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

SUBJECT: Weekly Bulletin for week ending December 29 1917.

1. Building operations as first planned for the station at Dinner Key, Miami, have been nearly completed. Authority to double the size of the station has now been granted. This will give a total of four hangars 100' x 300' and quarters for eight hundred men. The temporary flight base has been moved from the beach of the Royal Palm Hotel to an artificial island owned by Mr. James Dearing pending the completion of the work at Dinner Key.

2. The following officers have reported for duty at Pensacola:

Lieut. Comdr. E. F. Johnson U.S.N. Reported 12/14/17.
Ensign Laurence Curtiss USNRF Ensign W Mudge USNRF
Ensign S. M. Butler USNRF Ensign G. Brackenridge USNRF
Ensign R Matter USNRF Ensign H. B. Gordon USNRF
Ensign H. F. Gibson USNRF Ensign W. F. Clarkson USNRF
Asst. Surg. Joseph M. Perrett USNRF

3. The prospective dates of graduation of the flight personnel now under instruction at Massachusetts Institute of Technology are as follows:

Division A, 45 men Jan. 19
Division B, 45 men, Feb. 2
Division C, 42 men, Feb 16
Division D, 71 men, Mar. 2
Division E, 86 men, Mar 16

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It is expected also that 35 Inspectors (plane) and 39 Inspectors (motor) will finish their instruction on January 26.

4. Twenty seamen 2c, have finished the course of instruction for free balloon pilots, at Akron, Ohio.

5. Capt. N. E. Irwin U.S.N. is now on a tour of inspection to Miami and Key West.

6. Five Sopwith speed scouts are enroute to Miami

and one to Hampton Roads. There are six Burgess tractors equipped with Hall Scott Motors now at San Diego. These machines, together with the Boeing seaplanes will be used for instruction purposes there.

A Curtiss HS-1 has arrived at Hampton Roads. Two H-13 and one H-16 seaplanes are enroute there.

7. Capt. B.L.Smith U.S.M.C. leaves Washington D.C. on January 22d for Miami, to supervise the construction of ranges, and assist in the installation of courses in aerial gunnery, bombing, wireless, etc.

8. Capt. A.A.Cunningham U.S.M.C. has returned from temporary duty abroad, and is now getting out a report for the Aviation Section of Operations.

9. The following Ensigns U.S.N.R.F. have been ordered abroad:

Palmedo, Roland	Hofer, Myron A.	Perrin, John
Keyes, K.B.	Allen F.J.	Eaton J.A.
Hyde, R.N.	Peterson W.L.	McNamara J.F.
Brewer, E.S.	Stanley H.T.	Roe, Geo. T.
Ives, Paul F.	Clark Robert F.	Murphy, P.B.
Greenough C.W.	Compo, G.E.	Teulon A.Parker

10. Hours of flying obtained during the past week at Naval Air Stations, together with number of flights, and seaplanes in commission at each station.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Machines.</u>
Akron		4 1/2	2 Dirigibles
"		3 1/2	1 Kite Balloon
Rockaway	6	5 3/4	3 Seaplanes
Hampton	128	85 3/4	22 Seaplanes
Pensacola	271	351 1/4	64 Seaplanes
"	1	1/4	3 Dirigibles
"	8	2 1/2	2 Free Balloons
Miami	14	6 1/2	31 Seaplanes

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News Notes from Abroad.

11. Pigeons are carried on many of the aircraft, and in several instances machines at sea, after accidents or forced landings, have been recovered through their use.

12. Officers ordered to aviation duty, foreign service should provide themselves with the prescribed uniform, summer and winter, for Aviation Corps, heavy and summer underwear, overcoat, rain clothes, complete set shaving and toilet articles, and an extra amount of uniforms and clothing especially shoes, as such are very hard to get abroad. Blue and white Navy Uniforms not required. Toilet articles may be obtained from canteen after stations are established. Bedding, towels and flying clothes will be supplied by the Government.

N.E. IRWIN
By Direction.

J. H. Towers

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