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Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

With reference to your enquiry of the 16th September, 1953, No.1332/Med.6291/14, concerning the use of the terms "flying" and "wearing" in their application to flag and ensigns, I am to inform you that the new edition of Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions will use these terms as in the following examples:-

- (a) A person flies his or her standard, distinguishing flag or pendant in a ship or boat, on an aircraft or car, or on shore.
- (b) A ~~ship~~ etc., is said to be flying the flag etc., of
- (c) A ship wears her colours, i.e. ensign, jack and masthead pendant. She may fly or hoist a foreign ensign on certain occasions.
- (d) A boat wears a boat's ensign.
- (e) An officer flies a masthead pendant in a boat.
- (f) A naval establishment (~~if~~ so entitled) flies a masthead pendant and an ensign and/or other flags.
- (g) A flag plate or disc is displayed in a boat or on an aircraft.
- (h) The term hoisted is used:-
 - (i) To denote the act of hoisting a flag, e.g. "When the Sovereign embarks, the Royal Standard is to be hoisted".
 - (ii) In referring to a flag flown temporarily for a special purpose, e.g., "The Union Flag is to be hoisted whenever a court-martial is sitting or about to sit", and "When dressing ship the ensign of the country concerned is to be hoisted as follows:"

2. Admiralty departments and branches responsible for the issue of books, Admiralty Fleet Orders etc., will be

informed to the above effect, but in view of the
anticipated publication of the new Q.R. & A.I. at an
early date, and ^{an} Admiralty Fleet Order will ^{also} not be issued
on the subject.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS,