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獨國委員 佛國委員議幹事嫌副 伊國委員 長 下院議員、大学上、アル、スミス英國商務院政務管、グラ上、アル、スミス 佐エッケマルデストジ ダブリュイーエッケンショーリ フェランテ、キャポ ニ エッチ、キデルレン 税

西國委員 軍少 佐佐 アルヴァロ、デ、ウルサイズ ホワードイー・キングマン イ·ガーシア、ラミレツ

完了セラレショトニ就キ 関心概能スルモ敢テ徒事ナラズト信え、而シテ最初本職 テアセル語句。関シテハ其ノ詳細ナル数字サ具セル回覧書ナ 八稍無理ナラスヤト思ハレシ本則作業計画り斯り實施 不期作業,給了、際以在、作業,経過拉將来,作業 次子議長、次、如人述へ人 請君:祝意ラ表セントス・節審議

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(本期作業計画八二個,分科委員會,助力、依,今 完成スルモノニシテ残しル、唯経緯度、度数(零度乃至三 發表不豫足十一是等,語句,英國用無線電信為, 五九度)数字、速力及日時二関心諸表,三十月。諸君之 電信誤字檢出表尹王決定シメラ 無線電信篇·使用入一十符字群于制定入小方式经 排除う得りルモノト記ソラル本職、益同分科委員會 員會の最初非常力學得一思考セッレシモノナ全人 日,完成于見心于得了一面之子其一十少動詞分科委 関係各國政府,容心所成方江上于希望人 本職、次一二件十當委員會以外,関係官憲通知 成果一對沙謝意技祝意,表文心上同時一方成果力

小墨國際郵便聯合會議門、船舶力郵便物工搭載 旨雷委員會一對シ体類アリタルカ之一對シ次小如う シ居しいトラ表示なり、特殊、旗ラ制定サンクキ 田着スルコト

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(0) べい常設無線總理可一對之無線電信衛使用で 録記號又好出符號トシテ使用学ルサ防止スル樣依 之,関係諸國通知,是等符字群,航空機,登 用了心心安生也中心限現在一信稅族人一下我却 要求スルハ母情通かしる思いる又望マシトを思いし 船的一對シ斯山目的チ有人的特殊人旗を備へるよう 便物が搭載シ居レー」、意味、用ヒントス 人祖之海上一於下山似的姓生命,安全,對人心信號! 「スル總テノ符字群チ通知スルト同時、同局部

(N) 伊國委員一對之次,如,伊國政府通知心樣依賴

「此,附近,作業中,潛水艦下,航行二深甚,注意 同時、本件、関係諸國海軍首間、於方審議之方 供人心為特殊人族于制定人人権能アクト記メサルト 當委員會八潜水艦的添了軍艦又、船舶,使用三 ルヘキモノナリト認い但シ當委員會八國際信號書中 八角船、使用、供セントス ナ要スト、意味サイスル二旗信號大設ケ以テ軍艦入

四次将来、作業、言及也二本職、本委員會、總會力 也了了,提議了此期間於了各國委員八各自國發 来十二月十四日了林會之来年三月十七日子以于再衛日

六同一語系:属人心諸國委員力提安、你成上十分:協力 書、安か追加語句又、徒来、審議、於ティ不共通」上信書、準備へと十分、時間、得へ、面シテ是等發信 セラレンコトナなる、 セラレクル語句を議題に上人。雷りテハ同一語句が各國る り提安とラレ重複審議セラルルコトナキ様切望ス、此為

五獨、諾西國委員八其·發信書作成上各政府當局上協 足用語句,改訂姓若干,不共通語句,翻譯"関文英 絕續之又日本委員八英國發信書中二於かる意味限 語系諸國米國好日本委員八倫敦一留了了天其人作業了 英國信號書安小總了一位要了以改訂中行上了了人了 ■金員:助力を典へラルントト本職、了解ス 議スルタメ飯風シ其、間必要で應う會合セラルルコト、雅典

直後二之子脱稿之明年一月末六各國委員一日鳴一件シ 得年見込ナリ、其、間自然些細ナル夏更サ行了人必要生人 ヘノ之・関スル修正表削除表等八必要を悪シ随時配布ス ルコトト成ルヘシ

思考セラルル語句、對シテハ夫々了旗「三旗」三旗」等人 記続が附り置り豫定ナリ 右信號書家中視機信號海採用人少適當ナリト

之,尚不信號書,序言弦使用規程,起安久少必要アリ 一對人心說的使用規程及各國語一翻譯上遭遇人的一 解決セン各種、困難に関スル記述、負擔を承諾セラレ 國委員十分了以少佐八此,你業中,最難点即信號書儿が一次上八此,作業八委員数氏,分擔三為之就中米 其一骨子、追う諸君ノ田覧、附セラルヘン水職ノ了解入

八英國政府本来,意志八英國信號書中:於下心符字 群,配列八定,順序"松了人徒于别的符字群中アルフ

列火是等諸國受信書八要スレ八英語發信書トンテモ使 不便を典了若之英國發信書三於テ竹字群サー一定 中二自國語上供一英語步之印刷也以上人心諸外國一對之 ,順序:松ラサル最初,意志,格了——文字順序:配 クリ然心本職ノ了解ないが、かい、斯ノスルコトハ受信書 アベット文字ノ順序、配列と心受信書を準備スツを上

フル豫定ナリ 英國政府八本件一関シ最モ早キ時機一於于考慮于加 用シ得へう

九視覺信號規程,翻譯拉審查:便十分之人人人話君

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本職,認允所言八右,修正,時刻信號法信號符字, 前述,諸項目、後日更審議之以子決定,違不子通 定義、視覺这王一儿又音響信號、柳心経線儀比較法 等"関スル事項が除すテ八軍"字句修正、程度、過すス 雷十八部公又関係方住,件一関之三若干修正,必要 アルモノノかシ ノ審議チ経んと修正き加味シテ印刷・着手セントス

は議長八右,如り陳述チアリタル後委員了了發言す我又 ラル時機、就立質問のり議長、明年一月中二配布シタキ 希望む旨為轉でりタリ 11日本委員了視境信號規程修正安,印刷配布也

二次于獨國委員八明年三月十七日近·全准備作業于獨國

三,右手以于當日,總會八解散也了 議長八今後處理事要不作業人分量如何。多年力三就テ 一於テ完成スルコトニ就テハ野念チ有なと旨陳述アリセニ對シ 國委員二於于三右三月十七日近二倫敦的着之以于西除 二當委員會、作業、完了シタク切望之后しか故、獨 八十分了解之居上之英國政府上之六八九三二年七月末追 着雑アリタリ 各國委員、作業を選滞センノラレサル様努力アリタチ台

神事、グラユイー、エッテジョーリールニ九年十二月十二日

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條約局 遊信有海重得長免处一週り哲侵号神 多芳边 五、二、 應因養 二一の九 0五大三一 生美信都會議奏為 二张与心子国多 規送修品等 五一五) セザルベカ · / 接受 ③

- 2. The completion of this programme has been made possible by the assistance given by the two Sub-Committees, and one of them the Verbs Sub-Committee seems to have overcome, what appeared at the start, a considerable stumbling-block. I should like to tender my thanks and congratulations to that Sub-Committee on the result of their work, and hope your governments will find it acceptable.
- 3. There are three points which I think require to be communicated to authorities outside this committee.
  - (i) To reply to the request put forward by the Postal Union Congress for the institution of a special flag to indicate that a ship is carrying mails, that it is not thought practicable, or desirable, that ships should be asked to carry a special flag for this purpose; but that, if not required for signals concerning the safety of ships or life at sea, one of the existing signal flags will be allotted to the meaning "I am carrying mails".
  - (ii) To transit to the Radiotelegraph Bureau at Berne a complete list of the code groups which will be used in the Radio Volume, and request them to be so good as to communicate with the various countries concerned, with a view to preventing the use of these groups as the registration marks or call signs for aircraft.
  - (iii) To ask the Delegate for Italy to inform his government that this Committee does not consider itself competent to institute a special flag for the use of men-of-war or other ships attending submarines, but that the Committee considers that this is a matter for discussion among the various Admiralties concerned.

    They will, however, include in the Code a two-flag signal signifying "Submarines are exercising in this vicinity, you should navigate with great caution" for use by men-of-war or merchant vessels.
  - 4. Now as regards the future: I suggest that the full committee meetings be discontinued from 14th December until, approximately, 17th March. This should allow delegates sufficient time for the preparation of their National Codes. It is most desirable that the additional words and phrases and the "Not Common" words and phrases, which are required for these National Codes, should be presented in such a form that duplication of discussion in committee will be avoided. For this purpose I hope the language-groups will co-operate very fully in putting forward their suggestions.
  - 5. I gather that it is necessary for the German and Norwegian Delegates to return to their own countries to consult their governments on their National Codes and that they will meet one another as requisite. The Latin, U.S., and Japanese Delegates will carry on with this work in London, and the latter will assist in revising the qualifications and the translations of some of the English "Not Common" words.
  - 6. A revised version of the British Code in its final form will be prepared immediately after Christmas, and should be ready for circulation to delegates about the end of January 1930. Minor alterations will undoubtedly suggest themselves, and lists of amendments and deletions will be issued from time to time as becomes necessary.

In the new version will be marked the groups which it is proposed to extract for the Visual Volume; they will be marked l-flag, 2-flag and 3-flag respectively.

