

SENIOR CLASS

COMMITTEE STUDIES ----- FIRST PERIOD.

17 December 1927 - 1⁷ March 1928.

The motive of the Committee Studies during the period 17 December, 1927, to 1⁷ March, 1928, is to encourage familiarity with antecedent naval history. The period to be studied is the 18th Century, which, in conjunction with the early part of the 19th Century, is generally conceded to have been the period during which sea power exerted its greatest influence upon earlier history.

The studies will be prepared with a view to their presentation to the assembled classes on dates to be assigned later. The presentations will take place as soon after 1 March as possible, in any event not more than two weeks after that date, and will be in chronological order of subjects. The studies should be so drawn up as to require not more than two hours for their presentation. The time available for presentation prescribes this limit. Presentations of lesser length will be entirely acceptable, provided the subjects are fully covered.

The presentations should be illustrated with slides, particularly slides of areas involved, reproduction of prints and paintings, etc. For the purpose of preparing such slides, the services of the draftsmen and photographers are available to Committee Chairmen, the priority being in the order of Committee numbering. In all probability, certain slides of geographical areas will serve for more than one Committee. About 20 pages of double-spaced type-written matter, with slides, can be presented in one hour.

Studies should, in all cases, include the political background as it existed at the beginning of the period under study. Later political changes, and their bearing upon subsequent

naval strategy, should be mentioned where necessary. Contemporaneous land operations should be included only if they have direct bearing upon operations at sea, or indirectly because of political changes. No details of land operations should be included.

The studies should be in narrative form. Outstanding attributes and characteristics of leaders should be included. No particular stress need be laid upon tactical maneuvers after action has been joined, unless essential to complete understanding. Descriptions of sea battles should be confined to the "high lights" of the battles and their results from both a military and political standpoint. It is believed that Committees will instantly perceive what to include, and the number and character of studies required in order to bring about a clear picture of such battles.

The outline, and considerable detail, of the subject-matter of the Committee Studies will be found in Mahan's "Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783," and "The Influence of Sea Power upon the French Revolution and Empire." by the same author. It is not expected that Committees shall adhere strictly to these two works but, rather, that they shall consult other works in order to produce well rounded and interesting narratives.

Since the several completed studies are to form one Complete Chronological study, Chairmen will coordinate their efforts to the extent of seeing that their studies dovetail with the preceding and succeeding subjects.

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PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NO. 1

	<u>Room</u>
Captain Gelm, Chairman	E-13
Captain Gudger	E-12
Comdr. Speicher	E-34
Comdr. Collins	E-36
Comdr. Lind	E-34

COMMITTEE NO. 5

	<u>Room</u>
Captain Wyman, Chairman	E-15
Captain Mauldin	E-11
Comdr. LaBounty	E-36
Colonel Taylor	E-11
Lt. Col. Keller	E-15

COMMITTEE NO. 2

Captain Bennett, Chairman	W-13
Captain Lamar	W-16
Comdr. Wadsworth	C-16
Comdr. Bryan	W-16
Comdr. DeMott	C-3

Committee No. 6

Captain Wallace, Chairman	E-14
Captain Milne	E-1
Comdr. Manly	E-16
Comdr. Munroe	E-33
Major Loughry	E-16

COMMITTEE NO. 3

Captain Smith, Chairman	C-15
Captain Norris	C-14
Comdr. Warfield	E-1
Comdr. Symington	C-1
Comdr. Flatt	C-7
Major Wright	C-15

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Captain Holmes, Chairman	E-12
Comdr. Poole	E-31
Comdr. Hinkamp	E-35
Comdr. Ritter	E-35
Comdr. Crosby	E-33
Major Garrett	E-34

COMMITTEE NO. 4

Captain Brinser, Chairman	C-17
Captain Stott	C-18
Comdr. Howard	C-18
Comdr. Osburn	C-17
Major Pennell	C-17

COMMITTEE NO. 8

Captain Leahy, Chairman	C-11
Colonel Harllee	C-11
Captain Treadwell	C-12
Comdr. McWhorter	C-5
Major Davis	C-12

ASSIGNMENTS OF SUBJECTS

COMMITTEE NO. 1

Naval Operations during the period 1701-1748

COMMITTEE NO. 2

Naval Operations during the period 1749-1763.

COMMITTEE NO. 3

Naval Operations in American and West Indian Waters during
the period 1778-1782.

COMMITTEE NO. 4

Naval Operations in European Waters during the period 1778-1782.

COMMITTEE NO. 5

Naval Operations in East Indian Waters during the period
1778-1782

COMMITTEE NO. 6

Naval Operations during the period 1793- Feb. 14, 1797.

COMMITTEE NO. 7

NAVAL Operations during the period Feb. 15, 1797- Aug.1, 1798.

COMMITTEE NO. 8

Naval Operations during the period Aug.2,1798- March 25, 1802.

All dates inclusive. In some cases, there is a lapse of time between the end of one Committee subject and the beginning of the next. Where this occurs, the Committee with the later subject will preserve the continuity by prefacing its study with a condensed description of political and other important developments during the intervening period.

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Chief of Staff.

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7 February 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

The committee studies (historical) which are now due to be submitted on 1 March 1928, need not be submitted until 17 March.

J.K. TAUSSIG,
Captain, U.S. Navy
Chief of Staff

- Captain Gelm,
- Captain Bennett,
- Captain Smith,
- Captain Brinser,
- Captain Wyman,
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MEMORANDUM

The lecture room has been reserved for Historical Committee rehearsals as follows:

Thursday, 22 March, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. --- Committee No.1

Thursday, 22 March, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. --- Committee No.5

Monday, 26 March, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. --- Committee No.6

Tuesday, 27 March, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. --- Committee No.3

J.K. Taussig,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff.