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Office of Naval Operations
Washington, D. C.

12 January 1928 .

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

Subject: Assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels,
and Aviation Details to the Naval Aeronautic
Organization - Fiscal Year 1927 to 30 June,
1928 - Changes in.

References: (a) C.N.O. File Op-38-E-MW, A21-1/A3-1
(270409) of 9 April 1927.
(b) C.N.O. File Op-38-A-LMJ, FS/A4-3(3)
(270326) of 26 March 1927.

1. The following changes are hereby made in
references (a) and (b) and will be effected by the organi-
zations concerned:

- (a) USS LEXINGTON assigned to Battle Fleet.
- (b) VF-3S, attached to LEXINGTON, assigned to Battle Fleet
and name changed to VF-3B.
- (c) VF-5S, attached to LEXINGTON, assigned to Battle Fleet
and name changed to VF-5B.
- (d) VT-1S, attached to LEXINGTON, assigned to Battle Fleet
and name changed to VT-1B.
- (e) VT-3S, attached to LEXINGTON, assigned to Battle Fleet
and name changed to VT-3B.
- (f) One division of 6 planes of VO-5S, formerly attached to
LEXINGTON, is hereby transferred from LEXINGTON
to Battleship Division Two, making VO-5S, with
authorized strength of 12 VO, assigned to Battle-
ship Division Two.
- (g) VO-2B, transferred from SARATOGA and assigned to Battle-
ship Divisions 3, 4 and 5.
- (h) VF-1B, transferred from Battleship Divisions 3, 4, 5 and
assigned to LANGLEY.
- (i) VF-2B, transferred from Battleship Divisions 3, 4, 5
and assigned to LANGLEY.

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Op-38-E-MV
A21-1/A3-1(271001)

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus, Force, and Unit
Commanders Concerned with the
Operation and Maintenance of
Naval Aircraft.

Subject: Change in Naval Aeronautic Organization -
Fiscal Year 1928.

Reference: (a) CNO letter Op-38-E-MV: A21-1/A3-1
(270409) of 9 April 1927.

1. It is directed that the following changes
be made in Reference (a):

Page 4. Change the Authorized Strength of
VT-5A from 18 VT to "4 VT".

Page 6. Change the Authorized Strength of
the Experimental Unit, Dahlgren, Va.,
from 3 VJ to "4 VJ and such other
planes as may be required for special
Ordnance Tests"

Page 11. Under Recapitulation delete
"VS-1S WRIGHT."

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Op-38-E-MW
A21-1/A3-1(270825)

27 August 1927

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus, Force, and Unit Commanders
Concerned with the Operation and Maintenance of Naval Aircraft.
Subject: Change in Naval Aeronautic Organization -
Fiscal Year 1928.
Reference: (a) CNO letter Op-38-E-MW A21-1/A3-1
(270409) of 9 April 1927.

1. It is directed that the following changes
be made in Reference (a):

Page 3 - delete "VS-1S ex VS-1 12 VS-WRIGHT"

This squadron has finished Naval
Academy training and is being
decommissioned.

Add under VJ-3S the following:

"VT-9S - 18 VT - WRIGHT".

Page 11 - under VT-8D15 add "VT-9S WRIGHT".

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A21-1/A3-1 (270708)

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11 July 1927

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus, Force, and Unit Commanders
Concerned with the Operation and Maintenance of Naval Aircraft.
Subject: Change in Naval Aeronautic Organization -
Fiscal Year 1928.
Reference: (a) CNO letter Op-38-E-MW A21-1/A3-1
(270409) of 9 April 1927.

1. It is directed that the following changes be made in Reference (a):

- (a) Page 2. Under Battle Fleet delete
"VS-2B ex VS-2 6 VS AROOSTOOK"
- (b) Page 6. Fifth Naval District under Air Station, Hampton Roads, add the following:
"VX-1D5 Experimental Unit - such planes as may be assigned to it for test and experiment; personnel not to exceed 6 officers and 30 enlisted men." Insert the following note: "This unit will under the Commandant and Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Hampton Roads, Virginia, carry out such experiments and test such planes as may be directed from time to time by the Bureau of Aeronautics."
- (c) Page 2. Insert the following note:-
"Until VO-2B joins the SARATOGA this Squadron will be carried as attached to Battleship Divisions 3,4,5."
- (d) Page 11. Column one delete "VS-2B AROOSTOOK"
- (e) Page 11. Column two - under VP-3M USMC Garrison Guam add "VX-1D5 NAS Hampton Roads."

