

MINUTES OF TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE HONOLULU ARMORY ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY
11, 1927, AT 2:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Colonel P. M. Smoot, Chairman
Mr. Will C. Crawford
Mr. Herbert F. Cullen
Mr. Leo G. Fehlman
Mr. A. W. Van Valkenburg

ABSENT:

None

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Howard, Air Officer, and Major T. K. P. Stilwell, General Staff, G-2, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, Lieutenant Commander Millington B. McComb, U. S. N. (Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station) and Lieutenant Commander Hartwell C. Davis, U. S. N. (Intelligence Officer) were present to discuss with this Commission suggested changes in Air Commerce Regulations for the consideration of the Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. There being no corrections, the minutes stand approved as read.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That (a) Inter-island traffic, under "Equipment", Sec. 1, Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: 'All inter-island flights within the Territory shall be construed as flying over large bodies of water and all aircraft will therefore be equipped with an operating compass and suitable charts or maps of the Territory of Hawaii; an adequate supply of food and potable water; Very's pistol, or approved equivalent, and lights and life preservers or other flotation devices approved by the Secretary of Commerce'".

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That (a) Carrying prohibited, under "Explosives", Sec. 2, Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: 'The transporting of any explosives other than the necessary shells for signalling apparatus; fuel for such aircraft while in flight; and for industrial and agricultural spraying (dusting) is prohibited except upon explicit authority obtained from this Commission for the transportation of any prohibited explosive'".

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman: "That (1) a, No flying over certain fortifications, under "Restricted Areas", Sec. 3, Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: 'Private and commercial aircraft are prohibited from flying over or crossing any part thereof, of the following described area: Diamond Head and a circular area of a radius of 1000 yards from the rim of the crater of Diamond Head'. The suggestion of Mr. Van Valkenburg that the words "except when in the opinion of the pilot it is necessary to fly across any such prohibited area in order to make either a safe landing or safe take-off" be inserted after the words "described area" did not meet the approval of the Commission. Upon the request of Mr. Van Valkenburg his suggestion was reconsidered and resulted in the following motion of Mr. Fehlman which met the unanimous approval of the Commission: 'Private and commercial aircraft are prohibited from flying over or crossing any part thereof, of the following described area except when in the opinion of the pilot it is necessary to fly across any such prohibited area in order to make either a safe landing or safe take-off: Diamond Head and a circular area of a radius of 1000 yards from the rim of the crater of Diamond Head'.

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Lieutenant Commander Hartwell C. Davis, U. S. N. (Intelligence Officer) then informed the Commission of the opinion of the Commandant, 14th Naval District, that an Executive Order of the President of the United States prohibited the flying across the waters of Pearl Harbor.

The suggestion of Mr. Crawford that further action on the matter of flying over certain restricted areas be deferred until the members of the Commission have had additional time to consider this matter, met with the unanimous approval of the Commission.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That Section 4, Landing Fields, Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: '(a) Use of airports and landing fields. Territorially owned, leased or operated airports and landing fields are for use by all licensed aeronauts and aircraft. (b) No buildings, structures or construction work of any type will be placed upon a landing field or airport unless their erection be approved by the Commission. Applications for the erection of hangers, shops, service facilities, etc. will be addressed to the Territorial Aeronautical Commission, Honolulu Armory. The use of all landing fields, airports, etc. is contingent upon the compliance with rules and regulations of this Commission; the orders of its members, caretakers, janitors, watchmen, etc.'"

The following motion was made by Mr. Fehlman, seconded and unanimously carried: "That Section 5, Aero Photography", Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: '(a) No compass, sketching apparatus or instruments will be carried or transported in any aircraft, or be permitted or allowed to be taken by any person or persons in any aircraft, nor pictures, photographs or sketches of any kind or nature whatsoever will be taken or made from aircraft while in motion or otherwise over (or above) the Island of Oahu except as provided for in subparagraph (b). (b) Persons desiring to make photographs, moving pictures or sketches of any kind shall first obtain a license for such purpose from this Commission and no pictures or sketches of any nature will be taken of any military or naval fortifications. Each negative and one print of same and any sketch of whatsoever nature will be submitted to this Commission for inspection and approval before such pictures, sketches, etc. are released for distribution or publication. All such negatives, pictures and sketches approved for release by this Commission will bear a stamp signifying that they have been inspected and approved'".

The suggestion of Lieutenant Commander Millington B. McComb, U. S. N. (Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station) that all pilots be encouraged to join either the Army or Naval Reserve Corps met with the unanimous approval of the Commission.

The Army and Naval representatives were then excused.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the subject of flying over restricted areas be reconsidered".

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That (2) a, under "Restricted Areas" (No flying over certain fortifications), Sec. 3, Regulations of this Commission, read as follows: 'Private and commercial aircraft are prohibited from flying over or crossing any part thereof, of the following described area except when in the opinion of the pilot it is necessary to fly across any such prohibited area in order to make either a safe landing or safe take-off: The fortifications, naval station, and waters of Pearl Harbor, including Fort Kameha-

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meha and Fort Weaver and the area thereabouts as shown on map on file in the office of this Commission".

The suggestion of Mr. Crawford that proposed regulations covering flying over restricted areas be distributed to each member preparatory to adoption at the subsequent meeting met with the unanimous approval of the Commission.

The following motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded and unanimously carried: "That the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, July 14, at 2:30 P. M."

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P. M.

P. M. Smoot,
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Colonel, A. G. D.,
Chairman.