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The Boston Navy Yard during World War II (U.S. National Park Service)

The combined yards were the largest naval shipyard in the world, but the desired cost savings did not materialize, and the two yards reverted to separate existences in February 1970. In upper center is the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill CV 17 and the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore CA 68.

Staff View: The naval dry docks of the United States

The shipyard was used for radioactive testing when the United States was testing the atomic bomb.

Shipyard will see a new homeported carrier and submarines in its dry docks in 2021

By the late 1950s, the pumps for the dock were in need of replacement.

Bureau of Yards and Docks, United States Navy 1917

As part of this, and our work on the centenary of US entry into the War, Dr Graham Watson, retired from the History Department of Cardiff University, Wales, has prepared this summary of the original and fairly voluminous account of the activities of the US Bureau of Yards and Docks, 1917-1918. Some 24 distinguished, well-qualified engineers could be - and were - recruited from civilian life; and staff were forbidden from enlisting in the combat units of the armed forces. USS Earle DD-635 launched at Charlestown three days after Pearl Harbor on December 10, 1941.

Naval Shipyards, Repair Facilities and Dry Docks

The dock would be emptied by pumps powered by a steam engine that could be used to power a sawmill when not needed for the dock. Given the scale of the task, progress was slow. A table on pages 419-420 gives full details, and a map is provided on page 421.

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The long-awaited opening of the dock occurred on June 24, 1833, when USS Constitution entered the facility. The oldest now in use was

completed in 1891 and the newest completed in 1962. The individual sections were small enough to withstand the stresses of being towed in heavy seas, and were then welded together once they arrived at the intended advanced base.

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There would be a full range of supporting facilities for the maintenance and repair of the boats.

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Department of the Navy in 1798. The work of these escorts in the oftentimes rough waters of the North Atlantic was punishing, and the Boston Navy Yard had to focus on the constant maintenance and repair of these ships.

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