

Op-38-E-EMW
VZ/A3-1(320701)

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

3 April 1933.

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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1933,
Modification of.

Reference: (a) Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal Year 1933,
Op-38-E-EMW, VZ/A3-1(320701) of 1 July 1932.
(b) C.N.O. letter Op-38-E-EMW, VZ/A3-1(320701) of
14 February 1933.

1. Effective on arrival of VP-8F at Pearl Harbor,
during the current quarter and sometime after 1 May 1933,
this patrol plane squadron is assigned to Fleet Air Base,
Pearl Harbor.

2. Addressees will accordingly make the following
changes on page 6 of reference (a) as modified by reference (b):

- (a) Delete VP-8F where shown assigned to WRIGHT.
- (b) Insert after VP-6F:
"VP-8F 6 VP (Note 3) Operated from Pearl
Harbor.
- (c) Insert after Note 2:
"Note 3. Effective on arrival VP-8F at
Pearl Harbor."

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SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1933 -
Modification of.

Reference: (a) Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year
1933 - Op-38-E-EMW VZ/A3-1(320701) of 1 July, 1932.

1. Reference (a) is modified as follows:-

(a) Paragraph 14, subparagraph (2)(4), page 4
under Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, add
after "LANGLEY":

MACON - Rigid Airship.

Add after "Utility Unit":

MACON Unit - 1 VS - 4 VF

(b) Paragraph 14, subparagraph (b), (3), page 6,
under Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force,
delete:

"MACON - Rigid Airship".
"MACON Unit - 1 VS - 4 VF".
"Note 2. - When MACON is ready for
service AKRON will be
transferred to Battle
Force."

(c) Paragraph 14, subparagraph (a)(3), page 4,
under Commander Destroyers, Battle Force, change
to read:

Ship Unit 2 VS DETROIT.

(d) Same reference, change note thereunder to read:-

Note: - Naval aviators assigned to aircraft units
in Flagships 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 such
units.

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- (e) Paragraph 14, subparagraph (b), page 5, under
Scouting Force, change to read:

Ship Unit 4 VS AUGUSTA

- (f) Paragraph 14, subparagraph (b)(2), page 5,
under Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force,
change to read:

Ship Unit 2 VS RALEIGH

- (g) Paragraph 14, subparagraph B, page 7, under
Asiatic Fleet, change to read:

Ship Unit 4 VS HOUSTON

- (h) Paragraph 14, subparagraph C, page 7, under
Special Service Squadron, change to read:

Ship Unit 2 VS MEMPHIS

2. It will be noted that the effect of changes (c) to (h) in par. 1 above is to substitute the designation "Ship Unit" for "Flag Unit" for aircraft in the flagships of Commander Destroyers Battle Force, Commander Scouting Force, Commander Destroyers Scouting Force, Commander-in-Chief Asiatic Fleet, and Commander Special Service Squadron, and to assign these units to the ships rather than directly to the above named flag officers. There appears to have been some uncertainty as to the responsibility of the flagships for the material, personnel and operations of these units. The above modification is designed to make clear that the flagship's responsibility in these matters does not differ from that of any other ship to which an aircraft unit is assigned. It is intended, of course, that the flag officers concerned shall, as before, control and employ these units, or the individual aircraft thereof, at their discretion in the same manner as is customary for any other units, whether ship or aircraft, under their commands.

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17 June 1931.

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Aeronautical Organization, Fiscal Year
1933.

Reference: (a) Naval Aeronautical Organization, Fiscal Year
1932 VZ/A3-1(310501) of 1 May 1931.
(b) Proposed Operating Force Plan, 1933, (SC)P16-1
(1933) Op-38-A-LMJ CONFIDENTIAL of 21 May 1931.

1. The Proposed Aeronautical Organization for the Fiscal
Year 1933 will be same as reference (a) with the following
exceptions:-

(a) Under Battelships, Battle Force:-

VO-1B to have 3 VO planes instead of 6 VO's.
VO-2B to have 9 VO planes instead of 3 VO's.

(b) Under Aircraft, Battle Force:-

Add 1 VO - 4 VF for AKRON and
1 VO - 4 VF for ZRS-5.

(c) Under Minecraft, Battle Force:-

VP-1B to have 12 VP planes instead of 6 VP's.
VP-12B to be placed in an inoperative status
with no planes.