- 7. It will also be necessary to prepare a draft of the Preface and Instructions for the Use of the Code, a skeleton of which will be circulated to you. I understand this work is being split up amongst the various members and that Commander Kingman, U.S.A., has very kindly consented to undertake the most difficult part of this work, namely, the part which deals with the explanations and directions for the use of the Code and the various difficulties which have been met or overcome in working out the translations.
- 8. It had been the intention of the British Government to jumble the groups in the Code. This would involve having a separate book for decoding, with the code groups arranged in their alphabetical order. This, I gather, is not convenient for those foreign countries who wish to print the British version side by side with their own version in their decode. If the groups in the English code were arranged alphabetically instead of jumbled these foreign decodes could then be used by them as English codes, if anowhen desired. This is a matter which will be given very early consideration.
- 9. In order to render translation and scrutiny more simple, the Visual Signalling Instructions, as amended by you, will now be printed. I note that the amendments are a matter of wording only with the exception of the Time Signal, the addition of a definition of Signal Letters, and method of obtaining a chronometer comparison by Visual and Morse. These matters should, I think, be left open for final decision at a later date. Some alteration is apparently necessary in regard to the question of relative Bearings.
- 10. This concluded the Chairman's remarks and he then invited any observations from delegates. The Japanese delegation wished to know when the printed copy of the amended Visual Signalling Instructions would be available, and was informed by the Chairman that he hoped copies would be distributed in January 1930.
- 11. The German delegate remarked that he might not be able to finish off his work in Germany by 17th March and to this the Chairman replied that he fully appreciated the amount of work which still remained to be done, but as the British Government were very anxious to complete this work by the end of July 1930 he hoped Commander Kiderlen might find it possible to return to London on the date fixed so as not to delay the rest of the Committee.
  - 12. The meeting them concluded.

(Sd.) W.E.H. Jolly.

Secretary.

12 December 1929.

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# INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS COMMITTEE,

Meeting of 12th December, 1929.

Present:- Chairman - Mr. W.R. Smith, M.P.,

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Vice-Chairman - Mr.E.W. Travis.

Secretary and Deputy Vice-Chairman - Paymaster Commander V.E.H. Jolly, R.N.

Capitaine de Corvette H. Pelle Desforges	}	France
Kapitan-Leutant H. Kiderlen	}	Germany
Tenente di Vascello Conte Ferrante Capponi, R. H. I. (Assistant Naval Attaché)	}	Italy '
Captain Masaiti Maeda, I.J.N. Captain Isao Takahashi Commander Chikara Ozaki, I.J.N. Commander Tomoyuki Senô, I.J.N. Paymaster-Lieutenant- Commander Hideo Kuwabara, I.J.N.		Japan
Kaptein Per Askim.	)	Norway
Capitán de Corbeta E. Garcia Ramirez Teniente de Navio Alvaro de Urzaiz	}	Spain
Lieutenent-Commander Howard F. Kingman, U.S.A. (Assistant Naval Attaché).	}	U. S. A.

#### Minutes.

The Chairman made the following statement:-

You have now come to the end of another phase of your work, and I think it would be useful to make a short resume of what you have done and what remains to be done. I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the completion of the somewhat ambitious programme which you set yourselves at the beginning of this session. I am circulating to you a detailed statement, showing the numbers of words and phrases that you have now dealt with. These form the complete British version of the Radio code, with the exception that tables will have to be inserted for coding latitudes, longitudes, degrees (0° to 3590), numbers, speeds, times and dates. You have also settled the system of the code groups for the Radio volume of the Code, and a chart for the correction of telegraphic errors.

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U You are standing into danger.

V Set sails.

W Take in sails.

X I am coming nearer; I want to speak to you.

Y I cannot carry out your order.

Z Boat on board; commence towing.

You are standing into danger.

I will set sails.

I will take in sails.

Come nearer: I wish to speak to you.

I cannot carry out your order.

Boat on board; commence towing,

During the day time flag signals are used, in addition to the above, as follows:-

Signification.

Signal.

Rocket Apparatus Company to Red flag. (Rectangular or swallow-tail) assemble

Lifeboat crew to assemble Red flag. (Triangular)

Signals 1 and 2 will be employed where there is no rocket apparatus or lifeboat in the immediate vicinity, and they will also be used as an immediate reply to a distress signal, if any interval is likely to occur between the time when the distress signal is seen from the shore and the time of the firing of the signal to assemble the crew to rocket apparatus or lifeboat.

## PILOT SIGNALS

113. The following signals, when used or displayed together or separately, shall be deemed to be signals for a piloti-

In the Daytime.

- (I) The International Gode Flag G, with or without the Gode Pendant over it.
- (2) The International Code Signal P T.
- (3) To be hoisted at the fore, the Pilot Jack.

At Night.

- (I) The pyrotechnic light, commonly known as a blue light, every fifteen minutes.
- (2) A bright white light, flashed or shwon at shore or frequent intervals just above the bulwarks for about a minute at a time.

# QUARANTINE SIGNALS,

114. The following signals are to be shown on arrival by vessels requiring or required to show their state of health:-

Bignification.	In the Daytime.
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At Nicht.

My ship is "Healthy" and I request free pratique.

Q flag

My ship is "Suspect" i.e.,
I have had cases or suspected
cases of infectious diseases
more than five days ago, or
there has been unusual mortality
among the rats on board my ship.

Q flag over first substitute. (QQ)

My ship is "Infected", i.e., I have had cases of infectious diseases less than five days ago.

Q flag over L flag. (QL)

# TOWING SIGNALS

It should be noted that the meanings of these signals are not in all cases the same as those of the single letter signals on page 32.

To be Used only between Vessels Towing and being Towed.

115. These signals are to be made by a single flag, which may be exhibited by being held in the hand or by hoisting at the stay or fore shrouds or to the gaff, according to circumstance; by night they can be made by flashing, care being taken not to confuse other ships.

Flag or	Meaning when Mad	ie
Morse - Sign	By the Ship Towing.	By the Ship Towed.
A	Is the towline fast? Shall I help to heave the anchor?	Towline is fast, help to heave the anchor.
В	Is the Towline fast, all clear for towing?	Towline is fast, all clear for towing.
O	Yes or Affirmative.	Yes or Affirmative.
ם	Shorten in the Towline; I an going slow.	Ehorten in the towline; go slow.
E	I am altering course to starboard.	I am steering (steer) to starboard.
F	Pay out the Towline; I am going slow.	Paying out the towline; go slow.
G.	Cast off the Towline.	Cast off the Towline,
H	I must cast off the Towline; haul it in.	I must cast off the Towline; had it in.
I	I am altering course to port.	I am steering (steer) to port.
J	The towline has parted.	The towline has parted.
K	Right; continue the same course.	Right; continue the same course.
И	I am keeping away before	Keep away before the sea.
n	the sea. No or Negative.	No or Negative.
0	Man overboard.	Man overboard.
P	I must get shelter (anchor) as soon as possible	Bring my ship to shelter (anchor) as soon as possible
Q	Shall we anchor at once?	Anchor at once.
R	I will go slower.	Go slower.
8	My engines are going astern.	Go astern.
T	I am going full speed.	Go full speed.

A- I am undergoing a speed trial. (Note: to be hoisted by any vessel (when undergoing speed trial. B- I am taking in or discharging explosives.
(Note: to be hoisted by any vessel when taking in or discharging (explosives or petrol.) C- Yes (or affirmative.)
D- Keep clear of me - I am manoeuvring with difficulty. E- I am altering my course to starboard.
F- I am disabled - communicate with me. 0- I require a pilot. I- I am altering my course to port.
J. I am going to send a message by semaphore. L- Stop - I have something important to communicate to you. M- I have a medical officer on board. N- No (or negative), 0- Man overboard. P- In harbour - All persons are to repair on board as the vessel is - about to proceed to sea. (Note: to be hoisted at the - foremast head). At Sea - Your lights are out (or burning badly)
Q- My ship is healthy and I request free pratique.
R- The way is off my ship. You may feel your way past me.
S- My engines are going astern.
T-U- You are standing into danger.
V- I want assistance - Remain by me.
W- I have encountered ice.
I- Cease carrying out your intentions and watch for my signals.
Y- Z- Z is used to address or call shore stations. Note: For meaning of P.T and X if followed by a numeral group, see Articles , and respectively. , and respectively.

### DISTRESS SIGNALS.

111. When a vessel or aircraft is in Distress and requires assistance the following shall be the signals to be used or displayed either together or separately:-

#### In the Daytime.

- A gum or other explosive signal, fired at intervals of about a minute, (for vessels only)
- The International Code Signal of Distress indicated by N C (the group in the revised code to which the following meaning is allotted: "I am in distress and require immediate assistance").
- A continuous sounding with any fog-signal apparatus; in the case of aircraft, sound apparatus.

- (4) The signal 808 (... -- ...) made by Morse code.
- The distant signal, consisting of a square flag having either above or below it a ball or anything resembling
- The signal consisiting of a succession of white lights, projected into the sky at short intervals (for aircraft

#### At Night.

- A gum or other explosive signal. fired at intervals of about a minute. (for vessels only)
- Flames on the vessel (as from a burning tar barrel, oil barrel, etc). (for vessels only)
- Rockets or shells, throwing stars of any colour or description, fired one at a time at short intervals. (for vessels only).
- A continuous sounding with any fog-signal apparatus; in the case of aircraft, sound apparatus.
- The signal 808 (...- made by Morse code.
- The signal consisiting of a succession of white lights projected into the sky at short intervals (for aircraft only).

# SHORE SIGNALS TO VESSELS IN DISTRESS.

112. Distress signals made by vessels (including aircraft) in sight of the coast of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will, when observed, be answered from the shore by one or more of the following signals:-

# Signification

# Signal.

Signal seen and assistance summoned ...

- 1. Rocket throwing white stars on bursting:
- 2. Bright white pyrotechnic light.
- assemble.
- Rocket Apparatus Company to 3. Socket signal showing bright white flash or white stars on bursting: or
  - Firing of guns, accompanied by rocket throwing white stars on bursting.
- Lifeboat crew to assemble.
- 5. Socket signal or signals showing red stars on bursting fired in succession.

- (3) The transmitting ship then proceeds to signal the remainder of the message right through. The receiving ship does not answer unless she misses a word or group, but wait until the ending has been made and then makes R.
- (4) Should the receiving ship miss a word or group, she is immediately to make the repeat sign, on hearing which the transmitting ship will cease signalling and then go back a few words or groups and continue the message.

