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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of Naval Operations
Washington, D. C.

22 May 1930.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Fleets,
Aviation Units, and Stations Concerned.

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year
1931 - 1 July 1930 to 30 June 1931.

NAVAL AERONAUTICAL ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1931.

1. The following assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels, and Aviation Details, constitutes the "Naval Aeronautical Organization for the Fiscal Year 1931 (1 July 1930 - 30 June 1931)", and is in accordance with the "Proposed Operating Force Plan of Seagoing Forces for Fiscal Year 1931" and the "Assignment of Self-Propelled Vessels to Naval Districts and Naval Stations for Fiscal Year 1931". It becomes effective on 1 July, 1930, but details of personnel and assignment of material may be made hereunder in advance of that date by the Bureaus concerned, in order that the newly-organized squadrons may be commissioned as of that date.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft in accordance with this organization. The allowance of aircraft for each aviation unit is the authorized operating strength plus fifty per cent of the operating strength for spares. Where indicated in this organization no spare aircraft are required.

3. Except as indicated herein, no planes in excess of the number appearing in the column headed "Authorized Operating Strength" shall be operated without specific authority of the Chief of Naval Operations. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assign obsolete or experimental planes to aviation unit or fleet pools for utility purposes provided such planes are in safe flying condition. These may be operated in excess of authorized operating complements, but no increases in personnel nor flight orders will be allowed.

4. In order to provide for regular major overhaul, spare planes supplied will be used for the replacement of squadron planes that are in need of major repairs. Operating units will at no time be equipped with planes in excess of the allowed operating complements except in the case of obsolete planes. This may result in temporary reductions in planes available for squadrons operations at such times as minor repairs, inspections, and overhauls within the capacity of squadron repair forces are found necessary.

5. The Naval Aeronautic Organization is administered in the following subdivisions:

- I. Fleet Aviation.
 - A. U. S. Fleet.
 - (a) Battle Fleet
 - (b) Scouting Fleet
 - B. Asiatic Fleet.
- II. Naval Districts.
- III. U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Aviation.
- IV. Marine Corps.
- V. Details for Administration, Training and Development.

I. Fleet Aviation.

6. Aircraft are organized into squadrons and assigned as hereinafter stipulated for the fiscal year 1931. Such assignment of aircraft does not prohibit the reassignment by the Commanders of Fleets and Forces of any aircraft unit, including surface vessels, as a part of a task group organization for tactical or special purposes.

7. The Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet, the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, Scouting Fleet, and the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, Asiatic Fleet, are the officers ordered to command such of these squadrons, vessels and activities as are assigned temporarily or permanently to their command.

8. The Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, in addition to his duties as a subdivision commander of the fleet, is the technical adviser to his immediate superior in command with reference to all fleet aviation of that particular fleet. In this advisory capacity, the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, will take initiative in the matter of recommendations concerning personnel, material and operations and in furnishing technical information, as conditions may warrant, for any and all aviation of that fleet.

9. Fleet aircraft units not assigned to the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, are under the command of the Subdivision Commander of the fleet or force to which they are attached. Subdivision and Force Commanders are directly in charge of and responsible for such aircraft assigned to vessels of their command in the same manner and degree as they are for surface vessels comprising the subdivision which they command. Commanders, Aircraft Squadrons, have no military authority over aviation

units not assigned to their own commands. However, aircraft normally assigned to a subdivision or force commander, may be temporarily assigned to the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, under which condition they will be directly and completely under the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons.

10. Planes destined for service in fleet aviation units will ordinarily be assigned by the Bureau of Aeronautics to pools under the control of the Commanders of Aircraft Squadrons of the Battle, Scouting, and Asiatic Fleets. Under the general direction of their superior commanders these officers will assign planes to specific units as may be required. Planes from fleet units requiring major overhaul will be turned over to the Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, at such bases or to such vessels as he may direct.

11. Whenever a squadron or unit in Fleet Aviation cannot be kept at authorized operating strength, a report will be submitted by the Commanding Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations.

