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

Subject: Naval Aeronautic Organization for
Fiscal Year - 1927.

AERONAUTIC ORGANIZATION

The Naval Aeronautic Organization for
the Fiscal Year, 1 July 1926 to 30 June 1927, is as
follows:

AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS

- I. Fleet
- II. Convoy and Patrol
- III. Marine Corps Expeditionary Forces
- IV. Administration, Development,
and Training.

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I. Aircraft Squadrons - Fleet

Authorized Allowance
of planes per squadron
this year

Operating Personnel
supplied for follow-
ing planes

(a) Aircraft Squadrons - Battle Fleet

12	VF-1 Fighting Squadron ONE	12-TS
12	VF-2 Fighting Squadron TWO	12-UF-3
18	VF-6 Fighting Squadron SIX	18-F-6-C
12	VO-1 Observation Squadron ONE	12-UO
12	VO-2 Observation Squadron TWO	12-OL
2	VO-4 Observation Squadron FOUR (OMAHA)	2-UO
18	VJ-1 Utility Squadron ONE	(6-H-16) (6-MO-1)
6	VS-2 Scouting Squadron TWO	(2-PN) (1-PB)
16	VT-2 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron TWO	12-SC

Aircraft Units Based on:
USS SARATOGA (Flagship and Carrier)
USS LANGLEY (Flagship and Tender until
SARATOGA joins Fleet)
USS AROOSTOOK (Tender)
USS GANNET (Tender)

VF-1 and VF-2 will be carried on battleships when equipped with two catapults. VF-6 bases at San Diego until arrival on the West Coast of the SARATOGA. VO-1 is carried on battleships. VO-2 bases at San Diego until Carrier is available, or on battleships temporarily as directed by Commander in Chief Battle Fleet. VJ-1 and VS-2 base on the AROOSTOOK. VT-2 bases on the AROOSTOOK until SARATOGA goes into commission and then bases on SARATOGA. San Diego is the Repair Base for aircraft operating on the Pacific Coast. In addition to duty as Experimental Carrier, the LANGLEY may be used at the discretion of the Commander in Chief Battle Fleet as a temporary base for any of the Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet. Each squadron is allowed 50% replacement airplanes.

Note: The heading of the column "Operating personnel supplied for following planes" 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. The number of planes in the column headed "Authorized allowance of planes for this year" may be operated.

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Authorized Allowance
of planes per squadron
this year

Operating Personnel
supplied for following
planes 1926

(b) Aircraft Squadrons - Scouting Fleet

18	VF-5 Fighting Squadron FIVE	18-F-6-C
12	VF-9 Fighting Squadron NINE	6-
18	VO-3 Observation Squadron THREE	18-UO
12	VO-6 Observation Squadron SIX	9-OL
4	VJ-2 Utility Division	4-SC
18	VS-1 Scouting Squadron ONE-	14-SC
16	VT-1 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron ONE	12-SC

Aircraft Units Based on:

USS LEXINGTON (Flagship and Carrier)

USS WRIGHT (Flagship and Tender until

LEXINGTON goes in commission)

USS SANDPIPER (Tender)

USS TEAL (Tender)

VF-5 bases on WRIGHT and trains at Hampton Roads until the LEXINGTON goes into commission and then goes aboard the LEXINGTON. VF-9 to be organized by Commander Aircraft Squadrons, Scouting Fleet at Hampton Roads for duty on battleships when catapults are installed. VO-3 bases on 9 light cruisers; and VO-6 bases on battleships, Scouting Fleet, until the Carrier LEXINGTON is placed in commission, after which, 3 planes of this squadron base on battleships, and 6 on carriers. VS-1 bases on USS WRIGHT. VJ-2 bases on Train Squadron ONE, Fleet Base Force. VT-1 bases on WRIGHT until LEXINGTON goes into commission and then goes to the LEXINGTON. Hampton Roads is the Repair Base for aircraft squadrons attached to vessels in the Atlantic.

(c) Aircraft Squadrons - Asiatic Fleet 3 MAY 1926

18	VT-20 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron TWENTY	12-SC
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Aircraft Units Based on:
USS JASON (Flagship and Tender)
USS HERON (Tender)
USS AVOCET (Tender)

(d) Special Duty

Hydrographic Aerial Survey Detachment

3	VJ-3 Utility Survey Detachment	2-OL
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USS PATOKA (assigned as Tender for
(Lighter-than-aircraft
as required)

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II. Aircraft Squadrons - CONVOY and PATROL

Authorized Allowance
of planes per squadron
this year

Operating Personnel
supplied for follow-
ing planes

Aircraft units assigned to the following stations:

(a) Atlantic Convoy and Patrol
(Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va.)

6 VN Training Squadron 6-NY
2 Single-engine seaplanes for training
Reserves and general utility
2 Single-engine airplanes for training
Reserves and general utility
2 Twin-engine seaplanes for general utility

(b) Pacific Convoy and Patrol
(Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.)

