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PACIFIC FLEET CONFIDENTIAL LETTER 5CL-45

From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: PACIFIC FLEET.

Subject: Camouflage of Ships.

References: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 26CL-43.
(b) Ships Camouflage Instructions, U. S. Navy (Ships-2).

1. Reference (a) is cancelled and superseded by this letter.
2. The following camouflage patterns, described in reference (b), are directed to be used as indicated:
 - (a) Battleships: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
 - (b) Aircraft carriers: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
 - (c) Cruisers: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
 - (d) Destroyers, escorts and frigates: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
 - (e) Minercraft: Measures 12 and 21.
 - (f) Landing craft: Measure 31 (mottled green pattern).
 - (g) Amphibious transports and cargo ships: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
 - (h) All other ships: Measures 12, 21 and 22.
3. Camouflage of the Pacific Fleet will be under the direction of Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet (Fleet Maintenance Office) who will entertain requests from Type, Force and Area Commanders for other camouflage measures which may be considered desirable to meet changing conditions or special tactical situations.
4. Diversification of patterns should be attained as far as practicable, roughly in proportion to the number of camouflage measures indicated for each type.
5. The above instructions do not apply to:
 - (a) Submarines, which are covered by separate directives.
 - (b) Hospital ships, which will be painted in accordance with Tentative Instructions for the Navy of the United States Governing Maritime and Aerial Warfare, May 1941, Section XVI, Article 119.

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Case 2

List I	A-T.	AstIndMan Seattle
List II	D, F, G.	AstIndMan San Francisco
List IV	J-R.	AstIndMan Astoria
List V	A-D.	AstIndMan San Pedro
		CO NavDryDocks Hunter's Point
		CO NavDryDocks Terminal Island
		IndMan 11 NavDist
		CO NavRepBase San Diego

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