to BuShips.
 (e) CincPOA Secret Serial 001620 of 2 Dec. 1943.
 (f) CincPOA Conf. Desp. 042222 of March 1944.
 (g) CNO Conf Serial 029339 of 10 March 1944.
 (h) CominCh Conf Serial 02928 of 25 August 1943.

1. The Board met at 1000, 14 March 1944 in room 2721 Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley

Captain E. E. Brady

Commander Herman Barter

Captain E. R. Morrissey

Commander W. N. Mansfield

Acting Senior Member (Op-23)

(Op-12)

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In addition to the members there were also present: Commander S. N. Pyne, Commander Russell Keith, and Mr. M. N. McKnight, Bureau of Ships.

3. As noted in reference (d), the Chief of Naval Operations was advised that Army's requirement for Navy manned vessels in the Southwest Pacific area had been met for the present by the assignment of five (5) Navy manned Liberty ships (AK's 94, 105, 108, 127, and 135) and prospective assignment of twenty-five (25) Navy manned GI-M-AVI type vessels. Consequently, the Army has withdrawn its request of 15 November 1943 for fifteen (15) additional EC-2's to be commissioned in the Navy and despatched to the Southwest Pacific Area for use in combat areas. In view of the foregoing, the Board recommends that paragraph 7 of reference (a), which recommended the acquisition and conversion of AK 141-155 inclusive, be cancelled.

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4. By reference (e), the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area indicated an urgent need for self-propelled special barracks and stores ships and requested the conversion of EC-2 type Liberty cargo vessels for this purpose. Subsequently, a request was received for two (2) Distilling Ships (AW) for use in advance areas. In view of the conversion work load in ship repair yards and the reluctance of the Maritime Commission to assign additional Liberty cargo ships to the Navy for conversion and manning, the Board investigated:

- (1) using four (4) EC-2 vessels now available or on order, and
- (2) combining these conversions to provide the facilities desired by the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area in one (1) ship.

5. The acquisition of twelve (12) EC-2 hulls was authorized by reference (b) for conversion to ARG 4-15 inclusive. These vessels were to be taken at the rate of one (1) hull every two (2) months commencing August 1943, in order to complete six (6) in 1944 and six (6) in 1945. As directed by reference (b), the last two (2) (ARG 14-15) were changed to ARV 1-2. Ten (10) hulls have been designated - eight (8) for ARG 4-11 inclusive, and two (2) for ARV 1-2. In view of the more urgent need at this time for barracks - stores - distilling ships, the Board recommends that two (2) hulls originally intended for ARG 12-13, as yet undesignated, and which would not be due for delivery until November 1944 and January 1945, be acquired in April on a loan basis from the Maritime Commission, be converted to combined barracks - stores - distilling ships and be reclassified as Miscellaneous Auxiliaries (AG 68-69), respectively. Reference (b) is modified accordingly.

6. The question of acquiring additional EC-2 hulls for conversion to ARG's will be taken up at a later date.

7. By reference (c), the acquisition of eleven (11) EC-2 hulls was authorized for conversion to AK 114-123 inclusive, and 129. These vessels are being converted to include facilities for transporting about 1000 troop passengers on short hauls. The Board recommends that two (2) of these vessels, namely AK 120 and AK 122, be converted to combined barracks - stores - distilling ships and be reclassified as Miscellaneous Auxiliaries (AG 70-71), respectively. Reference (c) is modified accordingly.

8. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting, the following auxiliary tonnage authority was available:

- (a) 183,095 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President under Public Law 204.
- (b) An additional 683,036 tons under Public Law 204 not yet cleared by the President for general use.

R. M. Hinkley
R. M. HINKLEY
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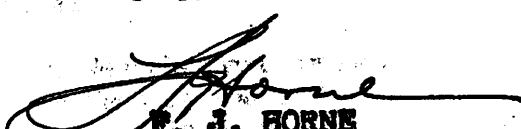
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 To : Secretary of the Navy.

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 F. J. HORNE
 Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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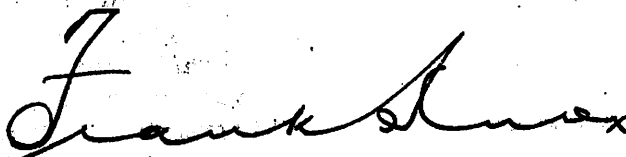
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8 APR 1944

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 88.

Construction of Six (6) Submarine Rescue Vessels (ASR).
 Conversion of Five (5) Heavy Duty Fleet Repair Ships for
 United Kingdom.

Refs: (a) Cominch sec. Ser. 00912 of 20 March, 1944, to SecNav.
 (b) SecNav Sec. 1st Encl. Serial 010800A of 22 March, 1944,
 to Cominch.
 (c) Cominch Sec. Ser. 00231 of 22 Jan., 1944, to BAD.
 (d) CNO conf. Ser. 0115023 of 26 Feb., 1944, to Buships.

1. The Board met at 1030, 31 March 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley
 Captain E. E. Brady
 Captain E. R. Morrissey
 Commander Herman Barter
 Commander W. N. Mansfield

Acting Senior Member (Op-23)
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 Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. E. E. Yeomans, Commander in Chief's Staff; Captain A. R. McCann and Capt. B. V. Meade, Operations; Comdr. Alexander Sledge, Comdr. S. N. Pyne, and Lt. (jg) R. H. Lovell, Bureau of Ships; Capt. W. B. McHugh and Ens. O. E. Emmons, Bureau of Personnel; Lieut. Comdr. N. C. Brady, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. It has been recommended by reference (a) that a building program of six (6) ASR's be authorized to replace five (5) obsolete "Bird" class ASR's and ASR11 which was recently lost. It is understood that this program will not have a high priority as the object is to get the new vessels into service gradually. No increase in personnel is involved as the additional ASR's are replacements. Only four (4) of the nine (9) ASR's on hand are suitable for Submarine rescue activities--the other five (5) are converted "Bird" class AM's. An additional ASR is being converted from new construction AT hull.

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4. Since an adequate number of properly equipped ASR's will be required not only during the current war, but also for the sake of safety of submarine activities subsequent to the war, the Board recommends that the construction of six (6) Submarine Rescue Vessels be authorized; that they be built similar to ASR 7-10 and completed two each in the second, third and fourth quarters of 1945.

5. By reference (c), the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, advised the British Admiralty Delegation in Washington that the U. S. Navy would undertake the conversion of five (5) EC2-S-C1 type Maritime Commission Hulls to heavy duty repair ships provided the vessels were made available to the U. S. Navy from merchant cargo hulls currently allocated to the British under Lend-Lease. By reference (d), the Chief of the Bureau of Ships was directed to accomplish the conversion. The Maritime Commission has designated five (5) EC-2 hulls under allocation to the British and now building by Bethlehem Steel Company, Fairfield Plant (MCE 2649, 2658, 2664, 2674, 2681) which will be transferred to the Navy's custody for conversion at a suitable stage of construction.

6. The Board recommends that these five (5) vessels be accepted from the U. S. Maritime Commission at a suitable stage of construction and upon completion of their conversion that they be transferred through proper agencies to the United Kingdom.

7. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting, the following auxiliary tonnage authority was available:

- (a) 168,503 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President under Public Law 204.
- (b) An additional 732,251 tons under Public Law 204 not yet cleared by the President for general use.

R. M. Hinkley
R. M. HINKLEY
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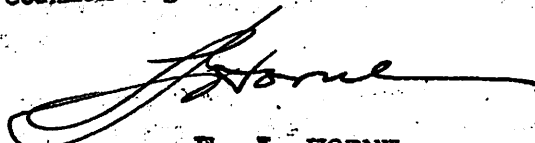
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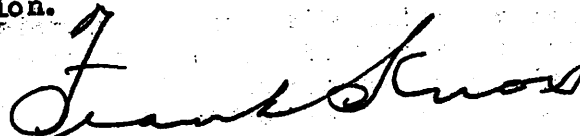
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12 April 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 89.

Acquisition of obsolete vessels and non-self-propelled barges.

1. The Board met at 1000, 10 April 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley	Acting Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Comdr. W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. C. P. Conrad, Bureau of Yards and Docks; Comdr. Alexander Sledge, Comdr. B. G. Lowrey, Lieut. Comdr. G. N. Robillard, and Lieut. R. H. Lovell, Bureau of Ships; Lieut. C. B. Talbert, Bureau of Personnel; Capt. C. A. Trexel and Capt. B. V. Meade, Operations.

3. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas has requested that several obsolete ships totalling about 6,000 feet in length be made available as soon as practicable in connection with important impending operations in the Pacific for use in an advance base construction project.

4. The following vessels are understood to be available:

- (a) Five (5) B7-D1 type concrete dry cargo barges FLINT, GRANITE, GRAPHITE, GYPSUM and MICA, now operating on the West Coast, for delivery at San Francisco.
- (b) Hulk OREGON (Ex-BB3) which has been stripped for junk for delivery "as is" at Kalama, Washington.
- (c) Six (6) B7-A1 type liquid cargo barges - CONCRETE No. 7, 29, 31 and 32 at Baytown, Texas; CONCRETE No. 30 at Port Arthur, Texas, all operating in U. S. Gulf; and CONCRETE No. 8 (new construction) at Savannah, Georgia.

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5. The foregoing vessels provide a length of 4,377 feet. The Board considers it most desirable to make up the deficit by acquiring four (4) additional B7-A1 type concrete barges upon their completion at Savannah, Georgia, provided obsolete dry cargo vessels of equivalent length cannot be obtained earlier.

6. The Board was informed that arrangements had been made to load the six (6) concrete fuel barges at Baytown and Port Arthur, Texas with Navy special fuel for discharge enroute to destination and to load the first available dry cargo barge with Bureau of Yards and Docks equipment at Oakland, California.

7. In view of the ultimate use of these vessels, the Board recommends that they be acquired from present owners chargeable against "Funds for Construction of Advance Bases" under the cognizance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. It is further recommended that the vessels be provided with naval crews, as required.

8. Due to their classification as construction equipment, the vessels recommended above will not be charged against auxiliary tonnage authority.

9. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting the following auxiliary tonnage authority was available:

(a) 150,172 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President under Public Law 204.

(b) An additional 732,251 tons under Public Law 204 not yet cleared by the President for general use.

