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SECOND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, San Francisco, California.

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June 8, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Naval Aviator, Second Marine Aircraft Wing
Present in Hawaiian Area.

Subject: Status of aircraft, MAG-22.

1. The following aircraft are in commission:

(a) SBD-2 Bureau Numbers 2053, 2071, and 2056, all were in combat operations. All power plants were operated at full power for long periods in escaping Zero fighters.

(b) SB2U-3 Bureau Numbers 2178, 2124, 2107, 2135, and 2163. Only one of these has an engine that is not overtime. Fabric and general condition of airplanes very poor. Planes were in combat and all were operated at full power many times for much longer than the allowable time.

(c) F2A-3 Bureau Numbers 01552, 01568, and 01530. All power plants were operated at maximum horsepower regardless of allowable limits, and are therefore in questionable condition. These aircraft are restricted for normal operation, and the performance of the F2A-3 in combat is well below that necessary for first line fighters.

(d) F4F-3 Bureau Number [illegible]000. Power plant operated for a long period well over allowable limits. This aircraft is hardly better in combat than is the F2A-3 type.

IRA L. KIRES,
LtCol., U.S.M.C.,
Commanding.

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