



U.S. NAVY AVIATION

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Boeing FB-5 A-7104 given to the Whittier State School, Whittier, Calif. in 1930. (Photo - U.S. Navy AN-9719)

BOEING FB-5's GIVEN TO SCHOOLS

Continuing the subject of surplus Navy aircraft given to schools, begun in the Fall 1968 Journal, we are listing below 16 FB-5's. Most of these schools were in California, but a few are unknown as the information from the Aircraft Record Cards is incomplete — in addition to not listing the state the entries are in longhand and often somewhat illegible. Salina High School, for example, is probably Salinas High School in California.

Serial	Date	School
A-7101	9-15-30	Salina High School & Jr. College
A-7104	9-5-30	Whittier State School
A-7105	11-15-30	Taft Union High School & Jr. College
A-7109	2-7-31	Pasadena Junior College
A-7112	9-29-30	Long Beach Schools
A-7113	8-20-30	Phoenix High School & Jr. College

A-7114	12-2-30	Montezuma Mountain School
A-7115	11-17-30	Upper Lake Union High School
A-7117	1-9-31	Alabama Polytechnic Institute
A-7120	3-7-31	Grossmont Union High School
A-7122	8-23-30	George Washington High School
A-7123	3-13-31	Oregon State Argicultural College
A-7124	8-23-30	Frank Wiggins Trade School
A-7125	10-10-30	Santa Maria High School & Junior College
A-7126	8-14-30	Pomona High School
A-7127	8-25-30	Black Foxe Military Institute

HAWAII CODE LETTERS

Tom Doll has sent in the following new material together with the rare photo shown at the right. In September 1945 code letters for aircraft markings were assigned by the Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet, to the following naval air stations in Hawaii:

Air Station	Unit	Letters
NAS Barbers Point	CASU-2	A,B,C,D,E,F,Y
NAS Kaneohe	CASU-38	G,H
NAS Ford Island	CASU-1	I
NAS Ford Island	Utility Wing	J, U
NAS Kahului	CASU-32	K,L,M,N
NAS Puunene	CASU-4	O,P,Q
NAS Hilo	CASU-31	R,S,T
MCAS Ewa	Marines	V,W,Z



Douglas OD-1 of Marine Utility Squadron Seven in June 1929. This plane, A-7204, was the sister ship to A-7203 that was given to West Seattle High School, Washington, in October 1929. Perhaps some of our AAHS members in the Seattle area will be able to track down the remains of this rare photo? (Photo - U.S. Navy AN-9721)



Two U.S. Navy Lockheed TO-1's taking off on a training flight from either Pensacola or Corpus Christi in March 1952. The Navy took delivery of 50 of these single-place Air Force F-80C's in 1948, including 16 that served with VMF-311. No. 317, in the rear, is Bureau Number 33833. (Photo - U.S. Navy NA47 (1) 294-L)



Rare photo of Marine Corps pilots from MCAS Ewa, Hawaii, flying their F6F-3's on a training mission in late 1945. The large letters and numbers were to be at least 36 inches high, white if on a dark background, black if on an aluminum or light background, and located on the underside of the port wing and both sides of the fuselage. The letters were followed by a number from 1 to 99 inclusive. (Photo - U.S. Marine Corps, No. 126052 Courtesy of Tom Doll)