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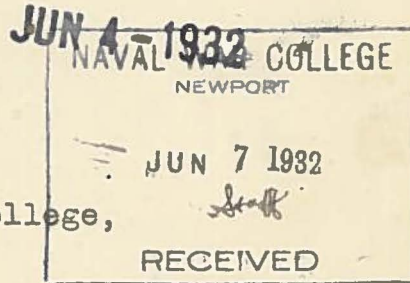
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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA



From: The Commandant.  
To : The President, Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Subject: Aviation Instruction at War College.

1. It is requested that this Station be furnished with available information in regard to the scope of instruction concerning Naval aviation at the War College.

2. A brief synopsis of the phases of Naval aviation that may be covered during the War College course is what is desired, together with a list of reference books and, if any special War College pamphlets are used in connection with Naval aviation instruction, copies of these pamphlets.

*A. G. Davis*  
A. G. Davis,  
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In reply, address  
The President  
Naval War College  
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NEWPORT, R. I.

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13 June 1932

From: President, Naval War College  
To : Commandant, U.S. Naval Air Station  
Pensacola, Florida

Subject: Aviation Instruction at the War College.

Reference: Your letter TS/ACD/ZU P11-1/NC-3 of 4 June 1932.

Enclosures: (A) "The Operation of Aircraft in Connection  
with the War College Course" - White.

(B) List of References.

(C) War College Maneuver Rules - 1931 (Section J).

(D) "The Naval Battle" - Laning.

(E) "Example Fighting Instructions for a Battle Force--".

1. Instruction concerning naval aviation at the War College deals with aircraft as a type on the same basis as capital ships, submarines and light forces.

2. Aircraft enter vitally into practically every strategic and tactical game played by both the Junior and the Senior Classes. In tactical games the Senior Class is more concerned with the major tactics of the battle and deals largely with the coordination of the efforts of the several types. The Junior Class, as a rule, play smaller games and study further the minor tactics of the types.

3. In this applicatory study of operations, the students have available all service instructions and pamphlets dealing with the type. Following each game there is a critique in which operations are criticised and fully discussed. The naval aviator on the War College Staff is the Air Umpire in the games, is available for consultation during the games (and is freely consulted) and participates in the critique.

4. Supplemental and preliminary to the games there is the presentation of a series of tactical papers dealing with the characteristics, capabilities and limitations of each type. A copy of the paper on the subject of Aircraft is enclosed, (A). To further illustrate the role of each of the fighting types and to indicate the manner of their coordination, the paper "The Naval Battle" is studied by the classes in this preliminary period.

5. In the short course on International Law there is usually one case each year dealing with the legal aspects of the employment of aircraft.

6. A list of the references used in tactical study and a partial list of authorities available for use in connection with the International Law cases is enclosed (B). Ultimate return of enclosures is requested.

Harris Laning.

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forwarded with  
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Enclosure (B)

Tactics and Strategy

Carrier Divisions U.S. Fleet Aircraft  
Tactical Instructions, Volume I  
Minor Aircraft Tactics

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Tentative United States Fleet Aircraft  
Tactical Instructions, Volume II  
Major Aircraft Tactics

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Pensacola Ground School Manual

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Aircraft Signal Book, 1927

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Tentative Aircraft Signal Book No. 2

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Tentative Aircraft Signal Book No. 3

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O.N.I. Bulletins

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Reports of Gunnery Exercises

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The Service of Information and Security,  
1922

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Gunnery Instructions, U.S. Navy, 1926

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Enclosure (B)

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Complete file of reports of all aircraft bombing experiments conducted by the U.S. Government and of aircraft operations during the war.

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Annual Reports National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics

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Naval War College Maneuver Rules (Section J) 1932

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Bomb Characteristics, Bureau of Ordnance, 1930

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Naval Attaché Reports

- - - -

Air Corps Information Circular, U.S. Army

- - - -

Bureau Aeronautics Technical Orders and Notes

- - - -

United States and foreign naval, military and aviation magazines

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All the World's Aircraft - Jane.

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The Naval Battle - Laning.

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Example Fighting Instructions for a Battle Force using a Circular Cruising Disposition" - War College Publications

Enclosure (B)  
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International Law

Air Power and War Rights

Air Power and the Cities

Aircraft and Commerce in War

J.M. Spaight

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Naval War College International Law Documents  
1924

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