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Section 1

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FLEET, CEREMONIES, FOREIGN PORT REGULATIONS, etc.

5236.—Naval Aircraft—Colour Scheme and Markings

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Colour.—The following colour scheme for Naval aircraft have been adopted and will be applied to production line aircraft. Aircraft already in service are required to conform to the new schemes only when they require re-doping in the normal course of maintenance.

(a) *Operational aircraft* (except as specified below)—

Upper surface—extra dark sea grey.

Side and under surface—sky.

Boundary between surfaces—Pattern No. 2 (A.P. 2656A, Vol. 1, Section 6, Chapter 1).

(b) *Wood and fabric aircraft* (including Sea Mosquito and Sea Hornet)—

Silver finish throughout.

(c) *Night Fighters*—

Upper surface—Dark green and medium sea grey.

Under surface—medium sea grey.

Boundary between surfaces—centre line of the fuselage, but curved upwards or downwards to meet the leading and trailing edges of the mainplane and tailplane roots.

(d) *Flying training aircraft*—

Yellow throughout.

(e) *Target towing aircraft*—

Upper and side surfaces—yellow.

Under surface—yellow with black diagonal stripes.

(f) *Communication aircraft*—

Silver or bare metal

2. *National Marking.*—The national marking consists of a red, white and blue roundel in which the outer radii are in the proportion—Red : 1, White : 3, Blue : 5.

The roundel is to be painted on both sides of the fuselage, and on the upper and under surface of each wing tip. The roundel is to be as large as practicable, but must not encroach on any control surface.

3. *Serial Number.*—The aircraft's serial number is to be painted on the under surface of each of the main planes. The words "Royal Navy" and the aircraft serial number are also to be painted on the after part of the fuselage. Particulars of sizes and colour of lettering are given in A.P. 2656A, Vol. I, Section 6, Chapter 2.

4. *Fin Marking.*—The future marking on the fin is under consideration. No fin marking will be applied to production aircraft for the present.

5. *Aircraft Identity Symbols.*—Aircraft identity symbols are to be painted on the side of the fuselage and will remain unchanged for the present.

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