Example:-

S.S. Beechwood (signal letter DLHK) hearing the sound of another steamer's syren wishes to pass the message: "Have passed several floating mines since noon." The other ship is S.S. Sirius (signal letters BHDH).

# Chapter IX .- SIGNALLING BY SEMAPHORE.

- 102. (I) The semaphore flag (J) hoisetd either singly or inferior to a group of signal letters, denotes that a communication is about to be made by semaphore. It is to be hoisted where most conveneient and where best seen.
  - (2) As soon as the semaphore flag is observed, the answering pendant is to be hoisted at the dip by the ships addressed, and close up when ready to read.
  - (3) If there is any doubt as to which vessel is intended to answer the signal, the semaphore flag will be hoisted with a tack line inferior to the signal letters of the ship with which it is desired to communicate.
  - (4) Should a Man-of-war wish to communicate by semaphore with a merchant vessel, she will hoist the code pendant in a conspicious position and the signal letters of the merchant vessel with a tack line superior to J flag.
  - (5) The semaphore flag is always to be kept flying while the message is being made and hauled down on completion of the message.
- (I) Messages are to be made by means of small flags held in the hand called "Semaphore hand flags".
  - (2) Messages are always made in plain language and numbers occurringg in a semaphore message are always to be spelt out in words.
  - (3) The sender will make the attention sign and wait until the answering pendant is hoisted close up by the ship addressed and wait a reasonable pause before commencing to transmit.

    He will then make the name of the receiving ship followed by "DE" and the name of the transmitting ship, viz., <u>Dufferin</u> de <u>B-antford</u>.

    If the ships are close to one another the attention sign

and answering sign may be used instead of the hoisting of the semaphore flag and answering pendant.

- (4) The signs are to be made by the signalman facing the ship addressed.
- (5) At the end of each word the arms are to be iropped at the break position. When double letters occur the arms are to be dropped to the break position after the first letter is made, and then mover out to the sedond letter without pausing.
  - (6) The reception of each word is to be acknowledged by the receiver making the letter  ${}^{\mu}O^{\mu}$ . If this letter is not made the word is to be repeated.
- Errors.

  104. (I) A succession of E's (MEEEEE) indicates that an error has been made and will be followed by the last word sent correctly and the message continued.

#### How to end a message.

105. (I) All messages will end with the ending sign AR.

#### VISUAL SIGNAL CODE.

110. The object of this section of the International Code of Signals is twofold. It provides a means, firstly, for condensing messages for signalling purposes, and, secondly, for communication, between individuals who do not speak a common language.

It consists of four sections:-

- I.-Single-Letter Signals Most Urgent Signals.
- II.-Two-Letter Signals Urgent and Important Signals
- (a) III.-Three-Letter Signals General Code comprising
- (b) IV.-Four-Letter Signals words, phrases and sentences Geographical Names.

Numbers will be represented by the numeral pendants and proper names will be spelt out uncoded.

The names of ships and aircraft will be indicated by their Signal Letters in full.

(a) To be extracted from the W/T Volume.(b) To be arranged at a future date.

# SINGLE LETTER SIGNALS

- (I) It should be noted that the meanings of these signals are not in all cases the same as those of the Towing Signals on page......
- (2) Only those single letter signals, marked with an asterisk ( ) should be used by flashing.

- (4) For examples of requesting and giving repetitions, see pages
- (5) If a message is not understood, or it is a coded message, when decoded, is not intelligible, the repeat sign is not used. The receiving ship must then make the appropriate signal from the vocabulary section.

#### The Ending Sign.

- The ending sign (AR .-.-.) is used in all cases to end a message.
- The International Gode Group Indicator "PRB",
  91. In messages transmitted by means of the Morse Gode the
  International Gode Group Indicator "PRB" is to be used
  as the first group of the coded text, to indicate that
  the message which follows consists of code groups from
  the International Gode of Signals and not plain language
  words.

### Chapter VI .- SIGNALLING BY FLASHING.

# Component Parts of a Message.

- 92. (I) A message made by flashing is divided into the following components, although all of these components are not necessarily signalled in every message:

  I.Gall. 3. Identity, 3. Break Sign. 4. Text, 5. Ending.
- How to Signal.

  93. (a) Component 1.- The call. The transmitting ship will commence signalling by making the call, which will be flashed continuously until answered.

  (2)- The call consists of: (I) The general call, or (II) The signal letter of the receiving ship, if it is known.
  - (3)- On observing the call, and when ready in all respects to read and write down, the receiving ship will answer by making the answering sign.
  - (b) Component 2.- The Identity.- It will not always be necessary for two ships to establish their identity; Should such necessity exist the two ships will carry out the following procedure: when the call has been answered the transmitting ship will make DE = "from", followed by her signal letters. This will be repeated back. The receiving ship will then signal her own signal letters, which the transmitting ship will repeat back. If either ship fails to repeat back immediately, or repeat back incorrectly, the other will make her signal letters again until they are correctly repeated back.
  - (c) Component 3.- The Break Sign is next inserted. It is to be repeatedback.

    (2)- The Break Sign is not inserted before the text of messages requesting repetition.
  - (d) <u>Gommonent 4.- The Text</u> consists of words of plain language or of groups of code.

    (2)- Each word or group is signalled separately. The receiving ship will acknowledge the receipt of each word with T. All coded groups or numbers signalled

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as figures (that is: not spelt out), or punctuation signs are to be repeated back. If the repetition is correct, the transmittin ship will make 0:- if incorrect, she will make the group again.

(e) Component 5.- The Ending consists of the Ending Sign. The Ending is answered by R.

Omitting the Gall and Identity
When two ships are signalling for a considerable period and
several messages are passed between them the Gall and Identity
need only be signalled in the first message, in order to avoid
delay.

#### EXAMPLES,

(In the following examples it is to be understood that the ship in the left-hand column always signals first unless indicated to the contrary by an arrow,)

The master of S.S. Dufferin (signal letters CKHT) wishes to pass the message "What weather have you had? (1955) "to the master of a passing ship, which is S.S.Brantford (signal letters LFGS).

The signal is conducted as follows:-

# Chapter VII. - SIGNALLING BY SOUND

- (I) Sound signalling in a fog should be reduced to a minimum, and, as far as possible, only the singly letter signals pertaining to the navigation and manocurring of vessels should be used. Any other signalling by whistle, syren, foghorn should be used only in extreme energency and never in frequented navigational waters.
  - (2) The misuse of sound signalling being of a nature to create serious confusion in the highways at sea, the captains of ships should use these signals with the utmost discretion.
  - (3) Owing to the nature of the apparatus used (whistle, syren, foghern, etc) sound signalling is necessarily slow, and it is for this reason also, that it is necessary for ships to reduce the length of their signals as much as possible.
  - (4) For the above reasons, the abbreviated procedure shown below will be carried out.

# How to Signal.

- (I) The transmitting ship will make the call in the same way, that it is made by flashing. No call or answer will be used when transmitting single letter signals.
- (2) The receiving ship answers with the answering sign.

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# THE USE OF PROCEDURE SIGNALS AND SIGNS.

76. The use of procedure signals and signs is to enable ships to exchange with each other short concise messages used in connection with signalling.

Examples are given to illustrate the convenience of such signals and signs.

#### Single Letters

77. The letter C signifies: "You are correct".

When any word or group in the text of a message, is ordered to be repeated back, it is used by the transmitting ship to indicate to the receiving that the repetition has been made correctly.

- 78. (I) The letter G signifies: "Repeat back".
  - (2) It may be inserted at the beginning of the text of a plain language message, and it is signalled separately. When so used it signifies:— "Everything which follows in this message is to be repeated back, word by word, as soon as received.
- 80. The letter R signifies: "Message received".

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- 81. The letter T is ued to indicate the receipt of each word occurring in the text of aplain language message. (See Art. 93 (e)).
- 82. The word SE used in the identity signifies: "from -".
  Thus: DE XXDE, "From ship holding signal letters XXDE.
- 93. (I) The letter w used as a message in itself signifies:
  "I am unable to read your message, owing to the light not being properly trained or light burning badly".
  - (2) This is to be made by the receiving ship at any stage of the message, if required, and is to be answered by the transmitting ship showing a steady light, until the receiving ship is satisfied with the light and ceases to make W.
- S4. The call for unknown ship and general call.

  S4. The call for unknown ship and general call (AA AA .-.-.-)
  is used to attract attention when wishing to signal to a
  ship whose name is not known. It is the normal method of
  calling up at sea, and it is to be continued until the ship
  ardressed answers.

The Space Sign.

(I) The space sign (II...) is used to separate the signs AA, AB, WA and WB from the identifying words or groups which follow them.

(2) It is also used to separate whole numbers from fractions.

#### The Break Sign.

- 87. The Break sign ( m ... ) is used to precede the text.
- - (2) If the mistake was not discovered until after the message has been completely signalled, a new message must be made.
  - (3) If it is desired to cancel the whole of a message while in process of transmission, the erase sign must be made, followed by the ending sign.

#### The repeat sign.

- (I) The repeat sign ( TT ...... ) is used to obtain a repetition of the whole part of a message.
  - (2) To obtain a repetition of the whole message.
    The repeat sign made signly signifies: "Repeat the last message".
    The repetition is signalled by making the message through in exactly the same form as it was originally transmitted.
  - (3) To obtain a repetition of a part of a message.

    The repeat sign is used in conjuction with the signs
    AA, AB, WA, or WB, and an identifying word or group,
    the last two being separated by the space sign, thus:-

(.....) UD AA II vessel signifies: "Repeat all after the owrd vessel," ( .... )

( ..... ) UD AB LL JEM signifies: Repeat all before group JEM ( .... )

( ..... ) UD WA II KIC signifies "Repeat the group after KIC" ( .... )

( ..-.. ) UD WB II flags signifies "Repeat the word before Flags" ( .. . . )

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#### MORSE PROCEDURE SIGNALS

Symbol	Sign	Meaning
-,-,	σ	You are correct
<b></b>	<b>G</b>	Repeat back.
·-·	R	Message received.
-	Ŧ	Word (plain language) received
	π	I am unable to read your message.
	PRB	Code follows.

