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Washington, D. C.

7 January 1930.

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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year
1930-1 July 1929 to 30 June 1930 - Change.

Reference: (a) C.N.O. letter Op-38-E-EMV; A21-1/A3-1
(290410) of 10 April 1929.

1. On page 10 of reference (a), under caption
"East Coast Expeditionary Force," delete "ZKO-1M....1KB".

2. Observation Balloon Squadron One-M (ZKO-1M) was
placed out of commission on 1 January 1930.

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27 December 1929.

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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1930 -
1 July 1929 to 30 June 1930 - Change in.

Reference: (a) C.N.O. letter Op-38-E-EMJ A21-1/A3-1(290410)
of 10 April 1929.

1. On page 6, reference (a), under caption "B. Asiatic Fleet", subhead "Assignment of Aircraft and Vessels", change the words "Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor" to "Naval Station, Cavite", the latter station being hereby designated as the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Asiatic Fleet.

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10 April 1929.

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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization -
Fiscal Year 1930 - 1 July 1929 to
30 June 1930.

NAVAL AERONAUTIC ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1930.

1. The following assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels, and Aviation Details, constitutes the "Naval Aeronautical Organization for the Fiscal Year 1930 (1 July 1929 - 30 June 1930)", and is in accordance with the "Proposed Operating Force Plan of Seagoing Forces for Fiscal Year 1930" and the "Assignment of Self-Propelled Vessels to Naval Districts and Naval Stations for Fiscal Year 1930". It becomes effective on 1 July, 1929, 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 a reserve. Where indicated in this organization no reserve 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.

I. Fleet Aviation.

A. U. S. Fleet

- (a) Battle Fleet
- (b) Scouting Fleet

B. Asiatic Fleet.

- II. Naval Districts.
- III. Naval Reserve.
- IV. Marine Corps.
- V. Details for Administration, Training and Development.

I. Fleet Aviation

1. Aircraft are organized into squadrons and assigned as hereinafter stipulated for the fiscal year 1930. Such assignment of aircraft does not prohibit the reassignment by the Commanders of Fleets and Forces of any aircraft unit as a part of a special task group organization for tactical or special purposes.
2. 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.
3. The Commander, Aircraft Squadrons, in addition to his duties as a subdivision commander of the fleet, is the technical advisor 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.
4. 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.
5. The Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, Commander Scouting Fleet and the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet, are authorized at their discretion to utilize planes in reserve, as may be available

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30 November 1929

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

Subject: Naval Aeronautical Organization -
Fiscal Year 1930 - 1 July 1929 to
30 June 1930 - Changes in.

Reference: (a) CNO letter Op-38-E-EMW A21-1/
A3-1(290410) of 10 April 1929.

1. The following changes in reference (a) become effective, in accordance with the conditions hereinafter prescribed, on receipt of this letter, and continue effective for the remainder of the fiscal year 1930, when reference (a) will be superseded by the "Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1931."

2. Wherever, in the following tabulation, an increased operating strength is allowed a ship, station, or squadron, it will carry with it no increase in personnel; and the additional airplanes so allowed are to be operated only in those cases in which, in the opinion of the Commanding Officer of the ship, station, or squadron affected, such operation is safe and practicable. The foregoing, however, does not apply in the case of newly-commissioned light cruisers, for which due allowance of aviation personnel has been made in their personnel allowances.

3. There being no official designations for transport or ambulance airplanes, the symbols VR and VH have been arbitrarily adopted for this tabulation. Where VR is employed, it is intended to indicate any airplane suitable for general transport purposes; where VH is used, it is intended to indicate a transport airplane with permanent or temporary provision for the transportation of the sick or injured. The symbol VO-S is intended to indicate a two-seated observation or scouting airplane, the types being almost identical, except in equipment.

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4. The revised authorized operating strengths, for units affected, follows:

Squadron	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VS-5S) VS-6S)	(For both squadrons) 36 VO-S	(Light Cruiser (Div. TWO (Light Cruiser (Div. THREE
(To provide for SALT LAKE CITY, PENSACOLA and three additional light cruisers, the individual squadron allowances depending on assignment of light cruisers to divisions.)		
Utility Unit	* 1 VO-S	WRIGHT
VN-1D8	* 77 VN	NAS Pensacola, Fla
VN-2D8	* 50 VN	" "
VN-3D8	* 27 VO-S	" "
VN-4D8	(* 2 VP (* 9 VO-S	" "
VN-5D8	* 24 VF	" "
VN-8D5	6 VP	U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
VX-4D5	** 4 VF * 1 VN * 12 VO-S * 3 VR	NAS Anacostia DC
(Plus experimental planes as assigned)		

