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Office of Chief of Naval Operations  
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2 April 1925

From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus, Offices, and Stations Concerned.  
SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization for Fiscal Year 1926.

AERONAUTIC ORGANIZATION


The Naval Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal year July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926, 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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Subject: Naval Aeronautic Organization for Fiscal Year 1926.  
Reference: (a) CNO ltr. 111-78:1 Confidential of 2 April 1925.  
Enclosure: (A) Sheet 5 to be substituted for sheet 5 of 2 Apr. 1925.  
1. Cancel sheet 5 of reference (a) and for it substitute enclosure (A).

/s/ E.W. EBERLE

B. MARINE CORPS

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

/s/ E. W. EBERLE

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18 September 1925

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I. Aircraft Squadrons, FLEET

Authorized Allowance

Operating Allowance

Per Squadron

(a) Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet

|    |                                        |                  |
|----|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 12 | VO-1 Observation Squadron One          | 12-UO            |
| 12 | VO-2 Observation Squadron Two          | 12-UO            |
| 12 | VF-1 Fighting Squadron One             | 12-TS            |
| 12 | VF-2 Fighting Squadron Two             | 12-FB-1          |
| 18 | VJ-1 General Utility Squadron One      | (6 H-16<br>6 HS) |
| 12 | VT-2 Torpedo and Bombing Squadron Two  | 12 SC            |
| 2  | VO-4 Observation Squadron Four (OMAHA) | 2 UO             |

Aircraft Units Based on:  
USS LANGLEY (flagship and carrier)  
USS AROOSTOOK (tender)  
USS GANNET (tender)

VO is 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, or on battleships, temporarily, as directed by Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet. VT-2 and VJ-1 base on the AROOSTOOK. San Diego is the repair base for aircraft operating on the Pacific Coast. In addition to duty as an 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 Allowance" 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" may be operated.

Per Squadron

(b) Aircraft Squadrons, Scouting Fleet

|    |                                     |                                          |
|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 18 | VS-1 Scouting Squadron One          | ( 2PN<br>(12 SC                          |
| 18 | VT-1 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron One | 12 SC                                    |
| 18 | VO-3 Observation Squadron Three     | 18 UO                                    |
| 12 | VO-6 Observation Squadron Six       | 12 UO                                    |
| 12 | VF-9 Fighting Squadron Nine         | (Not yet organized - awaiting catapults) |

ZR-1 USS SHENANDOAH (rigid airship)  
 Aircraft Units Based on:  
 USS WRIGHT (flagship and tender)  
 USS SANDPIPER (tender)  
 HSS PATOKA (tender to SHENANDOAH)

VS-1 and VT-1 base on USS WRIGHT: VO-3 bases on nine light cruisers; and VO-6 bases on battleships, Scouting Fleet, until the carrier LEXINGTON is placed in commission, after which 6 planes of this squadron base on battleships and 6 on the carrier. VF-9 to be organized at Hampton Roads from excess complement of VF-1 and VF-2 now in Battle Fleet and will be organized at Hampton Roads for duty on battleships when catapults are installed. Hampton Roads is the repair base for aircraft squadrons attached to vessels in the Atlantic.

(c) Aircraft Squadrons, Asiatic Fleet

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|    |                                          |       |
|----|------------------------------------------|-------|
| 18 | VT-20 Torpedo & Bombing Squadrons Twenty | 12 SC |
|    | Aircraft Units Based on:                 |       |
|    | USS JASON (Flagship and tender)          |       |
|    | USS HERON (tender)                       |       |

II. Aircraft Squadrons, CONVOY AND PATROL

Aircraft units assigned to the following stations:

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

|   |                                                                     |         |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 6 | VP-6 Patrol Squadron Six                                            | 2 F-5-L |
| 6 | VT-12 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Twelve                             | 0       |
|   | 2 Single-engine seaplanes for training Reserves and general utility |         |
|   | 2 Single-engine airplanes for training Reserves and general utility |         |

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

- 6 VP-1 Patrol Squadron One 2 F-5-L
- 6 VT-5 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Five 0
- 2 Single-engine seaplanes for training
- Reserves and general utility
- 2 Single-engine airplanes for training
- Reserves and general utility

