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From : Chief of Naval Operations (Aviation)
To : All Naval Air Station, s Aviation Detachments,
and Ships carrying aircraft.

SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletin for week ending December 1 1917.

1. A number of kite balloons are being shipped to Naval Air Station, Rockaway L.I. N.Y., for comparative tests.

2. Partially successful dirigible tests have been made at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. At this same station two seaplanes have been equipped with radio apparatus for experimental cooperation with the U.S. Army Coast Artillery at Fort Barransas. Experiments with visual smoke signals from seaplanes are also in progress at Pensacola.

3. At the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, enrollment of men in civil life for U.S.N.R.F. Class 4 for 5 for flight training has been temporarily stopped.

4. Lieutenant E.O. McDonnell U.S.N. has been relieved as Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Virginia, by Lieutenant Commander P.N.L. Bellinger U.S.N.

5. Hours of flying obtained during the past week at Naval Aviation Detachments and Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights and number of seaplanes per station (exclusive of seaplanes of types considered unsuitable for flight instruction purposes .

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Naval Air Station,
Montauk L.I. N.Y.

No flying due to
freezing over.

Naval Air Station,
Pensacola, Fla.

403 flights of 293 hrs.
38 min. for 42 seaplanes
1 flight of 19 min. free
ballooning for 2 balloons
(46 Naval Aviators qualified)

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Naval Air Station Cape May N.J.	28 flights of 17 hrs.50 min. for 7 seaplanes
Naval Air Station Rockaway L.I. N.Y.	No flying, seaplanes being assembled.
Naval Air Station Naval Operating Base Hampton Roads, Va.	146 flights of 107 hrs.48 min. for 25 seaplanes
Naval Air Station San Diego, Cal.	No flying as yet-no seaplanes at station
Naval Air Station Bay Shore L.I.N.Y.	88 flights of 37 hrs.46 min. for 18 seaplanes
1st Aviation Squadron Mineola L.I.N.Y. (U.S.m.C.)	129 flights of 62 hrs.39 min/ for 8 airplanes.
Naval Air Station Miami, Florida	47 flights of 34 hrs.58 min. for 10 seaplanes
Naval Aviation Detachment Akron Ohio	20 hrs.6 min.dirigibles. 7 hrs.45 min. kite balloons 19 hrs.48 min.free balloons

6. Forty-six Naval Aviators, not yet reported by name, have been qualified at Pensacola, Fla.

7. Officers ordered abroad for aviation duty during the past week:

Lieut. E.O.McDonnell U.S.N.

By direction.

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