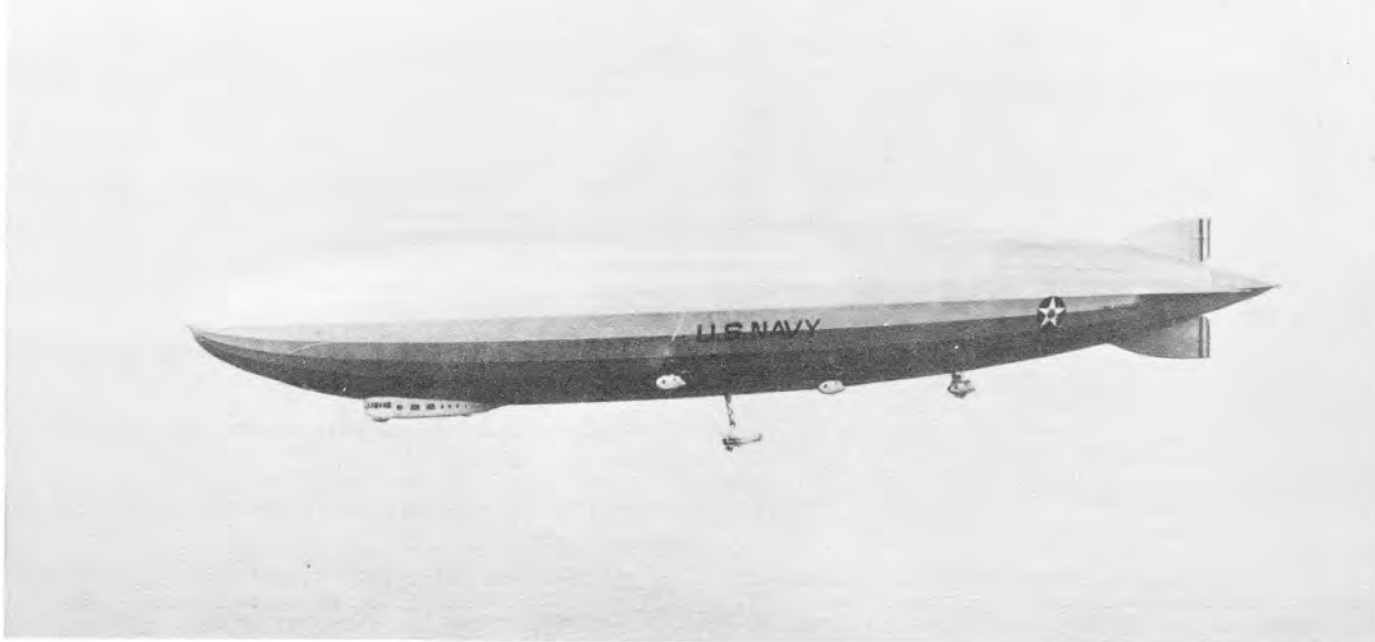
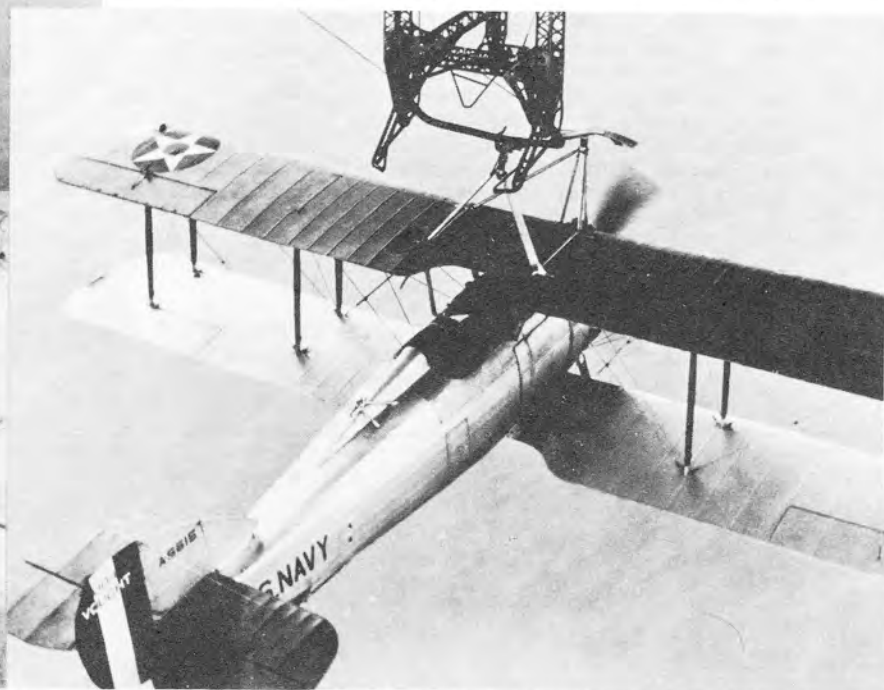
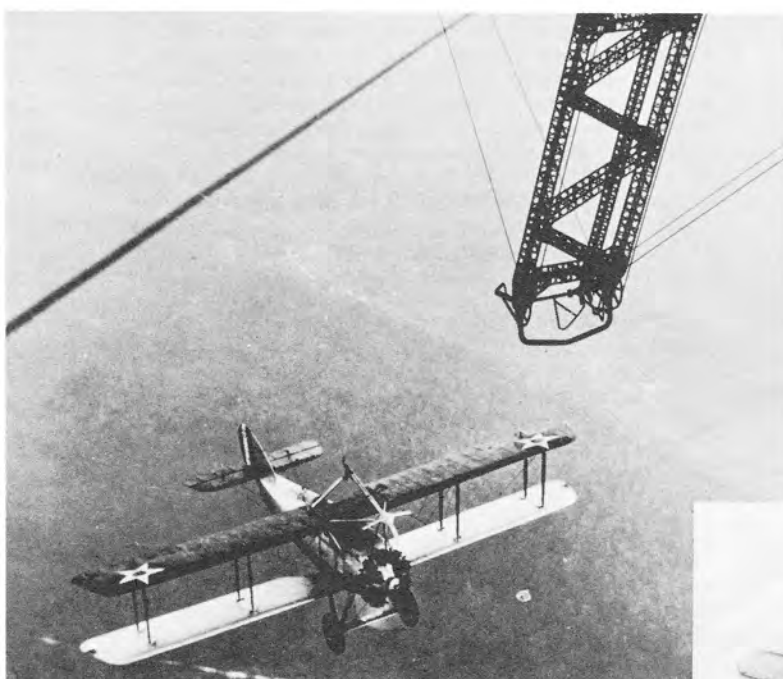




