

EXHIBITS -NAVY COURT OF INQUIRY

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No. 45 to 62 (both inclusive)

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/s/ H. DACHMEIER,  
Captain, U. S. N.,  
Judge Advocate.

EXHIBIT No. 45

NAVY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Washington, Aug. 13, 1941.

In reply refer to Initials and No.

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Serial 079630

From: The Chief of Naval Operations.

To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subject: Fourteenth Naval District—Local Defense Forces.

Reference: (a) CinCPac conf. ltr A16/(16) Serial 01231 of August 9, 1941.

1. The Chief of Naval Operations is fully aware of the seriousness of the situation in the Fourteenth Naval District as again put forth by the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet in reference (a). However, at this time it is impossible to obtain either authority or funds to acquire or build any craft other than that now under construction.

2. At the present time, mainly due to lack of engines, it does not appear that any patrol craft now under construction will be completed before the middle of October.

3. It is expected that Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 1 will leave for Hawaii in about two weeks. This squadron will be attached to the Pacific Fleet rather than to the District and consists of twelve motor torpedo boats.

4. The situation as to the sampans which have been seized in Hawaii has not yet been determined although the Department is doing its utmost to obtain at least some of these boats expeditiously.

5. Vessels now available for the Naval Local Defense Forces for the Fourteenth Naval District include:

4 Old destroyers

Coast Guard Cutter Taney, Tiger, Reliance

2 Coast Guard YPs

4 AMc's

There are also twelve tugs of various types assigned to and in the Fourteenth Naval District which, should the fleet leave, might be used for patrol purposes. In addition to the vessels now actually in the Fourteenth Naval District PG-19 SACRAMENTO should arrive there within two or three days and YT-HOGA and YN-56 WAPELLO are expected to sail from San Pedro for Hawaii on August 17, 1941.

6. When patrol boats now under construction are completed as many as practical will be assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District but as previously stated construction is progressing very slowly.

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