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

Subject: Weekly Report - April 13, 1918.

1. Hours of flying obtained during the past week at Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights and seaplanes in commission and at each station for week ending April 13, 1918.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Aircraft in commission</u>	<u>Aircraft at station</u>
Chatham	17	21 hrs. 45 min.	4 seaplanes	6
Cape May	19	16 hrs. 13 min.	2 seaplanes	4
" "	2	1 hr. 32 min.	3 dirigibles	2
Akron	16	29 hrs. 13 min.	8 free balloons	
Bay Shore	33	17 hrs. 15 min.	11 seaplanes	21
Rockaway	14	11 hrs. 7 min.	5 seaplanes	3
"			1 dirigible	2
"	3	11 hrs. 54 min.	2 kite balloons	8
Hampton Roads	104	50 hrs.	10 seaplanes	37
" "	9	31 min.	6 kite balloons	7
Montauk	15	33 hrs. 50 min.	4 seaplanes	5
"	2	8 hrs. 38 min.	1 dirigible	2
Key West	895	715 hrs. 16 min.	28 seaplanes	24
San Diego	27	10 hrs. 10 min.	5 seaplanes	9
Miami N.A.S.	461	242 hrs. 23 min.	15 seaplanes	34
" U.S.M.C.	204	85 hrs. 28 min.	airplanes	
Pensacola	1,126	798 hrs. 14 min.	51 seaplanes	93

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<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Aircraft in commission</u>	<u>Aircraft at station</u>
Pensacola	5	2 hrs. 32 min.	1 dirigible	3
"			10 free balloons	10
"			2 kite balloons	2
	4,078	2,849 hrs. 45 min.		

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Reports Dirigible A-248 returned April 6th from the Naval Air Station, Rockaway, L.I., New York.

CHATHAM -

Reports regular scouting trips covering outer Boston Harbor and approaches, were commenced April 6, 1918.

The French Stations report for the week ending April 13, 1918: 301 flights - 130 hrs. 43 min.

2. The following officers have been ordered to foreign service:

- Ensign Braxton Rhodes, U. S. N. R. F.
- " F. W. Sittenham, "
- " C. M. Tyson, "
- " T. H. Murphy, U. S. N.
- Boatswain (A) (T) L. A. Welty.

Asst. Naval Constructor, R.H. Lake, U.S.N.
Ensign Reese Hawkins, U.S.N.R.F. to England

3. The following men were commissioned as Ensigns, USNRF

- Reed, Jacob
- Turner, W. H.

4. Foreign Notes:

A squadron of the R. N. A. S. bombing machines attacked and routed a German flotilla off the coast of Dunkirk on March 24th.

In an engagement between the escort fighters of the bombing machines and a squadron of German seaplanes, the enemy lost four planes.

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Three of these were accounted for by one British Pilot.

5. During offensive patrols carried out by the R. N. A. S. machines from Dunkirk from March 21st to 24th, ten enemy planes were destroyed and seven shot down out of control.

Three bombing raids were carried out on _____ Docks, and direct hits obtained on sheds on the quays. Hostile torpedo boats, a destroyer and an armed trawler were also attacked.

One of the British planes was forced to land in the sea, and was picked up by a French Destroyer. All other machines returned safely.

6. It is desired to call the attention of the various Stations to the erroneous impression that the N-9 pontoons received of late from the Philadelphia Navy Yard, were made at the Naval Aircraft Factory. These pontoons were not made at, or under the supervision of the Aircraft Factory, and the latter was in no way responsible for the defects in construction found therein. It might be added that steps have been taken to correct these conditions.

By direction.