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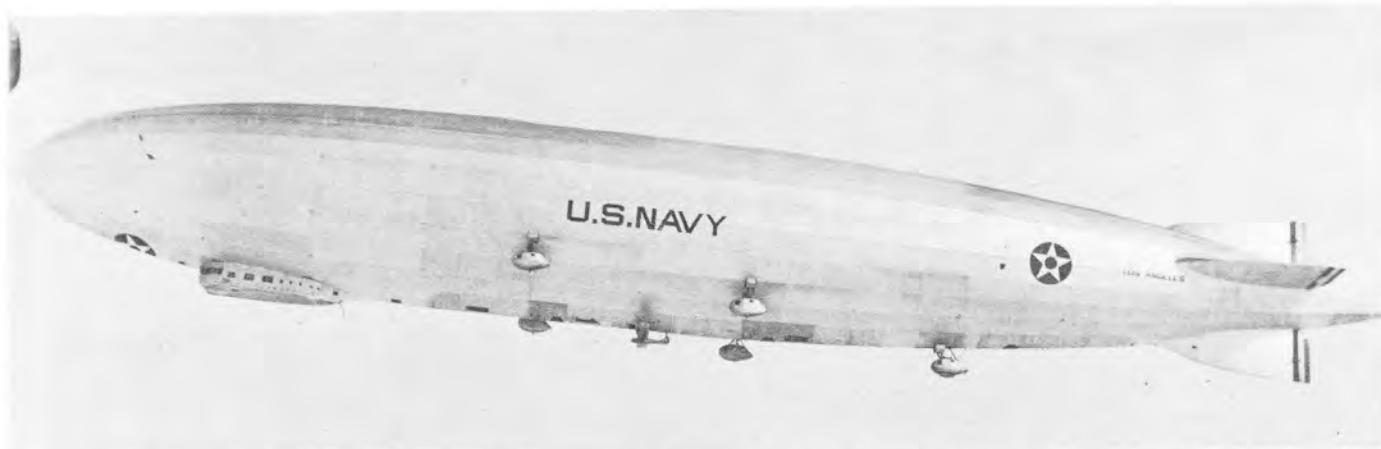
Due to uncontrollable delays with sources and the mails, certain photos which were to have accompanied Richard K. Smith's "The Navy's First Skyhook" in the Winter issue did not become available until it was too late to include them in the issue. Because when taken altogether they form an organic whole, they are presented here by way of a photo feature. Above, on 20 May 1930, at a Presidential Review of the Fleet off the Virginia capes, the skyhook-equipped Vought UO-1 used in the Navy's first hook-on experiments hangs on the LOS ANGELES' trapeze. The plane was piloted by Lcdr. Charles A. Nicholson of the Navy's Construction Corps, the officer who had administrative charge of the trapeze development in the Bureau of Aeronautics. U. S. Navy photo. National Archives 80-C-461642.