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Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VN-6D5	: * 16 VN	: NAS Hampton Road
VJ-4D5	: * 3 VO-S	: "Va. " "
	: * 1 VH	: " " "
VX-1D5	: * 1 VT	: " " "
	: * 1 VO-S	: " " "
	: * 1 VF	: " " "

(Plus experimental planes as assigned)

VN-7D11	: * 24 VN	: NAS San Diego, Cal.
VJ-5D11	: * 1 VP	: " " "
	: * 4 VC-S	: " " "

* Includes reserve planes

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under their commands, for assignment to any operating unit for the purpose of maintaining such a unit at authorized operating strength, provided that such replacement planes are of the type with which the unit is designated to be equipped.

6. For purposes of normal replacement of squadrons or units attached to the Fleet, there are provided, unless otherwise indicated, approximately 50% planes additional to the planes indicated under column "Authorized Operating Strength".

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 2)	: C-in-C, US Fleet
Ship Unit	: 2 VO	: TEXAS

(a) Battle Fleet

The Naval Air Station, San Diego, (Fleet Air Base), is the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Battle Fleet.

(1) Commander Aircraft Squadrons.

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
LEXINGTON - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier, 2nd Line.
AROGSTOOK - 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
VB-2B	: 18 VB	: SARATOGA
VS-2B	: 12 VS	: SARATOGA
VT-2B	: 18 VT	: SARATOGA
Utility Unit	: 4 VJ (Note 1)	: SARATOGA
VF-3B	: 18 VF	: LEXINGTON
VB-1B	: 18 VB	: LEXINGTON
VS-3B	: 12 VS	: LEXINGTON
VT-1B	: 18 VT	: LEXINGTON
Utility Unit	: 4 VJ (Note 1)	: LEXINGTON
VF-2B	: 18 VF	: LANGLEY
VS-1B	: 6 VS	: LANGLEY
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ (Note 1)	: LANGLEY
VJ-1B	: 12 VJ	: AROOSTOOK
VP-7B	: 6 VP	: AROOSTOOK
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comairrons, Battle Fleet

(2) Commander Battleship Divisions.

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

(3) Commander Destroyer Squadrons.

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

It is contemplated that the LANGLEY will be employed from time to time as a Battle Line Carrier and when so employed she may be detailed temporarily by the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, to Commander, Battleship Divisions.

It is contemplated that Aircraft Squadrons VJ-1B and VP-7B and an aircraft tender if necessary, will be required from time to time for Fleet Service. When so required, temporary detail of such may be made by the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet, to the Commander Fleet Base Force.

(b) Scouting Fleet

The Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads (Fleet Air Base) is the normal overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Scouting Fleet.

(1) Commander Aircraft Squadrons.

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

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VT-9S	: 12 VT	: WRIGHT
VJ-2S	: 6 VJ	: WRIGHT
VP-8S	: 6 VP	: WRIGHT
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ (Note 2)	: Comairrons, Scout. Fleet

(2) Commander Battleship Divisions.

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

(3) Commander Light Cruiser Divisions.

Squadron	:Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
VS-5S	: 12 VS	: Light Cruiser Div. Two
VS-6S	: 12 VS	: Light Cruiser Div. Three

(4) Commander Destroyer Squadrons.

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

(RALEIGH allowed 1 VS only during service in European Waters.)

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It is contemplated that Aircraft Squadrons VJ-2S, VP-8S, and an aircraft tender, if necessary, will be required from time to time for Fleet Service. When so required, temporary detail of such may be made by the Commander Scouting Fleet to the Commander Train Squadron One.

B. Asiatic Fleet 27 Dec. 1929

Assignment of Aircraft and Vessels

The Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, 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

Whenever a squadron or unit, in the above classification headed "A. U.S. Fleet" or "B. Asiatic Fleet", cannot be kept at authorized operating strength, a report will be submitted by the Commanding Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations.

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

Note 1 - For ships and squadrons service, no additional personnel complement allowed.

Note 2 - 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 reserve planes are provided.

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 experimental planes as may be assigned.

Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.	Inactive	-
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Fourth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.	Lighter than Air Training Exp. Unit	1 ZR - LOS ANGELES 2 ZN - 1 ZK 2 Free Balloons
Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia	H.T.S. Experimental	*1 VJ *4 VJ and such experimental planes as may be assigned.

Naval Air Station, Cape May, N. J.	Inactive	
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Activities on Severn and Potomac.

Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C. (Under Bu.Aer. and Comdt. Wash. Navy Yard.)	VX4D5	*17 VJ and experimental planes.
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Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va. (Under Bu. Ordnance)	VX5D5	*4 VJ and such experimental planes as may be assigned.
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U. S. Naval Academy Annapolis, Md. (Under Supt., U.S.N.A.)	U.S. Naval Air Detail	6 VJ
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<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station,</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>Fifth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station Hampton Roads, Va.	VN-6D5 VJ-4D5 VX-1D5	11 VN *4 VJ *3VJ and such experi- mental planes as may be assigned. Personnel will not exceed 6 offi- cers and 30 men.

Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.	VN-1D8 VN-2D8 VN-3D8 VN-4D8 VN-5D8	52 VN 32 VN 25 VT (6 VO in total allowance) 20 VF 18 VO
U.S.S. ALLEGHENY, Ocean Tug, for aircraft tender services.		

Eleventh Naval District

Naval Air Station, San Diego, Cal.	VN-7D11 VJ-5D11	16 VN *6 VJ
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Fourteenth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H.	VT-6D14 VT-7D14 VP-1D14 VP-4D14 Utility Unit	12 VT 6 VT 6 VP 6 VP *3 VJ
U.S.S. PELICAN, Minesweeper, for aircraft tender services.		

Fifteenth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Coco Solo	VT-3D15 VT-4D15 VP-2D15 Utility Unit	6 VT 6 VT 6 VP *3 VJ
U.S.S. SWAN, Minesweeper, for aircraft tender services.		

*Reserve planes are included.

III. U. S. Naval 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 Reserves. The squadron complement refers more to personnel than to aircraft.

District	Base or Squadron	Number of Divisions	Authorized Operating Strength	Location
1	NRAB*		6 VN	Reserve Aviation Base, Squantum.
1	VN1RD1	3	3 VN - 3 VO	"
1	VN2RD1	3)	"
3	NRAB*		6 VN	Reserve Aviation Base, Rockaway
3	VN3RD3	3	3 VN - 3 VO	"
3	VN4RD3	3)	"
4	VN5RD4	1	3 VN - 3 VO	Naval Aircraft Factory, Phila.
5	VN7RD5	1	None	Naval Air Sta. Hampton Roads.
7	VN-8RD7	1	None	Miami, Fla.
9	VN9RD9	2	3 VN - 3 VO	Grosse Isle, Detroit.
9	NRAB*		6 VN	Reserve Aviation Base, Great Lakes.
9	VN10RD9	2	3 VN - 3 VO	" "
9	VN11RD9	2	3 VN - 3 VO	Minneapolis, Minn.
9	VN12-RD9	1	None	St. Louis, Mo.
11	VN13-RD11	3	3 VN - 3 VO	Long Beach, Cal.
12	VN14-RD12	2	3 VN - 3 VO	Oakland, Calif.
13	NRAB*		6 VN	Naval Air Sta. Seattle, Wash.
13	VN15-RD13	3	3 VN - 3 VO	" "
D.C.	VN-6R	1	3 VN - 3 VO	Naval Air Sta. Anacostia, D.C.

*There is a 50% reserve for the bases so indicated. The assigned complement of planes will probably not be reached during the fiscal year 1930.

IV. U. S. Marine Corps

(1) For administration:

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

(2) For training of personnel:

- (a) Details to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.
- (b) Details to Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
- (c) Details to Navy postgraduate courses for instruction in aeronautical subjects.
- (d) Details to Army Air Organizations and Army Air Schools.
- (e) Inactive Marine Flying Field, Parris Island, S.C.

<u>Naval Station or U.S.M.C. Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>East Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.	VF-4M	6 VF, 1 Transport
	VF-5M	6 VF, 1 Transport
	VO-6M	6 VO, 1 Transport
	VO-7M (Note 1)	6 VO,
	VJ-6M (Note 1)	*5 VJ Headquarters Det.
	ZKO-1M	1 KB
<u>West Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Naval Air Station, San Diego, Cal.	VF-6M	6 VF
	VO-8M	6 VO
	VO-10M	6 VO
	VJ-7M	*2 VJ Hdqtrs. Det.

*Includes reserve planes.

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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>First Brigade, U. S. M. C. Haiti</u>		
Port au Prince, Haiti	VO-9M	6 VO, 1 Ambulance plane.
<u>Marine Garrison Guam</u>		
Guam	VP-3M	*6 VO

*Includes reserve planes.

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

The Bureau of Aeronautics will supply 50% reserve planes of the VF and VO types only to the Marine Corps Aviation Units.

V. Details for Administration,
Development, and Training.

(1) 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) 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.

(2) 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.

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(3) The following details to Bureaus and Offices exclusive of Bureau of Aeronautics involving flying are authorized. No further details 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	-1
" "	- Fleet Training Division	-1
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

/s/ J. H. Standley
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