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 Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 90.

Refs: (a) MC ltr dated 17 Apr. 1944 to CNO.
 (b) CNO conf. ser. 044039 of 21 Apr. 1944 to MC.
 (c) Cominch ser. 001184 of 15 Apr. 1944, to CNO.
 (d) CNO conf. ser. 042639 of 20 Apr. 1944 to MC.
 (e) ComNavEu despatch 171744 (April) to CNO.

1. The Board met at 1430, 27 April 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley	Acting Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Comdr. W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. B. V. Meade, Capt. C. A. Trexel (CEC), Capt. V. C. Barringer, Capt. T. M. Waldschmidt, Comdr. L. K. Scott, Comdr. D. G. Donaho and Lieut. R. F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. T. P. Wynkoop, Comdr. Alexander Sledge, Comdr. B. G. Lowrey, Comdr. H. S. Jones, and Comdr. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Capt. C. P. Conrad (CEC), Bureau of Yards and Docks; Capt. W. B. McHugh and Ens. P.W.F. Jones Bureau of Personnel, Lieut. Comdr. L. P. Tabor, Bureau of Ordnance, Comdr. J. C. DeWitt (SC), Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

NON-SELF-PROPELLED CONCRETE BARGES FOR BUDOCKS

3. Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 89 authorized the acquisition of the following vessels for use by Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas in connection with an advance base construction project: Hulk OREGON; concrete dry cargo barges - FLINT, GRANITE, GRAPHITE, GYPSUM, MICA; concrete liquid cargo barges - CONCRETE No. 7, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 8.

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4. As suitable obsolete dry cargo vessels are not available for this project, the Board recommends that the five remaining concrete barges under construction by MacEvoy Shipbuilding Corporation, at Savannah, Georgia, namely CONCRETE Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 be acquired upon their completion. As in the case of the vessels authorized by Board Report No. 89, it is recommended that any expenses involved in their delivery to the Navy and the cost of outfitting be charged against "Funds for Construction of Advance Bases" under the cognizance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks; that the barges be provided with naval crews; and that due to their classification as construction equipment that none of the foregoing be charged against auxiliary tonnage authority.

ACQUISITION OF MC HULL 2080, NAVAL TROOP TRANSPORT (AP)

5. By reference (a), the Maritime Commission advised the Navy Department that MC Hull 2080 at Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation would be constructed as a P2-S2-R2 type Troop Transport (similar to AP 110 to 119 inclusive) and that material required to fit this vessel for naval service would be ordered accordingly. The Commission requested that decision as to whether MC hulls 2081-2082-2083, contracted for at the same yard, would be constructed as troop transports should be held in abeyance as long as practically possible. Reference (b) accepted Maritime Commission's offer and agreed to withhold decision regarding the three additional hulls until a later date.

6. The Board recommends that MC hull 2080 be acquired from Maritime Commission on a loan basis, upon completion by the builder, and be manned by a naval crew.

ACQUISITION OF 2 CARGO SHIPS FOR CONVERSION TO AMMUNITION SHIPS (AE)

7. By reference (c), the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations directed that action be taken to procure two Maritime Commission cargo hulls now under construction for conversion to Ammunition Ships. Reference (d) requested assignment to the Navy of two such hulls building by North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation as plans for C2-S-AJ1 type conversion are available. Pending approval by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Maritime Commission has designated MC hulls 1379 and 1381 for this purpose.

8. The Board recommends that these two vessels be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis, with delivery at the yard at a suitable stage of construction, for conversion by the Navy to Ammunition Ships (AE) and that they be manned by naval personnel.

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and loaned to the ACQUISITION OF TARGET HULK transport under lend-lease arrangements. It is understood that the British Ministry of War Transport is a representative of the Bureau of Ordnance advised the Board of the need for a target hulk for use in connection with the testing of special weapons in the New York area.

10. The Board recommends that an obsolete vessel be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis and be assigned to the Commandant, Third Naval District. The vessel will not be classified and no naval crew will be required. Any expenses in connection with the use of this vessel will be charged to "1740702, Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, Navy, 1944" under the cognizance of the Bureau of Ordnance. The Board also recommends that the vessel be assigned to the personnel and designation as an APL, as in Report No. 74, be canceled.

11. Due to its classification as experimental equipment, this vessel will not be charged against auxiliary tonnage.

ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL ARL's, APL's, ARB's and AGP's

12. The Board took note of the fact that in connection with the Landing Craft construction program approved by the Secretary of the Navy on 13 March, 1944, that the construction of 12 APL's was authorized.

13. In considering the additional Landing Craft program authorized for 1945, the Board took note of the shortage of ARL's and accompanying APL's for servicing landing craft. The Board recommends that 15 ARL's (IST type) and 15 APL's be constructed for completion during the last three quarters of 1945.

14. The Board considered the construction program of ARB's and AGP's as authorized by Report No. 71 and concluding that the number provided for is insufficient, recommends that three more ARB's (IST type) be constructed for delivery in the second quarter of 1945 and four more AGP's (IST type) be constructed for delivery, one in each quarter of 1945.

STATEMENT IN REGARD TO NAVAL CREWS FOR THE FOREGOING VESSELS

15. A representative of the Bureau of Personnel invited the Board's attention to the fact that the foregoing vessels are not included in the Operating Force Plan for 1945 and that crews for manning them will have to be provided at the expense of other programs. The total personnel involved is 607 officers and 26,856 men.

ACQUISITION OF NORTHLAND, SOUTHLAND AND PRESIDENT WARFIELD

16. By reference (e), Commander Naval Forces, European Waters requested that the NORTHLAND, SOUTHLAND and PRESIDENT WARFIELD be acquired for naval use in the European Area. The Board was informed that these three vessels are former American passenger steamers owned by War Shipping Administration

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and loaned to the British Ministry of War Transport under lend-lease arrangements. It is understood that the British Ministry of War Transport is accomplishing necessary repairs and reconditioning to make the vessels seaworthy and suitable for the purpose desired.

17. The Board recommends that the NORTHLAND, SOUTHLAND and PRESIDENT WARFIELD be acquired by the Navy from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis, be assigned to Commander Naval Forces, Europe for his use and that they be manned by naval crews from personnel now in the theater.

18. In view of the above, the Board further recommends that the acquisition of the PRESIDENT WARFIELD for use as a barracks for naval personnel and designation as an APL, as noted in Report No. 74, be canceled.

19. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting authority for auxiliary tonnage was available as follows:

- (a) 150,172 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President under Public Law 204.
- (b) An additional 732,251 tons under Public Law 204 not yet cleared by the President for general use.



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 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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22 May 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 91.

Cancellation of APA 181-186 inclusive.
Acquisition of MC Hulls 743-748 inclusive for AH 12-17 inclusive.
Cancellation of Acquisition of SS ANTIGUA and SS PLATANO.

Refs: (a) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 84.
(b) CominCh memo FF1/A4-3/S28-1 serial 00913 of 20 March 1944 to JCS.
(c) JCS ltr dated 14 April 1944 to MC.
(d) MC ltr dated 18 May 1944 to JCS.
(e) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 30.
(f) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 35.(55)
(g) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 65.

1. The Board met at 1000 20 May 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley	Acting Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter		(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Captain T. M. Waldschmidt, Captain C. C. Myers (MC), Lieut. R. F. Andree, Operations; Commander S. N. Pyne, Commander Alexander Sledge, Commander Russell Keith, Commander R. W. Schurr, Bureau of Ships; Ens. P.W.F. Jones, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

3. Reference (a) authorized the acquisition of 130 APA's (APA 106-235 inclusive) from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis. Reference (b) requested the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to divert six (6) of these APA hulls for conversion by the Navy to hospital ships. Consequently, reference (c) requested that the Maritime Commission deliver APA's 151-156 inclusive to the Navy, at a suitable stage of construction, as Victory Cargo Ships for conversion to Naval Hospital Ships.

4. As a result of conferences and discussions by the representatives of the Navy Department, War Department, and the Maritime Commission, an agreement has been reached whereby, instead of allocating six (6) hulls intended for APA's that six (6) of the C4-S-B2 type under construction at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company will be made available to the Navy for conversion to hospital

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ships. Reference (d) further advises the Joint Chiefs of Staff that six (6) of the hulls authorized for APA's by reference (a), namely, MCV hulls 147-152 inclusive (APA 181-186 inclusive) would be built instead as Merchant Cargo vessels (Commission design VC2-S-AP3).

5. The Board therefore recommends that Board Report No. 84 be modified by reducing the number of APA's being acquired from the Maritime Commission from 130 to 124, which decreases the number of hulls from Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, from 36 to 30. This will cancel the construction and acquisition of APA 181-186 inclusive.

6. The Board further recommends that MC hulls 743-748 inclusive now under construction by Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation for the U. S. Maritime Commission be acquired from the Commission, at a suitable stage of construction, on a loan basis and be converted to naval hospital ships (AH 12-17 inclusive); and that they be manned by naval personnel.

7. The Board noted that no increase in naval personnel is involved by the cancellation of six (6) APA's and acquisition of six (6) vessels for AH's in their place.

8. References (e), (f), and (g) authorized the acquisition of SS ANTIGUA and PLATANO for conversion to accommodate naval crews and use as Provision Store Ships, AF 17 and AF 27, respectively. In view of the extreme shortage of naval personnel, and no change in the services now being rendered by these vessels as manned with merchant crews, the Chief of Naval Operations recommended and the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet approved retaining them under allocation and holding in abeyance indefinitely their acquisition and manning by the Navy.

9. The Board recommends that since these conditions now hold and are expected to continue, that all references to the acquisition and manning of the SS ANTIGUA and SS PLATANO as contained in Board reports No's. 30, 35 and 65 be cancelled.

10. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting, the following auxiliary tonnage authority was available:

(a) 74,352 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President under Public Law 204.

(b) An additional 668,677 tons under Public Law 204, not yet cleared by the President for general use.

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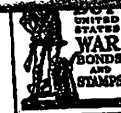
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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 92.