12. Squadrons may be temporarily based ashore or on other ships at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet. Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet or Commander Scouting Fleet.

A. U. S. Fleet

Assignment of Aircraft and Vessels

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>:Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (Note 1)	: C-in-C, U.S.Fleet
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: TEXAS

(a) Battle Fleet

13. The Naval Air Station, San Diego, is the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Battle Fleet. The SARATOGA and LEXINGTON are available for major repair and the MEDUSA for minor repair work.

(1) Commander Aircraft Squadrons.

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
LEXINGTON - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
AROSTOOK - Mine Layer 2nd Line, for
Aircraft Tender Service.
GANNET - Minesweeper, for plane guard
and tender services.

Destroyers as may be detailed from time to time by the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, for plane guard services.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VF-1B	: 18 VF	: SARATOGA
VF-6B (ex VB-2B)	: 18 VF	: SARATOGA
VS-2B	: 12 VS	: SARATOGA
VT-2B	: 18 VT	: SARATOGA
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	: SARATOGA
VF-3B	: 18 VF	: LEXINGTON
VF-5B (ex-VB-1B)	: 18 VF	: LEXINGTON
VS-3B	: 9 VS	: LEXINGTON
VT-1B	: 18 VT	: LEXINGTON
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	: LEXINGTON
VF-2B	: 18 VF	: LANGLEY
VS-1B	: 9 VS	: LANGLEY
Utility Unit	: # 2 VJ	: LANGLEY
VJ-1B	: 6 VJ *1 VR	: ARCOSTOCK
VP-7B	: 6 VP	: ARCOSTOCK
VP-9B	: 6 VP	: ARCOSTOCK
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (Note 1)	: Comairrons, B.F.

(2) Commander Battleship Divisions.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VO-3B	: 9 VO	: Bat.Div.Three
VO-4B	: 12 VO (Note 2)	: Bat.Div.Four
		: plus CALIFORNIA
VO-5B	: 12 VO	: Bat.Div.Five
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (Note 1)	: CinC, Bat.Flt.

(3) Commander Destroyer Squadrons.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VS-4B	: 2 VS	: OMAHA

(b) Scouting Fleet

14. The Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, is the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Scouting Fleet. The WRIGHT and VESTAL are available for minor repair work.

(1) Commander Aircraft Squadrons.

WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.
 SANDPIPER - Minesweeper, for Aircraft Tender Services.
 TEAL - Minesweeper, for Aircraft Tender Services.

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Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VJ-2S	: 6 VJ *1 VR	: WRIGHT
VP-8S	: 6 VP	: WRIGHT
VP-10S	: 6 VP	: WRIGHT
WRIGHT Utility Unit #1	: VJ	: WRIGHT
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (note 1)	: Comairrons, S.F.

(2) Commander Battleship Divisions.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VO-2S	: 8 VO (Note 2)	: Bat.Div.Two : plus WYOMING
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (Note 1)	: Comdr.Scout.Flt.

(3) Commander Light Cruiser Divisions.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VS-5S	: 8 VS	: L.C. Div. Two
VS-6S	: 8 VS	: L.S. Div. Three
VS-9S	: 20 VS	: L.C. Div. Five
VS-10S	: 12 VS	: Light Cruisers : AUGUSTA, CHICAGO : and LOUISVILLE : (When commissioned).

(4) Commander Destroyer Squadrons.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VS-7S	: 2 VS	: CONCORD

- # - For ships and squadrons service; no additional personnel complement allowed.
- * - Spare planes included.

Note 1 - For Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, Commander Scouting Fleet, Commander Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet, and Commander Aircraft Squadrons, Scouting Fleet. May be used at discretion of these officers. No spare planes are provided.

Note 2 - Battleships undergoing modernization are not allowed planes nor aviation personnel.

B. Asiatic Fleet.

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15. The Naval Station, Cavite, is the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Asiatic Fleet.

