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From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: All Bureaus and Offices and Divisions of
Office of Naval Operations.

Subject: Proposed Naval Aeronautical
Organization - Fiscal Year
1934.

1. The accompanying Proposed Naval Aeronautical Organization has been prepared for use in connection with the 1934 Budget.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft in accordance with this organization. Unless otherwise noted, 50% spare planes will be supplied operating units for maintaining the operating strength. Where indicated in this organization no spare airplanes 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 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 overhaul. 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 Aeronautical 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.
 - Special Service Squadron.
- II. Naval Districts.
- III. U. S. Marine Corps.
- IV. U. S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Aviation.
- 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 temporary 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 adviser 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 advisers to the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet, and the Commander Scouting Force respectively, with reference to all aviation in those forces. The Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force also will act as technical adviser to the Commander Special Service Squadron.

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.

11. Planes destined for service in fleet aviation units ordinarily will 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. Planes for assignment to Commander Special Service Squadron will be placed in the Scouting Force pool.

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 and Hampton Roads, the Fleet Air Bases at Pearl Harbor and Coco Solo, and the Navy Yard at Cavite 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, US Fleet
	: 3 VO	: PENNSYLVANIA

Note: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet normally will assign the PENNSYLVANIA planes to one of the observation squadrons for administration, gunnery and tactical purposes.

(a) BATTLE FORCE

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength :</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comdr. Battle Force
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: CALIFORNIA

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force

VO-1B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. ONE
VO-2B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. TWO
VO-3B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. THREE
VO-4B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. FOUR

The Commander Battle Force normally will assign the CALIFORNIA'S planes to one of the observation squadrons for administrative, gunnery and tactical purposes.

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force

VS-5B	: 6 VS	: Crudiv TWO
VS-6B	: 8 VS	: Crudiv THREE

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force

Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comdesbatfor
		: (DETROIT)

Note: Pilots assigned to Flag Units will be ordered to report to the Commanding Officers of the Flagships for duty, and to the Flag Officer for additional duty involving flying with the flag aviation units.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force

(Carrier Division TWO)

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
AKRON - Rigid Airship
Destroyers as may be detailed from time to time under command Battle Force for plane-guard service.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (Contd)

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 2 VJ	: Comairbatfor
VF-1B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	: SARATOGA
VF-6B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS " " "	: "
VS-2B	: 12 VS	: "
VT-2B	: 18 VT	: "
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	: "
AKRON Unit	: 1 VS - 4 VF	: AKRON

Note 1: - To instruct aviators at the Battle Force Torpedo School in the launching of torpedoes, the Comairbatfor is authorized to operate 1 VT type airplane in excess of the regular complement during the aircraft concentration period. No extra personnel will be authorized for operation or maintenance of this plane.

(5) Commander Minecraft, Battle Force

Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor

PELICAN - Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft

AVOCET - Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
VP-1B	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Operated from Pearl Harbor
VP-4B	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Operated from Pearl Harbor
VP-6B	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Operated from Pearl Harbor
Utility Unit	: *2 VJ - *1 VR	: Operated from Pearl Harbor

(b) SCOUTING FORCE

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 4 VS	: Comscofor

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength :</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
VS-9S	: 16 VS	: Crudiv FOUR
VS-10S	: 16 VS	: Crudiv FIVE
VS-11S	: 20 VS	: Crudiv SIX

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force

Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comdescofor
		: (RALEIGH)

(3) Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force

(Commander Carrier Division ONE)

Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo

RANGER	-	Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
LEXINGTON	-	Aircraft Carrier, " "
WRIGHT	-	Aircraft Tender
SANDPIPER	-	Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft
TEAL	-	Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft
SWAN	-	Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft
HERON	-	Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft
MACON	-	Rigid Airship

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength :</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Comairnscofor
VF-2S	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	LEXINGTON
VF-5S	: 18 VF " 1 VS " " "	"
VS-3S	: 12 VS	"
VT-1S	: 18 VT	"
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	"
VF-4S	: 18 VF plus 1 VS " " "	RANGER
VF-9M(Marines)	: 18 VF " 1 VS " " "	"
VS-4S	: 18 VS	"
VT-3S	: 18 VT	"
Utility Unit	: 4 VJ	"
VJ-2S	: 6 VJ - *1 VR	WRIGHT

(3) Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force (Contd)

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
VP-8S	: 6 VP	: WRIGHT
VP-10S	: 6 VP	: "
Utility Unit	: #*1 VJ	: "
VP-2S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Operated from
		: Coco Solo
VP-3S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: " " "
VP-5S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: " " "
Utility Unit	: #*2 VJ - #*1 VR	: " " "
AKRON Unit	: 1 VS - 4 VF	: AKRON Macon
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Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force is authorized to operate not more than three (3) additional planes in VJ-2S if fleet work is such as to warrant the use of extra planes. Such operation will be arranged so as not to interfere with the overhaul schedule nor with the supply of planes for other use.

