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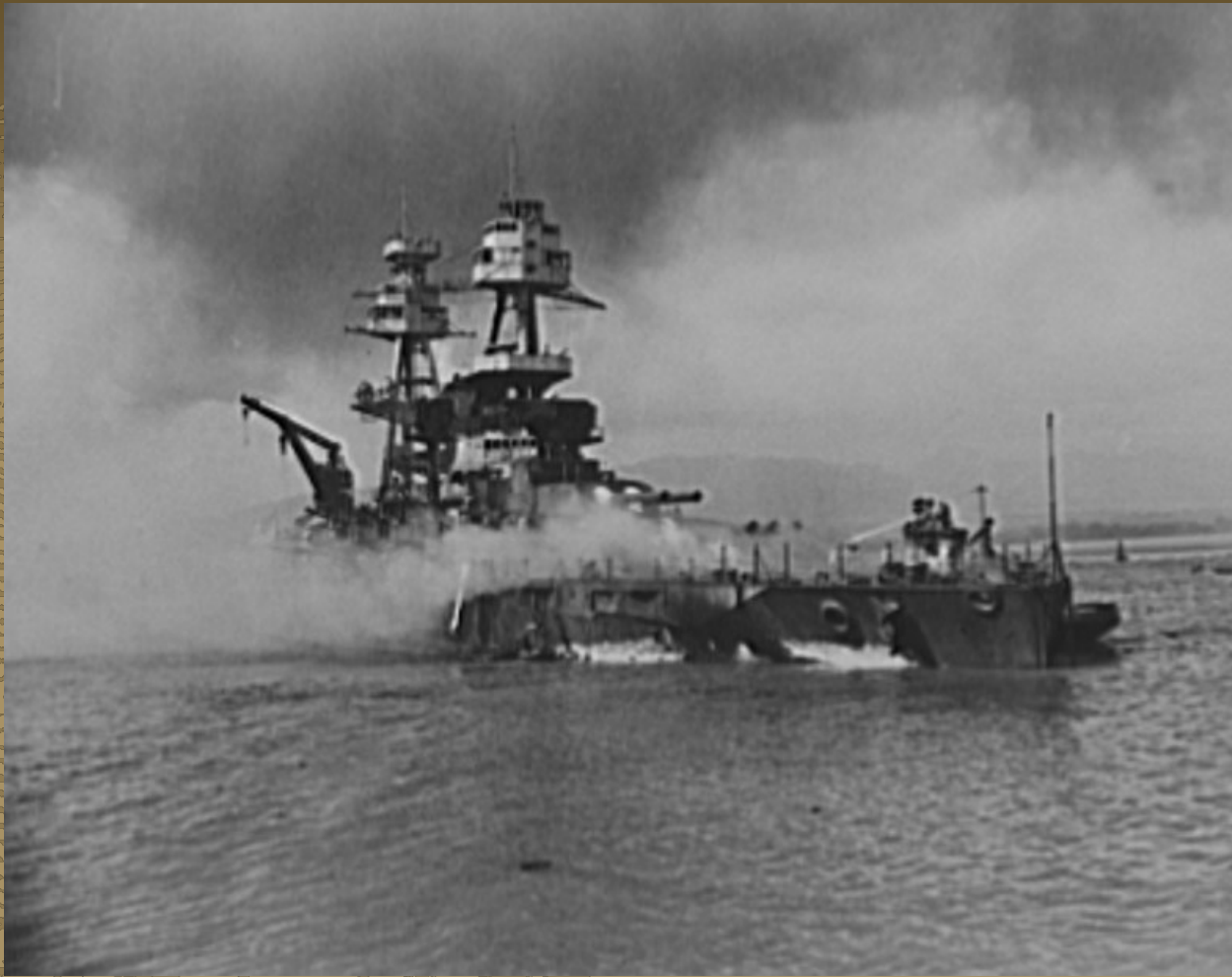
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Pearl Harbor