(1) Commander Aircraft Squadrons.

- JASON - Collier, for Aircraft Tender Services
- AVOCET - Minesweeper, for Aircraft Tender Services.
- HERON - Minesweeper, for Aircraft Tender Services.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>:Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
VT-5A	: 6 VT	: JASON
VS-8A	: 6 VS	: JASON

II. Naval Districts

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>First Naval District</u>		
Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.	VX2D1	*2VJ and such planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.	Inactive	-
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.	Lighter than Air Training and Exp. Unit	1 ZR - LOS ANGELES 2 ZN - J-3, J-4. 1 XZMC2 1 ZK 2 Free Balloons
	H.T.A.	*1 VJ
Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa.	VX3D4	*4 VJ and such plane for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Air Station, Cape May, N.J.	Inactive	-

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<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or United Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
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Activities on Severn and Potomac

Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C. (Under Bu.Aer. and Comdt.Wash.Navy Yd.)	VX4D5	*15 VJ *3 VR and such planes for ex- perimental purposes as may be assigned. (Note 3).
Naval Proving Ground Dahlgren, Va. (Under Bu.Ordnance)	VX5D5	* 4 VJ and such planes for experimental pur- poses as may be assigned.
U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis	VN8D5	6 VP) only one spare *2 VJ) VP allowed.

Fifth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va.	VN-6D5 VJ-4D5 VX-1D5	*15 VN * 4 VJ * 3 VJ and such planes for experimental pur- poses as may be as- signed. Personnel will not exceed 6 officers and 30 men.
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Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.	VN-1D8 VN-2D8 VN-3D8 VN-4D8 VN-5D8	*77 VN *50 VN *27 VO-S (* 9 VO-S (* 2 VP *24 VF
	USS ALLEGHENY	Ocean Tug, for aircraft tender services.

Eleventh Naval District

Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.	VN-7D11 VJ-5D11	*23 VN * 3 VJ *1 VR
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<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>Fourteenth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T.H.	VT-6D14	12 VT
	VP-1D14	6 VP only 3 spares allowed.
	VP-4D14	12 VP
	Utility Unit	* 2 VJ *1 VR
	USS PELICAN	Minesweeper, for air- craft tender services.

<u>Fifteenth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, C. Z.	VT-3D15	18 VT
	VP-2D15	6 VP
	Utility Unit	* 2 VJ *1 VR
	USS SWAN,	Minesweeper, for air- craft tender services.

* Spare planes are included.

Note 3. Includes 1 VO assigned to Naval Mission Brazil.

III. U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Aviation.

The following is the present approved plan for the assignment of Naval Reserve Bases, operating squadrons and divisions, together with the allowance of aircraft for the training of Naval and Marine Corps Reserves. The squadrons and divisions listed indicate the personnel organization of Reserves in each district. The personnel of squadrons and divisions listed below will maintain their proficiency by operating such aircraft as the Commanding Officer of their respective bases may assign.

District	Base	Authorized Operating Strength	Squadron	Number of Divisions	Remarks
1	NRAB Squantum	9VN - 3VO	VN1RD1	3	
			VN2RD1	3	
			VF4MR	2	
3	NRAB Valley Stream, L.I.	9VN - 3VO	VN3RD3	3	
			VN4RD3	3	
4	NRAB Philadelphia	3VN - 3VO	VN5RD4	1	
5	NRAB Hampton Roads	3VN	VN7RD5	1	
5	Quantico, Va.	3VN			For active duty training.
7	NRAB Miami, Fla.	6VN	VN8RD7	1	
8	NAS Pensacola	25VN			For advanced training.
9	NRAB Great Lakes	9VN - 3VO	VN10RD9	2	
9	NRAB Grosse Ile	3VN - 3VO	VN9RD9	2	
			V07MR	2	
9	NRAB Minneapolis	3VN - 3VO	VN11RD9	2	
9	NRAB St. Louis	6VN	VN12RD9	1	
11	NRAB Long Beach	3VN - 3VO	VN13RD11	3	
11	NAS San Diego	3VN	U.S.M.C.		For Marine Reserve active training.

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<u>Naval Station or U.S.M.C. Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>West Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.	VF-10M (ex-VF-6M)	6 VF
	VC-8M	6 VO
	VO-10M	6 VO
	VJ-7M	*2 VR Hdqtrs. Det.
<u>First Brigade, U.S.M.C. Haiti</u>		
Port au Prince, Haiti	VO-9M	6 VO, *1 VR
<u>Marine Garrison Guam</u>		
Guam	VP-3M	*6 VS

*Includes spare planes.

Note 4 - Operating with 2nd Brigade Marines, Managua, Nicaragua. Authorized to operate planes in excess of "Authorized Operating Strength".

V. Details for Administration,
Development, and Training.

19. Details of aviation personnel for administration,
development, and training work in connection with design, produc-
tion, inspection and test of aircraft material:

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Details to other Bureaus and Offices of the Navy Department.
- (c) Material inspection details.
- (d) Details abroad that involve flying.
- (e) Postgraduate details for instruction in aeronautical subjects.
- (f) Details to Naval Training Stations, Air Stations, and Units.
- (g) Details to Army Air Organizations, and Army Air Schools.

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20. Personnel ordered to Air Stations, Squadrons, Units or Details listed in Aeronautic Organization may be given flight orders when the duty necessitates, subject to approval by Bureau of Navigation.

21. The following details involving flying to Bureaus and Offices exclusive of Bureau of Aeronautics are authorized. No further details involving flying in the Navy Department exclusive of the Bureau of Aeronautics will be made without the authority of the Chief of Naval Operations:

Naval Operations	-Board of Inspection and Survey	-1
" "	-Ship Movements Division	-1
" "	-War Plans Division	
" "	-Material Division	
" "	-Fleet Training Division	
Bureau of Navigation	-Plans Division	-1
" " "	-Hydrographic Office	-1
" " "	-Naval Observatory	-1
Bureau of Engineering	-Radio Division	-1
Bureau of Ordnance	-Aircraft Armament	-1
Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics	-Aide	-1

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Departmental Distribution:
I, II, III, IV, (for VI, VII, and VIII)
V, IX and X a

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- (e) Details abroad that involve flying.
- (f) Postgraduate details for instruction in aeronautical subjects.
- (g) Details to Naval Training Stations, Air Stations, and Units.
- (h) Details to Army Air Organizations, and Army Air Schools.
- (i) Details to Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
- (j) Special Details.

Personnel ordered to Air Stations, Squadrons, Units or Details listed in Aeronautic Organization may be given flight orders when the duty necessitates flying, subject to approval by Bureau of Navigation or the Major General Commandant.

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21 January 1931.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Fleet, Aviation Units,
and Stations Concerned.

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1931.

Reference: (a) Opnav letter Op-38-E-EMW, VZ/A3-1(300522)
of 22 May 1930.

1. The following assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels, and Aviation Details will become effective on 1 April 1931 and will constitute the "Naval Aeronautical Organization" from that date to the end of the present fiscal year. Reference (a) will be cancelled as of 1 April 1931.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft in accordance with this organization. The allowance of aircraft for each aviation unit is the authorized operating strength plus fifty per cent of the operating strength for spares. Where indicated in this organization no spare aircraft are required.

3. Except as indicated herein, no planes in excess of the number appearing in the column headed "Authorized Operating Strength" shall be operated without specific authority of the Chief of Naval Operations. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assign obsolete or experimental planes to aviation units or fleet pools for utility purposes provided such planes are in safe flying condition. These may be operated in excess of authorized operating complements, but no increases in personnel nor flight orders will be allowed.

4. In order to provide for regular major overhaul, spare planes supplied will be used for the replacement of squadron planes that are in need of major repairs. Operating units will at no time be equipped with planes in excess of the allowed operating complements except in the case of obsolete planes. This may result in temporary reductions in planes available for squadrons operations at such times as minor repairs, inspections, and overhauls within the capacity of squadron repair forces are found necessary.

5. Whenever a squadron or unit cannot be kept at authorized operating strength, a report will be submitted by the Commanding Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations.

6. The Naval Aeronautic Organization is administered in the following subdivisions:

- I. Fleet Aviation.
 - A. U. S. Fleet.
 - (a) Battle Force
 - (b) Scouting Force
 - (c) Base Force
 - B. Asiatic Fleet.
- II. Naval Districts.
- III. U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Aviation.
- IV. U. S. Marine Corps.
- V. Details for Administration, Training and Development.

I. FLEET AVIATION.

7. Aircraft are organized into squadrons and units and assigned as hereinafter stipulated. Such assignment of aircraft does not prohibit the reassignment by the Commanders of Fleets and Forces of any aircraft unit, including surface vessels, as a part of a task group organization for tactical or special purposes.

8. The Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, U. S. Fleet, in addition to his regular duties as a subdivision commander of the Battle Force is the technical advisor to the Commander Battle Force and the Commander Base Force with reference to all aviation in those forces. In this advisory capacity he will take the initiative in the matter of recommendations concerning personnel, material, operation, and in furnishing technical information, as conditions may warrant, for any and all aviation of those forces.

9. In the same manner, the Commander Aircraft, Asiatic Fleet, and Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force, in addition to their regular duties as subdivision commanders of the Asiatic Fleet and the Scouting Force, are the technical advisors to the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet, and the Commander Scout-

ing Force with reference to all aviation in those forces.

10. Fleet aircraft units not assigned to the Commanders of Aircraft are under the command of the subdivision commander of the unit to which they are attached. These subdivision commanders are directly in charge of and responsible for such aircraft assigned to vessels of their command in the same manner and degree as they are for surface vessels comprising the subdivision which they command. Commanders of Aircraft have no military authority over aviation units not assigned to their own commands. However, aircraft normally assigned to a subdivision commander may be temporarily assigned to the Commanders of Aircraft under which condition they will be directly and completely under his command.

11. Planes destined for service in fleet aviation units will ordinarily be assigned by the Bureau of Aeronautics to pools under the control of the Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, the Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force and the Commander Aircraft, Asiatic Fleet. Under the general direction of their superior commanders these officers will assign planes to specific units as may be required. Planes from fleet units requiring major overhaul will be turned over to these officers at such bases or to such vessels as they may direct. For better coordination in the overhaul of airplanes, the Bureau of Aeronautics will not assign to Fleet Pools the aircraft normally stationed at the Naval Air Stations Pearl Harbor and Coco Solo, but will assign them directly to the commanding officers of those stations.

12. Squadrons may be temporarily based ashore or on other ships at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, the Commander Battle Force, the Commander Scouting Force, and the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet.

13. The Naval Air Stations at San Diego, Hampton Roads, Pearl Harbor, Cavite, and Coco Solo, are the overhaul and repair bases for all aircraft normally operating in the areas adjacent to those stations and bases.

14. Assignment of Aircraft and Vessels in the Aeronautical Organization of the U. S. Navy:-

A. U. S. FLEET

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: CinC, U.S. Fleet
Ship Unit	: 3 VS	: CHICAGO

(a) BATTLE FORCE

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comdr. Battle For.
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: CALIFORNIA

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

VO-1B	: 4 VO	: Batdiv. One
VO-2B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. Two
VO-3B	: 12 VO	: Batdiv. Three
VO-4B	: 12 VO	: Batdiv. Four

The Commander, Battle Force, normally will assign airplanes on the CALIFORNIA to one of the observation squadrons for administrative and tactical purposes.

(2) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force.

VS-4B	: 2 VS	: OMAHA until re-
	:	: lieved by
	:	: DETROIT.

(3) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force.(Carrier Division Two)

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
 LEXINGTON - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
 GANNET - Minesweeper for plane guard and tender service.