(d) Under Cruisers, Battle Force:-

Add VS-6B with 8 VS planes.

(e) Under Cruisers, Scouting Force:-

VS-6B with 8 VS transferred to Cruisers,
Battle Force.
VS-9S increased from 12 VS planes to 16 VS
planes.
VS-10S increased from 12 VS planes to 16 VS
planes.
VS-11S formed with 4 VS planes.

(f) Under Aircraft, Scouting Force:-

AKRON Unit of 1 VO - 4 VF transferred to
Aircraft, Battle Force.

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(g) Under Fourth Naval District:-

USS LOS ANGELES to be placed in an inoperative status.

(h) Under Fifth Naval District:-

VN-6D5 reduced from 14 to 12 VN planes.

(i) Under Eighth Naval District:-

VN-4D8 allowance of VP planes increased from 2 to 9.

(j) Under Eleventh Naval District:-

VN-7D11 reduced from 21 to 18 VN planes.

(k) Under Naval Reserve Aviation:-

Squantum Unit increased from 9 VN - 8 VO to 9 VN - 10 VO.

New York Unit increased from 9 VN - 7 VO to 9 VN - 9 VO.

Hampton Roads Unit increased from 3 VN to 3 VN - 3 VO.

Great Lakes Unit increased from 9 VN - 8 VO to 9 VN - 10 VO.

Grosse Ile Unit increased from 3 VN - 7 VO to 3 VN - 10 VO.

Seattle Unit increased from 9 VN - 8 VO to 9 VN - 10 VO.

Under Marine Corps Reserve Aviation:-

Quantico Unit increased from 3 VN to 3 VN - 3VO.

San Diego Unit increased from 3 VN to 3 VN - 3VO.

2. Reference (b) under item 33 Asiatic Fleet assigns VP-11A with 12 VP planes to the U.S.S. JASON. This assignment has been changed and VP-11A will not be organized during the fiscal year 1933.

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1 July 1932.

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

SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1933.

1. The following assignment of Naval Aircraft, Naval Vessels, and Aviation Details will become effective on 1 July 1932 and will constitute the "Naval Aeronautical Organization for the Fiscal Year 1933".

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 supplied.

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 at no time will 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.
 - C. 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 these forces.

9. In the same manner, the Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force, in addition to his regular duties as subdivision commander of the Scouting Force, is the technical adviser to the Commander Scouting Force, with reference to all aviation in that force. 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-in-Chief, 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, the Commander Base 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

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>:Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: CinC,US Fleet
	: 3 VO	: PENNSYLVANIA.

Note: The CinC, U.S. Fleet normally will assign the PENNSYLVANIA planes to one of the observation squadrons for administrative, gunnery and tactical purposes.

(a) BATTLE FORCE

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>:Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag unit	: 1 VJ	: Combatfor
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: CALIFORNIA

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
VO-1B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. One
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-6B	: 8 VS	: Crudiv Three
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(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force

Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comdr. Destroyers,
	:	: B.F. (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

(Commander Carrier Division Two)

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
LANGLEY - Aircraft Carrier, 2nd Line.
Destroyers as may be detailed from time to time under command Battle Force for plane guard service.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength :</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 2 VJ	: Comdr. Aircraft Bat-
	:	: for.
VF-1B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane:	SARATOGA
VF-6B	: 18 VF " 1 VS " " " "	SARATOGA
VS-2B	: 12 VS	SARATOGA
VT-2B	: 18 VT (Note 1)	"
VS-14M	: 6 VS (Marines)	"
Utility Unit	: # 4 VJ	"
VF-3B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane:	LANGLEY
VS-1B	: 12 VS	"
Utility Unit	: # 2 VJ	"

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 - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
 AVOCET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
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

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 4 VS	: Comdr. Scout. Force (AUGUSTA)

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
VS-5S	: 6 VS	: Crudiv Two
VS-9S	: 16 VS	: Crudiv Four
VS-10S	: 16 VS	: Crudiv Five
VS-11S	: 4 VS	: Crudiv Six

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comdr. Destroyer, S.F. (RALEIGH)

(3) Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force

(Commander Carrier Division One)

Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo.

LEXINGTON - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line
 WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.
 SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
 TEAL - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
 SWAN - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
 LAPWING - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
 AKRON - Rigid Airship. (Note 2)
 MACON - Rigid Airship.

