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WPA DEFENSE PROJECTS APPROVED THROUGH DECEMBER TOTAL \$157,000,000

More than \$157,000,000 of WPA funds were earmarked for expenditure on national defense projects during the first six months of the fiscal year, Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner of Work Projects, announced today. Seven hundred seventy-two individual projects were approved during the period ending January 1.

The bulk of these funds is for construction and repair work at Army and Navy posts throughout continental United States, its territories and possessions and for the development of strategically located civil airports, Mr. Hunter said. Projects for work on the network of military roads recently certified by the War Department as important to the defense program are not included in this total, he added.

During December, the last month in the period covered by the report, 116 new projects with a total value in WPA funds of \$40,991,279 were approved. Of this sum \$8,839,553 was for projects sponsored by the National Guard; \$6,807,837 for civil airport projects; \$3,700,391 for projects sponsored by the Army and \$1,745,777 for projects sponsored by the Navy. A supplementary allotment of \$17,821,680 was made to the nation-wide project for vocational training in defense industries during the period. Smaller sums were allotted for projects sponsored by

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the Coast Guard and for miscellaneous defense projects in regular WPA state programs.

One of the largest single defense projects to be approved during the entire six months period was approved in December for the Texas National Guard Armory Board. This calls for the expenditure of \$7,540,874 for the construction and improvement of armories and other National Guard facilities at a number of points throughout the State. Mr. Hunter pointed out, however, that each construction unit under this project will be acted upon separately in Washington and that approval of the project should not be taken to mean that the entire armory building program is to be launched immediately by the Texas WPA.

The Naval Air Station at Cape May, New Jersey, will benefit from extensive improvements as the result of two projects totaling \$657,597 approved late in December. One project for \$242,007 calls for an extension of the flying field and improvements to runways, taxi strips and lighting and communications systems. The other, in the sum of \$415,590, is for repairs and improvements to buildings, roads and water and lighting systems at the station. Another important project sponsored by the Navy involves an expenditure of \$308,206 for construction of a Naval Reserve Air Training Base at New Orleans.

Four important Army posts in the metropolitan New York area share in new projects totaling \$557,976. Approximately one-half this sum will be spent at the Port of Embarkation, in Brooklyn, in warehousing Army supplies and in making improvements to the huge warehouses and docks. Smaller sums will be used for improvements to grounds,

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buildings and utilities at Fort Totten, Fort Tilden and Fort Hamilton.

Other outstanding projects for the Army, all calling for the construction and improvement of buildings, roads and other facilities, are located at Fort Logan, Colorado, \$591,046; Camp Jackson, near Columbia, South Carolina, \$356,908, and the Picatinny Arsenal, Morris County, New Jersey, \$207,017.

Among the important civil airport projects approved during December are those at Mobile, Alabama, costing \$330,798 in WPA funds; Lindberg Field, San Diego, California, costing \$395,000; Omaha, Nebraska, municipal airport, \$490,614, and Laconia, New Hampshire, municipal airport, \$447,698. Two projects related to the New Orleans airport approved during the month total \$798,516. One, in the sum of \$260,269, calls for the construction of a hangar and administration building while the other, totaling \$538,247, is for improvements to Downman Road, leading to the airport.

In the District of Columbia, the Army is sponsor for a \$258,707 project for work at Bolling Field. Extensions of runways and aprons, paving, grading and drainage work is contemplated. Smaller projects were also approved for Fort Myer, the Corps of Engineers and the District of Columbia National Guard.

(Attached is a table showing, by states and sponsors, WPA national defense projects approved during December, 1940, and cumulatively from July 1, 1940, through December 31, 1940.)

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W.P.A. NATIONAL DEFENSE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
UNDER THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR 1941

FROM JULY 1, 1940 AND DECEMBER 1, 1940 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1940