Tankers and Oilers

2 operating tankers for use as mobile floating storage (IX)
6 T2-SE-A2 type (MC 1826-1831) for AO 91-96
4 T3-S2-A1 type (MC 2559-2562) for AO's
12 Special type for AOG's
2 T1-M-A2 type for AOG's

Dry Cargo Type

7 C2-S-B1 type (MC 216-222) for AKA's
8 C2-S-AJ3 type (MC 1696-1703) for AKA's
4 C2-S-AJ1 type (MC 1704, 1706, 1708, 1709) for AE's
3 C2-S-AJ1 type (MC 1705, 1707, 1710) for AGC 15-17
8 EC2-S-C1 type, for AG's and 2 for ARG's

Refs: (a) JCS ltr of 6 June 1944 to MC.
(b) MC ltr of 22 June 1944 to JCS.
(c) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 78.

1. The Board met at 1030 on 30 June 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline
Captain E. E. Brady
Commander Herman Barter
Commander W. N. Mansfield

Senior Member (Op-23)
(Op-12)
(Op-23)
Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Comdr. G.E. Lindley, and Lieut. R.S. Andree, Operations; Capt. T.P. Wynkoop, Comdr. Alexander Sledge, Comdr. Russell Keith, Comdr. R.W. Schurr, and Lieut. (jg) R.B. McIntosh, Bureau of Ships; Lieut. Peter Jenness, Ens. P.W.F. Jones and Ens. O.E. Emons, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

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3. 2 Operating tankers for use as mobile floating storage (IX)

Two (2) of the tankers acquired under authority of reference (c) for fuel storage were subsequently converted instead to AW1 and AW2, respectively. To make up the shortage caused by this diversion and to supply the increasingly large requirements of oil products to forward areas, the Commander, Seventh Fleet has requested that two (2) replacement tankers be acquired. The Board recommends that two (2) operating tankers be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis upon their arrival in the Southwest Pacific area, be manned by Naval crews and assigned to Service Force, Seventh Fleet for use primarily as mobile floating storage. The Board was advised that the War Shipping Administration had tentatively allocated the S/S W.C. FAIRBANKS as one (1) of the tankers to meet this requirement and expected to name the second vessel in the near future.

Total personnel involved - 10 officers and 130 enlisted men.

4. The Board was advised of the contents of reference (a) covering request by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the U. S. Maritime Commission for modification of Maritime Commission Building Program for the first half of 1945 to provide for the construction of fifty-six (56) merchant type vessels as Naval auxiliaries. It was noted that reference (b), replying thereto, stated that the Commission could provide for all the type vessels requested with the exception of the twelve (12) oilers. Six (6) of this class will be T2-SE-A2 type and four (4) T3-S2-A1 type so that a total of fifty-four (54) vessels will be constructed instead of the fifty-six (56) requested. These fifty-four (54) vessels will be transferred to the Navy on a loan basis either complete or in a suitable stage of construction for conversion by the Navy as indicated below.

5. 6 T2-SE-A2 type (MC 1826-1831) for AO 91-96

These hulls are building by Marinship Corporation at Sausalito, California, and are similar to AO 80-88 class. Delivery is expected, complete, as follows: AO 91 in November, AO 92-93 in December, AO 94 in January and AO 95-96 in February.

Total personnel involved - 90 officers and 1260 enlisted men.

6. 4 T3-S2-A1 type (MC 2559-2562) for AO's

These oilers, similar to AO 51-64 class, will be built by Bethlehem-Sparrows Point Shipyard, Baltimore, Md. Prospective delivery, completed is June, 1945.

Total personnel involved - 72 officers and 1080 enlisted men.

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7. 12 Special type tankers for AOG's

The Maritime Commission has been advised by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureau of Ships as to the design features desired. Prospective deliveries completed are two (2) per month, beginning in January 1945.

Total personnel involved - 84 officers and 996 enlisted men.

8. 2 T1-M-A2 type tankers for AOG's

These tankers, similar to AOG 23-46 class, will be built by East Coast Shipyard, Inc., Bayonne, N.J. Prospective delivery completed is January/February 1945.

Total personnel involved is 12 officers and 108 enlisted men.

9. 7 C2-S-B1 type (MC 216-222) for AKA's

These cargo vessels will be built similar to AK 53-63 class by Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Kearney, N.J. Prospective deliveries completed are one (1) in January, one (1) in February, one (1) in March, two (2) in April, one (1) in May and one (1) in June.

Total personnel involved - 245 officers and 2310 enlisted men.

10. 8 C2-S-AJ3 type (MC 1696-1703) for AKA's

These cargo vessels are to be built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, Wilmington, N.C., four (4) completed by the builder similar to AKA 64-75 class and four (4) delivered incomplete but capable of steaming under their own power for conversion by the Navy similar to AKA 76-87 class. Prospective deliveries and completions are noted below:

<u>MC Hull</u>	<u>Del. to Navy</u>	<u>Completed</u>	
1696	Jan.	Apr.	Navy conversion
1697	Jan.	Apr.	Navy conversion
1698	Feb.	Feb.	Bldr. complete
1699	March	March	Bldr. complete
1700	Feb.	May	Navy conversion
1701	Feb.	May	Navy conversion
1702	March	March	Bldr. complete
1703	April	April	Bldr. complete

Total personnel involved - 280 officers and 2640 enlisted men.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~11. 4 C2-S-AJ1 type (MC 1704, 1706, 1708, 1709) for AE's

These cargo vessels are to be built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, Wilmington, N.C., and delivered to Navy incomplete but capable of steaming under their own power for conversion by the Navy similar to AE 14-15 class. Prospective deliveries and completions are noted below:

<u>MC Hull</u>	<u>Del. to Navy</u>	<u>Conv. Completed</u>
1704	Feb.	May
1706	Feb.	May
1708	March	June
1709	March	June

Total personnel involved - 64 officers and 904 enlisted men.

12. 3 C2-S-AJ1 type (MC 1705, 1707, 1710) for AGC 15-17

These cargo hulls will be built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, and be delivered to the Navy incomplete but capable of steaming under their own power for conversion by the Navy similar to AGC 14. Prospective deliveries and completion dates are indicated below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>MC Hull</u>	<u>Del. to Navy</u>	<u>Conv. completed</u>
AGC 15	1705	Feb.	July
AGC 16	1707	March	Aug.
AGC 17	1710	March	Sept.

Total personnel involved - 390 officers and 2400 enlisted men.

13. 8 EC2-S-C1 type, 6 for AG's and 2 for ARG's

These hulls will be taken incomplete but capable of steaming under their own power for conversion by the Navy at dates to be later determined. The six (6) AG's, combined barracks, issue and distilling ships, are to be similar to AG 68-71 class and the two (2) ARG's are to be similar to ARG 2 - 11 class. It is contemplated that acquisition of some or all of the six (6) AG's may be accomplished prior to the end of 1944.

Total personnel involved, for 6 AG's - 90 officers and 990 enlisted men.
for 2 ARG's- 52 officers and 1014 enlisted men.

14. The Board recommends that the foregoing fifty-four (54) vessels be acquired from the U. S. Maritime Commission on a loan basis, either completed or at a suitable stage of construction for conversion as indicated, that they be manned by Naval personnel and be placed in commission in the Navy.

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15. A representative of the Bureau of Naval Personnel stated that the personnel involved for manning the vessels covered by this report could not be provided under the personnel ceiling of 2,610,000 men without reducing requirements for ships or activities not presently scheduled for reduction. Personnel have been provided under the increased ceiling awaiting approval by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations.

16. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised that prior to this Board meeting, but after making allowance for AGC 15-17 and AO 91-96, the status of Auxiliary Tonnage authority in Public Law 204 is as follows:

- (a) 22,232 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President.
- (b) An additional 359,697 tons balance under the 2,000,000 ton limit established by the President, for which clearance is being requested.
- (c) 300,000 tons balance in the Act, not cleared by the President and not available for general use.

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 3 July, 1944.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 92.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

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 Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.

2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 93.

Acquisition of two (2) EC2-S-C1 hulls for
 conversion to AK's.

Ref : (a) CinCPOA dispatch 120443 of July to CNO.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 19 July 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter	(Op-23)
Captain E. R. Morrissey	(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. C. S. Alden, Comdr. G. E. Lindley and Lieut. R. S. Andree, Operations; Comdr. B.G. Lowrey, Comdr. Alexander Sledge and Comdr. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Lieut. Peter Jenness, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. By reference (a) and previous communications, the Chief of Naval Operations has been informed of the urgent need for two (2) AK's with facilities for accommodating Construction Battalion personnel (two (2) officers and thirty-five (35) enlisted men) to assemble pontoon docks carried by these vessels. The Board was informed that there were no AK's under operational control of CinCPOA that could be made available for this conversion and that all suitable Naval Transportation Service AK's not assigned to the operational control of the operating forces, being equipped with towing engines, were similarly unavailable due to the necessity for retaining them for projected towing operations in the Pacific.

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4. In view of the unavailability of Naval AK's, the Board recommends that two (2) EC2-S-C1 type hulls, preferably under construction, be acquired as soon as practicable from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis and be converted by the Navy to Cargo Ships (AK) with additional facilities to provide for pontoon assembly detachments.

5. The Board was advised that these vessels would be required converted, loaded and ready for sea by 1 October.

6. A representative of the Bureau of Naval Personnel stated that the complement for these vessels would involve the following personnel:

Operating Crew:	13 officers, 154 enlisted men each.
Pontoon assembly detail:	2 officers, 35 enlisted men each.

The above does not include landing craft crew of two (2) officers and twenty-six (26) men as it is contemplated that no landing craft will be carried. Total crew involved (two (2) vessels) - 30 officers and 378 men.

7. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised that prior to this Board meeting but after making allowance for AGC 15-17 and AO 91-96 but not including other vessels specified by Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 92, the status of auxiliary tonnage authority in Public Law 204 was as follows:

- (a) There remains 22,232 tons of the 200,000 ton portion cleared by the President.
- (b) Request has been made for clearance for general use of the 359,697 ton balance of the 2,000,000 ton limit established by the President.
- (c) There remains a 300,000 ton balance in the Act, not cleared by the President and not available for general use.

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
 To: Secretary of the Navy.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 93.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning these vessels are provided for in the increased ceiling recently approved by the President.

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 Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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12 August 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 94.

Acquisition of ten (10) tankers for use as floating storage and for shuttle service (IX).

AD 30-32 substituted for AS 28-30.