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*See 2nd change
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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Aviation
Units, and Stations Concerned.
Subject: Assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval
Vessels, and Aviation Details to the
Naval Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal
Year 1927 to 30 June 1928.

1. The following assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels, and Aviation Details constitutes the Naval Aeronautic Organization for the Fiscal Year - 1 July 1927 to 30 June 1928, and is in accordance with the administrative requirements of the Navy and the Proposed Operating Force Plan:

ORGANIZATION

- I. U.S. Fleet.
- II. Naval Districts.
- III. Details for Administration, Training, and Development.
- IV. U.S. Marine Corps.

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I. U.S. Fleet

Assignment of Aircraft and Vessels

(A) BATTLE FLEET

The Naval Air Station, San Diego, is the overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the U.S. Battle Fleet.

- SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier 1st line
- LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier 2nd line
- AROOSTOOK - Mine Layer 2nd line
- GANNET - Mine Sweeper

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Attached</u>
VF-1B ex VF-1	12 VF	BB Divs. 3,4,5
VF-2B ex VF-2	12 VF	BB Divs, 3,4,5
VF-4B ex VF-8	18 VF	SARATOGA
VF-6B ex VF-6	18 VF	SARATOGA
VO-1B ex VO-1	12 VO	BB Divs. 3,4,5
VO-2B ex VO-2	12 VO	SARATOGA
VO-4B ex VO-4	2 VO	OMAHA
VT-2B ex VT-2	16 VT	SARATOGA
VT-4B ex VT-4	16 VT	SARATOGA
VS-2B ex VS-2	6 VS	AROOSTOOK
VJ-1B ex VJ-1	8 VJ	AROOSTOOK
Utility Unit	3 VJ	*SARATOGA

* For ships service; no complement of men allowed.

The LANGLEY may be used as a temporary base for any of the squadrons of the Battle Fleet at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet.

Squadrons may be temporarily based ashore at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet.

During the period that the SARATOGA is shaking down and training, any squadron or part of a squadron may be based as necessity demands and at discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet.

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(C) ASIATIC FLEET

The Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, is the overhaul and repair base for all aircraft of the Asiatic Fleet.

- JASON - Collier
- AVOCET - Mine Sweeper
- HERON - Mine Sweeper

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Attached</u>
VT-5A ex VT-20	18 VT	JASON
VO-11 A	6 VO	Lt Cruiser Div. 3

The WRIGHT will proceed to Asiatic and relieve the JASON as soon as that vessel's services in the Scouting Fleet can be spared.

Whenever a squadron or unit, in the above classification headed "I. U.S. Fleet", cannot be kept at authorized strength, a report will be submitted by the Unit Commander to the Chief of Naval Operations.

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

The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft to squadrons in the number indicated for "Authorized Strength" plus 50% reserve planes.

II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

The following Naval Air Stations and shore-based aircraft exist almost exclusively for the Fleet, and for the aviation training of line officers and reserves. They are under the control of District Commandants except where indicated by star (*). All district aircraft except experimental must be prepared for emergency service.

Due to the fact that planes under the classification "II. Naval Districts" are in practically continuous service; the planes listed under column "Authorized Strength" are the total number of planes available, including reserve planes, and no additional planes shall be operated without authority from the Department.

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
<u>First Naval District</u>		
Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.	Experimental Unit	3 VJ
Naval Air Station, Squantum, Mass.	U.S. Naval Reserve Training Unit	6 VN
Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass. (Inactive)		
<u>Third Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Rockaway, L.I. (Subject to land transfer - State of New York)	U.S. Naval Reserve Training Unit	6 VN
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J.	Lighter-than-air Training Experimental Unit	1 ZR-LOS ANGELES 2 ZN 1 ZK 2 Free Balloon
Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia	Experimental and Test Unit	4 VJ and Exper- imental planes
Naval Air Station, Cape May, N.H. (Inactive)		

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

*Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D.C.	Experimental and Utility	10 VJ and Experimental planes
*(Under Bu. Aeronautics and Comdt. Washington Navy Yard)		
*Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.	Experimental Unit	3 VJ
*(Under Bu. Ordnance)		
*U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.	U.S. Naval Air Detail	2 VJ and such other details for the training of mid- shipmen as re- quired.
*(Under Supt., U.S. Naval Academy)		

Fifth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va.	VN-6D5	(6 VN for primary (training of line of- ficers. (10 VJ for advanced (training of line offi- (cers and reserves.
	VJ-4D5	6 VJ for general utility

Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.	VN-1D8) VN-2D8) VN-3D8	116 VN (primary landplane and seaplane training) 38 VT (torpedo and ser- vice training)
	VN-4D8	24 VO (observation train- ing)
	VN-5D8	32 VF (fighting training)

