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Summary:

Men received for Submarine School are examined at New London for qualification for submarine duty. Examination data are tabulated each month by a punched-card technique previously reported\(^1\). The appended enclosures show the following:

1. Enclosure (A) shows the number of enlisted men examined and the number rejected for each of the past five months. Of 3106 school candidates examined during this period, 371 were disqualified, or 11.9 percent.

2. Enclosure (A) indicates that, as in previous months\(^2\), a majority of the number disqualified during April 1945 have psychiatric disabilities.

3. Numbers disqualified for each specific reason under the five general headings are shown in Enclosure (A). The alphabetic and numerical codes\(^4\), utilized in the tables of Enclosure (A) are described in Enclosure (B).

4. An analysis of disqualifications according to stations from which men are received is presented also in Enclosure (A). It is noted that the pattern of disqualifications varies from one station to another.

5. A coded report, of which Enclosure (B) is an example, has been sent to each station from which submarine candidates are received routinely. This report lists for the month those disqualified, those accepted and those still in a pending status at the time the report is drafted. Reasons for rejection are cited for each man disqualified.

6. It is emphasized that most of the men reported herein have been passed previously by examiners at other naval activities. Thus these data do not describe the inadequacies of the total population of candidates for submarine duty; rather, these data describe examinations by the Submarine Medical Examiner of the enlisted population received at New London for instruction.

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\(^1\)Report on Project X-247 (Sub. No. 51) "Design of a method for recording medical data significant in medical examinations for Submarine School candidates in order to permit rapid analysis by punch-card techniques." Report dated 1 May 1944.

\(^2\)Monthly Interim Report for March 1945, on this same Project.