Refs: (a) CinCPOA Sec. Ser. 002000 of 10 July 1944 to CNO.
(b) CG, REAR ECHELON GHQ, SWPA Sec. despatch CX 15034 (July) to War Dept.
(c) CNO Conf. Ser. 080539 of 20 July 1944 to WSA.
(d) WSA ltr of 3 Aug. 1944 to CNO.
(e) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 71.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 10 August 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Captain V. D. Chapline	Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady		(Op-12)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Comdr. G.E. Lindley and Lieut. J. H. Thorn, Operations; Comdr. S.N. Pyne, Comdr. Alexander Sledge, Comdr. R.W. Schurr and Lieut. (jg) R.B. McIntosh, Bureau of Ships, Ens. O.E. Emmons, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. As informed by reference (b), the Chief of Naval Operations has been requested to assign four (4) tankers to the Southwest Pacific Area for carrying clean products each having a capacity of about 70,000 barrels. These vessels will be used primarily for shuttle-service between Hollandia-Finschhafen terminals to forward areas.

4. The Board recommends that four (4) operating tankers suitable for this use be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis. It is further recommended that if the vessels are located in U.S. continental ports that they be acquired and manned by naval personnel prior to departure, otherwise that they be acquired and manned in the Southwest Pacific Area. These vessels will be assigned to Service Force, Seventh Fleet.

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5. In this connection the Board was advised that the War Shipping Administration had designated the tanker VACUUM, at present undergoing repairs in New York area, and the tanker EDWARD L. DOHENY, similarly being repaired at Galveston, Texas and expected to name the other two (2) vessels in the near future.

Total personnel involved - 20 officers and 260 enlisted men.

6. By reference (a), the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas indicated that projected operations made it necessary to initiate a new program to procure additional mobile storage tankers and stated the need for this type of vessel had been further intensified by the diversion of several non-self propelled concrete barges originally designated for petroleum storage, for water service. It was suggested that six (6) tankers be procured, at the rate of reporting for duty, of one tanker monthly beginning with a delivery in October, 1944 and extending for six (6) months thereafter. Subject tankers would be divided equally into "clean" and "dirty" classifications.

7. The Board recommends that six (6) tankers suitable for the above use be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis at the rate of one (1) per month beginning early in September and be manned with naval personnel prior to departure from the United States. They will be assigned to Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

Total personnel involved: 30 officers and 390 enlisted men.

8. The Board took cognizance of the fact that the Secretary of the Navy approved the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet that three (3) of the four (4) Submarine Tenders (AS) authorized in reference (e) be built as Destroyer Tenders (AD), and notes that AS 28-30 therefore will be built as AD 30-32.

9. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to the action of this Board meeting the status of Auxiliary Tonnage authority Public Law 204 was as follows:

(a) 162,727 tons remaining out of the 559,697 tons portion cleared by the President.

(b) 300,000 tons balance in the Act not cleared by the President and not available for general use.

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 94.

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Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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22 September 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 95.

Acquisition of six (6) EC2-S-C1 Hulls for conversion to
AKS 10-15.

Acquisition of seven (7) RL-M-AV3 type vessels completed
as AF 41-47.

Refs: (a) CinCPOA 1st end. sec. ser. 000614 of 3 Aug., 1944 to
CNO on ComServPac sec. ser. 000478 of 23 July, 1944.
(b) CominCh secr. memo ser. 002338 of 16 Aug., 1944 to
JCS.
(c) JCS secr. ltr. dated 5 Sept., 1944 to MC.
(d) CNO conf. ser. 045439 of 26 April, 1944 to MC.
(e) MC ltr. dated 5 Aug., 1944 to CNO.

1. The Board met at 0930 on 19 September, 1944 in room 2721, Navy
Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline
Captain E. E. Brady
Commander W. N. Mansfield

Senior Member (Op-23)
(Op-12)
Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R. S.
McDowell, Comdr. G.E. Lindley and Lieut. J.H. Thorn, Operations;
Capt. A. S. Sledge, Capt. B.G. Lowrey and Lt.(jg) R.B. McIntosh,
Bureau of Ships; Lieut. P. Jenness and Ens. O.E. Emmons, Bureau
of Naval Personnel; and Lt. Comdr. G.W. Edgar, Bureau of Supplies
and Accounts.

AKS 10-15

3. As informed by reference (a), the Chief of Naval Operations has
been requested to provide six (6) additional General-Stores Issue Ships
(AKS) as early as possible for supporting operations in the Pacific.
The early acquisition and modified conversion of EC2-S-C1 type Liberty
Cargo vessels is indicated.

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4. Approval by the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the use of dry cargo vessels for this purpose was secured by reference (b) and the U. S. Maritime Commission has been so informed by reference (c).

5. In order that APA-AKA-AGC programs may not be jeopardized and in view of an already overloaded conversion schedule, the Board noted that facilities would not be available for this additional work until November. Modified conversions similar in design to AKS 7 were indicated in order to obtain earliest completions.

6. The Board recommends that six (6) EC2-S-C1 type hulls building in East Coast and Gulf Coast shipyards be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis, at a suitable stage of construction, during November and that they be converted as expeditiously as possible to modified General-Stores Issue Ships (AKS), and that they be Navy manned.

Total personnel involved: 90 Officers, 1068 enlisted men (for 6 vessels).

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7. Reference (d) requested that the Maritime Commission complete five (5) C1-M-AV1 type vessels according to RL-M-AV3 design from the second group of 100 Cargo vessels under construction for the War and Navy Departments. These five vessels follow AF 30-39 and are under construction by the same yard. The Commission indicated in reference (e) that due to difficulties in procurement of refrigerating machinery that it was doubtful that more than three of these fifteen vessels could be completed as reefer ships. Subsequently, arrangements were made to provide this machinery as Navy furnished equipment for all fifteen vessels and, it is understood, that scheduled deliveries will only be delayed about one month.

8. The Chief of Naval Operations has been informed by correspondence of higher classification that a total of seven (7) additional AF's will be required in 1945. In view of this requirement and since Navy furnished equipment is being provided, it is recommended that five (5) MC Hulls, namely, 2332 and 2204-2207 inclusive now building by Pennsylvania Shipyards, Inc. be acquired from the Maritime Commission, upon completion according to the same design covering AF 30-39, on a loan basis, and that they be Navy manned.

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9. The Board further recommends that the Commission be requested to complete two (2) additional vessels (preferably the earliest CL-M-AV1 Hulls now scheduled for construction at Pennsylvania Shipyards, Inc.) according to AF 30-39 design, that they be similarly provided with Navy furnished equipment, be acquired on a loan basis and be Navy manned.

Total personnel involved: 35 Officers, 427 enlisted men (for 7 vessels).

10. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting, authority for Auxiliary tonnage was available as follows under Public Law 204:

- (a) 132,094 tons of the 559,697 ton portion cleared by the President.
- (b) An additional 300,000 tons not yet cleared by the President for general use.

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To : Secretary of the Navy.

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Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 95.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning these thirteen (13) vessels are provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

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Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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26 SEP 1944

From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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5 October 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 96.

Acquisition of 10 VC2-S-AP2 hulls for AK 227-236.

Refs: (a) CinCPOA Sec. Desp. 230739 of Sept. '44 to CNO.
 (b) CNO Conf. Ser. 0102939 of 27 Sept. '44 to MC.
 (c) CNO Sec. Desp. 281735 of Sept. '44 to CinCPOA.
 (d) CNO Conf. Desp. 302150 of Sept. '44 to ComfTwelve.

1. The Board met at 1500 on 3 October, 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain E. E. Brady	(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey	(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Capt. R.S. McDowell, Capt. L.Y. Mason, Jr., and Lt. R.F. Andree, Operations; Capt. S.N. Pyne, Capt. Alexander Sledge, and Lt. (JG) R.B. McIntosh, Bureau of Ships; Lt. Peter Jenness and Lt. G.E.H. Comte, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. Reference (a) requested that ten (10) Victory cargo vessels be acquired by the Navy for use in the transportation of replenishment ammunition; and recommended that civilian crew and armed guard normally carried by these vessels be replaced by Naval crew limited by existing berthing and messing facilities.

4. The Board was advised that steps had been taken to request ten (10) vessels of the VC2-S-AP2 type now under construction by Permanente Metals Corp. at Richmond, California as noted in reference (b). The Commission has since designated the S/S BOULDER VICTORY (MCV 536) as the first available vessel.

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5. The Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas has been informed by reference (c) that in accordance with his recommendation, no conversion features will be provided on these vessels and that there will be accommodations for a maximum complement of only 14 officers and 76 enlisted men.

6. In view of the urgency of this request which involves planned operations, the Board recommends that ten (10) VC2-S-AP2 type hulls be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis as completed merchant vessels, that they be outfitted by the Navy and be provided minimum naval crews necessary for efficient operation. It is further recommended, in accordance with references (b) and (c) that no conversion be accomplished.

Total personnel involved: 110 officers and 760 enlisted men (10 vessels)

7. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a cleared balance of 95,008 tons available for Auxiliary tonnage with an additional 300,000 tons not yet cleared by the President for general use.

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 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 96.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning these ten (10) vessels are provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

F.J. ...
 Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 97.

Acquisition of 4 T2-SE-A2 and 5 T3-S2-A1 hulls as AO's.
 AS 27 and AV 19-20 to be built as AD33, 35, and 36.
 IX 184, 186-193 incl. to be acquired after arrival in area.
 Acquisition of additional tanker for shuttle service (IX).

Refs: (a) JCS ltr to MC dated 16 Oct. 1944.
 (b) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 71.
 (c) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 94.
 (d) ComGenRear Echelon SWPA desp. CX15034 (July) to War Dept.
 (e) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 95.

1. The Board met at 1500 on 9 November 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.
2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline	Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain R. S. McDowell		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter		(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Comdr. G.E. Lindley and Lt. R.F. Andree, Operations; Capt. S.N. Pyne and Capt. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Lt. P. Jenness, Jr. and Lt. (jg) O.E. Emmons, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Lt. Comdr. G.W. EDGAR (SC), Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

Acquisition of 4 T2-SE-A2 and 5 T3-S2-A1 hulls as AO's.