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(2) In the International Code of Signals, two classes of signal flags are employed, alphabetical flags and numeral pendants. A substitute can only repeat a signal flag, of the same class as that immediately preceding it. It therefore follows, that, if a substitute immediately follows one or more alphabetical flags it represents one of those flags; similarly if a substitute follows one or more numeral pendants it represents one of those pendants.

The answering pendant when used as a decimal point (See Art.) is to be disregarded in determing which substitute to use. substitute to use.

(3) The first substitute always repeats the uppermost signal flag, of that class of flags which immediately precedes

the substitute.

The sedond substitute always repeats the second signal flag, counting from the top of that class of flags which immediately precedes the substitute.

The third substitute always repeats the third signal flag, counting from the top of that class of flags which immediately precedes the substitute.

No substitute can ever be used more than once in the same group.

(a) The signal WILL would bemade by signal flags as follows:

Third Substitute
(b) The signal BBOB would be made by signal flags as follows:

Second substitute. Note:- The first substitute having been used, cannot be used again. Moreover having been used, it is equivalent to having hoisted B as the second flag, and therefore it is the second flag of the group; hence the second substitute is used.

(c) The signal 1000 would behade by signal flags as

Second substitute Third substitute (d) The signal BB, T1330 would be made by signal flags as First substitute.

Second substitute

It will be observed that in the last group T1330 two classes of flags are employed, an alphabetical flag (T), and four numeral flags (1330). But as the second substitute immediately follows a numeral pendant, it can only be repeating a numeral pendant (See paragraph (2)), and therefore in this case being the second substitute, it can only be repeating the second numeral pendant namely 3.

How to spell names.
Names mentioned in the text of a message being signalled by flags are to be spelt out by means of the alphabetical signals which consist of;-

Example:- To signal by Flags: William J.Perry, 15, Lombard Street.
First group Answering pendant E.
Second group WIL Third substitute. Third group Fourth group Fifth group Answering pendant F. Answering pendant F. PER Third substitute Y. Sixth group Seventh group Amswering pendant G. Eighth group Ninth group Leath Grond Leath Brond Lyanger Brond Lyanger Brond Lyanger Brond Answering pendant E. LOMB. ARD. Answering pendant G.

Code group for "street" from
Signal Code. Fourteenth group

- Communication by Flace between Men-of-War and Aerohant Vessels.

  (I) Should a Man-of-war wish to communicate with a merchant vessel, she will hoist the code pendant in a conspicious position and keep it flying during the whole of the time the signal is being made.
  - (2) Groups are provided in the three letter portion of the code to enable merchant vessels to exercise signals with Men-of-war or other merchant vessels. (See groups "XXX" and "YYY" on page ).

# Chapter V. - THE MORSE CODE.

- (I) The following table give a complete list of the Morse symbols used for visual and sound signalling.
  - (2) A bar over the letters composing a sign denotes that the letters are made as one symbol.

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- Time of origin.

  3. (I) The time of origin may be inserted in a message, and when used it is to be made at the conclusion of the text. The exact time to the nearest minute should be given, expressed by four figures. The employment of the time of origin has the double advantage that it not only indicates at what time a message eriginated, but also serves as a convenient reference number.
  - (2) When two or more different messages originate from the same source and it is desired to append a time of origin in each case, each message must bear a different time of origin.
  - (3) When the time of origin is appended to a message, it is in no circumstances to be altered in the course of transmission, but is to remain unchanged throughout the whole route of the message.

Reference examples to Arts. 53, 58 and 80. If the message is drafted for transmission by Morse Code the International Code Group Indicator "PRB" is to be used as the first group of the coded text. (See Art.91 and example 11).

# Chapter IV .- SIGNALLING BY FLAGS.

- 65. (1) Flag signals are to be read in the following order:

  <u>a Masthead</u>, <u>b</u> Triatic stay, <u>ó</u> Starboard Yardarm,
  <u>d</u> Port Yardarm.
  - (2) When more groups than one are shown on the same halyard, they are to be read in the numerical order of their superiority.
  - (3) As a general rule, only one hoist should be shown at the time, but in any case each hoist or group of hoists are to be kept flying until it has been answered by the receiving ship. (See Art. 67).
  - (4) When more hoists than one are shown at the same yardarm, but on different halyards, the outer hoist is to be read first. When more hoists than one are shown at the Triatic stay, the foremost hoist is to be read first.
  - (5) A signal is said to be superior to another when hoisted before either as regards time or hoist. It is said to be inferior when it is after either in point of time or hotet.
  - (6) The transmitting ship should always hoist the signal where it can be most easily seen by the receiving ship, that is in such a position that the flags will blow out clear and be free from smoke.

#### How to call.

66. If no signal letters are hoisted superior to the signal, it will be understood as being addressed to all ships within visual signalling distance; in all other cases the signal letters of the ship (s) addressed are to be hoisted superior to the signal.

If it is not possible to determine the signal letters of the ship to which it is desired to signal, the group "XXX" for: "Show your signal letters" should be hoisted first; at the same time, the ship will hoist her own signal letters. If this fails then the group "XXX" for "I wish to signal to vessel (number indicated if necessary) on bearing indicated from me" must be hoisted.

How to answer signals.

67. All ships to which signals are addressed or which are indicated in signals are to hoist the answering pendant at the dip as soon as they see each hoist, and close up immediately they understand it; it is to be lowered to the dip as soon as the hoist is hauled down in the transmitting ship, being hoisted close up again as soon as the next hoist is understood, and so on till the signal is completed. (See Art 68)

If possible the Triatic stay should not be used for the answering pendant, as it is sometimes difficult to see, when in this position, whether it is at the dip or close up.

- How to complete a signal.

  The transmitting ship is to hoist the answering pendant singly after the last hoist of the signal to indicate that the message is completed. The receiving ship is to answer this in a similar manner to all other hoists. (See Art.67).
- How to act when signals are not understood.

  (I) If the receiving ship cannot clearly distinguish the signal made to her, she is to keep the answering pendant at the dip and hoist an appropriate signal to inform the transmitting ship to that effect.
- Use of substitues.

  70. (I) The use of substitutes is to enable the same signal flag to be repeated one or more times in the same group, while still only carrying one set of flags. For instance it is obvious that without substitues such a group as AAA or 1000 could only be made if three sets of signal flags were carried. By the use, however, of three additional signal flags, called substitutes (named first, second and third substitutes respectively), any two, three, or four lettergroup can be hoisted while still using only one set of flags.

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(3) When the addressee should be uncertain as to what time was being used by the originator, then the time used should be stated in the message (See Table -).

#### How to signal Times

58. (I) the four figures are to be signalled by four numerals.
(2) When signalling time in coded messages the letter T is always to precede the numerals in order to make it clear that time is indicated.

If XX is the group for weigh and it is required to direct a ship holding letters HJFL to weigh at 8.45 a.m. signal would be:

HJFL-XX-T0845.

In plain language messages it will be obvious from the context when time is referred to.

- (3) The above method of signalling times may be used for the purpose of signalling the exact time for comparison chronemeters, clocks, watches, etc., in which case the exact time will be that moment at which the signal is (sharply) hauled down. The same signal may be made in the Morse code by following the time signal with a long dash (flash) of about five seconds duration, the end of which is the exact time indicated by the four numerals.
- How to express Courses and Bearings.

  (I) Courses and bearings mentioned in messages are always to be expressed in three figures denoting degrees from 000 to 359 measured clockwise and are always to be true, unless expressly stated to be otherwise in the context, (for example 015°, 205°).
  - (2) Even when not true, the method of expressing the course or bearing is still to remain identical (that is, by three figures from 000 to 359), but the word magnetic must be added, if it is desired to express that the course or bearing is magnetic, (For example 015 magnetic).

# How to signal Courses and Bearings

- 60. (I) In coded messages the three figures indicating the degrees are to be signalled by three numerals immediately preceded by an appropriate group from the code, or in the case of bearings by the letter X. In plain language messages it will be obvious from the context when courses and bearings are referred to.

  Examples:
  - (a) X359 signifies; Bearing 359° (true) or (b) Supposing group XXX to signify "My present course is-", a ship wishing to indicate her true course to be 185°, signals: XXX 185.
  - (2) It is for notation that there are groups in the three-letter code for the thirty-two points of the compass and these may be used to indicate wind, current, etc.
- How to express positions.

  61. (I) Positions mentioned in messages are to be expressed either (a) by latitude and longitude or (b) by bearing and distance from a point

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- (2) If the position is expressed by

  (a) the latitude and longitude are each to be expressed
  by four figures, of which the first two denote the degrees
  and the last two the minutes. The first group always
  refers to latitude, the second to longitude.
- (3) If the position is expressed by (b) the following sequence is to be adhered to: bearing, from, distance from point;

  Example: A position 10 miles, 225 degrees from Beachy Head would be expressed in this order: 225 10 Beachy Head.
- How to signal Positions.

  (I) If the position is expressed in latitude and longitude, each of the four figure groups is to be signalled by four numerals immediately preceded by the letter P, thus: P 1530, P 1006.
  - (2) Under ordinary circumstances it will not be necessary to indicate whether the latitude is north or south or whether the longitude is east or west. In the event, however, of signalling a latitude close to the Equator or a longitude close to the meridians of 0° or 180°, and, in any other case where the ommission might conceivably give rise to confusion, the letter N or S is to be added immediately after the latitude group to denote north or south respectively, and the letter E or W immediately after the longitude group to denote east or west respectively, thus: P 0010 N, P 0005 E.
  - (3) In order to still retain the form of a four figure group, if the longitude is more than 99°, the figure indicating the number of hundreds of degrees will usually be emitted. No confusion will normally arise, as two ships exchanging visual signals are bound to know their own longitude within the nearest hundred degrees. In exceptional cases where it is necessary to avoid confusion the five figures may be used.

Examples:

(a) A Position in latitude 23°14'N. and longitude 30°28'W. would be signalled as P3314, P3022.

