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## PREFACE.

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The Navy Department is so frequently in receipt of letters from all parts of the country requesting information for debating societies, journals, and periodicals, as well as individuals, concerning the relative strength of the principal naval powers, the types of vessels building or built, and facts concerning the type of battleship popularly known as *Dreadnought*, that it has directed the Office of Naval Intelligence to prepare tables which will substantially make reply to the greater part of such letters.

Under these instructions the Office of Naval Intelligence has compiled the following tables from the best available data; and while these tables may be regarded as substantially correct, it is possible that inaccuracies may occur, for the reason that few countries besides the United States publish all the data concerning their fighting strength, and even greater efforts are being made abroad to maintain secrecy.

Tables I, II, III, IV, and V were compiled April 1, 1913, and are here reproduced.

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TABLE I.  
RELATIVE ORDER OF WARSHIP TONNAGE.

Present order (tonnage completed).		As would be the case if vessels now building were completed.	
Nation.	Tonnage.	Nation.	Tonnage. <sup>1</sup>
Great Britain.....	2,007,217	Great Britain.....	2,483,545
Germany.....	865,984	Germany.....	1,133,878
United States.....	763,132	United States.....	929,351
France.....	627,787	France.....	807,717
Japan.....	471,962	Japan.....	616,528
Russia.....	286,930	Russia.....	595,807
Italy.....	224,837	Italy.....	413,882
Austria.....	198,159	Austria.....	260,751

<sup>1</sup> Estimated.

TABLE III.

## PERSONNEL.

[Apr. 1, 1913.]

Rank.	England.	France.	Germany.	Japan.	United States.
Admirals of the fleet.....	3	.....	2	1	<sup>1</sup> 1
Admirals.....	12	.....	5	7	.....
Vice admirals.....	22	15	12	17	.....
Rear admirals.....	55	30	21	45	<sup>2</sup> 24
Captains and commanders.....	644	360	351	292	212
Other line officers.....	2, 473	1, 467	1, 811	1, 818	1, 471
Midshipmen at sea.....	558	60	308	154	0
Engineer officers.....	872	505	529	683	.....
Medical officers.....	593	<sup>3</sup> 390	322	<sup>4</sup> 368	317
Pay officers.....	685	211	259	341	221
Chaplains.....	139	.....	28	.....	23
Warrant officers.....	2, 675	<sup>5</sup> 2, 445	2, 615	1, 520	697
Enlisted men.....	115, 079	55, 760	60, 920	42, 043	47, 469
Marine officers.....	457	.....	170	.....	318
Enlisted men (marines).....	<sup>6</sup> 20, 943	.....	<sup>7</sup> 5, 826	.....	9, 866
Total.....	145, 210	61, 243	78, 269	47, 289	60, 617

<sup>1</sup> The Admiral of the Navy.<sup>2</sup> The United States now has, temporarily, as extra numbers, due to promotion for war service, and to officers restricted by law to engineering duty only on shore only 8 flag officers, 23 captains, 6 commanders, 10 lieutenant commanders, and 1 lieutenant.<sup>3</sup> Includes pharmacists and apothecaries.<sup>4</sup> Includes pharmaceutical officers.<sup>5</sup> Includes adjutants, premier maitres, and maitres of all branches.<sup>6</sup> Includes 3,130 men of the Coast Guard.<sup>7</sup> Marine infantry and seaman artillery.



**TABLE IV.**  
**VESSELS BUILT.**

[Apr. 1, 1913.]

	Battle- ships, Dread- nought type. <sup>1</sup>	Battle- ships. <sup>2</sup>	Battle- cruis- ers. <sup>3</sup>	Ar- mored cruis- ers.	Cruis- ers. <sup>4</sup>	De- stroy- ers.	Tor- pedo boats.	Subma- rines.	Coast defense vessels. <sup>5</sup>
England.....	16	40	8	34	<sup>6</sup> 74	<sup>6</sup> 144	49	70	0
Germany.....	11	20	3	9	39	118	9	26	3
United States.....	8	24	0	11	15	42	19	23	4
France.....	0	20	0	20	10	78	157	75	2
Japan.....	2	13	0	13	14	58	54	13	2
Russia.....	0	8	0	6	9	98	14	31	2
Italy.....	1	8	0	9	5	24	48	18	0
Austria.....	2	6	0	3	4	12	40	6	6

<sup>1</sup> Battleships having a main battery of all big guns (11 inches or more in caliber).

