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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus and Offices, Fleets,  
Forces, Aviation Units and Stations  
Concerned.

Subject: Naval Aeronautic Organization -  
Fiscal Year 1937 - Change in.

Reference: (a) Opnav letter Op-38-E-EMR  
VZ/A3-1(360505) of 5 May  
1936. (Naval Aeronautic  
Organization).

1. Reference (a) is modified as follows:-
  - (a) All YORKTOWN Squadrons, except VF-7B, will be commissioned on 1 April instead of 1 January 1937.
  - (b) All ENTERPRISE Squadrons, except VF-8B, will be commissioned on 1 June instead of 1 January 1937.
  - (c) VF Squadron 3B will be transferred from the USS RANGER to the USS YORKTOWN and will become VF Squadron 7B, and VF Squadron 1B will be transferred from the USS LEXINGTON to the USS ENTERPRISE and will become VF Squadron 8B, both changes to be made in June 1937, after completion of the Fleet Problem, and when directed by the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
  - (d) The ship units for three new light cruisers which were to have been formed during Fiscal Year 1937 will not be formed until the Fiscal Year 1938. The units concerned are for the PHILADELPHIA, BROOKLYN and SAVANNAH.

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(e) The USS NEW YORK goes into reduced commission on or before 1 May 1937 and the USS TEXAS on or before 1 July 1937. These vessels will not carry aircraft after the above dates.

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(1) VP Squadrons 16F and 17F will be commissioned on 2 January 1937 and will be attached to the USS THRUSH basing temporarily at Naval Air Station Seattle, Washington.

(2) VP Squadrons 11F and 12F will be attached to the USS LANGLEY as of 2 January 1937.

2. It is expected that the personnel allowances of the newly-formed YORKTOWN and ENTERPRISE squadrons will not be filled completely upon commissioning, but will be filled prior to 1 July 1937.

3. Addressees concerned will take necessary action.

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VZ/A4-3(360505) of 5 May  
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Organization).

1. Effective 15 September 1936, the USS LANGLEY is detached from Carrier Division ONE, Aircraft Battle Force, and is assigned duty with Aircraft Base Force. Likewise as of the same date VF Squadron 1B and VS Squadron 4B, now attached to the USS LANGLEY, will be detached from that vessel and will be based on the USS LEXINGTON and USS SARATOGA respectively.

2. Reference (a) is hereby modified accordingly and addressees concerned will take necessary action.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington, D. C.

1 June 1936.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus and Offices and Divisions of  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Proposed Assignment of Aircraft and Naval  
Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal Year 1938.

1. The following proposed assignments in the Naval Aero-  
nautic Organization for the fiscal year 1938 have been prepared  
for use in connection with the 1938 Budget.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the  
supply of aircraft in accordance with these assignments. The  
supply of spare airplanes for maintaining authorized operating  
strengths shall be governed by the following general provisions:

- (a) Fleet Aviation
  - (1) Carriers and ship based - 50% spare airplanes
  - (2) Patrol Planes - 25% " "
  - (3) Fleet Marine Force - 50% " "
  - (4) Flag and Small Units - No spare airplanes
- (b) Other Squadrons and Units - No spare airplanes

3. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assign, for  
utility purposes, such experimental, obsolescent and obsolete  
airplanes as are in safe flying condition. These airplanes may  
be operated in excess of authorized operating strength, but only  
authorized operating strengths will be considered in determining  
personnel allowances and flight orders of squadrons and units  
concerned.

4. Squadrons and units shall not be equipped with airplanes  
other than experimental, obsolescent or obsolete, in excess of  
authorized operating strengths. Spare airplanes will be  
supplied as replacements for those expended or undergoing major  
overhaul. Temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths  
are necessary for minor repairs, inspections and overhauls.

5. Responsible officers shall see that the Chief of Naval  
Operations is informed when other than temporary reductions in  
authorized operating strengths are necessary.

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6. Designations of aircraft organizations which follow are in accordance with General Order 32 on the system of aircraft designations.

7. Detailed assignments are arranged in sections as shown below. No section is provided for special assignments. These, when authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations, may be made for naval aviators detailed to duty as inspectors of naval aircraft or assistant naval attaches and to other special duties.

- Section I. Fleet Aviation.
  - (A) U. S. Fleet.
    - (a) Battle Force.
    - (b) Scouting Force.
    - (c) Base Force.
  - (B) Asiatic Fleet.
  - (C) Special Service Squadron.
  - (D) Fleet Marine Force.

Section II. Naval Districts.

Section III. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve.

Section IV. Summary of Operating Airplanes.

Section V. Details of Aviation Personnel for Administration, Training and Development.

8. All aircraft allocated to the Battle Force, Scouting Force and Base Force are assigned to Pools. Commander Aircraft Battle Force, Commander Cruisers Scouting Force and Commander Aircraft Base Force will control the allocation and overhaul of all planes assigned to their respective forces. Commander Aircraft Battle Force will coordinate the fleet overhaul schedule at the Naval Air Station San Diego and the transcontinental ferry schedule.

SECTION I. FLEET AVIATION.

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
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A. <u>U. S. FLEET</u>		
Flag Unit	: 1 VOS	: CinC, U.S.Fleet
Ship Unit	: Will operate with VO-2B	: PENNSYLVANIA.