(c) BASE FORCE

(1) Commander Train Squadron TWO

THRUSH - Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft
GANNET - Mine Sweeper for duty with aircraft

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
VP-7F	: 6 VP	: ARGONNE
VP-9F	: 6 VP	: "
VJ-1F	: 9 VJ - *2 VR	: "

B. ASIATIC FLEET

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 4 VS	: CinC Asiatic

(1) Commander Aircraft

LANGLEY - Carrier for duty with aircraft

(3) Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force (Contd)

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
VP-8S	: 6 VP	: WRIGHT
VP-10S	: 6 VP	: "
Utility Unit	: #*1 VJ	: "
VP-2S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: Operated from
		: Coco Solo
VP-3S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: " " "
VP-5S	: 12 VP (25% spares allowed)	: " " "
Utility Unit	: #*2 VJ - #*1 VR	: " " "
AKRON Unit	: 1 VS - 4 VF	: AKRON

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<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
VP-7F	: 6 VP	: ARGONNE
VP-9F	: 6 VP	: "
VJ-1F	: 9 VJ - *2 VR	: "

B. ASIATIC FLEET

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 4 VS	: CinC Asiatic

(1) Commander Aircraft

LANGLEY - Carrier for duty with aircraft

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
VS-1A	: 9 VS	: LANGLEY
VB-5A	: 9 VB	: "
VF-3A	: 9 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	: "
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ	: "

Six spare planes allowed for each of the squadrons assigned to LANGLEY

For Ships' and Squadrons' service no additional personnel complement allowed.

* Spare planes included.

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON

Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comsperon

Note: During the time that the battleships or cruisers are in rotating-reserve commission, the aviation personnel and the airplanes assigned to these vessels will be ordered by their force commanders to an airplane carrier for temporary duty as an observation or scouting unit of that ship.

II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
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First Naval District

Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.	VX2D1	* 2 VJ and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.
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Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.	Inactive	
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Naval Air Station or
Naval Station

Squadron or
Unit

Authorized
Operating Strength

Fourth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Lakehurst, N.J.

Lighter-than-air
Training and Exp.
Unit

H.T.A.

3 ZN -J-3, J-4, K-1
1 XZMC2
1 ZK
2 Free Balloons
*1 VJ

Naval Aircraft Factory
Philadelphia, Pa.

VX3D4

*5 VJ and such other
planes for experi-
mental purposes as
may be assigned.

Naval Air Station,
Cape May, N.J.

Inactive

Activities on Severn and Potomac

Naval Air Station,
Anacostia
(Under BuAero and
Comdt. Wash. Navy Yd)

VX4D5

*18 VJ - *2 VR and
such other planes
for experimental and
other special pur-
poses as may be
assigned.

Naval Proving Ground
Dahlgren, Va.

VX5D5

*4 VJ and such other
planes for experi-
mental purposes as
may be assigned.

U. S. Naval Academy,
Annapolis, Md.

VN8D5

6 VP (One spare VP
4 VJ) allowed

Fifth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Hampton Roads, Va.

VJ-4D5
VX-1D5

*4 VJ - *1 VR
*3 VJ and such
planes for
experimental
purposes as may
be assigned.

Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Pensacola, Fla.

VN-1D8		*40 VN
VN-2D8		*40 VN
VN-3D8		*21 VO
VN-4D8	(* 9 VO
	(* 2 VP
VN-5D8		*27 VF

Eleventh Naval District

Naval Air Station,
San Diego, Calif.

VJ-5D11		*5 VJ -*1 VR
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Twelfth Naval District

Naval Air Station,
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Lighter-than-Air		1 ZK
		2 Free Balloons

Special Assignments

When specially authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations, airplanes will be supplied for the use of naval aviators detailed as Inspectors of Naval Aviation, Assistant Naval Attaches Abroad, and other special duty.

