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(It is requested that the News Bulletin be circulated among all officers and that items of interest to enlisted men by published to them.)

1. Recruits: Active recruit training will be resumed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, on 1 July 1923, when appropriations for the fiscal year 1924 become available.

Since the latter part of 1921, in the interest of economy, the training of recruits has been concentrated at the Naval Training Stations at Hampton Roads and San Francisco. Within the past year, however, recruit training, which was discontinued at the Newport station at practically the same time as Great Lakes, has been resumed.

Great Lakes has been maintained simply on an inoperative basis, although two of the Navy trade schools, the aviation mechanics' school and the radio school, have been maintained at that station.

The resumption of recruit training at Great Lakes undoubtedly will have far reaching effects on the people of the Middle West, whose interest in the Navy should be promoted. Relatives and friends of the high class of young men now entering the Navy will have an opportunity of visiting the station during the summer months to see their boys in training, thus avoiding a long and expensive journey to the coast to accomplish the same purpose.

During the fiscal year 1924, the recruiting service will be called upon to enlist upward of 24,000 recruits to maintain an average of 86,000 men in the Navy.

On the basis of 6,000 recruits under constant training during the year, Great Lakes has been allocated 1,000, Hampton Roads, 2,000, Newport, 1,500, and the newly constructed station at San Diego, replacing that at San Francisco, 1,500.

A draft of 110 men was received on 12 May 1923 on board the U.S.S. WYOMING from the Naval Training Station at Hampton Roads, Va. The Commanding Officer of the WYOMING reports that the men were in every way a credit to the Station, presenting an exceptionally fine appearance. They were older than the usual run of such drafts, and show that they had been carefully instructed and drilled.

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RECRUITING (Data as of 17 May 1923):

Total authorized strength. . . . .	86,000
Total strength 17 May 1923 . . . . .	<u>84,117</u>
SHORTAGE. . . . .	1,883
1st enlistments obtained since 1 July 1922 . . . . .	26,673
Deductions due to underage and physical disability discharges. . . . .	<u>1,676</u>
NET LST ENLISTMENTS. . . . .	24,997

Week ending 17 May 1923:

Total 1st enlistments . . . . .	389
Reenlistments. . . . .	82
Extensions . . . . .	<u>0</u>
	471

Applicants this week 1052; percentage of applicants enlisted .3697

2. Naval Reserve: Instructions were issued by the Bureau of Navigation on 20 April 1923, authorizing the transfer of men from Class 6 to Class 2 or 5, who served at least three months in the Regular Navy, and were honorably discharged therefrom and confirmed in the rating held at time of discharge from the Navy without examination. This order also authorized the transfer of members to Class 2 or 5 in the confirmed ratings held during their previous enrollment, provided they reenrolled within four months or have been confirmed during their current enrollment. Enrolled men in Class 6 who have qualified by passing the prescribed examination may be transferred to Class 2 and may be confirmed, provided they have had three months' active duty, 30 days of which has been in ratings not lower than those in which they are to be confirmed.

3. Naval Academy: The Secretary of the Navy has approved the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Naval Academy that the semi-annual and the annual examinations at the Naval Academy be discontinued. After nearly a year's careful consideration of this subject, the Academic Board unanimously voted in favor of this action. In arriving at its decision, the Board was governed by the fact that each subject as it is completed in each department will be covered by the monthly examinations and, in addition, that without the final annual and semi-annual examinations each term will consist, under the new system, of seventeen weeks instead of twelve weeks.