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

SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletin - week ending November
24th, 1917.

1. Extensive enrollment of men to serve as aviation mechanics has been authorized. Present facilities for the training of such are to be increased. The list up to date of places where such instruction will be given is:

Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Naval Air Station, Naval Operating Base,
Hampton Roads, Va.

Dunwoody Industrial Institute, Minneapolis,
Minn.

Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes,
Ill.

Naval Air Station, Bay Shore, L.I. (At Bay
Shore only during the non-
flying, winter months)

2. Flight training equipment and personnel are to be transferred from Naval Air Station, Bay Shore, LI., on or about 15th December, 1917, to Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida, which, instead of being merely an operating station as originally intended, is to be used also for extensive flight training during the winter.

3. A large increase in the flight training facilities at all Naval Air Stations (Training) is being planned.

4. Through the kindness of the British Admiralty, Lieutenant Commander F.R.E. Davis, R.N.V.R., has been sent to this country and is temporarily attached to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Aviation), Washington, D.C.

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5. An R-6 type seaplane and an HS-1 type flying boat, both equipped with 12 cylinder U.S. Standard (Liberty) engine, have been assigned for service between Washington, D. C., and Hampton Roads, Va. Pilots for this service are to be Lieut. D. H. McCulloch, USNRP, and Lieut. W. E. Doherty, USNRP.

6. Routine reports from France indicate that the establishment of U. S. Naval Air Stations on the French Coast is progressing satisfactorily.

7. Proper designation: Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and not U.S. Navy Aeronautic Station, Pensacola, Florida.

8. Hours of flying obtained during the past week at Naval Aviation Detachments and Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights and number of seaplanes per station (exclusive of seaplanes of types considered unsuitable for flight instruction purposes).

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| Mineola, L.I., N.Y., Nov. 24 | - 127 flights of 70 hrs. 57 min. for 8 airplanes |
| Cape May, N.J., Nov. 24 | - 46 flights of 30 hrs. 25 min. for 9 seaplanes |
| Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 24 | - 468 flights of 373 hrs. 37 min. for 45 seaplanes |
| Bay Shore, L.I., N.Y., Nov. 24 | - 137 flights of 77 hrs. 11 min. for 18 seaplanes |
| Akron, Ohio, Nov. 24 | - 4 hrs. 6 min. (dirigible) 34 hours (free balloon) |
| Miami, Fla., Nov. 24 | - 114 flights of 95 hrs. 1 min. for 10 seaplanes. |
| Hampton Roads, Va., Nov. 24 | - 274 flights of 221 hrs. 33 min. for 25 seaplanes. |

9. Recently qualified Naval aviators are:

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| T. A. Whitted, | QM 2c (A) | U.S.N., | Pensacola |
| R. H. Ken | CBM | " | Pensacola |

10. No officers have been ordered abroad for aviation duty during the past week.

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