*Spare planes included.

III. U. S. MARINE CORPS

Naval Station or
U.S.M.C. Station

Squadron or
Unit

Authorized
Operating Strength

East Coast Expeditionary Force

Marine Barracks,
Quantico, Va.

VO-6M		6 VO
VO-7M (Note 1)		6 VO
VO-14M		6 VO
VJ-6M (Note 1)		*3 VJ)
		*4 VR)

West Coast Expeditionary Force

Naval Air Station,
San Diego, Calif.

VO-8M		6 VO
VO-15M		6 VO
VJ-7M		*3 VR)
		*1 VJ)

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.
- (e) Details abroad that involve flying.
- (f) Post graduate 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 Aeronautical Organization may be given flight orders when the duty necessitates flying, subject to approval by Bureau of Navigation or the Major General Commandant.

SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1934

AFLOAT

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BATFOR</u>	<u>SCOFOR</u>	<u>ASIATIC</u>	<u>BASEFOR</u>	<u>SPERON</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VB	-	-	9	-	-	9
VF	40	76	9	-	-	125
VJ	10	18	2	9	-	39
VO	42	-	-	-	-	42
VP	36	48	-	12	-	96
VR	1	2	-	2	-	5
VS	31	93	14	-	2	140
VT	18	36	-	-	-	54
<u>Total</u>	178	273	34	23	2	510

TOTAL AFLOAT - 510

ASHORE

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DISTRICTS</u>	<u>MARINE CORPS</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VF	-	-	27	-	27
VJ	47	4	-	-	51
VN	-	-	80	76	156
VO	-	36	30	86	152
VP	-	-	8	-	8
VR	3	8	-	-	11
VT	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	50	48	145	162	405

TOTAL ASHORE - 405

GRAND TOTAL AFLOAT AND ASHORE - 915

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

12 September 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, Modification of.

Reference: (a) Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, Op-38-E-EMW
VZ/A3-1(330617) of 17 June 1933.

1. The following changes in the Assignment of Aircraft
and Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, are
effective immediately:

Page 2, Section I, paragraph 11 - strike out.

Page 3, paragraph 12, strike out.

Page 3, paragraph 18, A. U.S. Fleet, change the line
beginning "Ship Unit" to read as follows"
"Ship Unit : 3 VO/VS :USS PENNSYLVANIA

Page 4, (a) BATTLE FORCE, change line beginning
"Ship Unit" to read as follows:
"Ship Unit : 3 VO/VS :USS CALIFORNIA"

Page 5, (b) SCOUTING FORCE, change line beginning
"Ship Unit" to read as follows:
"Ship Unit : 4 VO/VS :USS INDIANAPOLIS".

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

1 September 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization - Fiscal Year 1934 - Modifica-
tion of.

Reference: (a) Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, Op-38-E-EMW
VZ/A3-1(330617) of 17 June 1933.

1. The following changes in the Assignment of Aircraft
and Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, are effective
immediately:

Page 5, Under Commander Aircraft, Battle Force,
Utility Unit LANGLEY, change 2 VJ to 3 VJ.

Under Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force,
add Flag Unit - 1 VJ (No spare) Comcruscor.

Page 6, Under Commander Aircraft, Base Force,
Utility Unit, F.A.B. Coco Solo, change
3 VJ to 4 VJ.
Utility Unit, F.A.B. Pearl Harbor, change
3 VJ to 4 VJ.

Page 7, Under Eighth Naval District; add 1 VR
Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Page 10, SECTION VI - SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1934.

(a) Afloat, Change Total to 497.
Under VJ, Change Batfor to 19, add
1 under Scofor, change Basefor to
25, and change Total to 47.
Under Totals, change Batfor to 303,
Scofor to 59, Basefor to 127 and
Total to 497.

(b) Ashore, Change Total to 264.
Under VR, Change Districts to 5
and Total to 12.
Under Totals, Change Districts to
50, and Total to 264.

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization - Fiscal Year 1934 - Modification of.

(d) Grand Total, Change Afloat to 497, Ashore
to 264, Total, Afloat and
Ashore to 761, Grand Total to
923.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
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Washington, D. C.

26 July 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934 - Correction
to Modification of.

Reference: (a) Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934 - Modification
of; Op-38-E-EMW VZ/A3-1(330617) of 20 July 1933.