Left, the Vought UO-1 approaches the LOS ANGELES' trapeze.



Lcdr. Philipp Seymour, executive officer of the Lakehurst air station, congratulates three of the primary figures in the Navy's trapeze development, Lt. Howard L. Young, Lt. D. W. Harrigan, and Lt. Calvin K. Bolster. Paramount News photo, courtesy of Radm. D. W. Harrigan.

A close-up of the Vought on the trapeze. It is believed that this photo also was taken during the Fleet Review of 1930. U.S. Navy photo, National Archives 80-C-1034127. Above left - U.S. Navy photo, National Archives 80-C-460957.

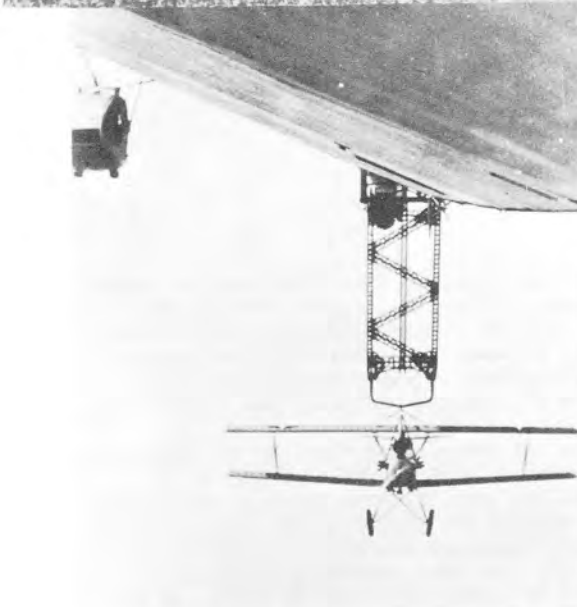


Above: On 31 January the LOS ANGELES takes off from her Lakehurst base for her first experiment in launching a glider. The 196-pound Prüfling glider (BuAer No. 8546) can be seen in its fittings beneath the airship's hull at frame 100. A few minutes later Lt. Ralph S. Barnaby flew the glider off the LOS ANGELES. It may be noted

that the airship's airplane trapeze is not visible. It had been removed for modifications and to lighten the LOS ANGELES' load for her prospective flight to Panama to join the Fleet for maneuvers. U.S. Navy photo, National Archives 80-G-411566.

Below - Lt. T. G. W. Settle prepares to shed his parachute after his glider flight from the LOS ANGELES at Anacostia in May 1930. U.S. Navy photo - National Archives 80-CF-421-4.

Below - The Lakehurst NAS ground crew attaches the glider to the LOS ANGELES in preparation for Ralph Barnaby's flight of early 1930. Navy - National Archives photo 80-CF-421-1.



In the summer of 1931 Consolidated N2Y-1 training planes were made available for hook-on work, six being equipped with skyhooks. Here an N2Y hangs on the LOS ANGELES' trapeze. U.S. Navy photo, National Archives 80-G-416535.

On Memorial Day, 1930, somewhere in the vicinity of the Naval Air Station at Anacostia, the LOS ANGELES releases her glider with Lt. T.G.W. Settle as its pilot. This was the second and last of the airship's experiments with a glider. National Archives 80-G-461606.