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S.7312/Part I/D.O.R.

Sir,

Introduction of New Type Roundels and changes in
colour of Squadron and aircraft code letters

I am directed to refer to Air Ministry letter S.7312/D.O.R. dated 30th December, 1941 and to inform you that the following modified national markings and colour changes in the squadron and aircraft code letters have been approved for general introduction on all British service aircraft:-

National Markings.

- (i) Red, white and blue roundels.
- (ii) Red, white, blue and yellow roundels.
- (iii) Flashes.

Indent Marking	Type of aircraft	Dia. of roundel or height and width of flash inches.	Width of colour in inches.				Height. in inches
			red	white	blue	yellow	
Roundel	small	18	6	1	4	1	-
"	medium	36	12	2	8	2	-
"	large	54	18	3	12	3	-
Flash	small	18	8	2	8	-	24
"	medium	24	11	2	11	-	24
"	large	36	17	2	17	-	24

The red and blue roundels on the upper surfaces of the mainplanes are not affected.

Code letter colourings.

- (i) Day fighters and Fighter Command O.T.U. aircraft excluding night fighters - duck egg blue.
- (ii) Coastal Command aircraft with white under surfaces - light slate grey
- (iii) All other operational aircraft and O.T.U. aircraft excluding Fighter Command O.T.U. day fighter aircraft - dull red.

The sizes of the roundels and flashes which are to be used on single seater fighters are those shown for medium

size aircraft. The large sizes are to be used on heavy bombers and the small on light trainer types of aircraft or other aircraft which have slim or boom type fuselages where it is impracticable to apply the larger size of roundel.

Matt finish paints are to be used for the national markings and dull red code letters.

The above changes should be brought into use as early as possible on all aircraft.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J.D. Breaky

Air Commodore,
Director of Operational Requirements.

Air Officer Commanding-in-chief,	Bomber Command,	Royal Air Force,
" " " "	Fighter Command	" " " "
" " " "	Coastal Command	" " " "
" " " "	Army Co-operation Command	Royal Air Force,
" " " "	Flying Training Command	" " " "
" " " "	Technical Training Command,	
" " " "	Maintenance Command,	
Air Officer Commanding,	Balloon Command,	Royal Air Force,
" " " "	Royal Air Force in Northern Ireland,	

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