(b) A position in latitude 0°15'8. and longitude 85°40'E. would be signalled as P00158, P8540.

(c) A position in latitude 10°0'N. and longitude 130°0'W. would be signalled as P1000, P3000.

(4) If the position is expressed by bearing and distance from a point, the signal will consist of three groups, namely:

(a) a group denoting the bearing, consisting of letter X three numerals.
(b) animeral group denoting the distance in miles. (If any other unit of distance is used, a group indicating that unit must immediately follow this numeral group).
(c) a group denoting the point, which may be represented by a point of land, or other geographical position, or a ship whose position is known, and may be indicated by a four letter group from the geographical table or by signal letters of the ship referred to.

Example: - 10 miles 225° (true) from Beachy Head: X 225 - 10- AELF.

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- Semaphore

  Semaphore Signals are made by either means of a mechanical semaphore or by means of a signalman holding a pair of flags in his hands and forming the letters and signs with his arms. Whichever method is employed, great care must be taken to form the letters and signs very accurately.
- (10) The standard rate of signalling by semaphore is to be taken as eight words per mimute.
- (11) Detailed instructions for signalling by semaphore are given in Chapter IX.

# Chapter III. - GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Persons who draft messages should make themselves conversant with the International Code so as to employ as far as possible wording for which phrases are provided. Filture to do this may necessitate the message being coded, word by word, owing to there being no groups allocated for the phrases used, in which case the time required for coding, transmitting and decoding, and also the number of code group used, will be considerably increased. considerably increased.

Authority for Messages
Unless indicated to the contrary by the insertion of words at the beginning of the text, all messages between ships are to be underst od as being made from the master of the ship of origin to the master of the ship of

Signal Letters.

Signal Letters for ships and aircraft are the same as their radio call signs. Ship signal letters consist of four letters, and aircraft signal letters (registration mark) consist of five letters. (Article 14 General Regulations annexed to the International Radiotelegraph

Regulations annexed to the International Radiotelegraph convention of Washington 1927)

Signal letters may be used for two purposes:

(a) To speak to (or call) another ship.

(b) To speak of another ship.

When speaking to (or calling) another ship, her signal letter precede the signal, when speaking of another ship they follow the signal. (See Art. 65)

Examples: Suppose a ship named Campania had the signal letters XXAB alloted to her, and that another ship named the Olympic had the signal letters XXCD alloted to her, and suppose the group XYZ in the International Code of Signals to mean: "On what date do you (or vessel indicated) leave?"

(a) If the signal XXAB - XYZ were made, it would mean: "To Campania", On what date do you leave?" The fact of the signal XYZ being preceded by the signal letters XXAB shows that the signal is addressed to the ship holding the signal letters XXAB.

(b) If the signal XXCD - XYZ - XXAB were made, it would mean: "To Olympic", On what date does Campania leave?" The fact that signal letters XXOD precede the signal show that the signal is addressed to the ship holding signal letters XXCD, and the fact that the signal letters XXAB follow the signal show that the ship holding these signal letters is being apoken of. holding these signal letters is being spoken of.

How to Express Ships Names

54. Ships names mentioned in the text of the messages are to be expressed by means of their signal letters when the message is made in code, and are to be spelt out when the message is made in plain language.

### How to Express numbers.

(I) In a plain language message, whenever a number (whether it refers to a time, a date, or other important detail) is mentioned, it may be written out fully in words if desired as an extra safeguard against errors in

Example: - 540 would be written out and transmitted

vis:- five four sero.
When it is desired to take special precautions against the mutilation of particularly important numbers in a plain language message, they should be repeated preceded by the word "Repetition", thus-five four zero repetition five four sero.

How to signal numbers

58. (I) Numbers are to be signalled as follows:

(a) By Flags: By the numeral pendants of the code,
all of which are pendant-shaped and therefore
require no further signal to indicate that they represent numbers.

In Morse: Usually by the numerals in the Morse Gode.

(c) In semaphore: Spelt out.

(2) A decimal point between numerals is to be signalled

as follows:

(a) By Flags: By inserting the answering pendant where it is desired to express the decimal point.

(b) In Morse: By the decimal point sign.

(c) In Semaphore: Spelt out, thus: decimal.

(3) In transmitting coded signals which require numbers to complete their signification, it is preferable that these numbers be sent as a separate group. Exception may be made in the case of numerals in time signals, bearing signals, course signals, position signals, etc., which are explained in the following articles.

How to express time

(I) Times mentioned in messages are always to be expressed in four figures, of which the first two denote the hour (from 60-midnight up to 23- 11 p.m.) and the last two denote the minutes (from 00 to 59).

(2) Examples:

2 a.m. should be expressed as 0200.
11.30 a.m. should be expressed as 1130.
3.22 p.m. should be expressed as 1522.
5.38 p.m. should be expressed as 1738.
Midnight should be expressed as 0000.

- 18. Relative bearing. See Art. 6
- 19. Reply is a message originating out of, referring to, or replying to a previous message.
- 20. Group denotes one or more contiguous letters and numerals which in themselves compose a separate signal.
- 21. Ship (or atation) of destination is that ship (or station) in which the message is finally received by the addressee.
- 22. Ship (or station) of origin is that ship (or station) where the originator hands in a message for transmission, irrespective of the method of communication employed.
- 22a. Signal letters are the letters assigned to a ship or aircraft for the purpose of identification. (See Art. 53)
- 23. Transmission ship (or station) is the ship (or station) by which a message is actually being made.
- 24. Sound Signalling is any method os passing Morse Signals by means of Syren, Whistle, Bell or other sound apparatus.
- 25. Tack line is a line of halyard about 6 feet long, and is always to be used to separate flags each group of which, if not so separated, would convey a differnt meaning to that intended.
- 26. Time of descatch is the time at which the transmitting ship completes the transmission of the message.
- 27. Time of origin is the time at which a message is ordered to be made.
- 28. Time of receipt is the time at which the receiving ship completes the reception of the message.
- 29. Time Signal consists of a numeral group preceded by the letter
- 30. Visual Signalling is any method of above-water communication the transmission of which is capable of being seen.

### Chapter II. METHOD OF SIGNALLING.

(1) The methods of signalling which may be used are:

(a) Flag signalling, the flags used being those on the plate and signal flags.
(b) Flashing Signalling, the Morse code being employed.
(c) Sound Signalling, the Morse code being employed.
(d) Semaphore Signalling.

(2) A set of signal flags consists of 26 alphabetical flags,
10 numeral pendants, 3 substitutes, and 1 answering
pendant. These signal flags should conform as nearly as
practicable to standard sizes and specifications (See

(3) Detailed instructions for signalling by flags are given in Chapetr 1V.

Flashing, Sound Signalling, Morse,

(4) When using the Morse code, see chapter V, the symbols are expressed by two elements called a dot (or a short) and a dash (or a long), which are signalled either singly or in combination.
Whatever means of signalling in the Morse code is employed the dots and dashes and spaces between them should be made to bear the following ratio one to another as regards their

(a) A dot is taken as the unit.
(b) A dash is equivalent to three units.
(c) The space of time between any two elements of a symbol is equivalent to one unit. Between two complete symbols is equivalent to three units, and between two words or groups is equivalent to five units.

This is termed spacing, and whatever may be the rate of sending, accuracy depends upon these ratios being adhered to.

- (5) In flashing and sound Signalling, where the rate signalling depends upon the apparatus employed, no definite rate can be laid down, but while generally obeying the instructions laid down in paragraph (4), it is best to err on the side of making the dots rather shorter in their proportion to the dashes, as it then makes the distinction between those elements plainer. Otherwise in very slow signalling it is hard to appreciate their relative lengths, because they do not follow one another sufficiently quickly to show their distinction by comparison.
- (6) The practical methods of using Morse are:

  (a) When flashing, by exposing and obscuring a light.
  (b) When sound signalling, by long or short blasts on the syren, whistle, foghorn, bell, or any other sound apparatus.
- (7) The standard rate of signalling by flashing in the Morse code is to be taken as eight words per minute.
- (8) Further instructions for signalling by flashing are given in Chapter VI, and for signalling by sound in Chapter VII.

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Volume I VISUAL AND SOUND.

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# APPENDIX A.

Instructions for the Use of the Rocket Apparatus for Saving Life.

#### APPENDIX B.

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#### Part II. SIGNALLING INSTRUCTIONS.

#### Chapter I. - DEFINITIONS.

- 1. Addressee is the authority to whom a message is addressed.
  - 2. Answer applies to procedure signals made the receiving ship "or station" on receiving a call or message.
  - 3. Bearings and courses may be either true or magnetic, but will always be true unless otherwise stated. (See Arts. 59 and 60)
  - 4. Bearings made by a ship pointing out an object or referring to a position are always reckoned from the ship making the signal or from the point of departure, that is, invariably toward the objective.
  - 5. Compass Bearing may be either true or magnetic, but will be true unless otherwise stated.
  - 6. Relative Bearing is the direction with reference to the fore and aft line of the ship from which the bearing is taken, the direction being referred to as either ahead, astern, abeam, on the bow, or on the quarter.
  - 7. Bearing Signal consists of a numeral group preceded by the letter \*I\* (See art.)
  - 8. Close up. A signal is said to be close up when it is holsted to the full extend of the halyards.
  - 8a. Gourse Signal consists of a numeral group preceded by an appropriate group from the code. (See Arts. 59 and 60)
  - 9. Hoist consists of one or more groups displayed from a single halyard.
  - 10. Message applies to any communication sent either by land telegraph sound signalling, visual signalling, or radiotelegraphy.
  - 11. Numeral Group consists of one or more numerals.
  - 12. Originator is the authority who orders a message to be sent.
  - 13. Plain Language is the method of expressing messages, whereby the real meaning of the message is intelligible without the assistance of a decode.
  - 14. Position Signal consists of a numeral group preceded by the letter \*P\* (See Art.)
  - 15. Proceduredenotes the rules drawn up for the conduct of signalling.
  - 16. Procedure Signal is a signal designed to facilitate the conduct of signalling (See Chapter).
  - 17. Receiving ship (or station) is the ship (or station) by which a message is actually being read.