USS ALLEGHENY (Ocean Tug) Aircraft Tender

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<u>Naval Air Station</u> or <u>Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u> <u>attached</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
<u>Ninth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Great Lakes, Ill.	Naval Reserve Training Unit	6 VN
<u>Eleventh Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, San Diego, Cal.	VF-7D11	(10 VN(primary training of line officers) (8 VJ(advanced training of line officers and reserves)
	VJ-5D11	6 VJ(for general utility
<u>Thirteenth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Sand Point, Wash.	Naval Reserve Training Unit	6 VN
<u>Fourteenth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, T.H.	VT-6D14 ex VT-19 VT-7D14 ex VT-22 VP-1D14 ex VP-14	12 VT 12 VT 16 VP
USS PELICAN (Mine Sweeper) Aircraft Tender		
<u>Fifteenth Naval District</u>		
Naval Air Station, Coco Solo, C.Z.	VP-2D15 ex VP-10 VT-8D15 ex VT-17	15 VP 12 VT
USS SWAN (Mine Sweeper) Aircraft Tender		

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III. DETAILS FOR ADMINISTRATION,
DEVELOPMENT, and TRAINING .

(1) Details 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) Post Graduate 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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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.

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<u>Naval Station</u> <u>or</u> <u>USMC Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u> <u>Attached</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
<u>East Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.	VF-8M ex VF-1M	6 VF - 1 VJ Transport
	VF-9M ex VF-2M	6 VF - 1 VJ Transport
	VO-6M ex VO-3M	6 VO - 1 VJ Transport
	VO-7M ex VO-4M	6 VO
	VJ-6M	3 VJ USMC Headquarters
	ZKO-1M	1 KB
<u>West Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Naval Air Station, San Diego, Cal.	VF-10M ex VF-3M	6 VF - 1 VJ Transport
	VO-8M ex VO-1M	6 VO - 1 VJ Transport
	VO-10M	6 VO
	VJ-7M	3 VJ USMC Headquarters
<u>1st Brigade U.S.M.C., Haiti</u>		
Port au Prince, Haiti.	VO-9M ex VO-2M	7 VO
<u>Marine Garrison - Guam</u>		
Guam	VP-3M ex VP-1M	4 VO - 2 VN

The planes listed under the classification "IV. U.S. Marine Corps", under column "Authorized Strength", are the total number of planes which shall be operated. No additional planes shall be operated without the authority of the Department.

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RECAPITULATION

VO-1B BB Divs. 3,4,5	:VF-1B BB Divs.3,4,5	:VT-1S LEXINGTON
VO-2B SARATOGA	:VF-2B BB Divs. 3,4,5	:VT-2B SARATOGA
VO-3S Lt. Cruisers	:VF-3S LEXINGTON	:VT-3S LEXINGTON
VO-4B OMAHA	:VF-4B SARATOGA	:VT-4B SARATOGA
VO-5S 6 on BB Div. 2 6 on LEXINGTON	:VF-5S LEXINGTON	:VT-5A JASON
VO-6M ECEF Quantico	:VF-6B SARATOGA	:VT-6D14 AS Pearl Harbor
VO-7M ECEF Quantico	:VF-7S BB Div. 2	:VT-7D14 AS Pearl Harbor
VO-8M WCEF San Diego	:VF-8M ECEF Quantico	:VT-8D15 AS -Coco Solo
VO-9M 1st USMC Brigade: Haiti	:VF-9M ECEF Quantico	:VT-9S WRIGHT
VO-10M WCEF San Diego	:VF-10M WCEF San Diego	:VJ-1B AROOSTOOK
VO-11A Lt.Cruiser Div. # 3	:VP-1D14 AS Pearl Harb.	:VJ-2S Temp. based on ANTARES
VS-1S WRIGHT	:VP-2D15 AS Coco Solo	:VJ-3S NIAGARA:HANNIBAL: NOKOMIS
VS-2B AROOSTOOK	:VP-3M USMC Garrison Guam	:VJ-4D5 N.S Hampton Roads
VN-1-D8 Pensacola(NAS)		:VJ-5D11 N.S San Diego
VN-2-D8 " "		:VJ-6M ECEF Quantico
VN-3-D8 " "		:VJ-7M WCEF San Diego
VN-4-D8 " "		:ZR No squadron
VN-5-D8 " "		:ZN No squadron
VN-6-D5 NAS Hampton Rds:		:ZKO-1M ECEF Quantico
VN-7-D11 " San Diego		

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- Note: (a) 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.
- (b) 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
" " - Ships Movement 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