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Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

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(a) BATTLE FORCE

Flag Unit	:	1 VOS	:	Combatfor
Ship Unit	:	Will operate with VO-4B	:	CALIFORNIA.

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

Fourteen three-plane units.

VO-1B	:	9 VOS	:	Batdiv One
VO-2B	:	12 VOS	:	Batdiv Two
VO-3B	:	9 VOS	:	Batdiv Three
VO-4B	:	12 VOS	:	Batdiv Four

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force.

Eight two-plane units.  
Seven four-plane units.

VS-5B	:	8 VSO	:	Crudiv Two
VS-6B	:	8 VSO	:	Crudiv Three
VS-16B	:	16 VSO	:	Crudiv Ten
VS-17B	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Eleven

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force.

Ship Unit	:	2 VSO	:	DETROIT
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(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force and  
Commander Carrier Division One.

SARATOGA - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line  
 LEXINGTON- " " " "  
 LANGLEY Aircraft Carrier, 2nd Line

Commander Carrier Division Two.

YORKTOWN - Aircraft Carrier, 1st Line  
 ENTERPRISE- " " " "  
 RANGER - " " " "

Restricted(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
Flag Unit	3 VM	Comairbatfor
VF-6B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	SARATOGA
VB-2B	18 VBF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	"
VS-2B	18 VSB	"
VT-2B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-2B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	LEXINGTON
VB-3B	18 VB	"
VS-3B	18 VSB	"
VT-1B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-1B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	LANGLEY
VS-4B	12 VS	"
Utility Unit	4 VSO	"
Flag Unit	3 VM	ComCardiv Two
VF-7B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	YORKTOWN
VB-7B	18 VB	"
VS-7B	18 VSB	"
VT-7B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-8B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	ENTERPRISE
VB-8B	18 VB	"
VS-8B	18 VSB	"
VT-8B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-3B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	RANGER
VB-1B	18 VB	"
VF-5B	18 VF - 1 VSB - 1 VM*	"
VS-1B	18 VSB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"

\*VMs assigned squadrons equipped with single seater airplanes will be provided for instrument flying. No additional personnel authorized.

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(b) SCOUTING FORCE.

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

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Ship Unit : Will operate with Crudiv Six. : INDIANAPOLIS.

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force.

Flag Unit : 1 VSO : Comcruscofor.

17 Four-plane units.

VS-9S	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Four
VS-10S	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Five
VS-11S	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Six.
VS-12S	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Seven
VS-14S	:	12 VSO	:	Crudiv Eight
VS-15S	:	8 VSO	:	Crudiv Nine

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force.

Ship Unit : 2 VSO : RALEIGH

(c) BASE FORCE.

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force.

WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.  
SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
GANNET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
THRUSH - " " " " "  
OWL - " " " " "  
Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo.  
TEAL - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft  
LAPWING- " " " " "  
Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor.  
PELICAN- Minesweeper for duty with aircraft  
AVOCET - " " " " "  
SWAN - " " " " "



Restricted(c) BASE FORCE (Contd.)(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
Flag Unit	2 VSO	Comairbase for
Ship Unit	1 VJ	WRIGHT
Ship Unit (Prospective)	1 VJ	AV-2
<u>Patrol Wing</u>		
VP-7F	6 VPB	WRIGHT
VP-9F	6 VPB	"
VP-11F	12 VPB	THRU SH
VP-12F	12 VPB	"
VP-14F	12 VPB	OWL
VP-15F	12 VPB	"
*VP-18F	12 VPB	-
*VP-19F	12 VPB	-
<u>Utility Wing</u>		
VJ-1F	6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	WRIGHT
VJ-2F	6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	"
<u>Patrol Wing</u>		
VP-2F	12 VPB	F.A.B. Coco Solo
VP-3F	12 VPB	" " "
VP-5F	12 VPB	" " "
**Utility Unit	2 VF - 2 VJR - 2 VJ	" " "
<u>Patrol Wing</u>		
VP-1F	12 VPB	F.A.B. Pearl Harbor
VP-4F	12 VPB	F.A.B. Pearl Harbor
VP-6F	12 VPB	" " "
VP-8F	12 VPB	" " "
VP-10F	12 VPB	" " "
VP-16F	12 VPB	" " "
VP-17F	12 VPB	" " "
Utility Unit	2 VF - 1 VJR - 2 VJ	" " "

\*Will probably base in San Francisco Bay Area. Tender assignment not determinable at present.

\*\*One of the transport airplanes assigned to the utility unit at the Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, is for the use of the Commander Special Service Squadron and shall be employed for no other purpose without his authority.

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B. ASIATIC FLEET

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength :	Assigned
Ship Unit	: 4 VSO	: AUGUSTA
	HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.	
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ	: HERON.

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Ship Unit	: 1 VM	: ERIE
" "	: 1 VM	: CHARLESTON

D. FLEET MARINE FORCE.

VO-7M	: 12 VSO	: Aircraft One
VF-9M	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: " "
VB-6M	: 12 VB	: " "
VJ-6M	: 8 VM - 4 VR	: " "
VO-8M	: 12 VSO	: Aircraft Two
VB-4M	: 12 VB	: " "
VF-4M	: 18 VF	: " "
VJ-7M	: 3 VM - 3 VR	: " "
VO-9M	: 6 VOS - 1 VR - 1 VM	: St. Thomas, V.I.

RestrictedSECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>First Naval District</u>		
VX2D1	2 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I.
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
VX3D4	5 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Aircraft Factory, Phila., Pa.
L.T.A.	1 G1 1 J4 1 ZN (K-1) 1 ZMC-2 (Metalclad) Free balloons and Kite balloons as assigned.	N.A.S. Lakehurst
H.T.A.	1 VM	
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac.</u>		
VX4D5	20 VM - 3 VR and such other planes for experimental and other purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C.
VX5D5	4 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.
VN8D5	6 VM *9 VPB (Furnished by VP-15F) 1 VJ	U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
	*Not carried in totals.	

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Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength:	Assigned
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	<u>Fifth Naval District</u>	
VJ4D5	: 4 VM	: Naval Air Station,
VX1D5	: 3 VM and such other planes	: Norfolk, Va.
	: for experimental pur-	:
	: poses as may be assign-	:
	: ed.	:
	<u>Eighth Naval District</u>	
VN1D8	: 52 VN	: NAS Pensacola
VN2D8	: 80 VN	: " "
VN3D8	: 30 VSB - 15 VSO	: " "
VN4D8	: 15 VPB - 10 VTB - 12 VSO	: " "
VN5D8	: 50 VF	: " "
Utility Unit	: 1 VR - 3 VM - 2 VJ	: " "
	<u>Eleventh Naval District</u>	
VJ5D11	: 5 VM - 1 VR	: N.A.S. San Diego
	<u>Twelfth Naval District</u>	
*VJ8D12	: 3 VM - 1 VR	: N.A.S. (San Francis-
	:	: co Bay Area).
	<u>Thirteenth Naval District</u>	
Utility Unit	: 2 VM	: N.A.S. Seattle.

\*Prospective.

RestrictedSECTION III - NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

	:Authorized Operating Strength:			District
	VN	VSO	VJ	
Squantum, Mass.	6	10	1	1
New York (Floyd Bennett)	6	12	1	3
Philadelphia	3	7	1	4
N.A.S. Norfolk	3	4	0	5
Miami, Fla.	6	10	1	7
Great Lakes, Ill.	4	7	1	9
Grosse Ile, Mich.	4	7	1	9
Minneapolis, Minn.	4	7	1	9
St. Louis, Mo.	3	4	0	9
Kansas City, Kan.	3	7	0	9
Long Beach, Cal.	5	10	1	11
Oakland, Cal.	5	10	1	12
N.A.S. Seattle, Wash.	5	7	1	13
N.A.S. Anacostia, D.C.	3	7	0	D. C.
Totals	60	109	10	

SECTION IV - SUMMARY OF OPERATING AIRPLANES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1938.

Afloat Total 977.

Type	:U.S.Flect:	:Batfor:	:Scofor:	:Basefor:	:Asiatic:	:Speron:	:FMT	: Total
VOS	1	43					6	50
VS		12						12
VSO		65	71	2	4		24	166
VSB		98					2	100
VF		126		4			36	166
VB		72		6			24	102
VBF		18						18
VTB		72						72
VPB				204				204
VR							8	8
VJ		10		18	2			30
VM		14				2	12	28
VJR				21				21
Totals:	1	530	71	255	6	2	112	977

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Ashore - Total 510 (Including Reserve).

Type	Details	Training	Reserve	Total
VN		132	60	192
VSB		30		30
VSO		27	109	136
VPB		15		15
VF		50		50
VTB		10		10
VR	5	1		6
VM	55	3		58
VJ		3	10	13
Totals	60	271	179	510

Regular Establishment

Reserve Establishment

H.T.A. Afloat	977		
" Ashore	331	Ashore	179
L.T.A.	4		

SECTION V. DETAILS OF AVIATION PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.

Details for aviation personnel for administration, development and training are as follows:-

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Details to other bureaus and offices of the Navy Department.
- (c) Naval Aircraft Factory.
- (d) Naval Air Stations.
- (e) Fleet Air Bases.
- (f) Naval Reserve Aviation Bases.
- (g) Naval Academy, Annapolis.
- (h) Naval Air Detail, Newport
- (i) " " " Dahlgren
- (j) Postgraduate detail.
- (k) Naval Training Station Norfolk.
- (l) Material inspection force.
- (m) Special details.
- (n) Details abroad.

No provision is made herein for possible increases in the training program at the Naval Air Station Pensacola. This matter will be handled separately if and when the situation requires.

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SUBJECT: Naval Aeronautic Organization - Fiscal Year 1937.

1. The following assignments constitute the Naval Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal year 1937 and are effective 1 July 1936.

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    - (c) Base Force.
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  - (C) Special Service Squadron.
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SECTION I. FLEET AVIATION

Squadron or Unit	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
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A. <u>U. S. FLEET</u>				
Flag Unit	:	1 VOS	:	CinCus, U.S. Fleet
Ship Unit	:	Will operate with VO-2B	:	PENNSYLVANIA.
(a) <u>BATTLE FORCE</u>				
Flag Unit	:	1 VOS	:	Combatfor
Ship Unit	:	Will operate with VO-4B	:	CALIFORNIA



(a) BATTLE FORCE (Continued)

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force.