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5. In order to avoid inversions the values given to each letter in each position will be specially arranged so that BYZAM is bound to have a different value from BYZMA.

Since, however, 26 is not a prime number one pair of adjacent letters are bound to have the same total value. This does not greatly matter as the values will be so arranged that the pairs effected are QM and MQ in the first and second places, QG and GQ in the second and third places, QH and HQ in the third and fourth places, and QK and KQ in the fourth and fifth places. QM, QG, QH and QK will not, therefore, be used in these places and as very few pronounceable groups can be formed around them, their omission hardly affects the total number of code groups available.

# Correction of errors.

6. It is proposed to print a table on the lines of the attached enclosure "B" for finding the correct version of a mutilated group. The use of the table is best explained by means of an example, thus:- If a group BYZAG is received look up BY in First Pair Table, then follow the line horizontally to the right until you find Z in the third column, then follow down vertically into Last Pair Table and you will find AM and CG. Look up SYZAM in the decode and see if it fits the context. If not, try the reverse process, look up AG in Last Pair Table, follow it up vertically until you find Z in middle letter table, then follow horizontally to the left and you find BI. If this is unsatisfactory find BY in First Pair Table and AG in Last Pair Table and find this in bisecting letter, i.e.V. Look up BYVAG. The same principle can be applied to searching for the correct group if there are two incorrect Etters in the group, but obviously the field of selection is very greatly increased.

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7. It is hoped that the Code will not exceed 30,000 groups in which case it is suggested that all the code groups should consist of two vowels and three consonants BABAG BABKA ABBIR etc., as this very greatly assists in error detecting and also forms an easy group for transmission, and is thus freer from error than odd combinations of consonants. There are 36,000 of these groups available.

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# CODE GROUPS.

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It is proposed to construct the Code groups on an arithmetical system that will ensure that they will differ from one another by at least two letters and that no two groups can occur containing the same five letters with a pair of adjacent letters inverted.

2. This may be obtained by constructing the groups on a system in which a numerical value is given to each letter according to its position in the group. Thus in the . attached value table (Encl. A):-

" " second " = 16
" " third " = 3
" " fourth " = 24
" " fifth " = 17

3. The set of groups are then made up so that they all equal the same total, subtracting where necessary 26, or multiples thereof. Example:-

BYZAM has a total value of "20" found thus:-

"B" as the first letter = 8

"Y" " " second " = 26

"Z" " " third " = 10

"A" " fourth " = 24

"M" " fifth " = 4

Total = 72

Subtract ... ... 52 (26 x 2)

4. It is obvious that a change of one letter in a group alters its value and therefore groups with a total value of "20" must differ from one another by more than one letter.

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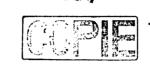
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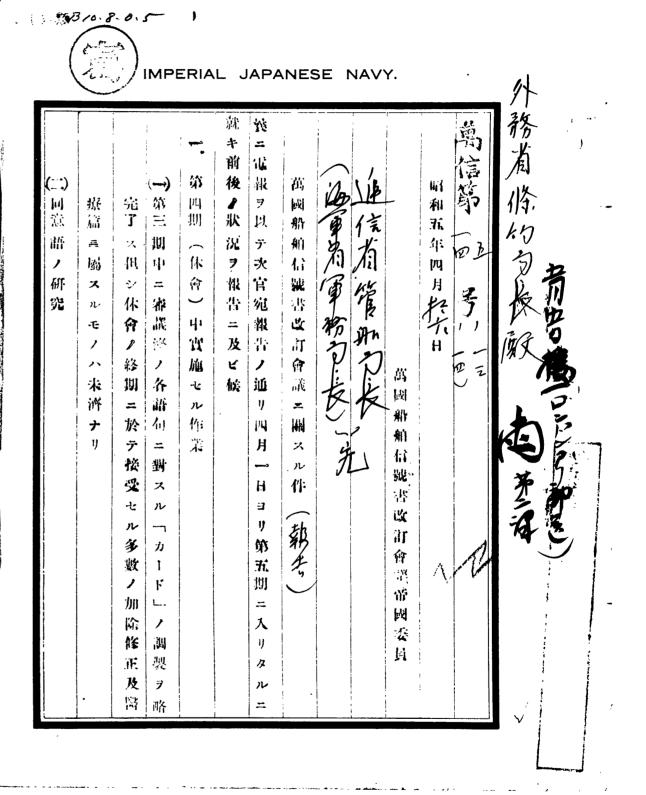


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SUB-COMMITTEES 1950

Commander Kingman (Chairman)

Visual Signalling Instructions

"VISUAL"

Captain Askim

Captain Takahashi

Captain Maeda

Extract for Visual Volume

Standard Times 2 Flag Signals

Pronouns

Commander Ozaki

Commander Jolly (Chairman)

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"PROGRESS AND ALTERATIONS" Progress and Programme of work

Final form of Gode

Scrutiny of Delegates: Proposals

Commander Capponi

Commander Ozaki

Lieutenant Urzaiz

Prepositions

"INSTRUCTIONS"

Explanation of System

Coding Instructions

Commander Capponi

Commander Kingman

Commander Seno

Captain Askim (Chairman)

Commander Kiderlen Commander Desforges

Captain Maeda (Chairman)

Commander Seno

Commander Garcia

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Commander Elderlen

Mr Travis (Chairman)

Captain Askim

Appendix A.

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readily assented. He also stated that a British Officer with similar experience would be co-opted to this Committee.

Il. In conclusion, Mr Travis informed the Committee that it was practically certain that the British Code would be compiled alphabetically (i.e. Code and Decode in one) but he would confirm this in the course of a few days.

12. Those proposals were agreed to by the Committee, and as no further points for discussion were raised, the meeting was adjourned.

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additional room might be allocated in which the Latin sub-committee could work when the committee-room is occupied by other sub-committees. The Chairman promised to do what he could.

- 7. The French delegate suggested the advisability of comparing the Latin and Teuton codes before the work is completed. With this the Norwegian delegate agreed, and the Chairman requested Mr Travis to look into the matter to see what could de done.
- 8. The Chairman then asked the U.S. delegate to state what progress he had made in writing the preface and instructions for the Gode. Commander Kingman regretted that progress had not been very satisfactory owing to the number of outstanding details, particularly in regard to the use of verbs, and hoped that as the various points were settled, the instructions would more quickly materialise.
- s. At the request of the Chairman Commander Henderson gave a brief description of what had been done in regard to the descraphical section, and particularly mentioned the difficulty of the correct spelling of place-names to be used.

  He stated that all countries had not yet answered the invitation of the British Government to send in revised lists, but those outstanding had been hastened. He asked the assistance of the Japanese delegation in compiling a list of places in China, to which Commander Ozaki replied that they had prepared a list of these names and would hand it in shortly.
- 10. Mr Travis then gave an outline of the work proposed for the present session. He pointed out that the British Code was nowin a more or less final form from the purely British point of view and that the chief work which remained was the Mational Codes of the other delegates. There were also some outstanding matters which he considered could best be dealt with by Sub-committees, a summary of which is given in Appendix A.

In regard to the Visual Sub-Committee, Mr Travis observed that it would be very desirable to enlist the services of a representative with experience of the merchant service and invited Captain Groning to autend, to which Captain Grening

welcomed the addition of Commander Henderson who was appointed to the Committee from 1st January to deal with the Geographical Section.

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- made as to the date on which the work will be completed, and pointed out that the British Government are anxious that it should not be prolonged unduly: on the other hand, since so much time had been spent in compiling this new code, it would be regrettable if it were now rushed to such an extent as to prevent the satisfactory conclusion which is looked for.
- 4. The Chairman then called on Mr. Travis to explain that had been done since last December.
- . Mr. Travis summarised the work as follows:-
- (a) Revision and reprinting of the British volume (copies of which have been distributed) and a preliminary extract for the Visual Code.
- (b) Qualifications to "E" Groups, 1.e. those words which have many meanings in English.
- (c) Reprinting of the Visual Signalling Instructions.
- (d) Revision of the medical section. In this connection particular mention was made of the portion dealing with Quarantine, and it was pointed out that, in order to get this section into convenient shape, it might be advisable for representatives from the committee to be present at the next meeting of the Hygiene Commission in Paris in May.
- (e) Compilation of the code groups for the Radio
- 6. The Chairman then invited any suggestions or comments from the delegates, and the Italian delegate asked that an

## INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS COMMITTEE,

## Meeting of 1st April 1930

Present:- Chairman:- Mr. W.R. Smith, M.P.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Captain Masaiti Masda, I.J.N.
Captain Isao Takahashi
Commander Ghikara Ozaki: I.J.N.
Commander Tomoyuki Seno, I.J.N.
Paymaster-Lieutenant-Commander
Hideo Kuwabara, I.J.N. Unpitan de Corbeta E.Garcia Ramirez Teniente de Mavio Alvaro de Urzaiz Capitaine de Corvette H. Pella Desforges Secretary and Demity Vice-Chairman -Paymaster Commander W.E.H. Lientenant-Commander
Howard F. Kingman, U.S.H.
(Assistant Haval Attache)
Captain P.C. Grening Kapitan-Loutnant H. Kiderlen Vice-Chairman:-Kaptein Per Askin Commander P.W.S. Henderson, R.N. Mr. E.W. Travis Jolly, R.H. France Italy Japan Spain Germany U-3.A. NOTTO Geographical Editor

## MINUTES.

In welcoming the delegates on their return from the recess the Chairman said that he hoped they would find the quite new quarters, suitable. If the accommodation were found to be insufficient for any reason, he asked that representation should be made to him and he would endeavour to put matters right.

