

## EXHIBIT No. 43

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,  
Washington, June 23, 1941.

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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: Fourteenth Naval District—local defense forces.  
References: (a) CinCpac secret serial 03SW of May 20, 1941.  
(b) WPL-46.

1. The Chief of Naval Operations is aware of the situation in regard to the naval local defense forces of the Fourteenth Naval District discussed by the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet in reference (a), and realizes the necessity of increasing the strength of these forces.

2. Until the unsatisfactory situation pointed out by the Commander in Chief can be remedied, the light forces and aircraft of the Pacific Fleet will have to be employed in the local defense of the Hawaiian Naval Coastal Frontier. The Chief of Naval Operations has taken cognizance of this necessity by providing in reference (b) that the Commander Hawaiian Naval Coastal Frontier act as an officer of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, operating under orders of the Commander in Chief thereof, in command of task groups of that fleet under all circumstances, when so directed.

3. The Chief of Naval Operations has taken action to increase the strength of the Naval Local Defense Forces of the Fourteenth Naval District by the immediate acquisition of four purse seiners for conversion to YP. It is also anticipated that at least five (5) sampans, recently condemned, will be available in the District. The SACRAMENTO is under orders to depart from Norfolk for the Fourteenth Naval District on June 23, 1941.

4. The construction program of PC's and YMS's will not permit the delivery of vessels of this type to the Fourteenth Naval District before the late fall.

5. The Chief of Naval Operations is considering the acquisition and conversion of a number of the vessels assigned to the Hawaiian Naval Coastal Frontier in appendix II, of reference (b). The questions of funds and personnel, and the suitability of these vessels will affect the decision reached.

6. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, and the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, will be kept informed of assignments made.

7. The urgency of delivery of this document is such that it will not reach the addressee in time by the next available officer courier. The originator therefore authorizes the transmission of this document by registered mail within the continental limits of the United States.

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PEARL HARBOR, T. H., 13 August 1941.

From: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Via: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Annual Report of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, for the period 1 July 1940, to 30 June 1941.

Reference:

(a) Article 059(4), U. S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

(b) Opnav ltr. Op-13A/CT, A9-1 (350527) dated 27 May 1933.

Enclosure: (A) Thirty-five copies of subject report.