Fourteen three-plane units.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VO-1B	: 9 VOS	: Batdiv One
VO-2B	: 12 VOS	: " Two
VO-3B	: 9 VOS	: " Three
VO-4B	: 12 VOS	: " Four

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force.

Seven two-plane units.

\*Three four-plane units.

VS-5B	: 6 VSO	: Crudiv Two.
VS-6B	: 8 VSO	: Crudiv Three.
*VS-16B	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Ten.

\*Ship Units will be organized as of dates indicated:-

PHILADELPHIA	1 February 1937	NAS Norfolk
BROOKLYN	1 March 1937	" "
SAVANNAH	1 April 1937	NAF Philadelphia

Vessels will not be in readiness to join the Fleet during the fiscal year 1937.

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force.

Ship Unit : 2 VSO : DETROIT

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force and  
Commander Carrier Division One

SARATOGA	- Aircraft Carrier, 1st line
LEXINGTON	- " " " "
LANGLEY	- " " 2nd "

Commander Carrier Division Two

*YORKTOWN	- Aircraft Carrier, 1st line
*ENTERPRISE-	- " " " "
RANGER	- " " " "

\*Ship and Squadron Units will be commissioned as of dates indicated:

ENTERPRISE Ship Unit	1 July 1936	NAS Norfolk
YORKTOWN Squadrons	1 January 1937	" "
ENTERPRISE "	1 April 1937	" "

Vessels will not be in readiness to join the Fleet during the Fiscal Year 1937.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength :	: Assigned
Flag Unit	: 3 VM	: Comairbatfor
VF-6B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: SARATOGA
VB-2B	: 18 VBF- 1 VSB	: "
VS-2B	: 18 VSB	: "
VT-2B	: 18 VTB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: "
VF-2B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: LEXINGTON.
VB-3B	: 18 VB	: "
VS-3B	: 18 VSB	: "
VB-5B	: 18 VBF - 1 VSB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: "
VF-1B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: LANGLEY
VS-4B	: 12 VS	: "
Utility Unit	: 4 VSO	: "
Flag Unit	: 3 VM	: ComCardiv Two
VF-7B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: YORKTOWN
VB-7B	: 18 VB	: "
VS-7B	: 18 VSB	: "
VT-7B	: 18 VTB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: "
VF-8B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: ENTERPRISE
VB-8B	: 18 VB	: "
VS-8B	: 18 VSB	: "
VT-8B	: 18 VTB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: "
VF-3B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: RANGER
VB-1B	: 18 VB	: "
VF-5B	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: "
VS-1B	: 18 VSB	: "
Utility Unit	: 3 VSO - 2 VJ	: "

(b) SCOUTING FORCE

Ship Unit : Will operate with Crudiv Six : INDIANAPOLIS

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force.

Flag Unit : 1 VSO : Comcruscofor.

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force (Contd.)

17 Four-plane Units.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VS-9S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Four
VS-10S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Five
VS-11S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Six
VS-12S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Seven
VS-14S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Eight
*VS-15S	: 8 VSO	: Crudiv Nine

\*Will consist of WICHITA and VINCENNES. VINCENNES unit will be commissioned on 1 November 1936 at N.A.S. Norfolk. Airplanes for WICHITA will be in process of procurement.

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force.

Ship Unit : 2 VSO : RALEIGH

(c) BASE FORCE

(1) Commander Aircraft Base Force

WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.  
SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
GANNET - " " " " "  
THRUSH - " " " " "

Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo.

TEAL - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
LAPWING - " " " " "

Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor.

PELICAN - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
AVOCET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
SWAN - " " " " "

Flag Unit : 2 VSO : Comairbasefor  
Ship Unit : 1 VJ : WRIGHT  
Ship Unit : :  
(Prospective) : 1 VJ : AV-2  
Patrol Wing : :  
VP-7F : 6 VPB : WRIGHT  
VP-9F : 6 VPB : "  
\*VP-11F : 12 VPB : "  
VP-12F : 12 VPB Based temporarily at : "  
: NAS Seattle :  
VP-14F : 12 VPB Based temporarily at : "  
: NAS Norfolk :  
\*\*VP-15F : 12 VPB : "

\*Will be commissioned at NAS San Diego on 1 July 1936.

\*\*Will be commissioned at NAS Norfolk on 1 September 1936.

(c) BASE FORCE (Contd.)

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force (Contd.)

<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>:Authorized Operating Strength:</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
<u>Utility Wing</u>	:	:
VJ-1F	: 6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	: WRIGHT
VJ-2F	: 6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	: "
<u>Patrol Wing</u>	:	:
VP-2F	: 12 VPB	: FAB Coco Solo
VP-3F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-5F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
*Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 2 VJR - 2 VJ	: " " "
<u>Patrol Wing</u>	:	:
VP-1F	: 12 VPB	: FAB Pearl Harbor
VP-4F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-6F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-8F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-10F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-16F (Prospective)	: 12 VPB	: " " "
Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 1 VJR - 2 VJ	: " " "

\*One of the transport airplanes assigned to the utility unit at the Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, is for the use of the Commander Special Service Squadron and shall be employed for no other purpose without his authority.