2. He was glad to observe that none of the members of the Committee had been changed since the last session and

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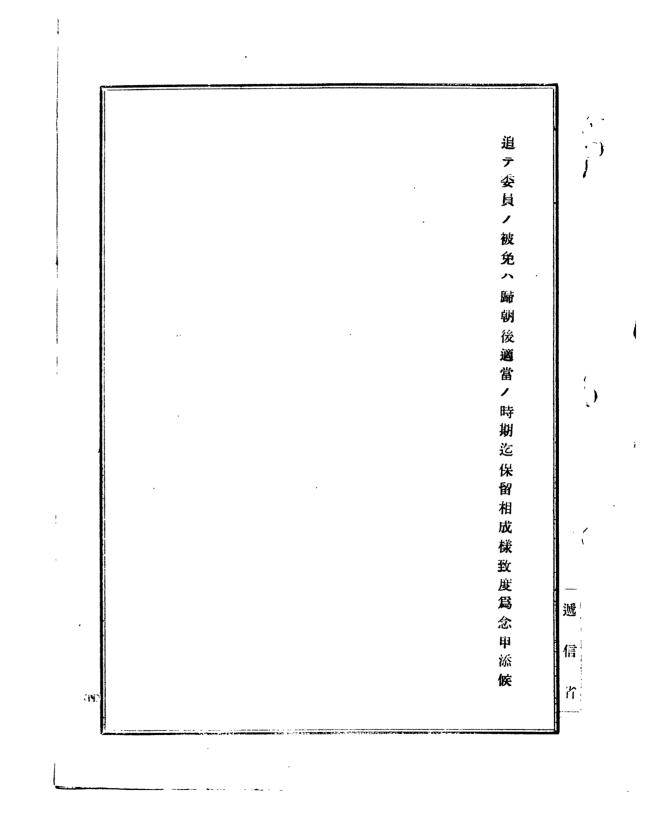
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International Code of Signals Committee. Royal Courts of Justice. Strand. W.C.2.

19th July, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 17th July in regard to the future programme of the work of the Committee, I have much pleasure in answering the points you raise as follows:-

- 1. The International Code of Signals Committee will probably be dissolved on or about the 1st December 1930.
- 2. The Committee will reassemble on approximately the 1st November 1930 and sit for a period of about three weeks.
- 3. When the Committee reassembles they will have to discuss:-
  - (a) The translation of final additions.
  - (b) Amend any translations or methods which have proved impracticable under test during the recess. (such as verbs, etc.)
    - (a) Draw up a final report.
    - (d) Make a final scrutiny of the Visual Extract.
  - (e) Make the final revision of Code-Groups as allotted in the British Code and examine the Code as to size.
  - 4. The work will be carried on in Full Committee.

In connection with this matter I should like to state that, in my opinion, the more important work of the Committee will have been completed by the middle of August. During the recess the work may be considered as falling under two headings. Firstly, the delegates will have to review their own codes finally and check and test their translations and the efficacy of the Code as a means of carrying on International correspondence. Secondly, the secretariat of the Committee will be employed on the very laborious task of making up and typing the various decodes.

There are certain to arise various matters of detail which will require consideration by the Full Committee to bring the whole matter to a conclusion.

I do not consider that it is likely that any matters of policy or real importance are likely to be discussed and it would appear unnecessary that the full delegation should attend this final meeting or be present in London during the recess; nor can I see any objection to the transfer of duties to other representatives of your country if you desire.

You will appreciate, I fell sure, the difficulty of making any accurate forecast of the duration of the work of any International body, but if all goes well I think the programme which I have outlined above will probably be carried out.

I am Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed) E.W. Travis.

The Head of the Japanese Delegation, Broadway Court, Broadway S.W.1.

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## JAPANESE DELEGATION, INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS COMMITTEE.

Broadway Court, Broadway. Westiminster. S.W.1.

17th July, 1930.

Mr. E.W. Travis,
Vice-Chairman,
International Code of Signals Committee.

## Approximate Date of Official Dissolution of the Committee.

Sir,

Government some time ago, basing my judgement, in the absence of any definite statement in this connection on your part since the publication of the Committee Report in May, 1929, mostly on the impressions gained by several conversations with you and also by my personal observation of the progress of the work. My impression has been that discussions on important subjects will be finished by the beginning of August, when the Committee will be officially dissolved, leaving some minor business, such as checking of codes, correcting errava etc., to be dealt with thereafter during some time.

If I understand correctly, I gather from my conversations with you of last Friday, that you intend to adjourn the
Committee sometime at the beginning of August, in order to give
members time to make good their national codes in readiness for
further minor discussions and for checking with British and other
national Code for which purpose the Committee will reassemble
at the end of next October. If this is your intention and you

mean to carry it out I shall have to send a definite report in this connection to my Government in order to secure its understanding as to the extention of our stay in England and the inevitable increase of expenses thereof.

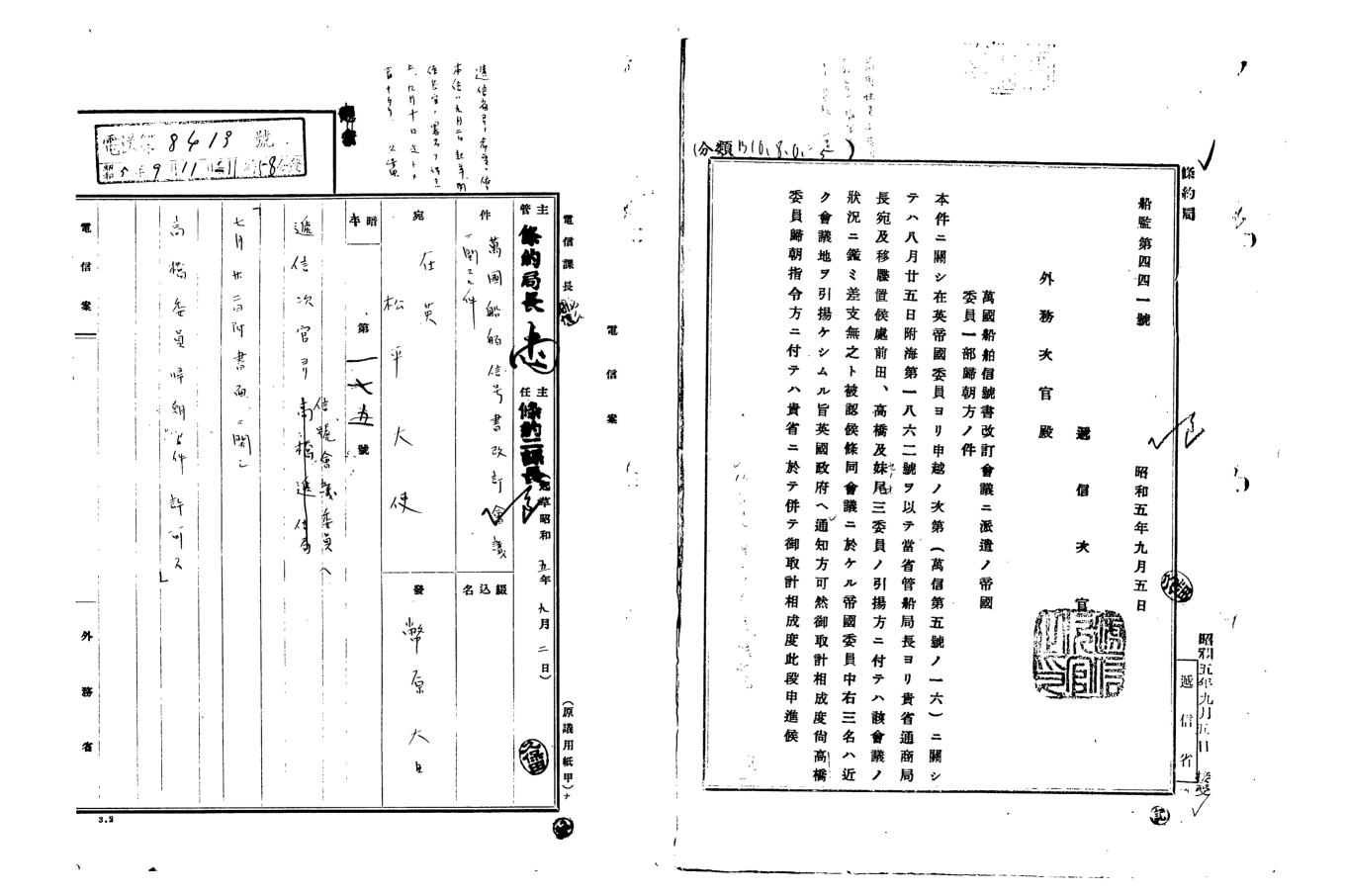
May I ask you in this connection for information with regard to the following items:-

- 1. Approximate date on which the British Government will officially dissolve the International Code of Signals Committee.
- 2. The approximate date on which the Committee will reassemble.
- How long will the Committee continue its sitting after its reassemblage.
- 4. Syllabus of work for the final session above mentioned.
- 5. Whether the work of the final session is to be carried on in full committee as at present or in special committee organized on a somewhat lesser scope.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Captain, I.J.N.
Chief Delegate.



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page. The Vice-Chairman replied that this would not be so, as one would be in print and the other in typewritten form. It was finally agreed that on the typewritten form there should be inserted some easy means of referring to the English Radio Gode.

10. The Vice-Chairman stated that he would be very grateful if members would send their suggestions for incorporation in the Tinal report of the Committee not later than the 20th Ootober.

ll. In view of the fact that Commander Jolly will be leaving before the next full Committee meeting it was necessary to appoint a Deputy Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Vice-Chairman proposed that Commander Askim should be appointed as Deputy Vice-Chairman and Count Capponi as Secretary. These appointments were unanimously agreed upon.

Sgd.) W.E.H. JOLLY

Secretary.

2th August, 193

The Visual Signalling Instructions.

アジア歴史資料センター

The Single Letter Signals, arranged in alphabetical order.

Appendix A. Ship and aircraft distress rignals.

Appendix B. Pilot signals.

Appendix 0. Quarantine signals.

Appendix D. Towing Signals.