Squadron	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
Flag Unit	1 VJ	Comairsofor.
VF-2S	18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	LEXINGTON
VF-5S	18 VF " 1 VS " " "	"
VS-3S	12 VS	"
VT-1S	18 VB	"
VS-15M	6 VS (Marines)	"
Utility Unit	#4 VJ	"
VJ-2S	6 VJ - *1 VR (Note 1)	WRIGHT
VP-8S	6 VP	"
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)	Operated from Coco Solo
Utility Unit	#*2 VJ - #*1 VR	" " " "
VP-5S	12 VP (25% spares allowe)	" " " "
AKRON Unit	1 VS - 4 VF	
MACON Unit	1 VS - 4 VF (Note 2)	

Note 1. 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.

Note 2. When MACON is ready for service AKRON will be transferred to Battle Force.

(c) BASE FORCE

(1) Commander Train Squadron Two

1 July 1932

THRUSH - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
GANNET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

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

B. ASIATIC FLEET

1 July 1932

<u>Unit</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 4 VS	: CinC Asiatic Fleet (HOUSTON)

(1) Aircraft Detachment

HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ (100% spares allowed)	: HERON

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON

<u>Unit</u>	<u>: Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>: Assigned</u>
Flag Unit	: 2 VS	: Comdr. Special Service Squadron (MEMPHIS)

For ships' and squadrons' service; no additional personnel complement allowed.

* Spare planes included.

II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>First Naval District</u>		
Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.	VX2D1	* 2 VJ and such other planes for experi- mental purposes as may be assigned.
Naval Air Station, Chatham, Mass.	Inactive	-
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
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 (Metalclad) 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	-
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac</u>		
Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C.	VX4D5	*18 VJ - *2 VR and such other planes for experimental and other special purposes 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.	VH8D5	6 VP) One spare 4 VJ) VP allowed.

Fifth Naval District

<u>Naval Air Station or Naval Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
Naval Air Station, Hampton Roads, Va.	VN-6D5	*10 VN
	VJ-4D5	* 5 VJ
	VX-1D5	* 3 VJ and such planes for experi- mental purposes as may be assigned. Per- sonnel will not exceed 6 offi- cers and 30 men.

Eighth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.	VN-1D8	*40 VN
	VN-2D8	*40 VN
	VN-3D8	*27 VO
	VN-4D8	(* 9 VO * 2 VP *16 VT
	VN-5D8	*27 VF

Eleventh Naval District

Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.	VN-7D11	*15 VN
	VJ-5D11	* 5 VJ *1 VR

Twelfth Naval District

Naval Air Station, Sunnyvale, California	Lighter-than-Air	1 ZK
		2 Free Balloons

* Spare planes included

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.

III U. S. MARINE CORPS

<u>Naval Station or U.S.M.C. Station</u>	<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>
<u>East Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.	VF-9M	12 VF
	VO-6M	6 VO
	VO-7M	12 VO (Note 2)
	VJ-6M	*4 VJ (Note 2) *4 VR
<u>West Coast Expeditionary Force</u>		
Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.	VF-10M	6 VF
	VO-8M	6 VO
	VJ-7M	*2 VJ *3 VR
	VO-9M (50%spares)	6 VO -*1 VR (Note 3)
<u>Aircraft, Battle Force</u>		
U.S.S. SARATOGA	VS-14M	6 VS (Note 4)
<u>Aircraft, Scouting Force</u>		
U.S.S. LEXINGTON	VS-15M	6 VS (Note 4)

* Includes spare planes.

Note 1 - Thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) spares allowed except as otherwise noted.

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

Note 3 - Operating with 1st Brigade Marines, Port au Prince, Haiti.

Note 4 - Airplanes assigned to SARATOGA and LEXINGTON also are shown under aircraft assigned to Commander, Aircraft, Battle Force and Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force.