347 of 394 aircrafts destroyed/damaged

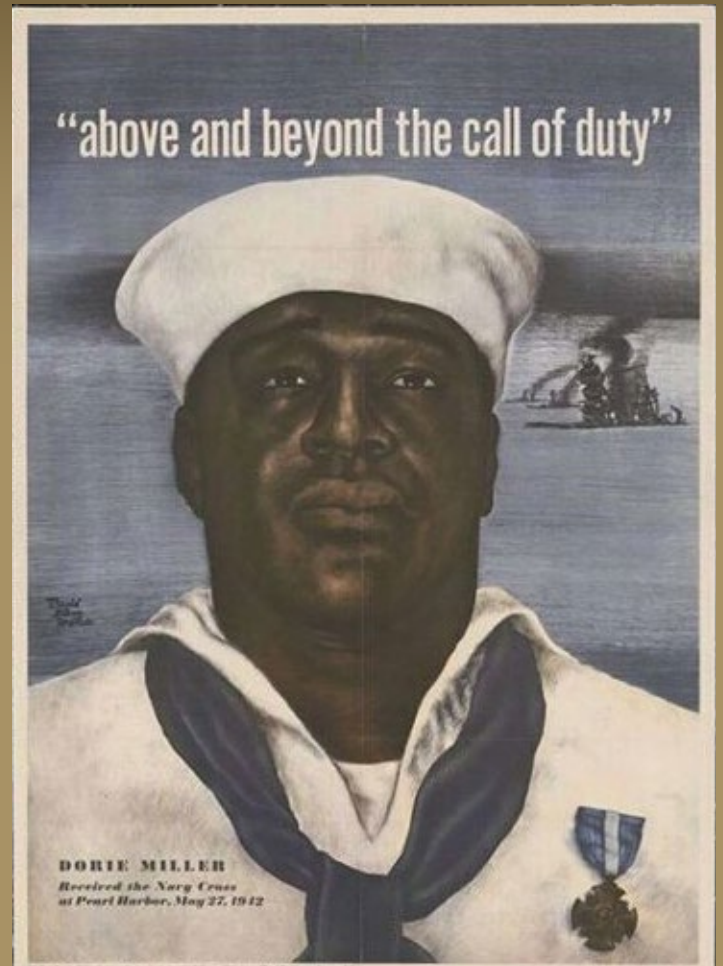
18 ships sunk/damaged (8 Battleships)