1. Correct the following typographical errors in
reference (a):

Paragraph 1, line 10, change VP-8M to VO-8M.
Paragraph 1, line 11, change VS-3B to VF -3B.

J. C. Townsend,
By direction.

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20 July 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934 - Modification of.

Reference: (a) Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, Op-38-E-EMW
VZ/A3-1(330617) of 17 June 1933.

1. The following changes in the Assignment of Aircraft and
Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1934, are effective
immediately:

Page 3, paragraph 17, change to read as follows:

"17. When the RANGER squadrons are assembled, the
LANGLEY will operate for training purposes only with no operating
squadrons assigned. VS-1B will be decommissioned and will be
divided between VS-2B and VS-3B, bringing these two squadrons to
operating allowances of 18 planes each instead of 12. At the
same time, VS-14M and VS-15M will be combined to form VP-8M,
based with West Coast Expeditionary Force, San Diego. ~~VS-3B~~ will
not be decommissioned but will remain as an additional fighting
plane squadron under Commander Aircraft Battle Force for duty in
RANGER."

Page 5, under Commander Aircraft Battle Force, Utility
Unit, 2 VJ - ~~LANGLEY~~, strike out words "See par. 17."

Page 7, under Eighth Naval District, VN-4D8, change
following figures: 12 VP to 6 VP.

Change 2nd sentence of Note to read as follows:
"Pensacola is also authorized within the above
limit to operate six additional VP planes which are assigned in
this organization to VP-2F and VP-5F and which are available for
these squadrons in emergency."

Page 10. under Section VI, Summary of Operating Air-
planes for Fiscal Year 1934, strike out "(Note: Summary assumes
action concerning LANGLEY, par. 17, has been taken.)"

figures: Page 10, under (a) Float - Total 491, change following

(a) Afloat - Total 491 to (a) Afloat - Total
493.

Batfor, VJ, 16 to 18 - Total 300 to 302.

Total, VJ 41 to 43 - Total 491 to 493.

Under (d) Grand Total, change following:

491 to 493,

754 to 756 in two places.

Grand Total 916 to 918.

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

17 June 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic
Organization - Fiscal Year 1934.

Reference: (a) Opnav letter Op-38-E-ELW VZ/A3-1(330512) of
12 May 1933 - Assignment of Aircraft and Naval
Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal Year 1934.

1. Reference (a), which was partially distributed, is hereby cancelled. The following assignments in the Naval Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal year 1934 are effective 1 July 1933.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply of aircraft in accordance with these assignments. The supply of spare airplanes for maintaining authorized operating strengths shall be governed by the following general provisions, exceptions to which are specifically indicated in the detailed assignments shown later:

- (a) Fleet Aviation - 50% spare airplanes.
- (b) Marine Corps - 33 1/3% spare airplanes.
- (c) Other squadrons and units - No spare airplanes.

3. Unless indicated herein or specifically permitted by the Chief of Naval Operations, no airplanes other than those in an obsolete or experimental status shall be operated in excess of authorized operating strengths.

4. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assigned, for utility purposes, such obsolete and experimental airplanes as are in safe flying condition. These airplanes may be operated in excess of authorized operating strengths, but only authorized operating strengths will be considered in determining personnel allowances and flight orders of squadrons and units concerned.

5. Squadrons and units shall not be equipped with airplanes, other than obsolete or experimental, in excess of authorized operating strengths. Spare airplanes will be supplied as replacements for those expended or undergoing major overhaul. Temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths are necessary for minor repairs, inspections and overhauls.

6. Responsible officers shall see that the Chief of Naval Operations is informed when other than temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths are necessary.

7. Designations of aircraft organizations which follow are in accordance with the current General Order on the system of aircraft designation.

8. Detailed assignments are arranged in sections as shown below. No section is provided for special assignments. These, when authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations, may be made for naval aviators detailed to duty as inspectors of naval aircraft or assistant naval attaches and to other special duties.

Section I.	Fleet Aviation.
A.	U. S. Fleet.
(a)	Battle Force.
(b)	Scouting Force.
(c)	Base Force.
B.	Asiatic Fleet.
C.	Special Service Squadron.
Section II.	Naval Districts.
Section III.	Marine Corps.
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SECTION I. FLEET AVIATION.

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

10. In the same manner, Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force, in addition to his regular duties, is the technical adviser to Commander Scouting Force and Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is the technical adviser to Commander Base Force.