IV. ASSIGNMENT OF AIRPLANES TO
U. S. NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS
RESERVE.

District	Base	VN	VO
1	Squantum, Mass.	7	10
3	New York (Floyd Bennett Field)	6	9
4	Philadelphia (N.A.F.)	3	5
5	Hampton Roads, Va.	3	3
5	Quantico, Va. (Marines)	3	3
7	Miami, Fla.	7	3
8	N.A.S. Pensacola, Fla.	10	0
9	Great Lakes, Ill.	7	7
9	Grosse Ile, Mich.	4	7
9	Minneapolis	3	6
9	St. Louis, Mo.	3	3
11	Long Beach, Calif.	4	9
11	San Diego (Marines)	3	3
12	Oakland, Calif.	3	6
13	N.A.S. Seattle, Wash.	7	8
D. C.	Anacostia	3	4
	Grand Total	76	86
			162

W. 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) Postgraduate details for instruction in aeronautical subjects.
- (g) Details to Naval Training Stations, Air Station 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 the Aeronautical Organization may be given flight orders when the duty necessitates flying, subject to approval by the Bureau of Navigation or the Major General Commandant.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1933.

AFLOAT

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>BATFOR</u>	<u>SCOFOR</u>	<u>ASIATIC</u>	<u>BASEFOR</u>	<u>SPERON</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VB	-	18	-	-	-	18
VF	54	44	-	-	-	98
VJ	12	14	2	9	-	37
VO	33	-	-	-	-	33
VP	36	48	-	12	-	96
VR	1	2	-	2	-	5
VS	43	70	4	-	2	119
VT	18	-	-	-	-	18
TOTAL	197	196	6	23	2	424

TOTAL AFLOAT - 424

ASHORE

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DISTRICTS</u> (Administration)	<u>MARINE CORPS</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VF	-	18	27	-	45
VJ	47	6	-	-	53
VN	-	-	105	76	181
VO	-	30	36	86	152
VP	-	-	8	-	8
VR	3	8	-	-	11
VT	-	-	16	-	16
TOTAL	50	62	192	162	466

TOTAL ASHORE - 466
 GRAND TOTAL AFLOAT AND ASHORE 890

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Reference: (a) Naval Aeronautical Organization - Fiscal Year 1933,
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(b) Operating Force Plan for the Fiscal Year 1933 based
on a total of 79,700 enlisted personnel; Op-38-A-
LMJ, ON/A4-3(11)(320701) of 1 July 1932.
(c) Assignment of Vessels in the Organization of the
Seagoing Forces of the U. S. Navy - Fiscal Year
1933, Op-38-A-LMJ, FS/A4-3(320718) of 18 July 1932.
(d) C.N.O. letter Op-38-C-MW, A4-3(11)(1934)/FF(330201)
of 1 February 1933.

Enclosure: (A) New pages 2 - 7 for reference (a).

1. Effective 1 April 1933, reference (a) is so far modi-
fied that:

- (a) The Office of Commander Aircraft, Scouting Force,
is discontinued, LEXINGTON is transferred to
Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, and AKRON is
transferred to Commander, Scouting Force.
- (b) The following are transferred to the Base Force:

WRIGHT and squadrons assigned thereto,
Fleet Air Base and Aircraft Squadrons, Coco Solo,
Fleet Air Base and Aircraft Squadrons, Pearl
Harbor,
Minesweepers for duty with aircraft, now assigned
to Aircraft, Scouting Force and the two
Fleet Air Bases.
- (c) The Office of Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is
established with WRIGHT as flag and with the
forces listed in subparagraph (b) and the squad-
rons and minesweepers for duty with aircraft,
now attached to Base Force, under his command.
ARGONIE is no longer designated as tender for
Base Force squadrons.

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Modification of.

2. This letter cancels that portion of paragraph 1(f) of reference (d) (addressed only to Bureaus and Offices of the Department) which refers to WRIGHT and her squadrons.

3. Detailed modifications in reference (a) to cover the foregoing follow. Addressees will make corresponding changes in references (b) and (c).

(a) Delete pages 2 to 7 inclusive and substitute new pages 2 to 7 of enclosure (A).

(b) Page 9, under Eighth Naval District, change "*2 VP" to "*12 VP (Note 1)" and add: Note 1. Six of these planes assigned to VP-2F and VP-5F (three each) and available in emergency.

/s/ W. V. PRATT.

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I, II, III, IV (for VI, VII, VIII) V,
IX and Xa.

ENCLOSURE "A"

New Pages 2 to 7 for Modification of Naval
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- I. Fleet Aviation.
 - A. U. S. Fleet.
 - (a) Battle Force.
 - (b) Scouting Force.
 - (c) Base Force.
 - B. Asiatic Fleet.
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- 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 with reference to all aviation in that force. 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, Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force, in addition to his regular duties as a force commander of the Scouting Force, is the technical adviser to the Commander Scouting Force, with reference to all aviation in that Force and to Commander Special Service Squadron. Similarly, Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is the technical adviser to Commander Base Force.

