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

Subject : Weekly Report - March 2 1918.

1. Dirigible A - 248 recently made a forced landing near the Station at Montauk owing to insufficient hydrogen. Every precaution should be taken to keep lighter-than-air craft fully inflated.

2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology reports Detachment inspected on February 25th and 26th 1918 by the following Officers:

- Lieut.Comdr. J.H.Towers U.S.N.
- Ensign Allan Lowrey, U.S.N.R.F.
- Lieut.Comdr. R.F.E.Davis, R.N.V.R.
- Flight Comdr. W.H.Greer, R.N.

3. Hours of flying obtained during the week ending March 2 1918, at Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights, and seaplanes in commission at each station:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines</u>
Akron	5	3 Hrs. 1 min	1 Dirigible
"	1	5 Hrs.	2 Kite Balloons
"	17	29 Hrs. 28 min.	13 Free Balloons
Bay Shore	6	1 Hr. 39 Min.	2 Seaplanes

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<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines.</u>
Montauk	3	17 Hrs. 6 Min.	1 Dirigible
Cape May	10	4 Hrs. 28 Min.	2 Seaplanes
Miami	250	139 Hrs. 15 Min.	16 Seaplanes
Rockaway	38	29 Hrs. 16 Min.	3 Seaplanes
Rockaway	1	39 Min.	2 Dirigibles
Rockaway	7	30 Hrs. 19 Min.	3 Kite Balloons
Rockaway	1	51 Min.	Free Balloons
Pensacola	<u>1607</u>	1217 Hrs.	44 Seaplanes
Pensacola	9	5 Hrs. 3 Min.	3 Dirigibles
Pensacola	10	6 Hrs. 9 Min.	2 Free Balloons
Pensacola	50	5 Hrs. 35 Min.	4 Kite Balloons
Key West	744	606 Hrs. 1 Min.	20 Seaplanes
Key West	<u>1</u>	<u>27 Min.</u>	1 Dirigible.
	2760	2101 Hrs. 16 Min.	

4. The following stations failed to send reports in time for the weekly bulletin for the week ending March 2 1918:

San Diego, Philadelphia
 Lake Charles, Hampton Roads.

5. Key West: reports for week ending February 23 1918:

591 flights, 482 Hrs. 32 Min. 12 Seaplanes

Lake Charles reports for week ending February 23 1918:

54 flights 16 Hrs. 20 Min. ___ Airplanes

6. Pensacola reports a new record of 352 hours in one day, and their total flying hours for the week ending

March 2nd 1918 were 1217 hours, accomplished in 45 hours actually available for flying.

7. Fort Worth: reports no flights, due to the changing of classes.

8. Chatham : reports no flying time, but station now ready to be put in commission on receiving of seaplanes and orders to proceed.

9. Lieut. E.W.Coil U.S.N. had been detached from Akron and will take command of Naval Air Station at Rockaway.

10. Lieut.(j.g.) P.A.Cusachs, N.N.V. and Ensign James U.S.N.R.F. have received orders to active duty in Brazil.

11. The following men have been ordered abroad:

Ens. D.H.Coddington	USNRF	Ensign F.P.Lang	USNRF
" A.R.Johnson	"	" Thos. R.Palmer	"
" E.B.Barry	"	" F.J.Roche	"
" R.B.Clark	"	" R.L.Ryan	"

Ens. H.E.West USNRF.

12. Sixteen Gunners Mates sent to Miami for course of training in machine guns, upon completion of which they are to be assigned as instructors to various stations.

13. The following men have received their commissions as Ensigns U.S.N.R.F:

Palmer Thomas R	Kindall N.M.	Sargent, H.C.
Cutler R.W.	Brown D.L.	Murphy, J.L.
Trail Oscar	Strong Alex.	Tribken I.B.
Morse, T.R.	Lewis H.A.	Reemelin, Clarence

14. Information received for week ending March 9 1918.

Hours of flying obtained during week ending March 9th, 1918, at Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights and seaplanes in commission at each station, reported by dispatch:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours.</u>	<u>Machines</u>
Rockaway	18	19 Hrs. 13 Min.	3 Seaplanes
Rockaway	15	7 Hrs. 11 Min.	3 Kite Balloons
Montauk	6	8 Hrs. 5 Min.	3 Seaplanes
Montauk	2	5 Hrs. 35 Min.	1 Dirigible
Cape May	89	22 Hrs.	2 Seaplanes
<u>Key West</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>663 Hrs. 19 Min.</u>	<u>18 Seaplanes</u>
Key West	8	39 Hrs.	1 Dirigible
Miami	364	217 Hrs. 46 Min.	16 Seaplanes
Hampton Roads	201	132 Hrs.	15 Seaplanes
Bay Shore	19	9 Hrs. 11 Mins	2 Seaplanes
Lake Charles	197	140 Hrs. 53 Mins.	___ Airplanes
Akron	0	0	2 Kite Balloons
Akron	<u>15</u>	<u>26 Hrs. 35 Min</u>	13 Free Balloons
	1772	1290 Hrs. 48 Min .	

15. Dispatches covering paragraphs g and h of weekly bulletin for week ending March 9th have not been received from the following stations:

Chatham
 Fort Worth
 San Diego
 Pensacola
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
 N. E. Irwin

By Direction