3. The Board took cognizance of the fact that the Maritime Commission could only provide ten of the twelve merchant type AO's requested for delivery in the first half of 1945. Since two of these ten are being converted to Distilling Ships (AW), there is a deficit of 4 AO's in the original request. To make up this deficit and to provide sufficient Fast Oilers to support Fleet operations by the fourth quarter of 1945, the Navy representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended in reference (a) that the Maritime Commission Building Program for the last half of 1945 be modified to provide for the construction of nine (9) merchant type AO's for the Navy.

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4. In response to reference (a) covering the above request, it is understood that the Maritime Commission proposes to have four of these Oilers constructed at Marinship Corp., Sausalito, Calif., according to T2-SF-A2 design and five at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Chester, Pa., according to T3-S2-A1 design.

5. The Board recommends that the four Marinship tankers be built similar in design and characteristics to AO 93-96 class and the five Sun tankers similar to AO 97-100 class, that upon their completion they be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis, be manned by naval crews and be placed in commission in the Navy.

Total personnel Involved: 135 officers - 2166 enlisted men (9 vessels)

6. The Board took cognizance of the fact that the Secretary of the Navy approved the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet that a Submarine Tender (AS27) and two Seaplane Tenders (AV 19-20) authorized in reference (b) be built instead as Destroyer Tenders (AD 33, 35 and 36). These Destroyer Tenders will be built according to design for C3 hulls.

IX 184 and 186-193 to be acquired on arrival in area.

7. Reference (c) authorized the acquisition and naval manning of ten tankers prior to departure from U. S. One vessel so authorized, Frank G. Drum, has been accepted and commissioned USS STONEWALL (IX 185). In order to avoid the delay entailed by providing unnecessary repairs and alterations, the Board recommends that the remaining nine tankers for (IX 184 and 186-193) be acquired and manned by naval crews after their arrival in Southwest Pacific and Pacific areas. War Shipping Administration has agreed to this procedure. Tonnage authority and personnel involved have been authorized.

Acquisition of additional tanker for shuttle service (IX).

8. Reference (d) requested that four tankers suitable for shuttle service of clean products be acquired. Two such vessels have been authorized (IX 184 and 185) and a third already in the area is being used under allocation with merchant crew. To meet requirements in that area, the Board recommends that an additional tanker suitable for this service be acquired on a bareboat basis upon its arrival in the area, be manned by naval crew and be assigned to Service Force, Seventh Fleet.

Total personnel involved: 5 officers - 65 enlisted men.

10. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a cleared balance of 55,021 tons available for Auxiliary Tonnage with an additional 300,000 tons not yet cleared by the President for general use.

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November 1944.From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 97.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning these ten vessels are provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

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To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.
2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

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16 Dec. 1944.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 98.
 Refs : (a) CominCh conf. memo ser. 03995 of 1 Dec. 1944 to Vice CNO.
 (b) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 70.
 (c) CominCh sec. ser. 003209 of 4 Nov. 1944.
 (d) Munitions Assignment Com. restr. ltr MAC (N)331, TAL/197 of 27 Nov. 1944.
 (e) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 88.
 (f) Op-05 memo to the President, ser. 032805 of 5 Dec. 1944.

1. The Board met at 0930 on 8 December, 1944 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain R. S. McDowell	(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey	(Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter	(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. J.N. Heiner and Comdr. R.B. Lank, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard; Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Capt. B.V. Meade, Comdr. F.B. Bryan, Lt. Comdr. W.V.C. Miven and Lieut. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. Russell Keith, Comdr. W.E. Baranowski and Mr. S.B. Crosby, Bureau of Ships; Lieut. Peter Jenness, Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Comdr. John G. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. By reference (a) the Vice Chief of Naval Operations was directed to take the necessary action for the construction of two (2) icebreakers of the NORTH WIND class as replacement for two Coast Guard vessels of the same class which are to be transferred under lend-lease to a foreign government. The Board recommends that these two vessels be constructed by the Bureau of Ships in accordance with NORTH WIND plans and specifications, and that priority and group precedence be assigned which will indicate a completion date of 1 May 1946. The Board ascertained that three NORTH WIND class icebreakers are now in service and one is building for which Coast Guard personnel have been allocated, therefore, no additional Coast Guard personnel will be required to man the two replacement ships.

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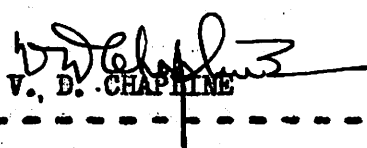
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4. Reference (b) authorized the acquisition of 10 P2-SE2-R1 type troop transports (MC Hulls 678-687 incl.) on a lean basis from the U.S. Maritime Commission for AP 120-129 incl. The Board was informed that in response to request by the Chairman, U.S. Maritime Commission, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have indicated their approval that the last two of these vessels now under construction at Bethlehem-Alameda Shipyard Inc., namely, MC686-687 (AP 128-129), be re-designed and constructed as passenger-cargo ships (P2-SE2-R3) in order to provide for some commercial operation of this type vessel soon after the termination of the European War. Accordingly, the Board recommends that acquisition of the foregoing vessels be cancelled and that reference (b) be so modified. The personnel thus released should be credited to "CAZ vessels".

5. In view of the shortage of Repair Ships (AR) in the Pacific Fleet which has been accentuated by recent repair and upkeep requirements, reference (c) indicated the desirability of retaining AR's 19, 20 and 21 for this service and not assigning them to a foreign government. Accordingly, by reference (d), the Munitions Assignments Board has approved the retention of these three vessels by the United States Navy. In accordance with the above, the Board recommends that these three vessels which are presently under conversion be completed and be manned and commissioned by the Navy.

Total personnel required: 78 officers, 1485 enlisted men (for 3 vessels)

6. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was no Auxiliary Tonnage available in the Presidential cleared portion of Public Law 204. In reference (f), the Secretary of the Navy requested the President to release 300,000 tons remaining under the authorization in Public Law 204. The President approved this release on 15 December 1944.


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 16 December 1944.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 98.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning the vessels referred to in paragraph 5 are provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

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 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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3 February 1945.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.
 Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 99.

Refs: (a) CominCh sec. memo. ser. 00267 of 27 Jan. 1945.
 (b) CNO restr. ser. 17205 of 19 Dec. 1944.
 (c) CinCPOA conf. desp. 260015 of January 1945.
 (d) Aux. Ves. Board Report No. 41.
 (e) SecNav conf. ser. 06839 of 1 Feb. 1945.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 2 February 1945 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline	Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain R. S. McDowell		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Comdr. L.K. Scott, Comdr. W.C. Lockhart and Lieut. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. B.G. Lowry, Capt. A. Sledge and Capt. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Lieut. Peter Jenness and Lieut. (jg) O.E. Emmons, Bureau of Personnel; and Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations directed the Vice Chief of Naval Operations by reference (a) to take appropriate action for initiating the construction of thirty additional 180 foot type minesweepers (AM) to be built under the precedence established by reference (b). The Board recommends that these vessels be constructed as replacements and for lend-lease commitments and that their design embody the latest approved features. In view of their ultimate use, no additional Naval personnel is involved.

4. As indicated in reference (c), the S/S DOMINO, a vessel allocated to the Navy by the War Shipping Administration for ultimate disposition as a breakwater ship, has been inspected and is considered satisfactory for use, instead, as mobile dry storage. Accordingly, the Board recommends

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that this vessel be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis upon its arrival at PEARL and after effecting necessary repairs to fit it for the above purpose to place it in commission as an Unclassified Auxiliary (IX) for assignment to Service Force, Pacific. It is understood that the Forces Afloat will provide a minimum Naval crew.

Total Personnel involved: 5 officers and 50 enlisted men.

5. The Board took cognizance of the transfer of USS ROCHAMBEAU (AP63) (ex-MARECHAL JOFFRE) to the War Shipping Administration which was approved by reference (e). This transfer has been authorized with the understanding that the vessel will be made available for manning and operation under the French flag with French crew for continued employment in the carriage of U. S. troops under the direction and control of the War Shipping Administration. The ROCHAMBEAU was acquired by the Navy from the War Shipping Administration in accordance with reference (d) on 20 April 1942. Acquisition included only possession of and responsibility for the care, custody and operation of the ship without transfer of title.

6. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a cleared balance of auxiliary tonnage available of 299,303 tons.

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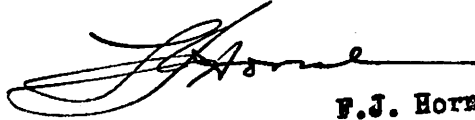
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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 99.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning the vessel referred to in paragraph 4 is provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".



F.J. Horns
Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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23 February 1945.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 100.

Refs: (a) CinCPOA sec. despatch 030400 of December 1944.
(b) CNO conf. serial 01839 of 8 Jan. 1945 to WSA.
(c) CNO airmailgram 111537 of October 1944.
(d) Com7thFlt conf. despatch 170220 of February 1945.

1. The Board met at 1015 on 21 February 1945 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V. D. Chapline	Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain R. S. McDowell		(Op-12)
Captain E. R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter		(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder	(Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Capt. S.E. Latimer, Comdr. W.C. Lockhart, Comdr. G.E. Lindley and Lt. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. B. G. Lowrey, Capt. A. Sledge and Capt. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships, Lt. Peter Jenness, Jr., Bureau of Naval Personnel and Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

Mobile Storage Tankers

3. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas has indicated a need for additional storage tankers for use in the Pacific theater. Three vessels considered suitable for this purpose and which have outlived their usefulness as commercial tankers have been nominated by War Shipping Administration, namely: S/S PENNSYLVANIA at Portland, Ore., for ultimate use as storage for fuel oil and S/S DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA and S/S UTACARBON, now at San Francisco, for storage of gasoline and/or diesel oil. It is understood that three more vessels will be named in the near future.

4. The Board's attention was invited to the provisions of reference (c) in which the Chief of Naval Operations indicated that vessels of this type were not expected to meet Navy standards nor to be converted or repaired to make them do so; that it was expected that they would be in good operating condition sufficient to make the voyage and on arrival in the forward area,

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be capable of receiving cargoes from trans-Pacific tankers and capable of discharging such cargo to other craft as required at anchorage; that if necessary they would be sustained by base facilities or other naval vessels present; and that they would be manned with a minimum of personnel consistent with carrying out their mission at anchor and utilize existing berthing, messing and sanitary facilities.

