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WEA ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF 56 NEW DEFENSE PROJECTS, BRINGING
JULY TOTAL TO \$27,000,000.

Colonel F. C. Harrington, Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today that WPA national defense projects totaling \$7,225,000 had been approved during the last two weeks of July. This brings to more than \$27,000,000 the total of defense projects approved since July 1, out of funds appropriated for the current fiscal year. These totals do not include contributions to be made by the sponsors, Colonel Harrington said.

The present group contains 56 individual projects distributed over 23 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The majority are for construction and rehabilitation work on facilities owned by the Army and include barracks, rifle ranges, airfields and storage buildings for munitions and equipment.

Total cost of projects approved for the Army during the two-week period was \$5,644,180. Those for the Navy totaled \$474,427; Coast Guard, \$6,891, and units of the National Guard, \$257,238. Airports and other projects for operation under regular WPA State programs, but which have been designated as of importance to national defense, totaled \$842,570.

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Colonel Harrington explained that formal approval of a project does not necessarily mean that it will be placed in immediate operation. State WPA administrators customarily maintain a "backlog" of approved projects upon which they can draw as the condition of local relief rolls warrants. Projects officially designated as of value to national defense are, however, given priority in operation over non-defense projects.

Largest single project in the group is that for construction work at the Army's Southeastern Air Base near Tampa, Florida, calling for an expenditure of \$1,158,943 of WPA funds.

Other important projects in the group announced today by Commissioner Harrington include one for \$851,938 for work at the Northeastern Air Base, Ludlow, Massachusetts, similar to the Southeastern Air Base project; Army radio station and Dry Lake Bombing Field at March Field, California, \$376,709; construction and rehabilitation at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois, \$290,240, and enlargement of the Key Field Airport (municipal) at Meridian, Mississippi, \$193,586.

(A list showing the number of projects and the sums approved, by States, during the last two weeks in July is attached.)

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DEFENSE PROJECTS APPROVED

July 15, 1940, to July 29, 1940, Inclusive

State	No. of Projects	WPA Funds
UNITED STATES TOTAL	<u>56</u>	<u>\$ 7,225,306</u>
Alabama	7	\$ 697,686
California	2	620,234
Delaware	1	19,808
Florida	5	1,238,505
Georgia	3	27,403
Illinois	2	411,985
Kansas	2	604,678
Maine	3	413,378
Maryland	1	20,149
Massachusetts	2	872,352
Mississippi	2	202,393
Montana	1	99,037
Nebraska	1	5,000
New Jersey	2	30,209
New Mexico	1	32,686
New York	3	314,674
Ohio	5	379,510
Oklahoma	1	10,000
Pennsylvania	2	26,171
Rhode Island	1	344,011
Tennessee	1	30,312
Texas	2	222,051
Washington	4	493,908
District of Columbia	1	80,000
Puerto Rico	1	29,166