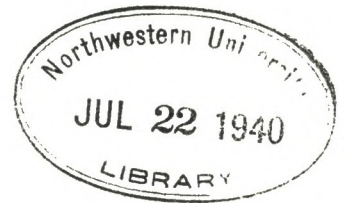


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WPA APPROVES \$17,000,000 IN PROJECTS FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Final approval of more than \$17,000,000 in new WPA projects for construction work at Army and Navy posts in many parts of the country was announced today by Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects.

The majority of the projects call for the construction or improvement of buildings, utility systems, roadways, rifle ranges and airplane landing fields in line with the rapid expansion of training facilities for the nation's armed forces. Included are 47 projects for the Army, located in 21 states and the District of Columbia, which call for expenditures of \$7,260,653 of WPA funds, and 23 projects for the Navy, located in 14 states, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, with aggregate expenditures of \$10,000,000 in WPA funds. The Coast Guard has a single project for improvements to its station near Baltimore at a cost of \$118,639.

"These are the first allocations from our 1941 funds for projects to be operated by the War and Navy departments," Colonel Harrington explained.

"Since 1935 more than a third of a billion dollars of WPA

funds has been spent on projects related to national defense, a large proportion of which were either sponsored by the Army and Navy or operated directly by them with WPA labor. The present sum is, of course, additional to this.

"We anticipate the approval of more projects of this type in the near future and it is our intention to expedite in every way all projects keyed to the national defense."

Two of the largest projects in the group are sponsored by the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks and are located in California. One calls for an expenditure of \$1,000,000 at the Mare Island Navy Yard for the construction and rehabilitation of buildings, improving quarters at the Marine Barracks, riprapping the seawall and extending electrical services. At San Diego \$900,000 will be spent in constructing and rehabilitating numerous buildings and storehouses, extending rifle ranges, improving landing fields and laying railroad tracks at the Marine Corps Base and the Naval Air Station, Supply Depot, Training Station and Destroyer Base. Other Navy projects in California contemplate similar work at the Fleet Training Base, San Clemente Island, and the Fleet Air Base, Terminal Island.

Other important projects sponsored by the Navy are located at Pensacola, Florida, where \$700,000 will be spent for improvements to the Naval Air Station; improvements at the Great Lakes Naval Training School, Waukegan, Illinois, costing \$300,000; construction work at the Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Charleston Navy Yards costing \$600,000 each, and improvements at the U. S. Naval Academy,

Annapolis, Maryland, totaling \$250,000.

Largest of the projects approved for the Army is that at Fort Knox, Kentucky, costing \$750,000 in WPA funds. This calls for the construction and improvement of numerous buildings, extension of utility systems and improvements to roads and walks.

Another important project is that at Lowry Field, near Denver, Colorado, for the Army Air Corps. This calls for an expenditure of \$350,000 for construction and repair work on buildings and utility systems and upon the drainage system of the airfield. Since 1937 more than \$5,000,000 of work relief funds have been allocated for the development of this key site in the nation's military air system.

Other important projects approved for the Army include construction and rehabilitation work at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, costing \$350,000 in WPA funds; similar work at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, costing \$250,000, and at the Edgewood Arsenal, near Baltimore, Maryland, costing \$250,000. Projects at eight Army posts and airfields in Texas will involve a total expenditure of \$825,000 in WPA funds.

A complete list by states of the approved projects in this group follows:



(All projects, unless otherwise specified, are for general construction and rehabilitation work on buildings, utility systems, roads, etc.)

## CALIFORNIA

## Navy

Mare Island Navy Yard, \$1,000,000  
 San Diego Naval Air Base, Marine Corps Base, etc., \$900,000  
 San Clemente Island, Fleet Training Base, \$300,000  
 Terminal Island, Fleet Air Base, \$250,000

## COLORADO

## Army

Denver, Lowry Field, air base, \$350,000

## CONNECTICUT

## Navy

New London Submarine Base, \$200,000

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Army

Army War College, \$75,000

## Navy

Washington Navy Yard, including Ammunition Depot, Bellevue,  
 and Naval Torpedo Station, \$400,000  
 Anacostia Naval Air Station, \$50,000