10 VN Training Squadron 10-NY
2 Single-engine seaplanes for training
Reserves and general utility
2 Single-engine airplanes for training
Reserves and general utility
2 Twin-engine seaplanes for general utility

(c) Panama Canal Zone Region
(Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, C.Z.)

12 VP-10 Patrol Squadron TWN 12-F-5-L
or
H-16

12 VT-17 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron SEVENTEEN 12-SC
2 Single-engine seaplanes for general
utility
2 Single-engine airplanes for general
utility

(d) Hawaii Region
(Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T.H.)

18 VP-14 Patrol Squadron FOURTEEN 12-SC
18 VT-19 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron NINETEEN 12-SC
2 Single-engine seaplanes for general utility
2 Single-engine airplanes for general utility

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III. Aircraft Squadrons - MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Authorized Allowance
of planes per squadron
this year

Operating Personnel
supplied for follow-
ing planes

Aircraft Units assigned to the following stations:

(a) East Coast Expeditionary Force
(Quantico, Va)

10	VO-3M Observation Squadron 3M Martin Bomber for transport	(9-OL (1-MB
13	VO-4M Observation Squadron 4M Martin Bomber for transport	(12-DH (1-MB
7	VF-1M Fighting Squadron 1M Martin Bomber for transport	(6-FB (1-MB
7	VF-2M Fighting Squadron 2M Martin Bomber for transport	(6-FB (1-MB
2	ZK-1M Kite Balloon Squadron 1M	1-KB
6	VN Training planes for training Reserves and general use	

(b) 1st Brigade, Haiti

6	VO-2M Observation Squadron 2M 2 VN Training planes for general use	6-DH
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(c) West Coast Expeditionary Force
(San Diego, California)

10	VO-1M Observation Squadron 1M Martin Bomber for transport	(9-DH (1-MB
7	VF-3M Fighting Squadron 3M Martin Bomber for transport	(6-VE-7 (1-MB
	3 VN Training planes for training reserves and general use	

(d) Guam Region

14	VP-1M Patrol Squadron 1M 2 Single-engine seaplanes for general use	4-HS
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IV. ADMINISTRATION - DEVELOPMENT - and TRAINING

A. NAVY

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

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics
- (b) Material inspection details
- (c) Details abroad that involve flying
- (d) Detail to the Board of Inspection and Survey that involves flying
- (e) Aircraft units assigned to and based on the following stations

Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C.

Operating allowance

6 single-engine airplanes

2 twin-engine seaplanes and 2 single-engine seaplanes

Additional planes as assigned for test and experiment

Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J.

Operating allowance

1 non-rigid airship

1 kite balloon

2 free balloons

1 rigid airship (USS LOS ANGELES) for development of commercial aviation

Experimental Aviation Torpedo Detail, Newport, R.I.

Operating allowance

2 single-engine torpedo planes

1 single-engine seaplane

Experimental Aviation Ordnance Detail, Dahlgren, Va.

Operating allowance

2 single-engine airplanes

2 single-engine seaplanes and such other planes as may be necessary for ordnance tests

Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa.

Operating allowance

3 single-engine planes and additional planes

as assigned for test and experiment

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(2) For training of personnel:

(a) Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida
Operating allowance

90	VN - Elementary training airplanes
12	VNT - Torpedo & Bombing seaplanes
18	VNO - Observation airplanes
12	VNF - Fighting airplanes
12	VNS - Scouting seaplanes

(b) U.S. Naval Academy
Aviation personnel detailed as instructors to midshipmen .
Operating allowance
2-Single-engine seaplanes and such other planes from the operating forces as are detailed for the aviation training of midshipmen

(5) First Naval District
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Squantum, Mass.
Operating allowance - 6 VN

(d) Third Naval District
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.
Operating allowance - 6 VN

(e) Ninth Naval District
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Great Lakes, Ill.
Operating allowance - 6 VN

(f) Thirteenth Naval District
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Seattle, Wash.
Operating allowance - 6 VN

(g) Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.

(h) Postgraduate Detail for Instruction in Aeronautical Subjects
(Includes Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

(3) Inactive Naval District Air Stations:

(a) Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.

(b) Naval Air Station, Cape May, N.J.

(c) Naval Air Station, Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.
(Subject to transfer of land from the State of New York to the Navy Department)

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B. MARINE CORPS

(1) For administration:

- (a) Aviation Section, Division of Operations 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, Florida
- (b) Details to Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill
- (c) Details to Navy postgraduate courses on aircraft aircraft material and appurtenances
- (d) Details to Army air organizations and Army air schools
- (e) Inactive Marine Flying Field, Parris Island, S.C.

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SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization for Fiscal
Year 1927, correction to.

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1. The following changes will be made in reference
(a):

(a) Under Section IV, page 6, after "A. NAVY" insert
the following -

"(1) For administration:

(a) Office of Chief of Naval Operations - Allowed
1 Naval Aviator

(b) Bureau of Navigation - Allowed 2 Naval Aviators."

(b) On pages 6 and 7, renumber paragraphs (1), (2) and
(3) as (2) (3) and (4), respectively.

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