

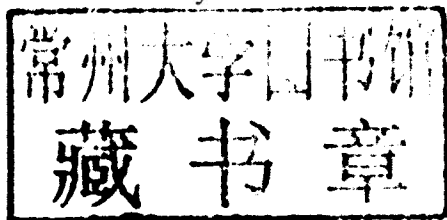


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PREFACE

This is the second volume of a projected set of five. The first volume, *Anglo-American Naval Relations, 1917–1919*, was published in 1991; since then, other studies have supervened. It is now intended to complete the series, down to 1945. The scheme is for Mr Robin Brodhurst, author of a biography of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, to edit the two volumes corresponding to Pound's time as First Sea Lord – June 1939 to October 1943. It is intended that I should edit the volume for 1943 to 1945.

The years between 1919 and 1939 were dominated by a series of naval arms limitation and disarmament conferences and the first four Parts of this volume acknowledge this. Part V, 'The Sailors Meet', deals with the encounters of serving officers and men of the two navies and their observations on each other's navy. Finally, Part VI, 'Edging towards an Alliance', details the hesitant and limited steps towards co-operation between 1937 and 1939 when a second world war looked increasingly likely.

The materials used for the Royal Navy have been drawn from the Admiralty papers at The National Archives, Kew, London; the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London; and the Churchill Archives Centre, Churchill College, Cambridge. For the United States Navy, I have drawn on The National Archives, Washington, DC; the Operational Archives, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard; The Manuscripts Division of The Library of Congress, Washington; and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Hyde Park, New York. I have avoided using diplomatic or political documents where possible; many of the documents on foreign policy have been published in the series *Documents on British Foreign Policy* (London: HMSO, various) and *Foreign Relations of the United States* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, various).

Punctuation marks have been inserted on occasion to clarify passages or to mark omissions. At times, numbered paragraphs in official communications have been omitted, resulting in breaks in their sequence. Missing words are indicated thus: [—]. If there is some doubt about a word it is expressed thus: [? word]. Place names are contemporaneous.

Places and dates of origin, where known or where appropriate, are placed at the head of documents. All Admiralty communications originated from London. Details of ships and aircraft have been obtained from a variety of sources, such as *Conway's All the World's Ships, 1922–1946* and *Jane's Fighting Ships* for various years; dates given are for the first flight of an aircraft and for completion in the case of ships. Career notes have been compiled from the *Navy List* for the Royal Navy; for the United States Navy, recourse has been had to the American equivalent and the co-operation of the Navy Department Library. Service and civilian details have been obtained from the *New Dictionary of National Biography*, the *American National Biography* and *Who Was Who*.

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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

AA	Anti-Aircraft
Actg	Acting
ACNS	Assistant Chief of Naval Staff
Adm	Admiral
Admy	Admiralty
Amb	Ambassador
AMC	Armed Merchant Cruiser
ANCXF	Allied Naval Commander, Expeditionary Force
AoF	Admiral of the Fleet
A/S	Anti/Submarine
Asst	Assistant
ASW	Anti-Submarine Warfare
Atl F	Atlantic Fleet
AWI	America and West Indies Station
BAD	British Admiralty Delegation
BatDiv	Battleship Division [US]
BCF	Battle Cruiser Fleet
Bd	Board
BS	Battle Squadron
BU	broken up
Bu	Bureau [US]
C	Central
CA	Cruiser Attack [US]
Cab	Cabinet
Calif	California
CAS	Chief of the Air Staff
Capt	Captain
CC	Constructor Corps [US]
Cdr	Commander
Cdre	Commodore
Cdt	Commandant [of a US Navy Yard]
CEx	Chancellor of the Exchequer
Chllr	Chancellor
Chf	Chief

Chm	Chairman
CID	Committee of Imperial Defence
CIGS	Chief of the Imperial General Staff
CinC	Commander-in-Chief
CL	Cruiser Light [US]
Cmdg	Commanding
Cmdt	Commandant
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations [US]
CNS	Chief of the Naval Staff
Cntrlr	Controller
CO	Commanding Officer
Col	Colonel
Con	Conservative
Conf	Conference
Conn	Connecticut
COS	Chiefs of Staff
CoS	Chief of Staff
CruDiv	Cruiser Division [US]
CS	Cruiser Squadron
CSO	Chief Staff Officer
Cttee	Committee
DC	District of Colombia
DCNO	Deputy Chief of Naval Operations [US]
DCNS	Deputy Chief of Naval Staff
DD	Destroyer [US]
Delegn	Delegation
Dem	Democrat [US]
Dep	Deputy
Dept	Department
DF	Destroyer Flotilla
Dir	Director
DNE	Director of Naval Engineering
DNI	Director of Naval Intelligence
DNO	Director of Naval Ordnance
DP	Director of Plans
DSD	Director of Signal Division
DTSD	Director of Training and Staff Duties
E	east
ed	editor
ent	entered
esp	especially
Eur	Europe

F	Fleet
FAA	Fleet Air Arm
FAdm	Fleet Admiral [US]
FCapt	Flag Captain
Fcs	Forces
FDR	Franklin D. Roosevelt
FE	Far East
FGO	Fleet Gunnery Officer
FL	First Lord of the Admiralty
Fla	Florida
FM	Field Marshal
FO	Flag Officer
For O	Foreign Office
FOIC	Flag Officer In Charge
FS	Foreign Secretary
FSL	First Sea Lord
FY	Fiscal Year [US]
Ga	Georgia
Gen	General
Gen Bd	General Board [US]
GF	Grand Fleet
Govr	Governor
Govt	Government
HC	Heavy Cruiser
H Cmnr	High Commissioner
HF/DF	High Frequency/Direction Finding
HM	His Majesty ['s]
HMAS	His Majesty's Australian Ship
HMCS	His Majesty's Canadian Ship
HMG	His Majesty's Government
HMNZS	His Majesty's New Zealand Ship
HMS	His Majesty's Ship
Home F	Home Fleet
HR	House of Representatives [US]
HS	Home Secretary
i/c	in charge
IDC	Imperial Defence College
IE	Immediate Effectives
Imp	Imperial
in	inch
Ind	Indiana
Inspr	Inspector

instr	instructor
IR	Immediate Reserve
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff [US; Australian]
k	knots
Lab	Labour
LC	Light Cruiser
Ld	Lord
Ldr	Leader
Lib	Liberal
LN	League of Nations
LPC	Lord President of the Council
LPS	Lord Privy Seal
Lt	Lieutenant
Lt-Cdr	Lieutenant-Commander
Maj Gen	Major General
Mass	Massachusetts
Me	Maine
Med F	Mediterranean Fleet
Md	Maryland
mgr	manager
M, Min	Ministry
Minr	Minister
MO	Missouri
MP	Member of Parliament
Mr	Master
N	Navy
N	north
NA	Naval Attaché
Natnl	National
NAWI	North America and West Indies Station
ND	Navy Department [US]
N Dist	Navy District [US]
NH	New Hampshire
NJ	New Jersey
NRS	Navy Records Society
NS	Naval Secretary
NSC	Naval Staff College
NWC	Naval War College
NY	Navy Yard [US]
NY	New York
NZ	New Zealand
ONI	Office of Naval Intelligence [US]