2,403 men/civilian deaths





Doris Miller



FROM: Secretary of the Navy Admiral

Frank Knox

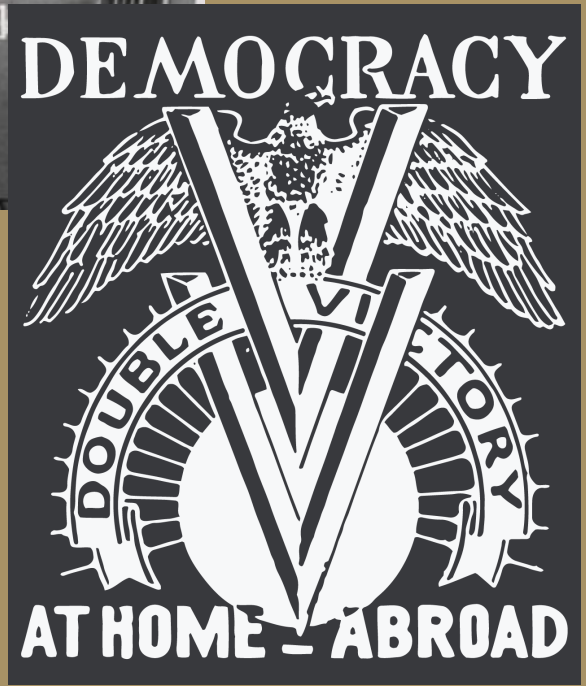
TO: Senator Arthur Capper

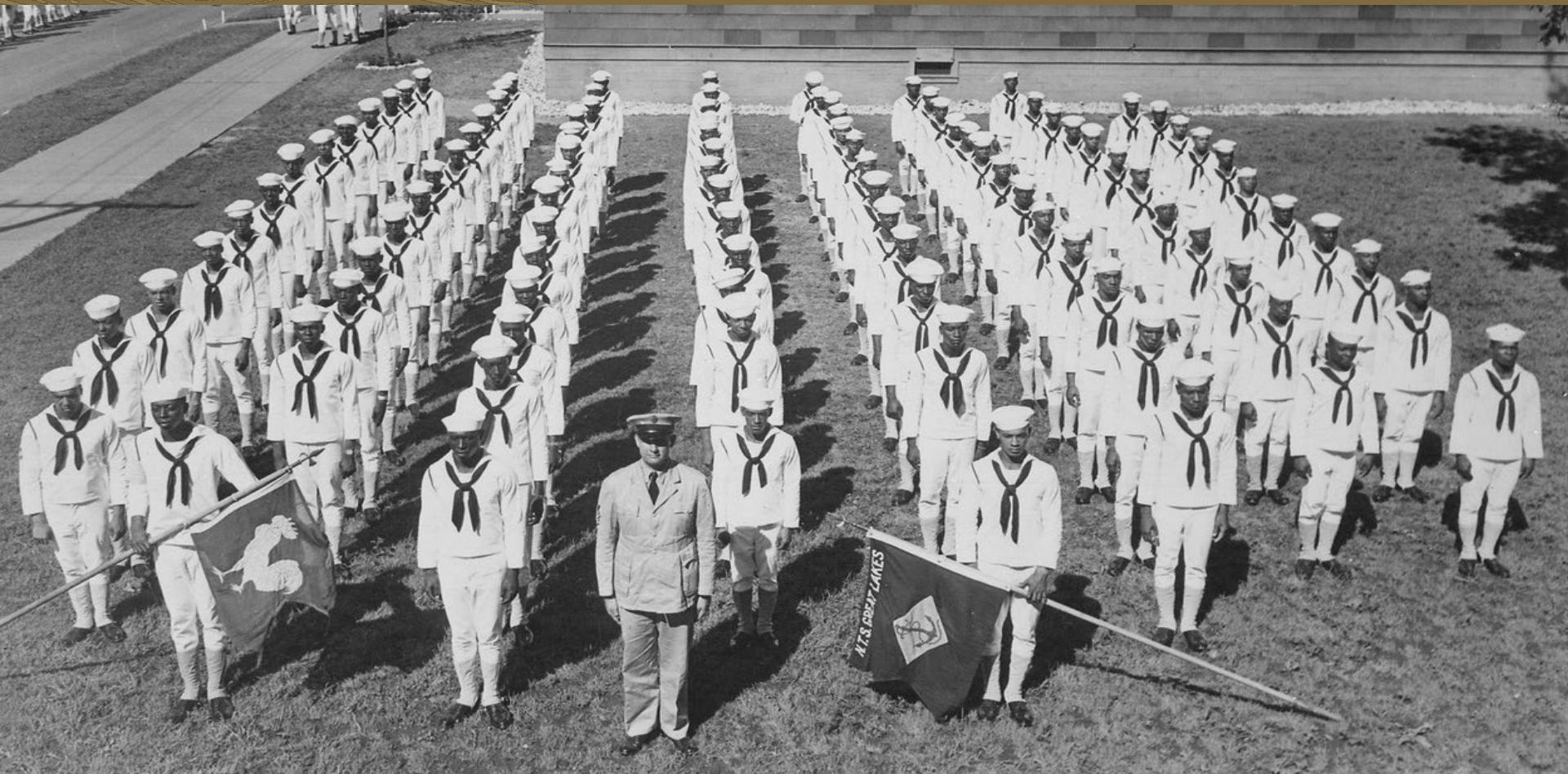
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I am sure you will understand that the introduction of enlistment of Negro men is a peculiarly difficult problem, because of the necessity of men having to live on board ship together.