11. Aircraft ship units in flagships of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, Commander Battle Force and Commander Scouting Force will normally be assigned by these officers to aircraft squadrons in the same commands for administrative, gunnery and tactical purposes.

12. Naval aviators assigned to aircraft ship units in flagships will be ordered to report to the commanding officers of the flagships for duty and to the flag officers for additional duty.

13. Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, is authorized to operate one VT airplane in excess of authorized operating strength during the aircraft concentration period for instruction of aviators at the Battle Force torpedo school.

14. Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is authorized to operate three airplanes each in VJ-1F and VJ-2F in excess of authorized operating strength, not to interfere with overhaul schedules or the supply of airplanes for other use, when Fleet utility requirements are such as to warrant the use of extra airplanes.

15. The authorized operating strength of VP-2F and VP-5F is temporarily reduced by three each for use in student training at Naval Air Station, Pensacola.

16. One of the transport airplanes assigned to the utility unit at Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, is for the use of Commander Special Service Squadron and shall be employed for no other purpose without his authority.

17. When LANGLEY leaves the San Pedro-San Diego area for decommissioning, VS-1B will be decommissioned and will be divided between VS-2B and VS-3B, bringing these two squadrons to operating allowances of 18 planes each instead of 12. At the same time, VS-14M and VS-15M will be combined to form VO-8M, based with West Coast Expeditionary Force, San Diego. VF-3B will not be decommissioned but will remain as an additional fighting plane squadron under Commander Aircraft Battle Force for duty in RANGER, as shown in assignments, when that ship is commissioned. After LANGLEY leaves and until assembly of other RANGER squadrons begins, VF-3B will operate under Commander Aircraft, Battle Force. LANGLEY utility unit will be decommissioned when LANGLEY is decommissioned.

18. Assignments of aircraft and vessels under Fleet Aviation follow:

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

A. U. S. FLEET

Flag Unit	:	1 VJ	:	CinC, U.S. Fleet
Ship Unit	:	3 VO/VS (see par. 11)	:	CinC, U.S. Fleet

Squadron or Unit	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
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(a) BATTLE FORCE.

Flag Unit	:	1 VJ	:	Combat for
Ship Unit	:	3 VO/VS (see par. 11)	:	Combat for flag-
	:		:	ship

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

Twelve three-plane units.

VO-1B	:	3 VO/VS for each battleship	:	Batdiv One
VO-3B	:	3 VO/VS for each battleship except	:	
	:	IDAHO	:	Batdiv Three
VO-4B	:	3 VO/VS for each battleship	:	Batdiv Four

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force.

Seven two-plane units.

VS-5B	:	2 VO/VS for each light cruiser	:	Crudiv Two
VS-6B	:	2 VO/VS for each light cruiser	:	Crudiv Three

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force

Ship Unit	:	2 VO/VS	:	Comdesbat for flag-
	:		:	ship.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force(Commander Carrier Division One)

SARATOGA	-	Aircraft Carrier, 1st Lir
LEXINGTON	-	Aircraft Carrier, " "
RANGER	-	Aircraft Carrier, " "
LANGLEY	-	Aircraft Carrier, 2nd "
MACON	-	Rigid Airship

Flag Unit	:	2 VJ	:	Comairbat for
VF-1B	:	18 VF - 1 VS	:	SARATOGA
VF-6B	:	18 VF - 1 VS	:	"
VS-2B	:	12 VS (see par. 17)	:	"
VT-2B	:	18 VT (see par. 13)	:	"
VS-14M	:	6 VS (Marines)(see par. 17)	:	"
Utility Unit:	:	4 VJ	:	"
VF-2B	:	18 VF - 1 VS	:	LEXINGTON
VF-5B	:	18 VF - 1 VS	:	"
VS-3B	:	12 VS (see par. 17)	:	"
VT-1B	:	18 VB	:	"
VS-15M	:	6 VS (Marines) (see par. 17)	:	"
Utility Unit:	:	4 VJ	:	"

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (Contd)

VF-4B	:	18 VF - 1 VS	:	RANGER
VF-3B	:	18 VF - 1 VS (see par. 17)	:	"
VS-4B	:	18 VS	:	"
VB-3B	:	18 VB	:	"
Utility Unit	:	4 VJ	:	"
VF-3B	:	18 VF - 1 VS (See par. 17)	:	LANGLEY
VS-1B	:	12 VS (See par. 17)	:	"
Utility Unit	:	2 VJ (See par. 17)	:	"
MACON Unit	:	1 VS - 3 VF	:	MACON

(b) SCOUTING FORCE.

