

DLC 29

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

Subject: Weekly Bulletin for week ending December 15, 1917.

1. Approval has been given for the enrollment abroad as Ensigns in the U.S.N.A. of the following men who are graduates of French flying schools and attached at present to the French Army:

Chester A. Elliot
Elmer B. Taylor

Ralph L. Loomis
Daniel Hughes

2. Increase in number of training seaplanes, Curtiss N9 and flying boat, has been authorized. An experimental school type of flying boat is under construction.

3. The train with the equipment for the new Naval Air Station at Key West, Fla. left Bay Shore, L.I. Tuesday night. First flights at new station were made Saturday.

4. The advanced training in aerial gunnery, radio, bombing, and photography should be well under way by the middle of February.

5. Lieut. Commander Kenneth Witting has returned from abroad and is temporarily attached to aviation section of operations in an advisory capacity.

6. Bad weather has temporarily held up work at the ~~Naval Air Station~~, Anacostia. Flights between Anacostia and Hampton Roads will be started as soon as practicable.

7. The following casualties have been reported:

G. Richter (Ensign)

F.W. Page (Ensign, U.S.N.A.)

8. Men who have qualified as Naval Aviators during past week:

R. D. Thomas

C. W. Douglas

D. B. Murphy

H. Schermerhorn

J. R. Clements

C. R. Farmer

G. E. Rumill

R. L. Biggers

F. W. Bancroft

E. R. Greenfield

H. A. Campelly

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9. Men ordered abroad:

D. E. Atwater, Ens.	R. M. Stocker
O. F. Fuller "	E. A. Stone
B. Lee "	W. M. Walton
L. S. Peck "	J. Warberton

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>Machines</u>
Bay Shore	No Flying		
Pensacola	732	562	57
	4	1	4 Kite balloons
Miami	114	93	4
Montauk	General freeze over		
Rockaway	15	5	6
Hampton Roads	103	58	20
San Diego	None	-	-
Akron		1	1 Dirigible
		4	10 Free balloons

N. E. Irwin

By direction.

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