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STATE	FROM JULY 1, 1940 THROUGH DEC. 31, 1940		FEDERAL FUNDS APPROVED FROM DECEMBER 1, 1940 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1940							
	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL		ARMY	NAVY	NATIONAL GUARD ETC.	COAST GUARD	STATE PROGRAM AIRPORTS	STATE PROGRAM OTHER
			NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT						
ALABAMA	31	\$ 2,417,910	3	\$ 538,962	\$ 208,164	\$	\$	\$	\$ 330,798	\$
ARIZONA	5	892,392								
ARKANSAS	13	884,470	1	154,070*					154,070	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	22	3,527,888	5	205,399		164,697		36,395	2,894	1,373
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	24	5,782,242	6	2,446,172	86,072				618,100	1,742,600
COLORADO	19	3,201,856	2	623,016	623,016					
CONNECTICUT	11	1,951,762	2	117,753				23,014	94,739	
DELAWARE	7	154,193	1	6,003				6,003		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	13	1,172,541	3	339,474*	311,381			28,093		
FLORIDA	52	9,764,326 ^{A/}	3	336,087	123,782				101,078	111,227
GEORGIA	15	2,330,922	3	181,829	121,504				60,325	
IDAHO	4	80,541								
ILLINOIS	19	3,084,234	2	115,781	65,313				50,468	
INDIANA	3	1,587,825								
IOWA	3	463,757	1	25,905				25,905		
KANSAS	7	1,859,322	1	328,782					328,782	
KENTUCKY	12	1,830,417	1	138,829					138,829	
LOUISIANA	16	3,001,598	8	1,354,092	211,957	308,206			798,516	35,413
MAINE	18	4,158,450	1	6,124	6,124					
MARYLAND	18	2,199,458	2	76,591		73,596				2,995
MASSACHUSETTS	35	4,468,665	2	322,611	168,800	153,811				
MICHIGAN	11	873,367	5	125,539	36,299			23,766	64,045	1,429
MINNESOTA	10	2,920,609	1	227,479					227,479	
MISSISSIPPI	13	1,582,632	2	147,847		28,411			119,436	
MISSOURI	11	767,400	2	25,123	15,858			9,265		
MONTANA	12	869,537	3	151,957*	17,394			87,530	47,033	
NEBRASKA	6	726,818	3	654,105				27,368	626,737	
NEVADA	2	195,899								
NEW HAMPSHIRE	6	893,720	1	447,698					447,698	
NEW JERSEY	32	5,276,193	5	1,640,849	287,017	1,029,324		404,508		
NEW MEXICO	12	576,293	3	172,859				172,859		
NEW YORK CITY	22	3,783,264 ^{A/}	3	674,119*	657,976	16,143				
NEW YORK (EXCL. N.Y.C.)	21	2,783,901	2	457,868					457,868	
NORTH CAROLINA	16	1,853,543	4	438,000				20,561	417,439	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	355,774	1	83,253					83,253	
OHIO	12	1,785,874	1	22,550						22,550
OKLAHOMA	8	1,284,995	2	513,780					513,780	
OREGON	7	595,280	1	301,352					301,352	
PENNSYLVANIA	40	3,836,407 ^{A/}	5	215,126	191,186				20,497	3,443
RHODE ISLAND	4	543,702	1	6,588					6,588	
SOUTH CAROLINA	15	2,475,699	1	358,137*	358,908			1,229		
SOUTH DAKOTA	11	331,273	3	35,782				3,197	32,585	
TENNESSEE	9	409,581	4	147,875				20,800	127,875	
TEXAS	36	9,734,158	5	7,894,249*	106,947			7,540,874	239,216	7,212
UTAH	8	984,849	3	311,204	158,282			33,610	121,312	
VERMONT	3	203,558								
VIRGINIA	26	3,172,667	2	40,911				6,936	33,975	
WASHINGTON	23	4,327,179	1	247,658					247,658	
WEST VIRGINIA	7	168,133	1	100,000				100,000		
WISCONSIN	14	1,588,039	4	410,251				327,634		82,417
WYOMING	3	162,537								
ALASKA	1	5,021								
HAWAII	4	1,375,030								
PUERTO RICO	10	10,332,689								
VIRGIN ISLANDS	3	739,100								
TOTAL STATES & TERRITORIES	769	122,328,690	116	23,169,599	3,700,391	1,745,777	8,839,538	59,409	6,807,837	2,016,647
NATION-WIDE	3	34,852,710		17,821,680*						17,821,680
GRAND TOTAL	772	\$157,181,400	116	\$40,991,279	\$3,700,391	\$1,745,777	\$8,839,538	\$59,409	\$6,807,837	\$19,838,327

* INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY APPROVALS.
^{A/} ADJUSTED FOR REDUCTIONS AND CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION.

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