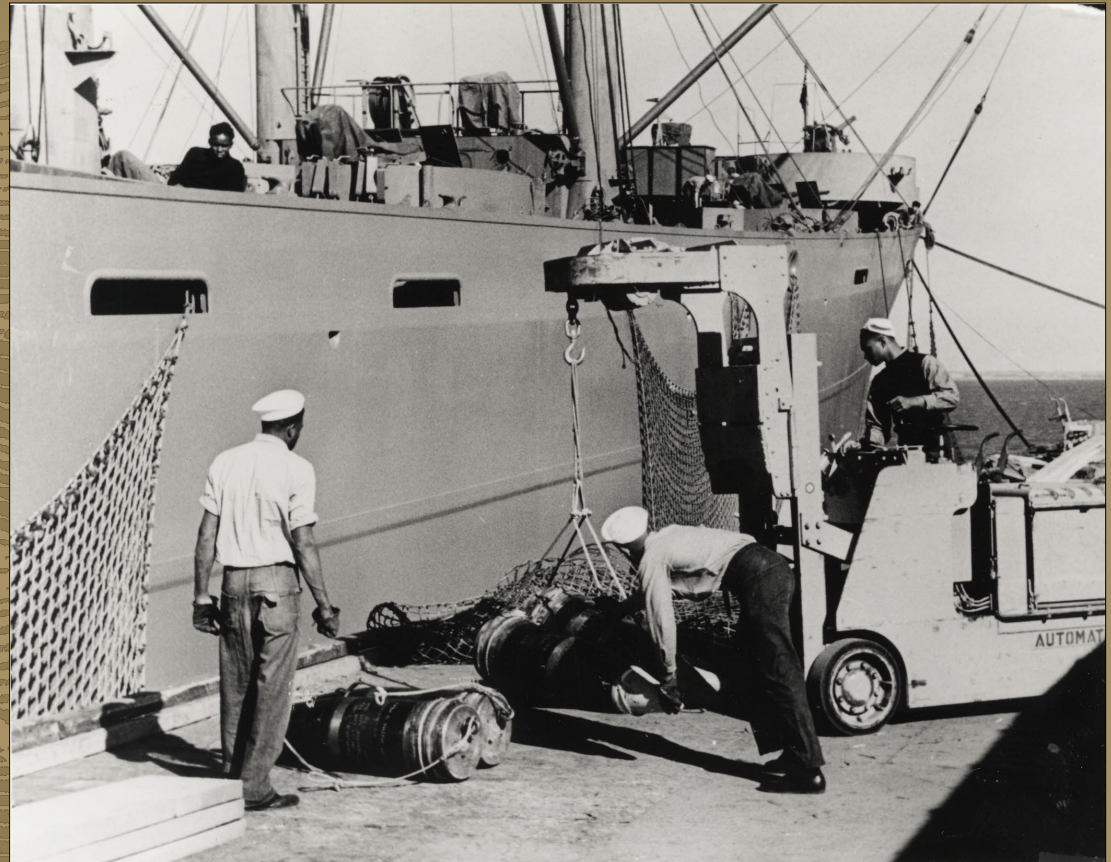
From my studies thus far I am convinced that it is no kindness to negroes to thrust them upon men of the white race. One branch of the navy is reserved exclusively for negroes, and that is messman, and we are accepting recruits for these departments as needed.





