

N.L. 20485/43 upon which Board policy on the use of the white ashore was laid down, is attached. No objection is seen in N.L. R.N. Patrol Service Headquarters at home and abroad being authorised to fly the White Ensign and, subject to confirmation by M. Branch that these establishments come within the category of R.N. <sup>FLEET</sup> Shore Establishments, it is proposed to submit for Board approval accordingly.

*Alford*  
for Head of N.L.  
10<sup>th</sup> August, 1948.

Referred to Naval Branch for a  
definition of a R.N. Patrol Service Headquarters.

definition

L. B. Craner  
for Hd of M  
13/8/48

It is presumed what the C.O. H.M.S. Kestrel has in mind is the Regulating School at Worthy Down. Perhaps D.W.S.C. can confirm & say whether there are any other establishments which could be regarded as R.N. Patrol Headquarters.

It is important not to confuse these establishments with R.N. Patrol Service establishments.

*Arthur Keble*  
N2  
16/8/48

R.N. Patrol Headquarters is the base from which the Regulating Branch operate when carrying out Patrol duties.

2. What the C.O. H.M.S. KESTREL has in mind are such places as the ex-Police Station in the Paddington district which is now the Headquarters of the N.P.M. London.

3. D.W.S.C. concurs with Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth's remarks and considers the wearing of a white ensign on R.N. Patrol Headquarters to be highly desirable.

*T. F. U. P. C.*  
for D. W. S. C.  
21st August, 1948.