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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization for Fiscal Year 1925.

Reference: (a) C.N.O. ltr. S.C. 111-78:1 of 29 May 1924, on above subject;

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Make the following changes in reference (a).

Page 2, add under "Notes" the following: The heading of the column "Operating Complement" on this and succeeding pages does not restrict the number of planes that may be operated. The numbers in this column form the basis of personnel distribution. Planes may be operated not to exceed those in the column headed "Authorized Complement".

Page 2 (a), opposite "U.S.S. LANGLEY (experimental carrier)", under the "Authorized Complement" column, enter "Planes as assigned for experimental work"; under "Operating Complement" columns enter "3 TS-1; 4 VE-9; 1 Aeromarine; 2 DT-2".

Page 4, Article II, sub-par. (b) San Diego Region, add-

VO-1M Observation Squadron 1M (for duty with West Coast Expeditionary force when ordered)

Page 5, article III, omit sub-par. (c) and change the lettering of sub-par. (d) to read "(c)".

Page 6, IV, (1), (b) Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C., at end of this sub-paragraph add "Additional planes as assigned for test and experiment".

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29 May 1924

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Subject: Naval Aeronautic Organization for Fiscal Year 1925.

1. The Naval Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal year 1925 is as specified below:

### AERONAUTIC ORGANIZATION

The Naval Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal year July 1, 1924, to June, 30, 1925, is as follows:

### OPERATING SQUADRONS

I. Aircraft Squadrons (United States Fleet and other fleets)

II. Aircraft Squadrons (Naval Coast Defense Forces)

III. Aircraft Squadrens (Marine Corps)

### OTHER UNITS

For administration, maintenance, development, training, etc.

IV. Navy

V. Marine Corps

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## I. FLEET AVIATION

## Authorized Complement

## Operating Complement

## Aircraft

12

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## Aircraft

## (a) Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet

USS AROOSTOOK (flagship and tender) USS LANGLEY (experimental carrier) USS GANNET (tender)

VO-1 Observation Sqdn. One (battleships)		12 UO
VO-2 Observation Sqdn. Two VF-1 Fighting Sqdn. One		12 DH 12 TS
VF-2 Fighting Sqdn. Two VS-2 Scouting Sqdn. Two	(	12 VE-7SF 7 H-16 2 F-5 <sup>-L</sup>
VO-4 Observation Sqdn. Four (OMAHA)		2 UO

Notes: VO-1 carried on battleships. VF-1 and VF-2 will be carried on battleships when equipped with two catapults. VO-2 bases at San Diego until carrier is available. VS-2 bases on the AROOSTOOK. Each squadron is allowed 50% replacement airplanes. San Diego is the Base for these squadrons.

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## Authorized Complement

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## Operating Complement

## Aircraft

## Aircraft

## (b) Aircraft Squadrons, Scouting Fleet

•	C-	USS WRIGHT (flagship and tender) USS SANDPIPER (tender) USS TEAL (tender) USS PATOKA (tender) ZR-1 - USS SHENANDOAH (rigid airship)	)
	•		12 F-5-L
18		VS-1 Scouting Sqdn. One	(or N-16)
18		VT-1 Torpedo & Bombing Sqdn. One	(12 DT-2 ( 3 DT-4 ( 3 CS-1
18		VO-3 Observation Sqdn. Three (light cruisers)	18 00
12		VO-6 Observation Sqdn. Six (battleships)	12 MO
12		VF-9 Fighting Sqdn. Nine (battleships)	(Not yet or- ganized - await- ing catapults)

Notes: USS PATOKA acts as tender to the SHENANDOAH. VS-1 and VT-1 base on USS WRIGHT: VO-3 on nine light cruisers. VO-6 bases on Hampton Roads till catapults are installed on battleships. VF-9 to be organized at Hampton Roads from excess complement of VF-1 and VF-2 now at San Diego and will be based at Hampton Roads for duty on battleships when catapults are installed.