B. ASIATIC FLEET.

28 Oct 1938

Ship Unit	: 4 VSO	: AUGUSTA
	HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.	
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ	: HERON

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Ship Unit	: 2 VSO	: MEMPHIS
*Ship Unit	: 1 VJ	: ERIE
**Ship Unit	: 1 VJ	: CHARLESTON

\*Will be organized at NAS Norfolk on 1 July 1936.  
\*\*Will be organized at NAS Norfolk on 1 August 1936.

D. FLEET MARINE FORCE

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VO-7M	: 12 VSO	: Aircraft One
VF-9M	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: " "
VB-6M	: 12 VB	: " "
VJ-6M	: 4 VM - 4 VR	: " "
VO-8M	: 12 VSO	: Aircraft Two
VB-4M	: 12 VB	: " "
*VF-4M	: 18 VF - 1 VSB	: " "
VJ-7M	: 3 VM - 3 VR	: " "
VO-9M	: 6 VOS - 1 VR - 1 VM	: St. Thomas, V.I.

\*VF-4M will be commissioned on 1 January 1937 at NAS San Diego.

SECTION II. - NAVAL DISTRICTS

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
	<u>First Naval District</u>	
VX2D1	: 2 VM and such other planes for : experimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Torpedo : Station, : Newport.
	<u>Fourth Naval District</u>	
VX3D4	: 5 VM and such other planes for : experimental purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Aircraft : Factory, Phila. : Pa.
L.T.A.	: 1 G-1 : 1 J-4 : 1 K-1 : 1 ZMC-2 (Metalclad) : Free balloons and Kite : balloons as assigned.	: NAS Lakehurst
H.T.A.	: 1 VM	
	<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac</u>	
VX4D5	: 17 VM - 3 VR and such other planes : for experimental and : other purposes as may : be assigned.	: Naval Air : Station, : Anacostia, D.C.

SECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac (Contd.)</u>		
VX5D5	4 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.
VN8D5	6 VM *9 VPB (Will be furnished by VP15F) 1 VJ	U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

\*Not carried in totals.

Fifth Naval District

VJ4D5	4 VM 3 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.
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Eighth Naval District

VN1D8	52 VN	N.A.S. Pensacola
VN2I8	80 VN	" "
VN3D8	30 VSB - 15 VSO	" "
VN4D8	15 VPB - 10 VTB - 12 VSO	" "
VN5D8	50 VF	" "
Utility Unit	1 VR - 3 VM - 2 VJ	" "

Eleventh Naval District

VJ5E11	5 VM - 1 VR	N.A.S. San Diego
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Thirteenth Naval District

Utility Unit	2 VM	N.A.S. Seattle.
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SECTION III - NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE

	Authorized Operating Strength:			District
	VN	VSO	VJ	
Squantum, Mass.	6	12	1	1
New York (Floyd Bennett)	6	12	1	3
Philadelphia	3	7	0	4
N.A.S. Norfolk	3	4	0	5
Miami, Fla.	6	9	1	7
Great Lakes, Ill.	4	7	1	9
Grosse Ile, Mich.	4	7	1	9
Minneapolis, Minn.	4	7	0	9
St. Louis, Mo.	3	4	0	9
Kansas City, Kan.	3	7	0	9
Long Beach, Cal.	6	12	1	11
Oakland, Cal.	4	7	1	12
Seattle, Wash.	5	7	1	13
Anacostia, D. C.	3	7	0	D.C.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>

SECTION IV - Summary of Operating Airplanes  
for Fiscal Year 1937.

Afloat - 914

Type	U.S. Fleet	Battory	Scout	Base	Asiatic	Sperry	FMF	Total
VOS	1	43					6	50
VS		12						12
VSO		47	71	2	4	4	24	152
VSB		99					2	101
VF		126		4			36	166
VB		72		6			24	102
VBF		36						36
VTB		54						54
VPB				168				168
VR							8	8
VJ		10		18	2			30
VM		6					8	14
VJR				21				21
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>914</b>

Ashore - Total 501 (Including Reserve)

Type	Details	Training	Reserve	Total
VN		132	60	192
VSB		30		30
VSO		27	109	136
VPB		15		15
VF		50		50
VTB		10		10
VR	5			5
VM	49	3		52
VJ		3	8	11
Totals	54	270	177	501

Regular Establishment			Reserve Establishment	
H.T.A.	Afloat	914		
"	Ashore	324	Ashore	177
L.T.A.		4		

SECTION V. DETAILS OF AVIATION PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.

Details for aviation personnel for administration, development and training are as follows:-

- (a) Bureau of Aeronautics.
- (b) Details to other bureaus and offices of the Navy Department.
- (c) Naval Aircraft Factory.
- (d) Naval Air Stations.
- (e) Fleet Air Bases.
- (f) Naval Reserve Aviation Bases.
- (g) Naval Academy, Annapolis.
- (h) Naval Air Detail, Newport.
- (i) " " " Dahlgren.
- (j) Postgraduate detail.
- (k) Aviation Mechanics School, Great Lakes.
- (l) Material inspection force.
- (m) Special details.
- (n) Details abroad.

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I to X(a) inclusive.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington, D. C.

