

The personnel at that station now consists of:

4 Naval Aviators,
11 Student Naval Aviators,
3 Qualified Mechanics, and
22 Student Mechanics

6. At Bay Shore there are :

4 Naval Aviators,
3 Student Naval Aviators
5 Qualified Mechanics, and
224 Student Mechanics.

7. Pensacola: The following Officers and men reported for duty:

Ensign Lawrence Curtiss	USNRF	Ensign Augustus A. Bressman	USN
Ensign Robt. W. Knowles	USNRF	Ensign Walter F. Marriner	USN
Ensign Packard	USNRF	Ensign Clarence A. Hawkins	USN
Lieut. W.F. Reed	USNRF	Lieut. R.R. Paunack	USN
Dental Surgeon F.D. Woods	USNRF		

8. 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 of January 5th:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines</u>
Key West	185	121 1/2	8 Seaplanes
Akron	?	3	2 Dirigibles
Akron	?	18	10 Free Balloons
Akron	?	18 1/2	1 Kite Balloon
Pensacola	932	684	43 Seaplanes
Pensacola	1	1/4	3 Dirigibles
Pensacola	8	2 1/2	2 Free Balloons
Miami	63	35	31 Seaplanes
Total	1189 Flights	882 3/4	

Week of January 12th :

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines</u>
Key West	206	109 1/2	8 Seaplanes
Akron	?		2 Dirigibles
Akron	?	5 1/2	10 Free Balloons
Akron	?	19 1/2	1 Kite Balloon
Pensacola	890	730 1/2	43 Seaplanes
Pensacola	8	3 1/2	2 Dirigibles
Miami	133	75	33 Seaplanes
Total	1237 Flights	943 1/2	

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9. The following have qualified as seaplane pilots:

Bailey, Morris H.	Ludlow, George H.	Speed C.M.
Provost, Eusebe	Bryant, R.A.	Powers, Harvey M.
Wright, Webster M.	Paul, Arthur	Weatherhead Chas.H.
Zabriskie, Alexander C.	Cantwell Robt.C.	Bergin, Thos M.
Townsley Wm. M.	Gardner Wm.H.	Butchart Ellis J.
Gardner Gibson	Kennedy, Stanley C.	Burrows, Julian A.
Becker Fred H.	Staub J.F.	McNaughton L.M.
Burke, James Jr.	Lee L.H.	Slater H.N.
McKinnon, Thomas M.	Davidson D.	Boorse, A.L.
Newlin James C.Jr.	Atwood R.L.	Owen, K.B.
Bailey Morris, H.	Hammer L.	Hodges, K.B.
Davis Harold	Brockwell, W.A.	Finnegan, B.O.J.
Callahan P.J.	Crosscup, W.E.	

The following have qualified in free and kite balloons:

Blakely, H.	Clark F.S.	Stoppel, F.
Carpenter G.H.	Close, E.F.	Van Emden A.L.
Corbett, M.G.	CuChemin, N.M.	White, D.T.
Geddes, Homer R.	Ehrmanntraut, W.R.	Whitney, K.
Green, P.A.	Eldridge, C.G.	Williams C.D.
Griffin, Walter B.	Gibson, J.R.	Wing, H.C.
Kelley, W.D.	Kant, E.S.	Gheen J.W.
Houghton, Arthur	Morse, A.L.	Harris, H.C.
Jones, V.H.	McIntyre, H.M.	Bradford, S.N.
Kennedy, H.H.	McNally, L.A.	Bottoms, R.R.
Null, Telford, B.	Noland, J.L.	Conway, F.J.
Packard, E.B.	Partridge, W.H.	Easterly M.H.
Anderson J.B.	Reed, C.E.	Lawrence, J.B.
Blakey R.K.	Shumway, C.E.	Lewis, H.B.
Quinn J.J.	Schwabe, J.C.	

10. The personnel at Key West now consists of the following officers and men, under command of Lieut. Stanley V. Parker U.S.N.

14. Naval Aviators
 35 Student Naval Aviators
 49 Qualified Mechanics
 15 Student Mechanics

11. News Notes from abroad.

"Statement from Groupe d l'Avant. The Germans assert they will have 12,000 airplanes ready for use by April 1918.

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Exactly what types are being built, and how many of each, is not known, but a large Gotha bombing machine is believed to be built in great numbers".

"RIESENFLUGZEUG. (Giant Airplane)

An Officer aviator taken prisoner at Verdun states that at an aerodrome, on the outskirts of Vouziers (Aisne) there are six or eight machines, each having several engines, and accommodating a crew of three or four persons.

The aerodrome is carefully guarded.

Other prisoners captured support the above statement and give the precise location of the aerodrome.

Aerial photographs confirm the existence of the aerodrome on which there are hangars of a sufficiently large type to house these "giant airplanes" (French source)".

EXTRACTS FROM THE GERMAN PRESS: The following is a list corrected up to the 1st of October 1917, of these German airmen who have brought down eight or more enemy airplanes:

Rittmeister Frierherr von Richthofen....	61
Leutnant Gontermann.....	36
Leutnant Bernert	27
Leutnant Muller.....	27
Leutnant Dostlor (missing).....	26
Leutnant Freirherr von Richthofen.....	24
Leutnant Schleich.....	24
Oberleutnant von Tutschek.....	23
Oberleutnant Berthold.....	21
Leutnant Adam.....	19
Leutnant Von Bulow.....	19
Leutnant Wusthoff.....	18
Leutnant Kissenberth.....	17
Oberleutnant Bethge.....	17
Leutnant Gootsch.....	16
Leutnant Klein.....	16
Leutnant Boehme.....	15
Leutnant Eschwege.....	15
Leutnant Schmidt.....	15
Leutnant Thuy.....	14
Offizier Stellvertreter Buckler.....	13
Leutnant Goering.....	13
Leutnant Hoss.....	13
Leutnant Udet.....	13
Oberleutnant Buddocke.....	12

Comparing the above with the list of airmen who had accounted for eight or more airplanes up to August 1st, 1917, it is interesting to note the following points.

The above list differs from the former ones, in that all names of deceased pilots are suppressed.

During the months of August and September 1917, the following well known German airmen were killed or otherwise put out of action:

Leutnant Voss
Leutnant Wolff
Oberleutnant Dostler (missing, believed killed)
Offizier Stellvertreter Muller, Max.
Leutnant Hoendorf,
Leutnant Bengartz
Oberleutnant Freiherr von Althaus
Leutnant Anslinger"

"GERMAN COMMUNIQUE . A prisoner of the 225th Fliegerabteilung "A" states that it is well known that the German Communiques with regard to the air are unreliable. He states, for instance, that pilots return from a flight and say that they have brought down this or that machine, and that their claims are immediately recorded without any check or control whatsoever.

W. S. D...
my dearest...
J. H. D...

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