Destroyers as may be detailed from time to time under command Battle Force for plane guard service.

Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comdr. Aircraft
	:	: Batforce
VF-1B	: 18 VF	: SARATOGA
VF-6B	: 18 VF	: "
VS-2B	: 12 VS	: "
VT-2B	: 18 VT	: "
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	: "
VF-2B	: 18 VF	: LEXINGTON
VF-5B	: 18 VF	: "
VS-3B	: 12 VS	: "
VT-1B	: 18 VT	: "
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	: "

(4) Commander Minecraft, Battle Force

Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor.

PELICAN - Minesweeper for plane guard
and tender service.

Squadron:	Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VP-1B	: 6 VP	: Based at Pearl Harbor
VP-4B	: 12 VP (25% spares)	: " " " "
VP-6B (Ex-VT-6D14)	: 12 VT	: " " " "
Utility Unit	: *2 VJ - *1 VR	: " " " "

(b) SCOUTING FORCE

Squadron	Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Com r. Scout. Force
Ship Unit	: 2 VO	: ARKANSAS

When ARKANSAS is relieved by AUGUSTA and becomes flagship of the Commander Training Squadron there will be three planes assigned to the AUGUSTA and none to the ARKANSAS.

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force.

VS-5S	: 8 VS	: Crudiv. Two
VS-6S	: 8 VS	: Crudiv. Three
VS-9S	: 16 VS	: Crudiv. Four
VS-10S	: 4 VS	: Crudiv. Five

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force.

VS-7S	: 2 VS	: CONCORD until re-
	:	: lieved by RALEIGH

(3) Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force.

(Commander Carrier Division One)

Naval Air Station, Coco Solo.

LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
 WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.
 SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for aircraft
tender service.
 TEAL - Minesweeper for aircraft

SWAN

tender service.
Minesweeper for aircraft
tender service.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comdr. Aircraft Scout. : Force.
VS-1S	: 9 VS	: LANGLEY
VF-3S	: 18 VF	: "
Utility Unit	: #2 VJ	: "
VJ-2S	: 6 VJ - *1 VR	: WRIGHT
VP-8S	: 6 VP	: "
VP-10S	: 6 VP	: "
Utility Unit	: #*1 VJ	: "
VP-2S	: 6 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Based at Coco Solo
VP-3S (ex VT-3D15)	: 18 VT	: Based at Coco Solo
Utility Unit	: #*2 VJ - #*1 VR	: " " " "

(c) BASE FORCE(1) Commander Train Squadron Two.

VP-7B	: 6 VP	: ARGONNE
VP-9B	: 6 VP	: ARGONNE
VJ-1B	: 6 VJ - *2 VR	: ARGONNE

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Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: CinC, Asiatic Fleet
VS-11A	: 3 VS	: HOUSTON

(1) Commander Aircraft

JASON - Collier for aircraft tender service.
AVOCET - Minesweeper for aircraft tender service.
HERON - Minesweeper for aircraft tender service.

VT-5A	: 6 VT	: JASON
VS-8A	: 6 VS	: JASON

For ships' and squadrons' service; no additional personnel complement allowed.

* Spare planes included.

II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>First Naval District</u>		
Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.	VX2D1	* 2 VJ and such planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.	Inactive	-
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.	Lighter than Air Training and Exp. Unit H.T.A.	1 ZR - LOS ANGELES 2 ZN - J-3, J-4 1 XZMC2 1 ZK 2 Free Balloons *1 VJ
Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa.	VX3D4	*4 VJ and such planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Air Station, Cape May, N. J.	Inactive	-
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac.</u>		
Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C. (Under Bu.Aer. and Comdt. Wash. Navy Yd.)	VX4D5	*15 VJ *2 VR and such other planes for experimental and other special purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Proving Ground Dahlgren, Va. (Under Bu.Ordnance)	VX5D5	* 4 VJ and such planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
U. S. Naval Academy Annapolis, Md.	VN8D5	6 VP) only one spare *2 VJ) VP allowed

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Fifth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Hampton Roads, Va.