1 June 1935.

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From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus and Offices and Divisions of  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Proposed Assignment of Aircraft and Naval Aeronautic  
Organization - Fiscal Year 1937.

1. The following proposed assignments in the Naval Aero-  
nautic Organization for the fiscal year 1937 have been prepared  
for use in connection with the 1937 Budget.

2. The Bureau of Aeronautics is responsible for the supply  
of aircraft in accordance with these assignments. The supply of  
spare airplanes for maintaining authorized operating strengths  
shall be governed by the following general provisions:

- (a) Fleet Aviation
  - (1) Carriers and ship based - 50% spare airplanes
  - (2) Patrol Planes - 25% " "
  - (3) Fleet Marine Force - 50% " "
  - (4) Flag and Small Units - No spare airplanes
- (b) Other Squadrons and Units - No spare airplanes.

3. The Bureau of Aeronautics is authorized to assign, for  
utility purposes, such experimental, obsolescent and obsolete air-  
planes as are in safe flying condition. These airplanes may be  
operated in excess of authorized operating strength, but only  
authorized operating strengths will be considered in determining  
personnel allowances and flight orders of squadrons and units con-  
cerned.

4. Squadrons and units shall not be equipped with airplanes,  
other than experimental, obsolescent or obsolete, in excess of  
authorized operating strengths. Spare airplanes will be supplied  
as replacements for those expended or undergoing major overhaul.  
Temporary reductions in authorized operating strengths are necessary  
for minor repairs, inspections and overhauls.

5. Responsible officers shall see that the Chief of Naval  
Operations is informed when other than temporary reductions in  
authorized operating strengths are necessary.

6. Designations of aircraft organizations which follow  
are in accordance with General Order 32 on the system of aircraft  
designations.

7. Detailed assignments are arranged in sections as shown below. No section is provided for special assignments. These, when authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations, may be made for naval aviators detailed to duty as inspectors of naval aircraft or assistant naval attaches and to other special duties.

- Section I. Fleet Aviation.
  - (A) U. S. Fleet.
    - (a) Battle Force.
    - (b) Scouting Force.
    - (c) Base Force.
  - (B) Asiatic Fleet.
  - (C) Special Service Squadron.
  - (D) Fleet Marine Force.
- Section II. Naval Districts.
- Section III. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve.
- Section IV. Summary of Operating Airplanes.
- Section V. Details of Aviation Personnel for Administration, Training and Development.

8. All aircraft allocated to the Battle Force, Scouting Force and Base Force are assigned to Pools. Commander Aircraft Battle Force, Commander Cruisers Scouting Force and Commander Aircraft Base Force will control the allocation and overhaul of all planes assigned to their respective forces. Commander Aircraft Battle Force will coordinate the fleet overhaul schedule at the Naval Air Station San Diego and the transcontinental ferry schedule.

SECTION I. FLEET AVIATION.

Squadron or Unit	: Authorized Operating Strength	: Assigned
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A. <u>U. S. FLEET.</u>		
Flag Unit	: 1 VOS	: CinCus, U. S. Fleet
Ship Unit	: Will operate with VO-2B	: PENNSYLVANIA.
(a) <u>BATTLE FORCE.</u>		
Flag Unit	: 1 VOS	: Combatfor
Ship Unit	: Will operate with VO-4B	: CALIFORNIA.

(a) BATTLE FORCE (Continued)

(1) Commander Battleships, Battle Force

Fourteen three-plane units.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VO-1B	: 9 VOS	: Batdiv One
VO-2B	: 12 VOS	: Batdiv Two
VO-3B	: 9 VOS	: Batdiv Three
VO-4B	: 12 VOS	: Batdiv Four

(2) Commander Cruisers, Battle Force.

Six two-plane units.  
Seven four-plane units.

VS-5B	: 6 VSO	: Crudiv Two
VS-6B	: 6 VSO	: Crudiv Three
VS-9B	: 16 VSO	: Crudiv Ten
*VS-10B	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Eleven

\*Aircraft will be in process of procurement.

(3) Commander Destroyers, Battle Force.

Ship Unit	: 2 VSO	: DETROIT
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(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force and  
Commander Carrier Division One.

SARATOGA	-	Aircraft Carrier, 1st line
LEXINGTON	-	" " " "
LANGLEY	-	Aircraft Carrier, 2ndline

Commander Carrier Division Two.

YORKTOWN	-	Aircraft Carrier, 1st line
*ENTERPRISE	-	" " " "
RANGER	-	" " " "

\*Completion date scheduled 1 July 1937.

(4) Commander Aircraft, Battle Force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
Flag Unit	2 VSB - 1 VF	Comairbatfor
VF-6B	18 VF - 1 VSB	SARATOGA
VB-2B	18 VBF - 1 VSB	"
VS-2B	18 VSB	"
VT-2B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-5B	18 VF - 1 VSB	LEXINGTON
VB-1B	18 VB	"
VS-3B	18 VSB	"
VT-1B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO 2 VJ	"
VF-1B	18 VF - 1 VSB	LANGLEY
VS-4B	12 VS	"
Utility Unit	4 VSO	"
Flag Unit	2 VSB - 1 VF	ComCardiv Two
VF-7B	18 VF - 1 VSB	YORKTOWN
VB-7B	18 VB	"
VS-7B	18 VSB	"
VT-7B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-8B	18 VF - 1 VSB	ENTERPRISE*
VB-8B	18 VB	"
VS-8B	18 VSB	"
VT-8B	18 VTB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"
VF-3B	18 VF - 1 VSB	RANGER
VB-3B	18 VB	"
VB-5B	18 VBF - 1 VSB	"
VS-1B	18 VSB	"
Utility Unit	3 VSO - 2 VJ	"

\* Aircraft will be in process of procurement.