## FLORIDA

## Army

Pensacola, Fort Barrancas, \$50,000

## Navy

Pensacola, Naval Air Station, \$700,000

## GEORGIA

## Army

Fort Benning, including Lawson Field, \$750,000

## ILLINOIS

## Army

Chamute Field, air base, \$200,000  
 Savanna, Ordnance Depot, \$75,000

## Navy

Waukegan, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, \$300,000

## INDIANA

## Army

Jeffersonville, Quartermaster Depot, \$150,000

## KANSAS

## Army

Junction City, Fort Riley, including Marshall Field, \$200,000  
 Fort Leavenworth, \$150,000

## KENTUCKY

Army

Fort Knox, including Godman Field, \$750,000

## LOUISIANA

Army

Barksdale Field, air base, \$200,000

## MAINE

Navy

Portsmouth Navy Yard, \$200,000

## MARYLAND

Army

Fort George G. Meade, \$200,000

Aberdeen Proving Ground, \$100,000

Baltimore, Holabird Quartermaster Depot, \$200,000

Baltimore, Edgewood Arsenal, \$250,000

Navy

Annapolis, U. S. Naval Academy, including Naval Radio Station and Engineering Experiment Station, \$250,000

Coast Guard

Near Baltimore, U. S. Coast Guard Depot, \$113,894

## MASSACHUSETTS

Army

Fort Devens, \$150,000

Navy

Boston, U. S. Navy Yard, including the South Boston Annex, \$600,000

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Army

Portsmouth, Fort Constitution, \$50,000

## NEW JERSEY

Navy

Lakehurst, Naval Air Station, \$100,000

## NEW YORK CITY

Navy

Brooklyn, New York Navy Yard, \$600,000

## NEW YORK

Army

Plattsburg Barracks, \$25,000

Fort Niagara, \$50,000

Mitchell Field, \$100,000

Schenectady General Depot, \$50,000

Fort Slogan, \$100,000

## NORTH CAROLINA

Army

Fort Bragg, \$250,000

## OKLAHOMA

Army

Fort Sill, including Post Field, \$350,000

## PENNSYLVANIA

Army

Middletown Airport, \$100,000

Carlisle Barracks, \$100,000

Philadelphia, Quartermaster Depot, \$100,000

Navy

Philadelphia, Navy Yard, including Fort Mifflin, Mustin  
Field and Naval Aircraft Factory, \$600,000

## RHODE ISLAND

Army

Newport, Fort Adams and Sub-Posts, \$43,103

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Navy

Charleston Navy Yard, \$600,000

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Army

Sturgis, Fort Meade, \$50,000

## TEXAS

Army

Near San Antonio, Duncan Field, \$250,000

Near San Antonio, Brooks Field, \$75,000

Near San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, \$100,000

San Antonio General Depot, \$50,000

Near San Antonio, Kelly Field, \$200,000

Near San Antonio, Randolph Field, \$50,000

Near San Antonio, Normoyle Quartermaster Depot, \$50,000

Near Galveston, Fort Crockett, \$50,000

## VIRGINIA

Army

Arlington Cantonment, \$50,000

Fort Myer, \$50,000

Big Bethel in York, Warwick and Elizabeth City  
Counties, \$50,000

Front Royal, Quartermaster Depot, \$40,000

Old Point Comfort, Fort Monroe, \$100,000

Arlington National Cemetery, \$43,103

## VIRGINIA

## Navy

Norfolk, Naval Operating Base, including Naval Training Station, Naval Air Station, Marine Barracks, Fuel Annex and Marine Supply Depot, \$600,000  
 Portsmouth, Norfolk Navy Yard, including the Naval Ammunition Depot and Naval Hospital, \$500,000

## WASHINGTON

## Army

Tacoma, McChord Field, including Grey Field, \$250,000  
 Near Tacoma, Fort Lewis, \$250,000  
 Vancouver Barracks, \$40,000

## Navy

Seattle Naval Air Station, \$300,000  
 Bremerton, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Naval Ammunition Depot, Naval Torpedo Station, Naval Reservation, Bainbridge Island, and Middlepoint, \$800,000

## WISCONSIN

## Army

Sparta, Camp McCoy, \$50,000

## PUERTO RICO

## Navy

San Juan Naval Air Station, \$150,000

## VIRGIN ISLANDS

## Navy

Island of St. Thomas, near Little Krum Bay, Submarine Base, \$50,000