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

- 6 VP-10 Patrol Squadron Ten (6 F-5-L
- 12 VT-17 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Seventeen (or H-16
- 2 Single-engine seaplanes for general utility 12 DT
- 2 Single-engine airplanes for general utility

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

- 12 VP-14 Patrol Squadron Fourteen (12 F-5-L
- 12 VT-19 Torpedo & Bombing Squadron Nineteen (or H-16
- 2 Single-engine seaplanes for general utility 12 DT
- 2 Single-engine airplanes for general utility

III. Aircraft Squadrons, MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Aircraft units assigned to the following stations:

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

- 12 VO-3M Observation Squadron 3M 18 DH
- 12 VF-1M Fighting Squadron 1M 10 VE-7SF
- 1 ZK-1M Kite Balloon Squadron 1M 1 KB

(b) 1st Brigade, Haiti

- 6 VO-2M Observation Squadron 2M 6 DN

(c) West Coast Expeditionary Force  
(San Diego, California)

- 12 VO-1M Observation Squadron 1M 6 DH

(d) Guam Region

- 14 VP-1M Patrol Squadron 1M 4 HS

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  
2 single-engine seaplanes  
Additional planes as assigned for test and experiment

Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.

Operating allowance  
1 non-rigid airship  
2 single-engine airplanes  
1 kite balloon  
2 free balloons  
1 rigid airship (USS LOS ANGELES) for development of commercial aviation)

Experimental Aviation Ordnance Detail, Dahleren, Va.

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

Experimental Aviation Torpedo Detail, Newport, R. I.

Operating allowance  
2 single-engine torpedo planes  
1 single-engine seaplane

Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa.

Operating allowance  
3 single-engine planes



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III. Aircraft Squadrons, MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Authorized Allowance

Operating Allowance

Per Squadron

(a)

Aircraft units assigned to the following stations:

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

|   |                                                            |          |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 6 | VO-3M Observation Squadron 3M                              | 6 DH     |
| 6 | VO-4M Observation Squadron 4M                              | 6 DH     |
| 6 | VF-1M Fighting Squadron 1 M                                | 6 VE-7SF |
| 6 | VF-2M Fighting Squadron 2M                                 | 6 VE-7SF |
| 1 | ZK-1M Kite Balloon Squadron 1M                             | 1 KB     |
|   | 6 VN Training planes for training reserves and general use |          |
|   | 4 VJ Martin bombers for transports                         |          |

(b) 1st Brigade, Haiti

|   |                                      |      |
|---|--------------------------------------|------|
| 6 | VO-2M Observation Squadron 2M        | 6 DH |
|   | 2 VN Training planes for general use |      |

(c) West Coast Expeditionary Force  
(San Diego, California)

|   |                                                             |          |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 6 | VO-1M Observation Squadron 1M                               | 6 DH     |
| 6 | VF-3M Fighting Squadron 3M                                  | 6 VE-7SF |
|   | 3 VN Training planes for training reserves and general use. |          |
|   | 2 VJ Martin bombers for transports                          |          |

(d) Guam Region

|    |                                           |      |
|----|-------------------------------------------|------|
| 14 | VP-1M Patrol Squadron 1M                  | 4 HS |
|    | 2 Single engine seaplanes for general use |      |

(2) For training of personnel:

- (a) Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida  
Operating allowance  
40 VN - Elementary training seaplanes  
20 VN - Elementary training 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.  
Operating allowance - 6VN
- (c) Third Naval District  
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.  
Operating allowance - 6 VN
- (d) Ninth Naval District  
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Great Lakes, Ill.  
Operating allowance - 6 VN
- (e) Thirteenth Naval District  
Naval Reserve Training Unit, Seattle, Wash.  
Operating allowance - 3 VN
- (f) Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
- (g) 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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(2) For training of personnel:

- (a) Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida  
Operating allowance  
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) 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.
- (c) 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 - 3 VN
- (g) Aviation Mechanics' School, Great Lakes, Ill.
- (h) Postgraduate Detail for Instruction in Aeronautical Subjects  
(includes Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

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