Great Lakes Training Center

Loading Munitions onto the ship

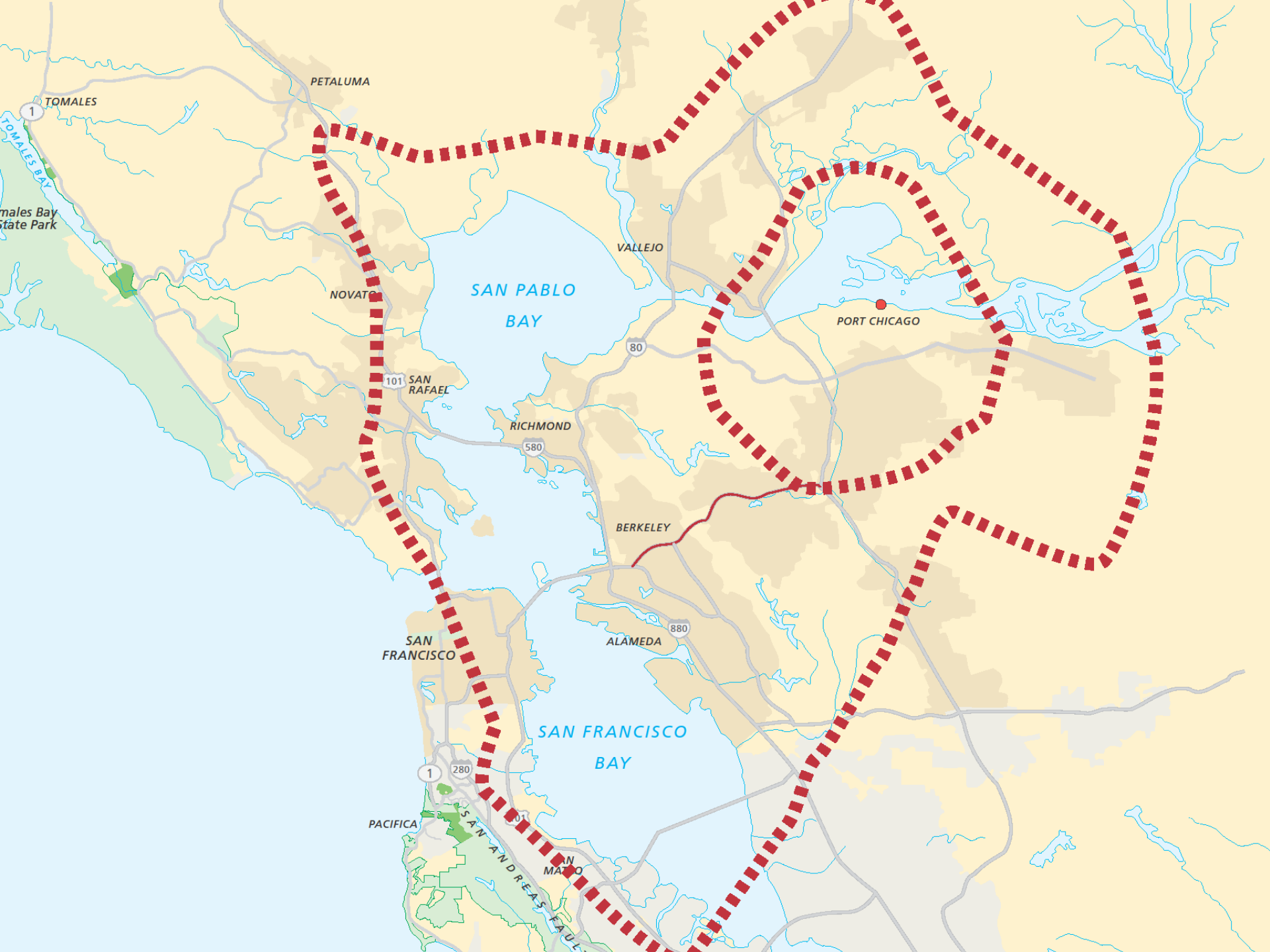




JULY 17th, 1944:

- Equivalent of 4,606 tons TNT on ships
- 16 RR cars w/429 equivalent tons of TNT
- 5,035 equivalent tons TNT exploded
- 320 men died instantly
- 390 were wounded
- 202 were African American stevedores. 15% total of African Americans killed in WWII





PETALUMA

TOMALES

Tomales Bay State Park

NOVATO

SAN PABLO BAY

VALLEJO

PORT CHICAGO

101 SAN RAFAEL

80

RICHMOND

580

BERKELEY

SAN FRANCISCO

ALAMEDA

880

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

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280

PACIFICA

SAN ANDREAS FAULT

SAN MATEO

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Mare Island Naval Shipyard



August 9, 1944 – Back To Work?





FROM THE TRIAL:

“All bombs look alike to individuals of limited intelligence...” - CAPTAIN NELSON GOSS,

COMMANDER, MARE ISLAND NAVAL YARD
& PORT CHICAGO NAVAL MAGAZINE

“The consensus of opinion of the witnesses is that the colored enlisted personnel are neither temperamentally nor intellectually capable of handling high explosives.

- NAVAL BOARD OF INQUIRY, SEPT 1944



“They actually don’t know what happened. They had no idea that verbal expression of their fear constituted mutiny...”

-Thurgood Marshall, NAACP

EXTRA - By Executive Order

PRESIDENT TRUMAN WIPES OUT SEGREGATION IN ARMED FORCES

2nd Order Sets Up FEPC In All Government Jobs

In a dramatic and historic move, unprecedented since the time of Lincoln, President Harry Truman issued Monday afternoon two executive orders which doom forever Jim Crowism in the Armed Forces of the United States and guarantee equal job opportunities in the Federal government, and all of its branches.

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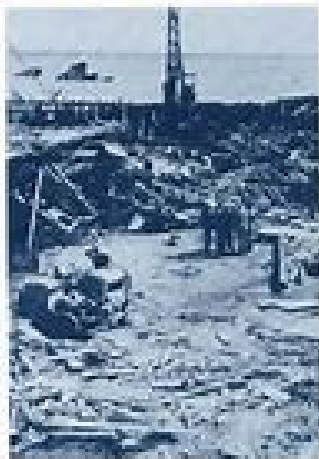


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that I, William J. Clinton, president of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby grant a full and unconditional pardon to Freddie Meeks.