Ship Unit	:	4 VO/VS (See par. 11)	:	Comscofor flagship
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(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force

Thirteen four-plane units.

VS-9S	:	4 VO/VS for each heavy cruiser	:	Crudiv Four
VS-10S	:	4 VO/VS for each heavy cruiser	:	Crudiv Five
VS-11S	:	4 VO/VS for each heavy cruiser	:	Crudiv Six

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force

Ship Unit	:	3 VO/VS	:	Comdescofor flag-ship
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(c) BASE FORCE.(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force.

WRIGHT	-	Aircraft Tender
SANDPIPER	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
GANNET	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo.		
TEAL	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
LAPWING	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor.		
PELICAN	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
AVOCET	-	Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force (Contd)

Flag Unit	:	2 VJ	:	Comairbase for
VP-7F	:	6 VP	:	WRIGHT
VP-9F	:	6 VP	:	"
VJ-1F	:	8 VJ - 2 VR (no spare VR. See par. 14)	:	"
VJ-2F	:	6 VJ - 1 VR (no spare VR. See par. 14)	:	"
Utility Unit	:	1 VJ (no spare)	:	"
VP-2F	:	12 VP (25% spares. See par. 15)	:	F.A.B. Coco Solo
VP-3F	:	12 VP (25% spares)	:	" " "
VP-5F	:	12 VP (25% spare. See par. 15)	:	" " "
Utility Unit	:	3 VJ-2 VR (No spares. See par. 16)	:	" " "
VP-1F	:	12 VP (25% spares)	:	F.A.B. Pearl Harbor
VP-4F	:	12 VP (25% spares)	:	" " "
VP-6F	:	12 VP (25% spares)	:	" " "
VP-8F	:	6 VP	:	" " "
VP-10F	:	6 VP	:	" " "
Utility Unit	:	3 VJ - 1 VR	:	" " "

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Ship Unit	:	4 VO/VS	:	CinC Asiatic flag-ship
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(1) Aircraft Detachment

HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Utility Unit	:	2 VJ	:	HERON
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C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Ship Unit	:	2 VO/VS	:	Comsperon flag-ship.
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SECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>First Naval District</u>		
VX2D1	: 2 VJ and such other planes for : experimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Torpedo : Station, Newport, : R.I.
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
VX3D4	: 5 VJ and such other planes for : experimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Aircraft : Factory, Phila. Pa.
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac</u>		
VX4D5	: 18 VJ - 2 VR and such other planes : for experimental and : other special pur- : poses as may be as- : signed.	: Naval Air Station, : Anacostia, D. C.
VX5D5	: 4 VJ and such other planes for : experimental purposes as : may be assigned.	: Naval Proving : Ground, Dahlgren, : Va.
VN8D5	: 4 VJ (2 spares) : 6 VP (1 spare)	: U. S. Naval Academy : Annapolis, Md.
<u>Fifth Naval District</u>		
VJ-4D5	: 4 VJ	: Naval Air Station,
VX-1D5	: 3 VJ and such other planes for : experimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Norfolk, Va.
<u>Eighth Naval District</u>		
VN-1D8	: 40 VN	: N.A.S. Pensacola,
VN-2D8	: 35 VN	: Fla.
VN-3D8	: 18 VO/VS	:
VN-4D8	: 6 VO/VS, 12 VP, 1 VJ	:
VN-5D8	: 27 VF	:

Note: N.A.S. Pensacola is authorized to operate obsolescent or obsolete torpedo planes for training purposes provided total authorized operating strength of 139 airplanes is not exceeded. Six of the VP planes are assigned to VP-2F and VP-5F (three each) and are available for these squadrons in emergency.

