

As defined by K.R. & A.I. a Fleet Shore Establishment is any Naval Establishment manned by Naval or Marine officers and men, or by civilians engaged for Fleet Services. A Royal Naval Patrol Headquarters would therefore come within this category and under the circumstances no objection can be seen to R.N. Patrol Headquarters being authorised to fly the white ensign.

L. B. Cramer

for Head of Military Branch  
2nd September '48

If the wearing of a white ensign by R.N. Patrol Headquarters at home and abroad is approved, it would seem desirable to issue an Admiralty Fleet Order in extension of A.F.O. 4486/46, copy tabbed in N.O. 20485/43, herewith. It is felt, for reasons which will be apparent, that the decision should not be confined to R.N. Patrol Headquarters and the opportunity might therefore be taken to state in the A.F.O. that the second sentence of the memorandum in A.F.O. 4486/46 can be interpreted as covering the wearing of the white ensign by shore establishments at home  
and

and abroad, such as R.N. Patrol Headquarters,  
which, although not independently commissioned,  
are within the terms of that part of the  
memorandum.

2. Submitted.

J.A. Wilson  
Cdr. of N.L.  
6/9/48.

While I see no objection to the wearing of the white ensign on R.N. Patrol Headquarters for the special reasons stated, it seems to me that N.L.'s proposed amplification of A.F.O. 4886/46 goes too far since it would permit an ensign to be flown on any building in which there is a small naval party. If the proposal is approved for R.N. Patrol Headquarters it would perhaps be better to inform the authorities concerned by letter.

Landon  
P.A.S. (D).  
9th September, 1948.

The wearing of the White Ensign at places ashore, such as Naval Patrol Headquarters, camps, temporary airfields, and the headquarters of detached units on special service which, though not independently commissioned, are in fact organised units of the Royal Navy, has much to commend it, both on the grounds of morale, and to indicate to all concerned that the Royal Navy is present.

2. Approved, therefore, as in N.L.'s minute of the 6th September.

3. This will necessitate the revision of the proposed new Article 30, Clause 2, proposed by the K.R. & A.I. Amendments Committee.

*J.P.*

20th September, 1948.

*Amended*

*Draft A.G. to K.F.O.*

*J.P.*

*J.H. & M.*

*22/9/48.*