December 23, 1999



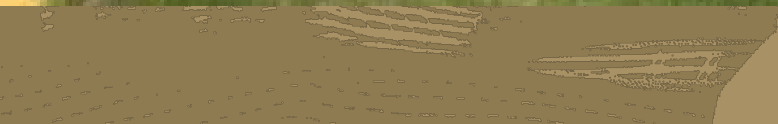


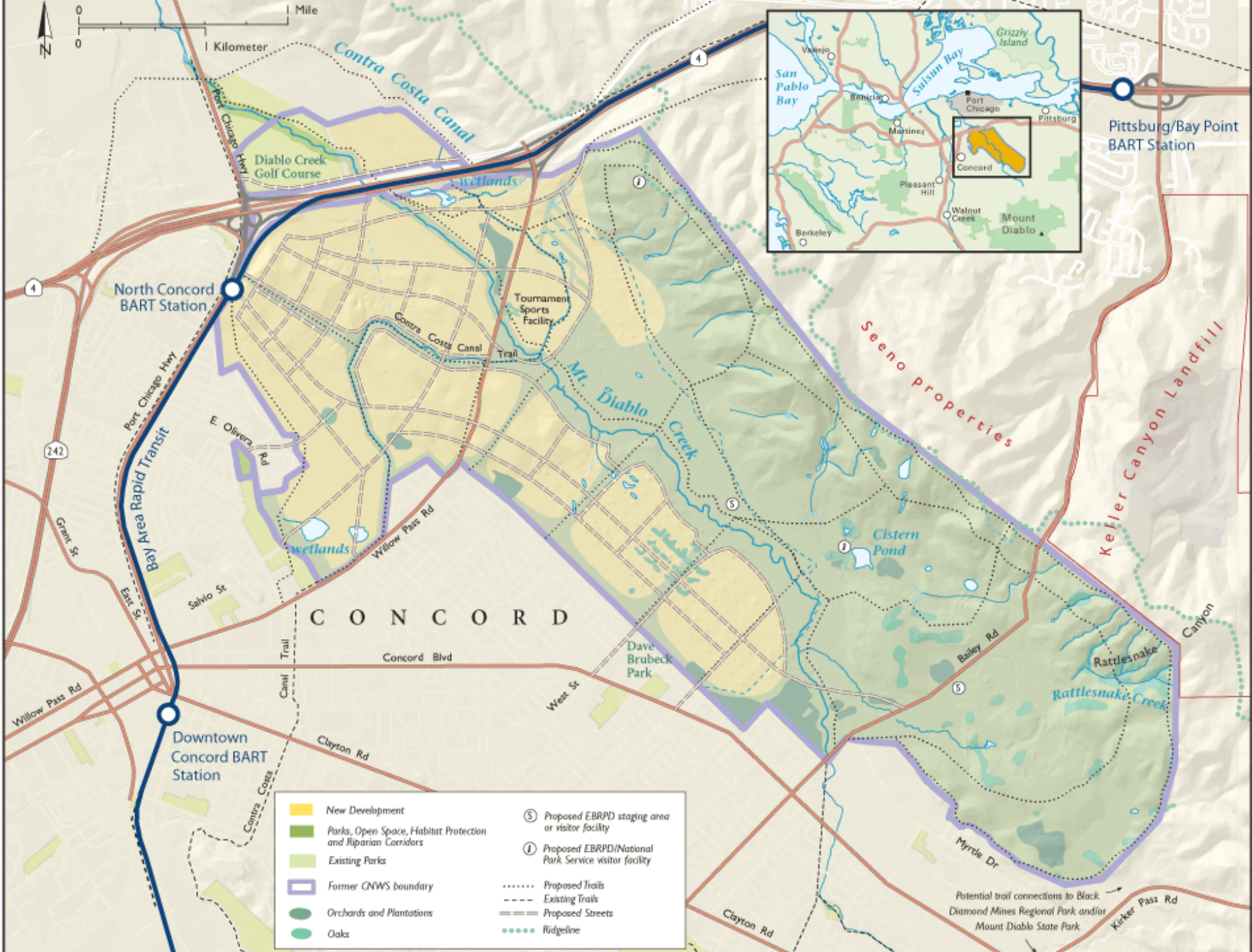




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North Concord BART Station

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| New Development | Proposed EBRPD staging area or visitor facility |
| Parks, Open Space, Habitat Protection and Riparian Corridors | Proposed EBRPD/National Park Service visitor facility |
| Existing Parks | Proposed Trails |
| Former CNWS boundary | Existing Trails |
| Orchards and Plantations | Proposed Streets |
| Oaks | Ridgeline |

Potential trail connections to Black Diamond Mines Regional Park and/or Mount Diablo State Park

