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

SUBJECT : Weekly Report - April 27 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 27th, 1918.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Aircraft in Commission</u>	<u>Aircraft at Station</u>
Hampton Roads	139	101 Hrs.	29 Seaplanes	- 44
Hampton Roads	2	0 " 92 Min.	1 Dirigible	- 1
Hampton Roads	-	- " -	3 Kite Balloons	10
Key West	612	<u>507</u> " 8	24 Seaplanes	- <u>28</u>
Miami	770	505 " 47	19 Seaplanes	- 54
Pensacola	2456	1737 " 37	54 Seaplanes	- 101
Pensacola	-	- -	3 Dirigibles	- 3
Pensacola	-	- -	3 Kite Balloons	3
Pensacola	-	- -	10 Free Balloons	10
Chatham	32	49 " -	4 Seaplanes	6
Rockaway	25	26 " 30	6 Seaplanes	12
Rockaway	5	15 " 19	2 Dirigibles	3
Rockaway	2	17 " 51	1 Kite Balloon	9
Miami (Marine Det.)	326	140 " 17	26 Airplanes	26

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<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>		<u>Aircraft in commission</u>	<u>Aircraft at Sta.</u>
Cape May	50	48 Hrs.	18 Min.	3 Seaplanes	5
Cape May	-	-	-	2 Dirigibles	2
San Diego	39	18 "	40 "	5 Seaplanes	9
Bay Shore	358	244 "	43 "	19 Seaplanes	25
Akron	7	4 "	58 "	1 Kite Balloon	1
Akron	13	19 "	59 "	8 Free Balloons	8
Montauk	<u>29</u>	<u>68 "</u>	<u>50 "</u>	5 Seaplanes	8
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Montauk:

Reports an error in flying time for week ending April 20 1918, which should be as follows:

30 Flights 72 Hrs.45 Min, 5 Seaplanes.

Anacostia:

Reports for week ending April 20 1918:

10 Flights 11 Hrs.31 Min.

Tests on Lewis Gun and Davis Gun were carried out on April 16 1918. On April 17 1918 bomb dropping experiments were also carried out.

Pensacola

The following men were commissioned as Ensigns U.S.N.R.F.

Bennett H.C.

Finch, C.E.

Brecken J.T.

Izant E.T.

Peterson C.O.

From April 13th to 19th 1918, this station has had three days with time available for flying exceeding twelve hours. On April 13th and 19th it reports over 300 hours flown each of these days.

Crash record for the month to date is twelve per cent below that of any preceding month.

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Chatham:

Reports total wreck of Seaplane on April 17 1918 in landing at Nantucket, attributed to failure of the landing gear.

Hampton Roads:

Daily sea patrol flights with two seaplanes have been carried on when weather permitted. During week ending April 20th 1918 patrols were carried out on five days.

The following have been ordered abroad:

Lieut. B.J. Leighton	U.S.N.
Lieut.(j.g.) J.S. Peabody	U.S.N.R.F.
Ensign C.K. McFarlin	U.S.N.R.F.
Ensign F.R. Cameron	U.S.N.R.F.

The following men have been commissioned as Ensigns U.S.N.R.F.

Ferguson R.B.	Smith B.B.	
Partridge M.S.	Kittridge	L.P.
Buck L.J.	McFarlin	C.K.
Cameron F.R.	Monohan	A.
Maginnes T.B.	Colby	R.L.
Flynn M.B.	Ingersoll	C.B.

Jenks W.M.

Montauk

Making regular patrol flights daily. On April 17 1918 a seaplane landed on the ocean directly off the station to communicate with an S.P. boat. in attempting to get off in a heavy swell, right pontoon strut to engine section was bent and pilot decided to beach the machine. Although there was a surf on the beach which would have made it hard to launch a small boat, the seaplane easily ran through the surf onto the sand beach without mishap and returned on trucks to station.

Meteorological School at Pelham Bay Park

Reports progress in forecasts from cloud indications and map conditions, of maps and logs, infantry drills, semaphore practice and radio.

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Foreign Note.

On March 19th a British Seaplane patrol, flying in Heligoland Bight, encountered two enemy seaplanes ten miles Northeast of Borkum. The enemy was engaged and one of his machines was driven down in flames.

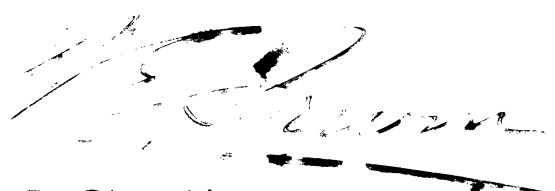
On March 18th British Naval Aeroplanes from Dunkirk destroyed five German machines in the period from Thursday to Sunday. Five other machines were brought down and two enemy observers were killed.

New Types of Planes.

Recent reports establish that the Germans have experimented with the construction of a Gotha Jaeger with ten or twelve motors of 250 H.P. each. There are two motors in the center, the others being placed along the wings each driving one propellor. Motors on each wing can turn machine practically on a pivot. Total lifting capacity is 9000 lbs.

Reported Fokker Airplane has four planes. No wires or braces. Carries 60 H.P. Gnome or Mercedes motors and two built in machine guns.

Report Rumpler or A.E.G. planes equipped with two 200 H.P. Benz motors mounted between the planes with propellor behind the planes. Carries three machine guns, two forward and one aft.



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