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CIRCA 1945 PENDANT LIST

FLAG AND SENIOR OFFICERS, H.M. SHIPS OF ALL CLASSES, TUGS, AND SIGNAL STATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. When making pendants to a signal station the distinguishing flag (if any) must invariably be shown superior to the pendants, but otherwise, when there is no possibility of the ship being mistaken for another vessel which holds similar pendants, the distinguishing flag may be omitted.

2. The pendants allotted to Destroyers are to be painted on each bow and on the stern of the Destroyer on the day the Pendant List comes into force.

The pendant numbers are to be of the following dimensions:-

On the bows: 6ft deep.
 4ft wide.
 8in block.

Numbers spaced 2 ft apart.

On the stern:- 4ft deep.
 3ft wide.
 6in block.

Numbers spaced 1ft 8in apart.

3. **Funnel Markings of Destroyers and Fleet Minesweepers.**

- (a) Leaders and Senior Officers ships are to be marked on the foremost or only funnel with a 4ft wide black band round the top.
- (b) Divisional Commanders and 2nd Senior Officers' ships are to be marked on the foremost or only funnel with a 2ft wide black band 3ft from the top of the funnel.
- (c) In vessels where the foremost funnel is obstructed the after funnel is to be considered the only funnel for the purpose.
- (d) For the present no marks are to be used to indicate the flotilla numbers of destroyers or fleet minesweepers.

4. **Motor Torpedo Boats** are distinguished by the following:-

Flotilla Leader. – A white diagonal stripe 2ft in width, is painted on each side of a flotilla leader's boat. Each boat is to have its distinguishing pendants on each bow.

5. The letters, in brackets, following the name of a vessel throughout this book have the following significations:-

(D) Drifter
(T) Trawler

6. Ships manned by Allied Navies are indicated as follows:-

(B.S.) Belgian Ship.
(Da.S.) Danish Ship
(D.S.) Dutch Ship
(F.S.) French Ship
(G.S.) Greek Ship
(N.S.) Norwegian Ship
(P.S.) Polish Ship
(Y.S.) Yugoslavian Ship

7. **Submarines.** – The pendants allotted to Submarines are to be painted as large as possible, on each side of the conning tower.
The colour to be used in peace and war is to be at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief concerned.

8. **Minesweepers.**– The pendants allotted to Minesweepers are to be painted on each bow with the exception of the senior officer's ship, on the day the Pendant List comes into force.

The pendant numbers are to be of the following dimensions:-

4.5ft deep.

3ft wide.

6in block.

Numbers to be spaced 2ft apart.

9. **Escort Carriers.**– Pendants allocated to Escort Carriers, but without the distinguishing letter, are to be painted on each bow, abreast the fore well deck.

The pendant numbers are to be of the following dimensions:-

7ft deep.

4.5ft wide.

1ft. block.

Numbers to be spaced 2.5ft apart.

SIGNAL LETTERS AND 3 LETTER INTERNATIONAL CALL SIGNS.

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Signal Letters.

Signal letters have been allocated to H.M. Ships and Auxiliary vessels. From these Signal Letters Minor War Vessels obtain their War W/T Call Signs. *Vide S.P. 02253 Series.*

3 Letter International Call Signs.

3 Letter International Call Signs have been allocated to W/T Stations, R.N. Air Stations, Post Office Stations, W/T Base Ships and certain other Authorities and Services.

10. **Wreck Dispersal Vessels and Wreck Dispersal Carriers.**

Distinguishing letters and numbers of Wreck Dispersal Vessels and Wreck Dispersal Carriers are to be painted on each bow.

The distinguishing letters and numbers are to be of the following dimensions:-

4.5ft deep

3ft wide.

6in block

Letters and numbers to be spaced 2ft apart.

11. **AIRCRAFT CARRIERS – PARENT SHIP LETTERS**

The letter is to be painted in white at each end of the flight deck in the following dimensions:-

Height: 24ft; width: 18ft; thickness 4ft. Each letter to be aligned on the centre line with its base aft at a distance of 20ft from the bow and round-down respectively.

A "Indomitable"	J "Eagle"	Q "Vengeance"	V "Venerable"
B "Indefatigable"	K "Terrible"	R "Glory"	W "Warrior"
C "Implacable"	L	S	X "Magnificent"
D "Illustrious"	M	T "Theseus"	Y "Unicorn"
F "Formidable"	N	U	Z
G "Victorious"	O "Ocean"	T "Theseus"	
H	P "Triumph"	U	

NO Distinguishing Flag Superior
Capital Ships, Aircraft Carriers, Cruisers

Flag	B	Superior	Air/Sea Rescue Craft
Flag	D	Superior	Capital Ships – Aircraft Carriers, Cruisers
Flag	F	Superior	Armed Merchant Cruisers, Depot Ships etc.
Flag	G	Superior	Destroyers
Flag	H	Superior	Destroyers
Flag	I	Superior	Destroyers
Flag	J	Superior	Minesweepers, Survey Vessels
Flag	K	Superior	Corvettes, Frigates
Flag	L	Superior	Destroyers
Flag	M	Superior	Minelayers
Flag	N	Superior	Submarines
Flag	O	Superior	Flag and Senior Officers
Flag	P	Superior	Submarines
Flag	Q	Superior	Motor Launches - Chasseurs
Flag	R	Superior	Destroyers
Flag	S	Superior	Motor A/S Boats – Motor Gunboats
Flag	T	Superior	Netlayers, Gunboats, Trawlers
Flag	U	Superior	Sloops
Flag	V	Superior	Motor Torpedo Boats
Flag	W	Superior	Tugs
Flag	X	Superior	Royal Fleet Auxiliaries
Flag	Y	Superior	Cutters, etc.
Flag	Z	Superior	Boom Defence Vessels, H.M. Drifters, etc.
Flag	FY	Superior	Motor Minesweepers
Flag	FY	Superior to Flags	Auxiliary Vessels of the Royal Australian Navy
			A/S and M/S Yachts
			A/S and M/S Trawlers. etc
Flag	3	Superior	B.Y. Motor Minesweepers
Flag	4	Superior	Armed Boarding Vessels – Patrol Trawlers and Yachts – Fishery Protection Trawlers. Etc.
Flag	5	Superior	British Escort Craft
Flag	6	Superior	L.S.T's
Flag	8	Superior	Steam Gunboats
Flag	9	Superior	Control and Towing Boats
Flag	Y	Superior to Flags	Mercantile Fleet Auxiliaries