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

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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 Cruisers, Scouting Force, the Commander Aircraft, Base Force, and the Commander-in-Chief, 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. Commander Aircraft, Battle Force, will coordinate overhaul schedules of all aircraft overhauled at Naval Air Station, San Diego. 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, the Commander Base 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
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: PENNSYLVANIA

Note: The CinC, U.S. Fleet normally will assign the PENNSYLVANIA planes to one of the observation squadrons for administrative, gunnery and tactical purposes.

(a) BATTLE FORCE.

Squadron	: Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 1 VJ	: Combatfor
Ship Unit	: 3 VO	: CALIFORNIA

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(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

Squadron	Authorized operating Strength:	Assigned
VO-1B	: 9 VO	: Batdiv. One
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	: 8 VS	: Crudiv Two
VS-6B	: 8 VS	: Crudiv Three

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force.

Ship Unit	: 2 VS	: DETROIT
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Note: - Pilots assigned to aircraft units in flagships 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 such units.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force

(Commander Carrier Division)

SARATOGA -Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
 LEXINGTON -Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line.
 LANGLEY -Aircraft Carrier, 2nd Line.
 MACON -Rigid Airship.

Squadron	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
Flag Unit	: 2 VJ	: Comairbatfor.
VF-1B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	: SARATOGA
VF-6B	: 18 VF " 1 VS " " "	: "
VS-2B	: 12 VS	: "
VT-2B	: 18 VT (Note 1)	: "
VS-14M	: 6 VS (Marines)	: "
Utility Unit	: #4 VJ	: "
VF-2B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	: LEXINGTON
VF-5B	: 18 VF " 1 VS " " "	: "
VS-3B	: 12 VS	: "

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(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (cont'd).

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
VT-1B	: 18 VB	: LEXINGTON
VS-15M	: 6 VS (Marines)	: "
Utility Unit	: #4 VJ	: "
VF-3B	: 18 VF plus 1 VS as liaison plane	: LANGLEY
VS-1B	: 12 VS	: "
Utility Unit	: #2 VJ	: "
MACON Unit	: 1 VS - 4 VF	:

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.

(b) SCOUTING FORCE

AKRON - Rigid Airship.

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Ship Unit	: 4 VS	: AUGUSTA
AKRON Unit	: 1 VS - 4 VF	:

(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	: 4 VS	: Crudiv Six

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Authorized Operating Strength</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
Ship Unit	: 2 VS	: RALEIGH

(c) BASE FORCE

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force

Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo,
Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor,

- WRIGHT Aircraft Tender
- THROUGH Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- GANNETT Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- SANDPIPER Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- TRAL Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- SWAN Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- LAPPING Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- PELICAN Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.
- AVOCET Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Squadron : Authorized Operating Strength: Assigned

Flag Unit	1 VF	:	Comairbasefor	:	
VP-7E	6 VP	:	WRIGHT	:	
VP-8E	6 VP	:	"	:	
VP-9E	6 VP	:	"	:	
VP-10E	6 VP	:	"	:	
VJ-1E	9 VF - *2 VR	:	"	:	
VJ-2E	6 VF - *1 VR (Note 1)	:	"	:	
Utility Unit	#*1 VF	:	"	:	
VP-2E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	Operated from Coco	:	Solo.
VP-3E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	"	:	"
VP-5E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	"	:	"
Utility Unit	#*2 VF - #*1 VR	:	"	:	"
VP-1E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	Operated from Pearl	:	Harbor.
VP-4E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	"	:	"
VP-6E	12 VP (25% spares allowed)	:	"	:	"
Utility Unit	*2 VF - *1 VR	:	"	:	"

Note 1. Commander Aircraft, Base Force, is authorized to operate not more than three (3) additional planes in VJ-2E 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.

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

B. ASIATIC FLEET.

Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
Ship Unit	: 4 VS	: HOUSTON.

(1) Aircraft Detachment

HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.

Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ (100% spares allowed)	: HERON.

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
Ship Unit	: 2 VS	: MEMPHIS.

For ships' and squadrons' service; no additional personnel complement allowed.

* Spare planes included.