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

Eleventh Naval District

VJ-5D11	:	5 VJ - 1 VR	:	N.A.S. San Diego
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Twelfth Naval District

L.T.A.	:	1 ZN (J-4)	:	Naval Air Station,
	:	1 ZK	:	Sunnyvale, Calif.
	:	2 Free Balloons	:	
H.T.A.	:	1 VR	:	

SECTION III. MARINE CORPSEast Coast Expeditionary Force

VO-7M	:	12 VS	:	Marine Barracks,
VF-9M	:	18 VF- 1 VS	:	Quantico, Va.
VJ-6M	:	4 VJ- 4 VR (No spares)	:	

West Coast Expeditionary Force

VO-8M	:	12 VS (See par. 17)	:	N.A.S. San Diego
VB-4M	:	12 VB	:	
VJ-7M	:	3 VJ - 2 VR (No spares)	:	

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

VO-9M	:	6 VS - 1 VR (No spare VR)	:	Port au Prince
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Aircraft, Battle Force

VS-14M	:	6 VS (See par. 17)	:	SARATOGA
VS-15M	:	6 VS " " "	:	LEXINGTON

SECTION IV - NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

Base	: Authorized Operating Strength:			District
	: VN	: VO/VS	: VJ	
Squantum, Mass.	: 7	: 12	: 1	: 1
New York (Floyd Bennett Fld)	: 5	: 12	: 1	: 3
Philadelphia (H.A.F.)	: 3	: 6	: 0	: 4
N.A.S. Norfolk	: 3	: 3	: 0	: 5
Quantico, Va. (Marines)	: 3	: 0	: 0	: 5
Miami, Fla.	: 7	: 4	: 9	: 7
N.A.S. Pensacola, Fla	: 9	: 0	: 0	: 8
Great Lakes, Ill.	: 7	: 6	: 1	: 9

SECTION IV - NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE (Contd)

Base	:Authorized Operating Strength:			District
	: VN	: VO/VS	: VJ	
Grosse Ile, Mich.	: 3	: 6	: 1	: 9
Minneapolis, Minn.	: 3	: 6	: 0	: 9
St. Louis, Mo.	: 3	: 4	: 0	: 9
Long Beach, Calif.	: 3	: 9	: 0	: 11
N.A.S. San Diego (Marines)	: 3	: 0	: 0	: 11
Oakland, Calif.	: 3	: 6	: 0	: 12
N.A.S. Seattle, Wash.	: 7	: 7	: 0	: 13
N.A.S. Anacostia, D. C.	: 3	: 5	: 0	: D.C.
Total	72	86	4	162

SECTION V - DETAILS OF AVIATION PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.

Details for aviation personnel for administration, development and training are as follows:

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Material inspection force.
- (c) Naval Aircraft Factory.
- (d) Naval air station, Anacostia.
- (e) Naval air station, Lakehurst.
- (f) Naval air station, Sunnyvale.
- (g) Naval air detail, Newport.
- (h) Naval air detail, Dahlgren.
- (i) Details abroad.
- (j) Details to other bureaus and offices of the Navy Department.
- (k) Naval air station, Norfolk.
- (l) Naval air station, San Diego.
- (m) Naval air station, Seattle.
- (n) Fleet air base, Coco Solo.
- (o) Fleet air base, Pearl Harbor.
- (p) Aircraft squadrons, East Coast Expeditionary Force.
- (q) Aircraft squadrons, West Coast Expeditionary Force.
- (r) Naval air station, Pensacola.
- (s) Aviation Mechanics School, Great Lakes.
- (t) Postgraduate detail.
- (u) Naval Academy, Annapolis.
- (v) Naval Reserve aviation bases.
- (w) Special details.

SECTION VI. - SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1934.

(Note: Summary assumes action concerning LANGLEY, par. 17, has been taken.)

(a) Afloat - Total 491.

Type	Batfor	Scofor	Basefor	Asiatic	Speron	Total
VO/VS	58	58		4	2	122
VS	61					61
VF	111					111
VT	18					18
VB	36					36
VP			96			96
VJ	16		23	2		41
VR			6			6
Totals	300	58	125	6	2	491

(b) Ashore - Total 263.

Type	Districts	Marine Corps	Training	Total
VO/VS			24	24
VS		31		31
VF		18	27	45
VB		12		12
VP			12	12
VJ	45	7	1	53
VR	4	7		11
VN			75	75
.Totals	49	75	139	263

(c) Naval and Marine Corps Reserve - Total 162

<u>Type</u>	
VO/VS	- 86
VN	- 72
VJ	- 4
Total	162

(d) Grand Total

Afloat	491	Afloat and ashore	754
Ashore	263	Reserve	162
Total	754	Grand Total	916

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1. Reference (a) is hereby modified in that VS-14M
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