VN - 6 D5	*15 VN
VJ-4D5	* 3 VJ - 1 VH
VX-1D5	* 3 VJ and such planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned. Person- nel will not ex- ceed 6 officers and 30 men.

Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Pensacola, Fla.

VN-1D8	*40 VN
VN-2D8	*40 VN
VN-3D8	*27 VO-S
VN-4D8	(* 9 VO-S
	(* 2 VP
VN-5D8	*27 VF

USS ALLEGHENY Ocean Tug for Aircraft
tender service.

Eleventh Naval District

Naval Air Station,
San Diego, Calif.

VN-7D11	*23 VN	
VJ5D11	* 3 VJ	*1 VR

*Spare planes included.

III. U. S. NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE AVIATION.

The following is the approved plan for the assignment of Naval Reserve Bases, operating squadrons and divisions, together with the allowance of aircraft for the training of Naval and Marine Corps Reserves. The squadrons and divisions listed indicate the personnel organization of Reserves in each district. The personnel of squadrons and divisions listed below will maintain their proficiency by operating such aircraft as the Commanding Officer of their respective bases may assign.

District :	Base :	Authorized : Operating : Strength :	Squadron :	No. : of : Div. :	Remarks :
1	NRAB Squantum	9 VN - 5 VO	VN1RD1 VN2RD1 VF4MR	3 3 2	
3	NRAB Valley Stream, L.I.	9 VN- 4 VO	VN3RD3 VN4RD3	3 3	
4	NRAB Philadelphia	3 VN- 3 VO	VN5RD4	1	
5	NRAB Hampton Roads	3 VN	VN7RD5	1	
5	Quantico, Va.	3 VN	USMC		For active duty train- ing.
7	NRAB Miami, Fla.	6 VN	VN8RD7	1	
8	NAS Pensacola	25 VN			For ad- vanced training.
9	NRAB Great Lakes	9 VN- 5 VO	VN10RD9	2	
9	NRAB Grosse Ile	3 VN- 4 VO	VN9RD9 VO7MR	2 2	
9	NRAB Minneapolis	3 VN- 3 VO	VN11RD9	2	
9	NRAB St. Louis	6 VN	VN12RD9	1	
11	NRAB Long Beach	3 VN - 3VO	VN13RD11	3	
11	NAS San Diego	3 VN	U.S.M.C.		For active duty train- ing.
12	NRAB Oakland	3 VN-3VO	VN14RD12	2	
13	NAS Seattle	9 VN-4 VO	VN15RD13 VO8MR	3 2	
D.C.	NAS Anacostia	3 VN-3 VO	VN6R	1	

Spare planes are included in the above allowances.

IV. U. S. MARINE CORPS

<u>Naval Station or U.S.M.C. Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
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East Coast Expeditionary Force

Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.	VF-9M	12 VF
	VO-6M	12 VO
	VO-7M (Note 1)	6 VO
	VJ-6M (Note 1)	*4 VJ
		*4 VR

West Coast Expeditionary Force

Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.	VF-10M	6 VF
	VO-8M	12 VO
	VJ-7M	*2 VJ
		*3 VR

First Brigade, U.S.M.C. Haiti.

Port au Prince, Haiti	VO-9M (50% spares)	6 VO, *1 VR
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*Includes spare planes.

Note 1. - Operating with 2nd Brigade Marines, Managua, Nicaragua. Authorized to operate planes in excess of "Authorized Operating Strength".

Note 2. - Except as noted, Marine units are supplied with 33 1/3% spares.

V. Details for Administration,
Development, and Training.

Details of aviation personnel for administration, development and training work in connection with design, production inspection and test of aircraft material:

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Headquarters, Marine Corps.
- (c) Details to other Bureaus and Offices of the Navy Department.
- (d) Material inspection details.