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

Subject: Weekly Bulletin for week ending December 8, 1917.

1. The Secretary of the Navy in order to meet an important and immediate need has authorized the enlistment of 8000 mechanics for aviation. The Bureau of Navigation reports that this quota is being rapidly obtained.
2. "During the present calendar year the ratio of increase in material has been approximately 1400 per cent., the increase in personnel trained and under training has been approximately 3000 per cent., the increase in stations and training schools has been approximately 3,200 per cent. These figures indicate a rapid development, and a very wide and thorough expansion."  
Secretary of the Navy's Annual Report.
3. Nine men from the last class to be graduated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have volunteered for balloon duty and will be ordered to Akron, Ohio for instruction.
4. The seaplane equipment at Miami is to be increased as rapidly as possible in order to meet the plans for advanced training of pilots and observers at that station. Seaplanes from Chatham, Mass. and Bay Shore, L. I. are being assigned there for this purpose.
5. Lieutenant Commander Towers with Lieutenant Commander Davis, R.N.V.R. and Flight Commander Greer, R.N., made a recent trip of inspection to the Naval Air Station at Hampton Roads,

6. Fifty Observers are being sent every two weeks to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for ground training.

trained in Canada within the ~~Naval~~ ~~Aviation~~ Corps have been assigned to duty there.

8, The following men have been reported as having qualified as Naval Aviators during the past week.

C. B. Ames  
 F. G. Allen  
 J. Perrin  
 R. Palmedo  
 J. F. McNamara  
 P. F. Ines  
 M. A. Hofer  
 C. W. Greenough  
 E. S. Brewer  
 C. S. Baker  
 R. F. Clark  
 G. L. Compo  
 R. Matter  
 P. H. McCord  
 R. H. McCann  
 J. S. Halstead  
 A. H. Wright  
 S. M. Butler  
 E. L. Shea  
 D. R. Goldthwaite

9, The following men have been ordered overseas during the week:

None

10, Hours of flying obtained during past week at Naval Air Stations together with number of flights and number of seaplanes per station:

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Seaplanes</u>
Pensacola	( 600	450	48
	( 14	3	4 Kite Balloons
Hampton Roads	268	199	22
Miami	127	116	8
Bay Shore	No Flying.		
San Diego	No Flying.		
Akron	( --	7	1 Dirigible

Station in process of being transferred.