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From: Chief of Naval Operations (Aviation)
To: All Naval Air Stations, Aviation Detachments,
and Ships carrying Aircraft.

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Subject: Weekly Report - March 16, 1918.

1. Hours of flying obtained during the past week at Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights, and seaplanes in commission at each station for week ending March 16, 1918.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines</u>
Key West	684	566 hrs. 45 min.	18 Seaplanes
" "	1	6 hrs. 8 min.	1 Dirigible
Bay Shore	22	8 hrs. 32 min.	3 Seaplanes
Cape May	reports no flying in dispatch.		
Hampton Roads	162	37 hrs. 50 min.	20 Seaplanes
" "	17	2 hrs. 42 min.	3 Kite Balloons
Miami	513	267 hrs. 7 min.	15 Seaplanes
Pensacola	1231	980 hrs. 10 min.	43 Seaplanes
"	7	2 hrs. 47 min.	1 Dirigible
"	8	1 hr. 30 min.	2 Kite Balloons
"	5	1 hr. 54 min.	4 Free Balloons
San Diego	2	30 min.	2 Seaplanes
Lake Charles	81	41 hrs. 49 min.	Airplanes
Montauk	6	8 hrs. 55 min.	3 Seaplanes

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<u>Station</u>			<u>Machines</u>
Rockway	4	4 hrs. 35 min.	3 Seaplanes
"	2	6 hrs. 50 min.	3 Kite Balloons
2745 1938 hrs. 4 min.			

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Chatham: reports ready to operate on receipt of sea-planes. Dispatches not received in time for weekly report for week ending March 16, 1918, from the following stations:

Akron

Fort Worth

M. I. T.

2. There are now in use at the Stations the following Seaplanes, etc., week ending March 16, 1918.

57 Curtiss R-3 & R-6	2 Burgess Dunne
90 Curtiss N-9's	1 Paul Schmidt
13 Curtiss R-9	1 Curtiss Twin Tractor
37 Aeromarines	9 Sturtevant's
6 Curtiss F-boats	1 Wright Martin
1 Boeing	3 Standard
8 Thomas	3 Burgess T. S. S.
9 Burgess	6 Sopwith
3 Curtiss J. N. (land)	2 Curtiss T. S. S.
1 H S - 1 Boat	1 Curtiss Triplane Boat
1 H-12 Boat	1 Thomas T. S. S.
1 H-16 Boat	11 Coastal Dirigibles
5 Free Balloons	16 Kite Balloons

3. The following reports for week 1 1918:

Ensigns Griswold, R. A., U. S. N. R. F.

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Wetherald, R. W. "

Frothingham, P. B. "

Grosvenor, T. P., "

Chapman, T. H. "

Shaw, G. W. "

Gaston, W. "

Crane, J. "

Merrill, N.E., N. N, V.

4. Ensign L. A. Hammer from Machine Gun instruction at Fort Worth, Texas, to duty at Pensacola.

5. The following men have received their commissions as Ensigns, U. S. N. R. F.

Durfee, Thomas Southworth, T.D.

Wadleigh, P. F. Leak, V. T.

Thorburn, H. H. Clark, E. M.

Welsh, M. F. Marshall, L. K.

Whitney, R. T. Rust, H. L. Jr.

Schoonmaker, Earl Thompson, W. D. Jr.

Roberts, T.T. Jr. Whitehouse, R. T. Jr.

Gillon, J. L. Pratt, H. C.

Bell, William W. Jones, T. T.

Hudson, R. S. Schley, F. C.

6. Appointed Ensigns U. S. N. R. F., Feb. 7, 1918:

Coggeshall, J. Jr. Hillberg, W. R.

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7. Notes from report week March 9th, 1918

Miami: Reports station now operating on a daylight to dark schedule.

8. Hampton Roads: Reports test of Western Electric Company telephone and telegraph on 800 metres: distance from station five to six miles. Perfect inter-communication from plane to shore and shore to plane for both telephone and telegraph.

9. Pensacola: Reports several tests have been carried out satisfactorily, among them being the try-out of an R-6 with a single Pontoon, bomb carrying tests with an R-9, and various experiments with a catapult.

On Saturday forenoon the first test of the Catapult was made. An N-9 was launched, Lieutenant Commander E. F. Johnson pilot. After certain small modifications in repairs, the catapult will be used for all officers and graduate student officers that can be accommodated.

10. Fort Worth: Reports week ending March 9th, 1918.
107 flights 33 hrs. 25 min.

Major Turner, U.S.M.C., is in charge of this station, succeeding Major Lovell, U.S.A.

11. Rockaway: Reports Kite Balloon being towed 3 hrs. and 10 min. by U.S.S. and pilots exchanged while afloat, twice.

12. Montauk: Reports ice clear on Fort Pond and two Seaplane patrolling flights of two hours and forty minutes each were made.

F. H. Tower
By Direction.