5. The Board recommends that the foregoing vessels or their equivalent and three other suitable vessels be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis upon their arrival at Pearl and that they be placed in commission as Unclassified Auxiliaries (IX) for assignment to Service Force, Pacific for use as mobile floating storage for liquid cargo.

Total personnel involved - 30 officers, 390 enlisted men.

Dry Storage Vessels

6. The Commander, Seventh Fleet has indicated that a damaged liberty ship named the DON MARQUIS would require extensive repairs in order to make it ready for towing back to the mainland and that with the approval of the War Shipping Administration's representative in the area, engine and deck equipment had been removed for use on other vessels so that operation under its own power was questionable. In view of the foregoing and due to the higher priority of naval ship drydocking in that area, Commander, Seventh Fleet requested that the vessel be acquired by the Navy for use as floating dry storage.

7. The Board recommends that the DON MARQUIS be acquired "as is" from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis and following repairs be placed in service as a non-self-propelled Unclassified Auxiliary (IX) for the above use.

Personnel involved - 2 officers, 40 enlisted men (approximate).

8. Reference (d) also indicated that the motor vessel UNICOI, due to its age and condition, was unfit for long voyages. However, it was considered suitable for mobile dry storage in the area and the War Shipping Administration representative indicated approval for its transfer.

9. The Board recommends that the M/S UNICOI be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis, be manned with naval crew not to exceed complement of five officers and sixty-five enlisted men, and be placed in commission as an Unclassified Auxiliary (IX).

Personnel involved - 5 officers, 65 enlisted men.

10. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a cleared balance of Auxiliary tonnage available of 278,053 tons.


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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 100.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning the vessels referred to in subject report is provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

F. J. Horne

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Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.
2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

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Acting Secretary of the Navy

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15 March 1945.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet and
 Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 101.

Refs: (a) JCS ltr to MC dated 26 Feb. 1945 (JCS 896/19).
 (b) CNO conf. ser. 017639 of 12 Mar. 1945 to MC.
 (c) BuShips ltr C-AKA 109-111/S1-1(459) of 23 Feb. 1945 to MC.
 (d) BuShips ltr C-APA 236-247/S1-1(459) of 7 Mar. 1945 to MC.
 (e) CNO conf. ser. 047223 of 2 Feb. 1945 to BuShips, BuOrd.

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1. The Board met at 1500 on 13 March 1945 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Commodore V.D. Chapline	Senior Member	(Op-23)
Captain R.S. McDowell		(Op-12)
Captain E.R. Morrissey		(Op-23)
Commander Herman Barter		(Op-23)
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In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Capt. S.E. Latimer and Lt. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. Russell Keith, Comdr. R.W. Schurr and Mr. S.B. Crosby, Bureau of Ships; Lt. Peter Jenness, Jr., Bureau of Naval Personnel and Comdr. J.C. DeWitt, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended in reference (a) that the Maritime Commission construct certain additional shipping to meet military requirements including twelve (12) APA's of the VC2-S-AP5 type or equivalent and three (3) AKA's of the C2-S-AJ3 type or equivalent for the Navy. Reference (b) requested confirmation that the following hulls now tentatively designated by the Commission would be constructed in accordance with the provisions of references (c) and (d), that is, similar to the current APA-AKA programs but with all known defects and deficiencies corrected, to include items now standard for these

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classes of vessels or which have previously been requested of the Commission and to provide for certain new requirements resulting from operational experience:

MCV 860-871 at Oregon S.B. Co., Portland, Ore. for APA 236-247.
 MC 2609-2611 at North Car. S.B. Co., Wilmington, N.C. for AKA 109-111.

4. The Board noted that reference (e) initiated the procurement of Government-furnished material and equipment necessary for the construction of these vessels, for approved allowance of essential onboard spare parts to be furnished prior to their completion and for outfitting items.

5. The Board recommends that these fifteen (15) vessels be acquired from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis upon their completion by the builders, that they be manned by naval crews and be commissioned in the Navy. Personnel involved (including Ship's Company, Beach Platoon and Landing Craft Group):

	<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted men</u>	
APA 236-247	@ 45	540	@ 458	5496
AKA 109-111	@ 35	<u>105</u>	@ 329	<u>987</u>
Totals:		645		6483

6. The Board noted that the personnel required for manning these fifteen (15) vessels are not provided for in the Operating Force Plan.

7. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of Auxiliary tonnage available of 240,388 tons.

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Ser. 0118523 of 15 Mar. 1945.

From: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet,
and Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 101.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Before the personnel are required for APA 236-247 and AKA 109-111, it should become practicable to provide complements for this increase of 645 officers and 6,843 enlisted men by full compensating reductions in the complements of Atlantic Anti-Submarine activities. By copy of this endorsement, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations is directed to set up compensation on this basis and to initiate timely requests for specific compensations, as and when actual increases must be made as the program progresses.

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15 March 1945.

From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 101.

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2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the War. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

James Forrestal

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 102.

Refs: (a) CinCPOA conf. Serial 08076 of 31 Dec. 1944.
(b) CinCPOA conf. Serial 01097 of 7 Feb. 1945.
(c) CinCPOA conf. Despatch 271953 (March).
(d) Sub Bd. Insurv 8th N.D. Serial 1148 of 7 Sept. 1944.
(e) CinCPOA conf. Despatch 010137 (March).
(f) WSA ltr of 24 Feb. 1945 to CNO.
(g) Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 101.
(h) M.C. conf. ltr of 17 April 1945 to CNO.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 18 April 1945 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline
Captain R. S. McDowell
Commander W. N. MansfieldSenior Member (Op-23)
(Op-12)
Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Comdr. W.C. Lockhart, Lt. J.H. Thorn, Lt. R.E. Howe, Lt. A. Macy Smith and Lt. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. B.G. Lowrey, Capt. Alex. Sledge and Capt. Russell Keith, Bureau of Ships; Lt. Peter Jenness, Jr., Bureau of Naval Personnel; and Lt. Comdr. H.A. Oswald, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. S/S ELINOR WILEY for mobile dry cargo storage (IX)

By reference (a), the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas requested that merchant vessels not suitable for regular employment on long sea voyages be acquired, when available, for mobile dry cargo storage. This request was reiterated in reference (b) which indicated that S/S DOMINO, authorized by Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 99, typified the type of vessel desired. (Similar merchant vessel in this status is the M/S UNICOI, authorized by Board Report No. 100, and naval vessels PEGASUS (AK48) and Tackle (ARS(T)4) which will be reclassified (IX).

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4. The S/S ELINOR WILEY, a Liberty ship built by the Maritime Commission, which suffered extensive underwater damage in October 1944 and which subsequently returned to the United States after major repairs had been effected in a foreign port, has been offered to the Navy for employment as dry cargo storage.

5. The Board recommends that this vessel be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis upon arrival in the forward area, be manned with Naval personnel and be commissioned as an IX for mobile dry cargo storage. In view of the vessel's structural weakness, the Board recommends that the Commander, Service Force, Pacific be cautioned not to overload the ELINOR WYLEE and not to employ the vessel on continuous voyages for dry cargo transportation.

Personnel involved: 5 officers - 65 enlisted men.

6. S/S EDWARD L. DOHENY for floating fuel storage (YO).

By reference (c), the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas indicated that the tanker EDWARD L. DOHENY would be acceptable in a non-self-propelled status, classified (YO), for use as floating fuel storage at Eniwetok provided that due consideration was given to the vessel's pumping equipment and habitability for complement similar to YO-164, and provided that the vessel was delivered to destination under her own power.

7. In considering this request, the Board referred to previous correspondence concerning this vessel wherein the Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Eighth Naval District, by reference (d) recommended non-acceptance for use as mobile floating storage because of the ship's generally deteriorated condition and poor state of repair; to reference (e), wherein the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas indicated that he did not desire the DOHENY in a hulk status, and to reference (f), wherein the War Shipping Administration indicated that the present tanker position would not justify removal of tankers from the operative fleet for floating storage which were in better condition than the DOHENY.

8. The Board is of the opinion that since the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas is cognizant of this vessel's condition and status but notwithstanding is willing to accept her, sufficient repairs should be effected by the War Shipping Administration to fit the vessel for voyage to the Pacific for ultimate use for dead storage of fuel oil, these repairs to include:

(a) Tanks, pumps and piping placed in condition to efficiently store and handle black oil.

(b) Ground tackle overhauled and placed in efficient condition.

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(c) Adequate, clean and efficient berthing, sanitary, cooking, fresh provision storage and messing facilities provided for ultimate Naval crew of fifty (50) men.

(d) Provide adequate and efficient fresh water storage and equipment for this Naval crew for operation of auxiliary machinery.

(e) Provide improvised camels to reduce danger from ships alongside.

9. The Board has been informed that the above listed repairs are now being undertaken by the War Shipping Administration and recommends, therefore, that upon arrival in the forward area, the S/S EDWARD L. DOHENY be accepted from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis, be manned with Naval personnel and be placed in service classified as a YO in non-self-propelled status for use as floating storage for fuel oil.

Personnel involved: 1 officer - 49 enlisted men.

10. AKA 109-111.

Reference (g) authorized the acquisition from the Maritime Commission on a loan basis, of MC Hulls 2609-2611, inclusive, for AKA 109-111. The Board was informed by reference (h) that due to construction difficulties the Maritime Commission would be unable to construct these hulls at North Carolina Shipbuilding Company and proposed instead to build them at Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Kearny, New Jersey.

11. The Board, therefore, recommends that MC hulls 2896-2898 to be built at Federal Shipbuilding Company be acquired on a loan basis as AKA 109-111 and that paragraph 3 of reference (g) be modified accordingly. It is the Board's understanding that these vessels will be built as AKA's similar to AKA 100 and it is recommended that known previous defects and deficiencies be corrected and all alterations dictated by war experience which can be accomplished without unduly prolonging the construction period, be undertaken.

12. Auxiliary Tonnage.

A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of auxiliary tonnage available of 160,588 tons.

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 Board Conf. Rpt., Ser. 0187223
 dated 25 April 1945.

28 APR 1945

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 102.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning the vessels referred to in paragraphs 5 and 9 is provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".

W.S. Farber

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 Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.
2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 103.

