

DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS

Class of 1930

NOTES ON NAVY DEPARTMENT AND WAR COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS

REQUIRED FOR COURSE IN TACTICS.

I.

The following publications are issued by the Navy Department. They may be obtained from the Archivist, as indicated in the note relative to each item. Books marked SECRET must be returned daily to the Archives, also certain publications marked CONFIDENTIAL and labeled for daily return.

All student officers should familiarize themselves with the scope of these publications, and in particular with the chapters indicated under each publication.

1. WAR INSTRUCTIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY, 1924.
(Confidential; issued on receipt).

This is the latest edition, and is indispensable to the work in Tactics. Special attention is invited to the Foreword, p. XVIII; Chap. I, and Sect. IV; Chap II, Sect. V, XII, XIII, XIV; Chap. II to end of book.
2. GENERAL TACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY, 1924.
(Confidential; issued on receipt; indispensable to work in Tactics; special attention invited to Chap. I, and Chap. IV to end of book.)
3. FORMATIONS AND MANEUVERS OF THE BATTLE LINE, 1922.
(Confidential; issued on receipt; special attention invited to pp. 1.12 inclusive; also "deployments" from various formations throughout book.)
4. DESTROYER TACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY, 1929.
(Latest edition; confidential; issued on receipt).
5. AIRCRAFT TACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY, 1924.
(Confidential; issued on receipt; special attention invited to Chap. I and Chap. III to end of book, particularly Chap. XII).
6. TACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS, SUBMARINES, (TENTATIVE), 1926.
(Confidential; issued on receipt; new publication; attention invited to issuing order on p. 2, especially Par. 2 of that order.)
7. GENERAL SIGNAL BOOK, 1925.
(Confidential; obtained from Archives on receipt, but must be returned each day. Particular attention invited to pp. 84-90, inclusive, relative to BATTLE LINE FIRE DISTRIBUTION which should be read in conjunction with Sect. XII of WAR INSTRUCTIONS, the MANEUVER RULES ("F" Section), and other publications listed on this paper dealing with related subjects.
8. CONTACT AND TACTICAL REPORT CODE. (SECRET), 1927.
(A cursory reading will suffice. Its use is not required in game board exercises, but a knowledge of the character, scope and method of transmission of information is necessary.)

9. THE SERVICE OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY, U.S. NAVY.
(Confidential; issued on receipt; particular attention invited to:
Official Definitions, pp. 25-28 inclusive;
Contact Scouting - Tactical Scouting, pp. 115 and 129-133.
Service of Security, pp. 153-154;
Screening - Offensive Screening, pp. 155-160
Protective Screening, pp. 161-166
Defensive Screening, pp. 167-171.)
10. TACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIGHT MINE LAYERS, U.S. FLEET, 15 September, 1925.
(Confidential; obtained from Archives on receipt. Latest publication on this subject).
11. "U.S. FLEET INSTRUCTIONS, 1928".
(Confidential; obtained from Archives on receipt).
12. U.S. FLEET RADIO Frequency Operating Plan.
(Obtained from Archives on receipt).

The following publications issued by the Department, are listed for the benefit of officers desiring refresher notes on the subjects covered therein. A close study of them is not required, and the subject-matter, in some cases, may be not quite up to date; but they will be found useful by those seeking first-hand information and those undertaking naval tactical studies for the first time.

13. MINE LAYING MANUAL, U.S. NAVY, 1921.
(Confidential; issued on receipt).
14. MINE SWEEPING MANUAL, U.S. NAVY, 1921.
(Confidential; issued on receipt).
15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TORPEDO FIRE, U.S. NAVY, 1922.
(Confidential; issued on receipt).
16. MANUAL OF TORPEDO FIRE FOR DESTROYERS, U.S. NAVY, 1921.
(Confidential; issued on receipt).

II

The following pamphlets, data sheets or diagrams are prepared at the War College. They will be found in the Jackets or may be obtained by student officers from the Archives or files. They must be safeguarded and receipted for, as per label on each publication:

- A. - PRINCIPLES OF WAR AS APPLIED TO NAVAL WARFARE.
- B. - THE CONDUCT OF MANEUVERS, 1928.
(Contains description of Purpose, Procedure and Equipment of the Chart and Board Maneuvers.)
- C. - SAMPLE FORMS USED IN CONDUCT OF MANEUVERS, 1928.
(Issued with "B".)
- D. - THE MANEUVER RULES, 1929.
(Issued with Tactics Jacket. Contains all rules used in both Chart and Board Maneuvers).

- E. - NAVAL FIGHTING STRENGTH COMPARISONS.
(To be drawn from Archives on receipt).
- F. - SELECTION OF BATTLE RANGES.
(To be drawn from Archives on receipt).
- G. - THE FIRE EFFECT TABLES.
(Complete Fire Effect Tables in jacket. Pamphlet on CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE EFFECT TABLES can be drawn from Archives by those desiring to study this subject in greater detail).
- H. - FIRE EFFECT DIAGRAMS (4 booklets - blueprints)
(To be drawn from Archives on receipt).
- K. - TACTICAL DATA SHEETS, 1927. (blueprints).
(Bound in BLUE and ORANGE Fleets. Will be issued later in separate form).
- M. - TORPEDO FIRE CARDS (blueprints)
(In Tactics jacket).
- N. - THE BLUE FLEET, June, 1929.
(Issued in Tactics jacket).
- O. - THE ORANGE FLEET, June, 1929.
(Issued in Tactics jacket).
- P. - THE RED FLEET, April, 1929.
(Issued in Tactics jacket).

Corrected and up-to-date diagrams of the BATTLE OF JUTLAND are in each student library. Title - JUTLAND, Fifth War College Edition; September 1926; reprinted and revised June, 1927.

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