(b) SCOUTING FORCE.

Ship Unit : Will operate with Crudiv Six : INDIANAPOLIS

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force.

Flag Unit : 1 VSO : Comeruscofor.

(1) Commander Cruisers, Scouting Force (Contd)

18 Four-plane units.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VS-9S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Four
VS-10S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Five
VS-11S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Six
VS-12S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Seven
VS-14S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Eight
*VS-15S	: 12 VSO	: Crudiv Nine

\*Aircraft for WICHITA will be in process of procurement.

(2) Commander Destroyers, Scouting Force.

Ship Unit : 2 VSO : RALEIGH

(c) BASE FORCE.

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force.

WRIGHT - Aircraft Tender.  
SANDPIPER - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
GANNET - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft  
THRUSH - " " " " "  
Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo.  
TEAL - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
LAPWING- " " " " "  
Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor.  
PELICAN- Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.  
AVOCET - " " " " "  
SWAN - " " " " "

Flag Unit	: 2 VSO	: Comairbasefor
Ship Unit	: 1 VJ	: WRIGHT
Ship Unit	:	:
(Prospective)	1 VJ	: AV-2
<u>Patrol Wing</u>	:	:
VP-7F	: 6 VPB	: WRIGHT
VP-9F	: 6 VPB	: "
VP-11F	: 12 VPB	: "
VP-12F	: 12 VPB	: "
VP-14F	: 12 VPB	: "
VP-15F	: 12 VPB	: "

(c) BASE FORCE (Contd.)

(1) Commander Aircraft, Base Force (Contd.)

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>Utility Wing</u>		
VJ-1F	: 6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	: WRIGHT
VJ-2F	: 6 VJ - 9 VJR - 3 VB	: "
<u>Patrol Wing</u>		
VP-2F	: 12 VPB	: F.A.B. Coco Solo
VP-3F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-5F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
*Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 2 VJR - 2 VJ	: " " "
<u>Patrol Wing</u>		
VP-1F	: 12 VPB	: F.A.B. Pearl Harbor
VP-4F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-6F	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-8F	: 6 VPB	: " " "
VP-10F	: 6 VPB	: " " "
VP-16F (Prospect- ive)	: 12 VPB	: " " "
VP-17F "	: 12 VPB	: " " "
Utility Unit	: 2 VF - 1 VJR - 2 VJ	: " " "

\*One of the transport airplanes assigned to the utility unit at the Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, is for the use of the Commander Special Service Squadron and shall be employed for no other purpose without his authority.

B. ASIATIC FLEET. 18 Oct 1935

Ship Unit	: 2 VSO	: OMAHA
	HERON - Minesweeper for duty with aircraft.	
Utility Unit	: 2 VJ	: HERON

C. SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Ship Unit	: 2 VSO	: MEMPHIS
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D. FLEET MARINE FORCE.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
VO-7M	12 VSO	Aircraft One
*VO-9M	6 VS	" "
VF-9M	18 VF - 1 VSB	" "
VB-6M	12 VB	" "
VJ-6M	4 VM - 4 VR	" "
VO-8M	12 VSO	Aircraft Two
VB-4M	12 VB	" "
*VF-4M (Projected)	18 VF - 1 VSB	" "
VJ-7M	3 VM - 3 VR	" "

\*VO-9M will remain in commission until VF-4M is organized.

SECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS.

Squadron or Unit	Authorized Operating Strength	Assigned
<u>First Naval District</u>		
VX2D1	2 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Torpedo Station, Newport.
<u>Fourth Naval District</u>		
VX3D4	5 VM and such other planes for experimental purposes as may be assigned.	Naval Aircraft Factory, Phila., Pa.
L.T.A.	1 J4 1 ZN (K-1) 1 ZMC-2 (Metalclad) Free balloons and Kite balloons as assigned.	N.A.S. Lakehurst
H.T.A.	1 VM	
<u>Activities on Severn and Potomac.</u>		
VX4D5	17 VM - 3 VR and such other planes for experimental and other purposes as may be assigned	Naval Air Station, Anacostia, D. C.

SECTION II. NAVAL DISTRICTS (Contd.)

Squadron	:	Authorized Operating Strength	:	Assigned
or	:		:	
Unit	:		:	

Activities on Severn and Potomac (Contd.)

VX5D5	:	4 VM and such other planes for ex-	:	Naval Proving
	:	perimental purposes as may be	:	Ground,
	:	assigned	:	Dahlgren, Va.
VN8D5	:	6 VM	:	U.S. Naval
	:	6 VPB	:	Academy, Annap-
	:	1 VJ	:	olis, Md.

Fifth Naval District

VJ4D5	:	4 VM	:	Naval Air Sta-
VX1D5	:	3 VM and such other planes for ex-	:	tion, Norfolk,
	:	perimental purposes as may be	:	Va.
	:	assigned.	:	

Eighth Naval District

VN1D8	:	52 VN	:	N.A.S. Pensacola
VN2D8	:	80 VN	:	" "
VN3D8	:	30 VSB - 15 VSO	:	" "
VN4D8	:	15 VPB - 10 VTB - 12 VSO	:	" "
VN5D8	:	50 VF	:	" "
Utility Unit	:	1 VR - 3 VM - 2 VJ	:	" "

Eleventh Naval District

VJ5D11	:	5 VM - 1 VR	:	N.A.S. San Diego
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Twelfth Naval District

VJ8D12	:	3 VM - 1 VR	:	N.A.S. Sunnyvale
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Thirteenth Naval District

Utility Unit	:	2 VM	:	N.A.S. Seattle.
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SECTION III - NAVAL AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

	Authorized Operating Strength			District
	VN	VSO	VJ	
Squantum, Mass.	7	10	1	1
New York (Floyd Bennett)	7	10	1	3
Philadelphia	4	6	0	4
N.A.S. Norfolk	3	3	0	5
Miami, Fla.	6	6	1	7
N.A.S. Pensacola	9	0	0	8
Great Lakes, Ill	5	7	1	9
Grosse Ile, Mich.	4	6	1	9
Minneapolis, Minn.	4	6	0	9
St. Louis, Mo.	3	4	0	9
Kansas City, Mo.	4	4	0	9
Long Beach, Cal.	6	10	1	11
Oakland, Cal.	5	6	1	12
Seattle, Wash.	6	7	1	13
Anacostia, D. C.	4	7	0	D.C.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>

SECTION IV - Summary of Operating Airplanes  
for Fiscal Year 1937.

Afloat Total 925.

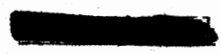
Type	U.S. Fleet	Batfor	Scofor	Basefor	Asiatic	Speron	FMF	Total
VOS	1	43						44
VS		12					6	18
VSO		61	75	2	2	2	24	166
VSF		102		4			2	104
VB		72		6			24	102
VBF		36						36
VTB		72						72
VPB				168				168
VR							7	7
VJ		10		18	2			30
VM							7	7
VJR				21				21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>925</b>

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Office of Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington, D. C.



18 October 1935.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus and Offices and Divisions of  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Proposed Assignment of Aircraft and  
Naval Aeronautic Organization, Fiscal  
Year 1937 - Modification of.

Reference: (a) CNO letter (Restricted) Op-38-E-EMR  
VZ/A3-1(350601) Serial 16523 of 1 June 1935.

1. The following changes will be made in reference  
(a):-

Page 3 - Subparagraph (2) under Commander  
Cruisers, Battle Force, delete VS9B substitute VS16B,  
delete VS10B substitute VS17B.

Page 6 - under B. Asiatic Fleet, delete OMAHA  
substitute AUGUSTA.

J. K. Taussig,  
Acting.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations  
Washington, D. C.

3 January 1936.

From: Chief of Naval Operations.  
To: All Bureaus and Offices and Divisions of the  
Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJECT: Organization of New Aviation Units - Fiscal Year 1937.

Reference: (a) Buair ltr. Aer-PL-4-EMN, A3-1(2-1) Al-3 of  
26 January 1935.  
(b) Opnav ltr. Op-38-E-EMW A21-1/A3-1(351026) of  
4 Feb. 1935.

1. Reference (a) set forth a proposed schedule of commissioning dates for new units in the Aeronautic Organization for the fiscal years 1936-1937, which was approved by reference (b) subject to a change in the date of commissioning of the aircraft squadrons assigned to the ENTERPRISE.

2. In the light of present anticipated completion dates of vessels under construction and the coordination therewith of the aviation training and aircraft procurement programs the provisions of references (a) and (b) are hereby cancelled and superseded by the following commissioning dates for the aircraft squadrons and units indicated:-

<u>Squadron or Unit</u>	<u>Based</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Date and Place of Organization</u>
VP-11F	WRIGHT	12 VPB	1 July 1936 NAS San Diego
Utility Ship	ENTERPRISE	3 VOS - 2 VJ	1 July 1936 NAS Norfolk
	VINCENNS	4 VSO	1 Nov. 1936 NAS Norfolk
VF-4M	Aircraft 2	18 VF - 1 VSB	1 Jan. 1937 NAS San Diego
VF-7B	YORKTOWN	18 VF - 1 VSB	1 Jan. 1937 NAS Norfolk
VS-7B	"	18 VSB	" " " "
VB-7B	"	18 VB	" " " "
VT-7B	"	18 VTB	" " " "
VP-15F	WRIGHT	12 VPB	1 Jan. 1937 NAS San Diego
Ship	BROOKLYN	4 VSO	1 Feb. " NAS Norfolk
*Ship	PHILADELPHIA	4 VSO	1 Mar. " " "
*Ship	SAVANNAH	4 VSO	1 Apr. " NAF Phila.
VF-8B	ENTERPRISE	18 VF - 1 VSB	1 Apr. " NAS Norfolk
VS-8B	"	18 VSB	" " " "
VB-8B	"	18 VB	" " " "
VT-8B	"	18 VTB	" " " "

\*Contingent upon completion dates as estimated by Building Yards.

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