## (c) Aircraft Squadrons, Asiatic Fleet

## USS AJAX (flagship and tender)

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VT-20 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Twenty 9 DT

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II. AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, NAVAL COAST DEFENSE FORCES

Authorized Complement	Operating Complement
Aircraft DECLASSIFIED	Aircraft
(a) <u>Chesapeake Bay Region</u> (Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va.)	
6 VP-6 Patrol Squadron Six 6 VT-12 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Twelve 2 Single-engine seaplanes for training Reserv and general utilit 2 Single-engine airplanes for training Reserv and general utilit	y es
(b) <u>San Diego Region</u> (Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.)	
6 VP-1 Patrol Squadron One 6 VT-5 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Five 2 Single-engine seaplanes for training Reser and general utili 2 Single-engine airplanes for training Reser and general utili	ty ves
(c) <u>Panama Canal Zone Region</u> (Naval Air Station, Coco Sole, C.Z.)	
6 VP-10 Patrol Squadron Ten VT-17 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Seventeen 2 Single-engine seaplanes for general utility 2 Single-engine airplanes for general utility	6 F-5Lør H-16 2 DT
(d) <u>Hawaii Region</u> (Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T.H.)	
6 VP-14 Fatrol Squadron Fourteen 18 VT-19 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Nineteen 2 Single-engine seaplanes for general utilit 2 Single-engine airplanes for general utilit	

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## III. AIRCEAFT SQUADRONS (MARINE CORPS)

Authorized	Complement	Operating Complement
Aircraft		Aircraft
	(a) East Coast Expeditionary Force	
12 10 1	VO-3M Observation Squadron 3M VF-1M Fighting Squadron 1M ZK-1M Kite Balloon Squadron 1M	12 DH 10 VE-7SF (1 KB)
6	(b) <u>lst Brigade, Haiti</u> VO-2M Observation Squadron 2M	6 DN
	(c) 2nd Brigade, Santo Domingo	
6	VO-1M Observation Squadron 1M	6 DH
	(d) Guam Region	
4	VP-IM Patrol Squadron IM	4 HS

## IV. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS (NAVY)

(1) For Bureau administration and work in connection with design, production, inspection, and test of aircraft material:

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C.

Operating complement -

- 6 single-engine airplanes
- 2 twin-engine seaplanes
- 2 single-engine segplanes
- (c) Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J.

Operating complement l non-rigid airship 2 single-engine airplanes l kite balloon 2 free balloons

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(d) Experimental Aviation Torpedo Detail, Newport, R.I.

Operating complement -

- 2 single-engine torpedo planes
- l single-engine seaplane
- (e) Experimental Aviation Ordnance Detail, Dahlgren, Va.

Operating complement -

2 single-engine airplanes

2 single-engine seaplanes

and such other planes as may be necessary for ordnance tests.

- (f) Material inspection details
- (g) Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - (h) Helium Project
  - (i) Details abroad
  - (j) Detail to the Board of Inspection and Survey
- (2) for training of personnel:
  - (a) Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida

Operating complement -40 VN - Elementary training seaplanes 20 VN - Elementary training land planes 8 VNT - Torpedo & Bombing seaplanes 16 VNO - Observation airplanes 9 VNF - Fighting airplanes 37 VNS - Scouting seaplanes

(b) First Naval District

Naval Reserve Training Unit, Squantum, Mass.

(c) Third Naval District

Naval Reserve Training Unit, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.

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(d) Ninth Naval District

Naval Reserve Training Unit, Great Lakes, Ill.

- (e) Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
- (f) <u>Postgraduate detail</u> (includes Massachusetts Institute of Tephnology)
- (g) Detail to Naval War College

(3) Inactive Naval District Air Stations:

- (a) Naval Air Station, Chatham, Massachusetts
- (b) Naval Air Station, Cape May, N.J.
- (c) <u>Naval Air Station, Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.</u> (subject to transfer of land from the State of New York to the Navy Department)

V. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS (MARINE CORPS

(1) For administrative and general work in connection with design, production, inspection, tests, and delivery of aircraft material:

- (a) Aviation Section, Division of Operations and Training, Headquarters, Marine Corps
- (b) Details to Bureau of Aeronautics
- (c) Special details

(2) For the support of operations of Marine Corps or Naval forces in the United States and beyond the continental limits of the united States:

- (a) Inactive Marine flying Field, Parris Island, S.C.
- (b) <u>Detached Marine aviation units within the United States and</u> on foreign stations
- (3) For training of personnel for aeronautic duty:
  - (a) Details to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.
  - (b) Details to Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
  - (c) Details to postgraduate Army and Navy schools and courses
  - (d) Details to Army air organizations and Army schools
  - (e) As directed by Chief of Bureau of Aeronautics

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