

Admiralty, S.W.1

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18th December, 1939

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.N.C.388/6801 of 8th November, 1939, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that H.M. Ships on foreign stations are painted as follows (vide C.B.3016 (37), paragraph 261, and C.B.3016 (34), paragraph 179):-

Cruisers and larger vessels	-	light grey all over.
Destroyers	-	dark grey hulls and light grey upper works.
Submarines	-	royal blue on Mediterranean Station, and dark olive colour on China Station.

2. All ships of the Home Fleet, including submarines, are painted Home Fleet grey, and a matt surface paint is employed both at home and on foreign stations.

3. Armed Merchant Cruisers are painted in their normal peacetime colours.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(SGD).

The Official Secretary,
Australia House,
Strand, W.C.2.