Refs: (a) Aux. Ves. Bd. Report No. 99.
(b) CNO conf. desp. 031755 (May) to CinCPOA/Pearl.
(c) CNO conf. serial 0122239 of 23 Nov. 1944 to CinCPOA.
(d) CinCPOA/Sec. desp. 110102 (June) to CNO.
(e) CNO conf. desp. 191310 (June) to CinCPOA/Pearl.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 21 June 1945 in room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain R. S. McDowell	(Op-12)
Commander Herman Barter	(Op-23)
Commander W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, ~~Capt. R.S. McDowell~~, Capt. S.E. Latimer, Capt. C.W. Porter, Comdr. W.C. Lockhart, Comdr. G.E. Lindley, Lt. J.H. Thorn and Lt. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. Alex. Sledge, Capt. B.G. Lowrey, Lt. (jg) R.B. McIntosh, Bureau of Ships; Capt. R.M. Scruggs and Lt. P. Jenness, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Lt. Comdr. H. A. Oswald, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts; and Capt. C.P. Conrad, Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Cancellation of S/S DOMINO for IX 208.

3. Reference (a) authorized the acquisition of the S/S DOMINO for use as dry cargo mobile storage classified as IX 208. A report by Inspection Board, Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Fourteenth Naval District indicated that this vessel's material condition was such that it would require extensive conversion and repairs to fit it for this use. The Board recommends, therefore, that this vessel be acquired from the War Shipping Administration on a bareboat basis and be used instead as construction equipment under the cognizance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and as directed by references (b) and (c) that she not be classified, commissioned, placed in service or taken up on the List of Naval Vessels. Reference (a) is modified accordingly.

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4. By reference (d) the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Area requested that arrangements be made to acquire the damaged liberty ship JOHN M. CLAYTON for use as dry cargo mobile storage in the forward areas. The Board recommends that this vessel be accepted on a bareboat basis from the War Shipping Administration, that minimum repairs be effected without major alterations or change in quarters, that she be manned with naval personnel and be classified as an IX for the above use. In view of the vessel's structural weakness the Board recommends that the Commander Service Force, Pacific be cautioned not to overload the JOHN M. CLAYTON and not to employ the vessel on continuous voyages for dry cargo transportation.

Personnel involved: 5 officers - 65 enlisted men.

Auxiliary Tonnage.

5. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of auxiliary tonnage available of 142,631 tons.

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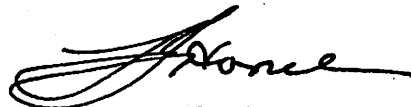
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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 103.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning the vessel referred to in paragraph 4 is provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels".



F.J. Horne
Vice Chief of Naval Operations

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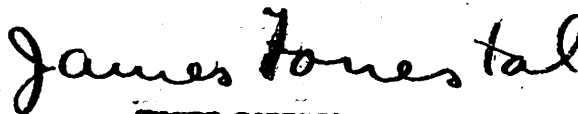
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 To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 104.

Refs: (a) ComServPac Desp. 290243 (Jun) to CinCPOA/Pearl.
(b) CNO Desp. 281730 (Jun) to CinCPOA/Pearl.
(c) CinCPOA/Pearl Desp. 010419 to ComServPac.
(d) CominCh memo ser 001668 of 30 June 1945 to VCNO.
(e) VCNO memo ser 006402 of 27 June 1945 to CominCh.
(f) CNO ser 050339 of 4 July 1945 to WSA.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 10 July 1945 in room 2723, Navy Department.

2. Members present:

Rear Admiral V.D. Chapline	Senior Member (Op-23)
Captain E.R. Morrissey	(Op-23)
Captain R.S. McDowell	(Op-12)
Commander Herman Barter	(Op-23)
Captain W.N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-39)

In addition to the members there were also present: Capt. R.M. Hinckley, Capt. S.E. Latimer, Comdr. W.C. Lockhart, Lt. R.F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. Alex. Sledge, Comdr. R.W. Schurr, Lt. A. Shreeves, Lt.(jg) R.B. McIntosh, Bureau of Ships; Comdr. J.R. Leeds, Lt.(jg) D.W. Larson, Comdr. G.G. Palmer, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Lt. Col. W.P. Baker, Maj. E.L. Medford, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; Lt. Comdr. P.R. Engle, Lt. (HC) J.R. Roberts, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Lt. Comdr. H.A. Oswald, Bureau of Supplies and Accounts; Lt. Comdr. A.J. Craig, Coast Guard; and Capt. B.F. Perry and Lt. Comdr. E.A. Winslow, Prospective Commanding Officer and Prospective Engineer, EUROPA, respectively.

S/S JOHN C. FREMONT, S/S HENRY L. ABBOTT and S/S GUS W. DARNELL for IX226-228.

3. By reference (a), Commander Service Force, Pacific requested that arrangements be made to acquire three (3) damaged Liberty ships for self-propelled floating storage of lubricants and drummed petroleum products at

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Leyte, Ulithi and Eniwetok. By reference (b) the Chief of Naval Operations advised the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area that the War Shipping Administration was agreeable to the Navy taking over these vessels. By reference (c) Commander Service Force, Pacific was requested to take necessary action to determine the details of damage and to arrange for their repair.

4. The Board recommends that if their condition is determined to warrant temporary repairs for use as dry cargo mobile storage, that they be accepted on a bareboat basis from the War Shipping Administration, that minimum repairs be effected without major alterations or change in quarters, that they be manned with naval personnel and be classified as "IX" for this purpose. With respect to the S/S GUS W. DARNELL, the Board recommends that cargo gear and equipment which has been removed be replaced by the War Shipping Administration. In view of the vessels' structural weakness the Board further recommends that Commander Service Force, Pacific be cautioned not to overload them and not to employ them on continuous voyages for dry cargo transportation until permanent repairs have been made.

Personnel involved: 15 officers - 195 enlisted men.

S/S EUROPA for AP-177.

5. Reference (d) approved the proposal made by reference (e) that the Navy man the S/S EUROPA. This vessel being in the Port of Bremerhaven before the general capitulation of Germany, was seized in prize by U. S. Navy. In view of the facilities, labor and equipment available at Bremerhaven, the conversion, reconditioning and repairing of this vessel has been initiated and is currently being accomplished by North German Lloyd under the supervision of the War Shipping Administration. Technical assistance of naval personnel under the Commander, U.S. Naval Base, Germany has been made available. Plans for converting this Ex-German passenger liner to carry about 10,000 troops have been submitted by North German Lloyd and approved by the War Shipping Administration with certain modifications.

6. In view of the EUROPA's ultimate status as a Naval Transport, the Board confirmed the reservations stated in reference (f) with regard to the conversion and recommends that:

- a. The naval crew be provided with adequate and satisfactory accommodations, berthing, messing and sanitary facilities.
- b. Troops be provided with adequate and satisfactory messing and sanitary facilities, access and life-saving equipment.
- c. Navy be consulted regarding stability, sub-division and sea-worthiness after conversion and that adequate safety features be incorporated.

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7. A tentative officer and enlisted allowance was submitted by a representative of the Bureau of Naval Personnel indicating that the following personnel would be required to man this vessel:

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Navy (line)	30	7	28	526
Navy (staff)	7	3	11	233
TOTALS	37	10	39	759

Officers: 47

Enlisted Men: 798

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>N.C.O.</u>	<u>E.M.</u>
Marine detachment	1	2	64

The Board was informed that in addition to the above personnel, accommodations should be provided for a permanent Army Detail of about 8 officers and 33 enlisted men.

Naval personnel involved: 47 officers - 798 enlisted men

8. As the above personnel is not provided for in the current Operating Force Plan, 41 officer billets and 642 enlisted billets will be provided for by replacing the present Navy crew of the USS MONTICELLO (AP-61) with Coast Guard personnel. The Board is informed that the remaining balance of Naval personnel will be drawn from "CAZ vessels" or by returning to the War Shipping Administration for operation and manning appropriate Navy vessels which are presently employed in areas not requiring Navy manning.

9. The Board recommends that the ^{custody and} control of and responsibility for the S/S EUROPA be assigned to the Navy by the War Shipping Administration upon completion of repairs and conversion subject to the reservations in paragraph 6 and that this assignment be made without prejudice to the vessel's ultimate disposition. It is recommended that the EUROPA be manned with naval personnel, be commissioned as a Naval Transport (AP-177) and be assigned to Naval Transportation Service for duty.

Auxiliary Tonnage.

13. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of auxiliary tonnage available of 141,750 tons.

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12 JUL 1945

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To : Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 104.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

2. Personnel involved for manning the vessels referred to in paragraph 4 is provided for in the Operating Force Plan under the caption "CAZ vessels". In the case of the EUROPA the necessary allowances will be made available within the personnel ceiling.

3. The expeditious conversion, reconditioning and manning of the EUROPA is a matter of particular urgency in order that the redeployment of troops from Europe may be facilitated.

W.S. Farber
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Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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From: Secretary of the Navy.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

1. Returned, approved.

2. The vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Bureaus concerned will take necessary action.

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29 March 1946.

From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
To : Secretary of the Navy.
Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 105.

Refs: (a) DCNO(O) ltr, (SC)S28-2, Serial 018P33 of 13 March 1946.
(b) CNO ltr (SC)CS1/L4, Serial 010P421 of 1 Feb. 1946.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 25 March 1946 in room 2723, Navy Department, to consider the acquisition of S/S OCEAN CHIEF and S/S GOLDEN ROCKET from the U. S. Maritime Commission for subsequent commissioning and manning by the Navy.

2. Members present:

Captain R. M. Hinckley	Acting Senior Member (Op-414)
Captain E. R. Morrissey	(Op-414)
Captain S. M. Alexander	(Op-40)
Captain W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-421)

In addition to the members there were also present:

Captain H. O. Larson, Capt. S. E. Latimer, Capt. H. E. Schieke, Captain W. S. Pearson, Comdr. G. O. Hobbs, Lt. Comdr. C. J. Gill and Lt. Comdr. R. F. Andree, Naval Operations; Capt. R. W. Swart, Mr. A. B. Ray and Mr. S. B. Crosby, Bureau of Ships; Comdr. E. W. Logsdon, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

3. Reference (a) requested that steps be taken to acquire title to two (2) Maritime Commission built refrigerated cargo ships and to compensate for the Naval crews required by inactivating two (2) ADRIA Class AFs. This request is based on post-war requirements for two (2) fast, fully-refrigerated ships for point to point transportation of frozen provisions to Pacific Bases.

4. The presently planned post-war AFs consist of:

- (a) ALDEBARAN (AF10), HYADES (AF28), and GRAFFIAS (AF29).
- (b) SATURN (AF40) - presently owned by WSA, title requested by reference (b).
- (c) AF 30 to 38, which are RL-M-AW3 type (ADRIA Class).

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5. The two (2) vessels under consideration are presently under Navy allocation operating with merchant crews. Such allocation must terminate 30 June 1946 in order to avoid payment of charter hire. These ships were included in a group of six (6) which the Joint Chiefs of Staff, under date of 6 June 1944, (JCS 896) requested the Maritime Commission to include in its 1945 construction program. The following information is pertinent:

	<u>MC Hull</u>	<u>Bldrs. Hull</u>	<u>Built</u>	<u>Lt. displ.</u>	<u>Dwt.</u>
OCEAN CHIEF	1206	293	4 May '45	6914	6946
GOLDEN ROCKET	1212	299	16 Jul '45	6936	6924

MC type R2-S-BV1, built by Moore Drydock Co., San Francisco, California
 LOA 459'6 5/16", LBP 435', Beam moulded 63', Load draft 25'9 3/4",
 Refrigerated cargo: 343,628 cubic feet gross, 266,500 cubic feet net,
 Engines - Turbine (GE double reduction drive) 6000 SHP, Boilers - 2 B & W,
 465 lb. WP; Speed 15½ knots, cruising radius 16,000 miles.
 Armament - 1 - 3"/50, 1 - 5"/38, 8 - 20mm.

6. The Board was informed that sufficient personnel to man the OCEAN CHIEF and GOLDEN ROCKET could not be realized by decommissioning two (2) ADRIA Class vessels. However, one ADRIA Class plus the SATURN would provide sufficient complement for both new ships. It was suggested that existing request for transfer of title to the SATURN be withdrawn as this vessel is an Ex-German ship having special type boilers, the replacement of which will require expensive and extensive alteration to the ship's structure.

7. The SATURN (AF 40) may remain in naval custody until 30 June 1946. The ADRIA Class ship selected for assignment to inactive fleet should report not later than 31 August 1946.

8. The Maritime Commission has indicated that favorable action would be taken on Navy's request for transfer of title to these two (2) vessels.

9. The Board, therefore, recommends that title to the OCEAN CHIEF (247,687) and GOLDEN ROCKET (248,207) be acquired from the War Shipping Administration/U.S. Maritime Commission prior to 30 June 1946, that only necessary voyage repairs be effected without major alterations or change in existing accommodations, that they be manned by minimum naval crews sufficient only to operate these ships in the transportation of bulk refrigerated cargoes for the logistic supply of bases, and that they be commissioned in the Navy, classified as Provision Store Ships (AF).

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1. Forwarded, recommending approval.
2. Personnel involved for manning these two (2) vessels will be provided by decommissioning SATURN (AF 40) and redelivcring this vessel to WSA and by assigning one (1) ADRIA Class AF to the Inactive Fleet.

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To : Chief of Naval Operations.

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 From: Senior Member, Auxiliary Vessels Board.
 To : Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Auxiliary Vessels Board Report No. 106.

 References: (a) CNO Ser. 054P421 of 18 May 1948 to AuxVesBd.
 (b) ComServPac Ser. 0488 of 10 May 1948 with End. thereon to CNO.
 (c) ComServIant Ser. 0104 of 6 Feb. 1948 with End. thereon to CNO.
 (d) Op-42 Memo Ser. 052P421 of 14 May 1948 to Op-04.

1. The Board met at 1000 on 28 May 1948 in Room 2716, Navy Department to consider the recovery of Provision Store Ships and/or acquisition of merchant ships for conversion to Provision Store Ships in order to improve most economically the present AF situation and plan future improvements.

2. Members present:

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Captain R. L. Hicks	Senior Member (Op-414)
Captain H. J. Pfingstag	(Op-40)
Commander B. B. Cheatham	(Op-414)
Captain L. B. Stuart	Act. Recorder (Op-42)

In addition to the members there were also present: Rear Admiral W. M. Callaghan, Commander B. D. Claggett, Naval Operations; Captain B. O. Mathews and Mr. S. B. Ray, Bureau of Ships.

3. Reference (a) directed the Board to undertake a study of the Reefer Ship situation and to submit recommendations in the premises. The Board had available certain correspondence from Fleet Commanders discussing this subject, together with comments by the Bureaus concerned.

4. The present status of AF's is:

Pacific Fleet	No.	Speed	Refrigerated Capacity Each	Type
ALSTED, ZELIMA	2	15.5	343,000	Open Hold Reefers
GRAFFIAS	1	15.5	180,000*	Fleet Issue
AREQUIPA, KARIN,)				
MERAPI, KERSTIN,)	5	10.0	102,000**	Fleet Issue
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<u>Atlantic Fleet</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Refrigerated Capacity Each</u>	<u>Type</u>
ALDEBARAN, HYADES	2	15.5	180,000*	Fleet Issue
ADRIA, CORDUBA,) LIOBA, MALABAR)	4	10.0	102,000**	Fleet Issue

* - Additional non-refrigerated capacity dry provisions 170,000.
 ** - Additional non-refrigerated capacity dry provisions 47,000.

Of the foregoing, only the GRAFFIAS, ALDEBARAN, and HYADES are suitable for fleet issue and/or issue at sea. The ALSTEDE and ZELIMA having the same speed are open hold reefers without insulation between levels of the holds and are suitable only for carrying refrigerated cargo in bulk for complete discharge by holds. The eight ADRIA Class are suitable for fleet issue in port, but their slow speed militates against their usefulness in serving fleet units. The three GRAFFIAS Class have brine coil refrigeration, all of the others obtain their refrigeration by means of air cooling systems, which restrict temperature control and limit the extent of compartmentation.

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5. The Board reviewed the recommendations in references (b) and (c), which summarized are to the effect that:

(a) Commander, Service Force Pacific recommends replacement of five ADRIA Class with three large fast reefers fitted for fleet issue and conversion of the ALSTEDE and ZELIMA for fleet issue in two phases, the first phase to provide for issuing at sea and the second to make them fleet issue ships.

(b) Commander, Service Force Atlantic recommends replacement of two of four ADRIA Class with two large fast reefers fitted for Fleet issue.

Both Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander in Chief Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet concurred in these respective recommendations.

6. Reference (d), in reviewing the situation, concluded that five ADRIA Class should be replaced with three large fast reefers fitted for fleet issue as soon as funds could be made available for such conversions.

7. The meeting was adjourned pending further investigation by technical bureaus of reactivation and conversion costs.

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8. The Board reconvened at 1000 on 9 June 1948. Members present:

Captain R. L. Hicks	Senior Member (Op-414)
Captain H. J. Pfingstag	(Op-40)
Commander B. B. Cheatham	(Op-414)
Captain W. N. Mansfield	Recorder (Op-42)

In addition to the members there were also present: Commander B. D. Claggett, Naval Operations; Captain B. O. Mathews, Captain S. Pyne, Captain H. P. Webster, Bureau of Ships.

9. The Board was informed that a superficial examination of the POLARIS (Ex-AF-11) disclosed that vessel was in good condition in spite of two years in deferred disposal status in the Maritime Commission's laid-up fleet in Suisun Bay. This ship has Sun-Doxford main engines, is fitted out for fleet issue and would cost about \$300,000 to \$500,000 and require 130 working days to reactivate after recovery from the Commission.

10. Recovery of the SATURN (Ex-AF-40) was not considered practicable in view of the LaMont boilers installed whose replacement would be difficult and expensive; high maintenance costs due to German auxiliaries and lack of spare parts; and replacement cost of electrical equipment.

11. It was estimated that the cost of conversion of an R2-S-BV1 design bulk reefer would be about \$1,500,000 and require 180 working days. There are four of these ships available owned by the Maritime Commission and chartered to American operators. They were built in 1945 and have the same characteristics as the ALSTEDE and ZEILIE. The same cost and time would be involved in converting older Maritime Commission owned reefers having similar characteristics: 6 C2-S-B1 design built in 1943, including 1 laid-up; 4 C2-SU design built in 1942, including 1 laid-up. The cost of converting a straight general cargo ship such as a Victory type was estimated as \$2,000,000 to \$2,250,000 and 262 working days. There appeared to be no particular advantage in considering the latter case except the utility gained by installation of a brine coil system for better temperature control and compartmentation. This type of conversion was employed in the ALDEBARAN, GRAFFIUS, HYADES, POLARIS and SATURN which were originally general cargo ships.

12. The Bureau of Ships stated there were no funds available to accomplish the tentative program recommended by Commander, Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

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13. Following a discussion of facts bearing on the problem, the Board recommended that:

(a) Disposal instructions on the POLARIS (Ex-AF-11) be cancelled and this vessel be recovered from the Maritime Commission, be repaired, and reactivated, placed in commission and assigned to Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet, for duty in Service Force, Pacific; provided that funds are made available from the 1949 Supplemental Maintenance Bureau of Ships appropriations as passed by Congress.

(b) If and when the POLARIS is recovered, two ADRIA Class AF's now assigned to the Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet be decommissioned and declared surplus to the Maritime Commission for disposal.

(c) The further conversion of the ALSTEDE and ZELIM as recommended by Commander, Service Force Pacific Fleet and endorsed by the Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet, be disapproved at this time due to lack of funds.

(d) When funds are available, two R2-S-BV1 design reefer ships be acquired, and two ships of this type (either the two acquired or the ALSTEDE and ZELIM) be altered to fleet issue reefers.

(e) If these two ships are acquired, to assign one to the Commander in Chief Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, replacing two ADRIA Class AF's and one to Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet, replacing the remaining three ADRIA AF's. These five ADRIA Class to be declared surplus to the Maritime Commission for disposal.

Auxiliary Tonnage

14. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was an unobligated balance of auxiliary tonnage available under Public Law 204 dated 17 December 1943, of 83,637 tons.

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2. Personnel involved for manning the POLARIS will be provided by decommissioning two ADREA Class AF's and declaring them surplus to the Maritime Commission for disposal. Personnel involved for manning the two acquired vessels will be provided by decommissioning five ADREA Class AF's and declaring them surplus to the Commission for disposal.

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