<sup>2</sup> Battleships of (about) 10,000 tons or more displacement, and having more than one caliber in the main battery.

<sup>3</sup> Armored cruisers having guns of largest caliber in main battery and capable of taking their place in line of battle with the battleships. They have an increase of speed at the expense of carrying fewer guns in main battery, and a decrease in armor protection.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all unarmored cruising vessels above 1,500 tons displacement.

<sup>5</sup> Includes smaller battleships and monitors. No more vessels of this class are being proposed or built by the great powers.

<sup>6</sup> Includes vessels of colonies.

TABLE V.  
VESSELS BUILDING OR AUTHORIZED.

[Apr. 1, 1913.]

	Battle-ships, Dread-nought type.	Battle cruisers.	Cruisers.	Destroy- ers.	Torpedo boats.	Subma- rines.
England <sup>1</sup> .....	11	<sup>2</sup> 2	<sup>3</sup> 14	<sup>2</sup> 40	0	<sup>2</sup> 18
Germany <sup>2</sup> .....	6	3	4	12	0	<sup>4</sup> 6
United States....	5	0	0	14	0	23
France.....	7	0	0	8	0	20
Japan <sup>5</sup> .....	1	4	0	2	0	2
Russia <sup>6</sup> .....	7	4	2	9	0	8
Italy.....	7	0	2	11	21	2
Austria.....	2	0	3	6	12	7

<sup>1</sup> England has no continuing shipbuilding policy, but usually lays down each year 4 or 5 armored ships with a proportional number of smaller vessels.

<sup>2</sup> Includes vessels of colonies.

<sup>3</sup> Germany has a continuing shipbuilding program, governed by a fleet law authorized by the Reichstag. For 1913 there are authorized 2 battleships, 1 battle cruiser, 2 cruisers, 12 destroyers. Eventual strength to consist of 41 battleships, 20 armored cruisers, 40 cruisers, 144 destroyers, 72 submarines.

<sup>4</sup> \$4,780,000 authorized for experiments and further construction.

<sup>5</sup> \$78,537,569 authorized to be expended from 1911 to 1917 for the construction of war vessels.

<sup>6</sup> Russian shipbuilding program provides for the completion by 1918 of 4 battle cruisers, 8 small cruisers, 36 destroyers, and 18 submarines. Four battle cruisers and two cruisers have been contracted for and are included in the above table.

NOTE.—Vessels undergoing trials are considered as completed.

The following vessels are not included in the tables: Ships over 20 years old from date of launch unless they have been reconstructed and rearmed within 5 years; torpedo craft over 15 years old; transports, colliers, repair ships, converted merchant vessels, or any other auxiliaries; vessels of less than 1,500 tons, except torpedo craft; torpedo craft of less than 50 tons.

Table V includes vessels authorized but not yet laid down, as well as those actually under construction.

TABLE VI.

## BATTLESHIPS AND ARMORED CRUISERS PRIOR TO THE DREADNOUGHT TYPE.

[Apr. 1, 1913.]

	Built. <sup>1</sup>		
	Num-ber.	Tons.	Guns, 8-inch and larger.
<b>GREAT BRITAIN.</b>			
Battleships.....	40	589,385	{ 152 12" 8 10" 52 9.2"
Armored cruisers.....	34	406,800	{ 68 9.2"
<b>GERMANY.</b>			
Battleships.....	20	242,800	{ 40 11" 40 9.5"
Armored cruisers.....	9	94,245	{ 6 9.5" 44 8.3"
<b>UNITED STATES.</b>			
Battleships.....	24	323,858	{ 28 13" 68 12" 136 8"
Armored cruisers.....	11	149,295	{ 16 10" 32 8"
<b>FRANCE.</b>			
Battleships.....	20	286,005	{ 70 12" 10 10.8" 72 9.4"
Armored cruisers.....	20	201,724	{ 68 7.6"
<b>JAPAN.</b>			
Battleships.....	13	191,380	{ 52 12" 32 10" 6 8"
Armored cruisers.....	13	138,483	{ 16 12" 50 8"
<b>ITALY.</b>			
Battleships.....	8	96,100	{ 16 12" 8 10" 56 8"
Armored cruisers.....	9	74,020	{ 19 10" 6 8"

<sup>1</sup> Ships over 20 years old from date of launch not included.<sup>2</sup> 7.6-inch, largest caliber carried.