The following were being sent to the printers shortly and would be issued in due course:-

Explanation of Compilation and Instructions for the Use of the Oode.

Geographical Section.

3-letter signals, arranged in alphabetical order.

7. The visual code groups would be inserted in the Geographical Section. The country would be printed in italics alongside each place-name.

The revised edition of the English Radio Gode "the Pink Book" which is now being prepared will be printed instead of typewritten. It will show the words required for the Visual Extract but will not show the Section and G.V. numbers. It will contain the coding instructions, verbs and other special tables, and the Medical Section. At a later date and as a separate document will be issued (in print) that part of the Asdio Code required for the English Decode.

8. The degodes for the other editorial editions will be issued in typewritten form. In the first place the G.V. and section numbers will be inserted and finally, after the November meeting, the code-groups.

9. Commander Kiderlen pointed out that in reviewing the

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work which still remained to be done the Vice-Chairman had not mentioned the Wational Visual Extracts.

Captain Askim, Horway, asked whether the English Radio Code and the Hational Decodes would be similar, page for

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for the very valuable and loyal assistance he had given at all times. Oaptain Askim, on behalf of the delegates, wished to endorse those remarks of the Vice Chairman.

- 4. The vice-Chairman then proceeded to make a statement in regard to the work remaining and said that there would now be a final opportunity for a revision of the translations, for an examination of the Hational Codes, and for an exchange of Test Messages.
- 5. For the secretariat there remained the very heavy task of preparing the final documents, which would amount to about 8,000 pages of typewritten matter in addition to that which would be printed.

for the final discussion which he proposed should commence list of all such matters should be forwarded to the secretary items which would require amendments, additions and deletions, at which they would be ready and it was ultimately agreed that considered that the middle of November was the very earliest 15th November was a later date than he had expected for the about the 15th Movember. not later than the 15th October, in order that they might be and some discussion as to details. October and that the final meeting should commence on Monday, all matters for discussion should be sent in by the 20th From these operations there would undoubtedly arise many The remaining delegates, however, all various members of the Committee in time Commander Uzaki remarked that He proposed that the final

6. The Vice-Chairman then went on to explain the documents now remaining to be issued and in course of preparation. He said that the following would be issued to the delegates in printed form very shortly:-

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Germany, was also being relieved in order to take up a seagoing appointment but he hoped that the German Government would be able to spare him to attend the final meeting.

He thanked Captain Takahashi for appreoisted the extreme difficulty they had to contend Delegation for their National Code. extremely reasonable demands put forward by the Japanese with the Test Message Sub-Committee, and especially for the of the Committee, for his very valuable work in connection his help with the Visual Signalling Instructions. Next he with the Ships' Business section and Commander Seno for language and those used for the other editorial editions. with in view of the difference between the Japanese for the Visual Code and for his work as chairman of the thanked Commander Kingman, on behalf of the Committee, for he had given to the Verbs Sub-Gommittee. he had come to his assistance at any time when he had been personal thanks to Commander Kingman for the way in which Visual Signalling Instructions Committee. the assistance he had given them in regard to the extract behalf of the Committee, for the very valuable assistance 2. The Vice-Chairman thanked Captain Meeda, on behalf He then thanked Commander Kiderlen, on his assistance

Chairman and Secretary, Paymaster Commander W.E.H. Jolly, A.H., would be leaving the Committee shortly, in order to take up an appointment abroad and although Commander Jolly was not present he wished to express to him formally the thanks of the Committee for the very smooth way in which the work of the Committee had run, and particularly for his work as Chairman of the Verbs Sub-Committee which had had such a difficult task and had come to such satisfactory conclusions. He also wished to express his personal thanks to Commander Jolly

# INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS COMMITTEE.

9th August 1980.

resent:

, Vice-Chairman - Mr. E. 7. Travis.

Capitaine de Fregate H.Pelle Desforges,

Kapitün-Leutment H. Kiderlen

Capitano di Corvetto Conte Ferrante
Capponi, R.M.I.

Captain Masaiti Maeda, I.J.M.

Captain Isao Takahashi
Commander Ohikara Ozaki, I.J.M.

Commander Tomoyuki Seno, I.J.M.

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Lieutenant-Commander Howard F. Kingman, U.S.H.

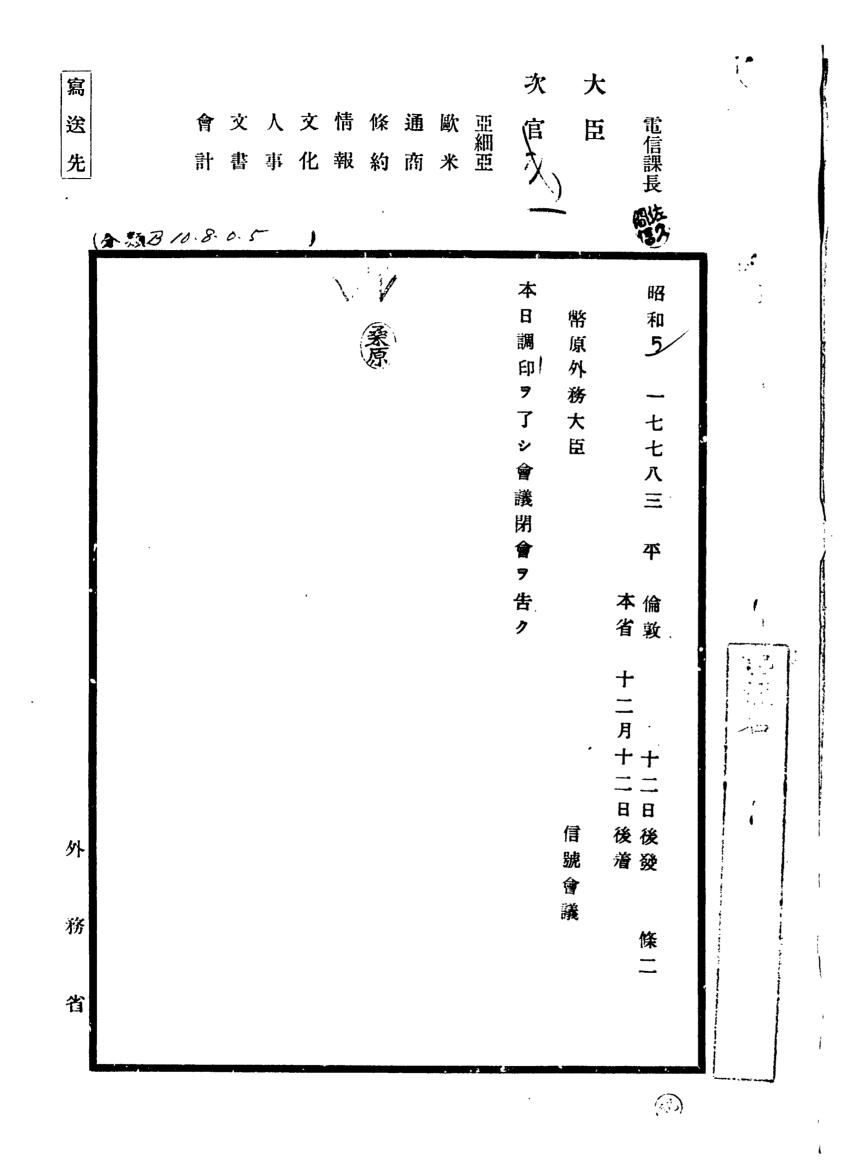
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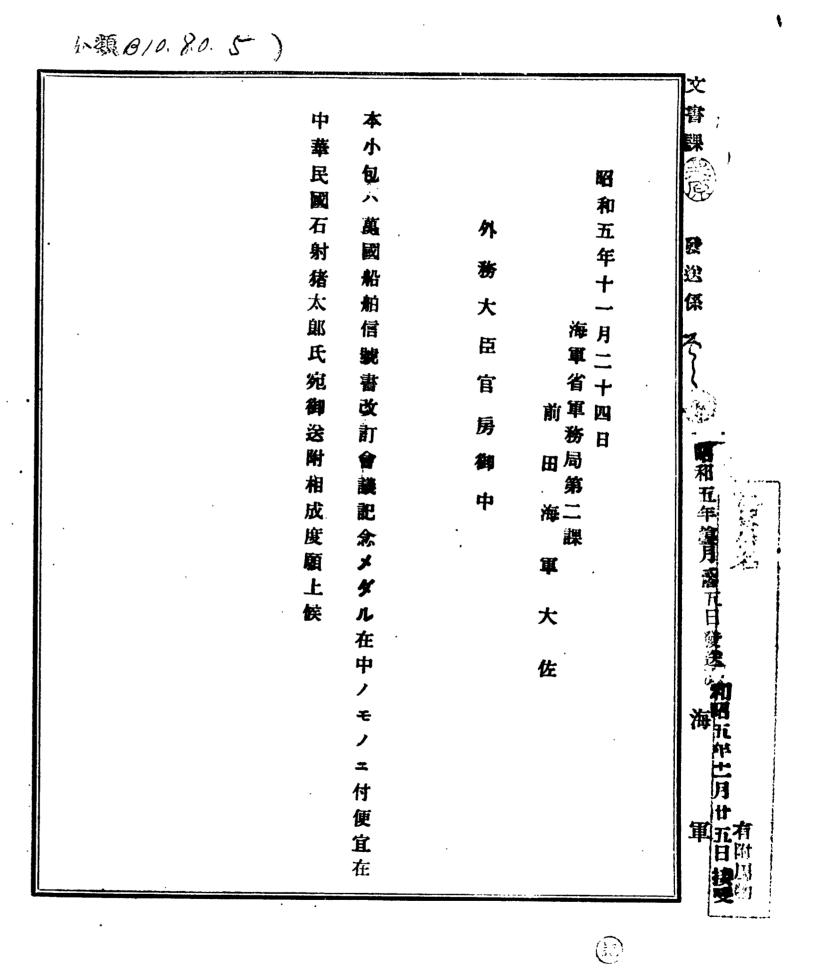
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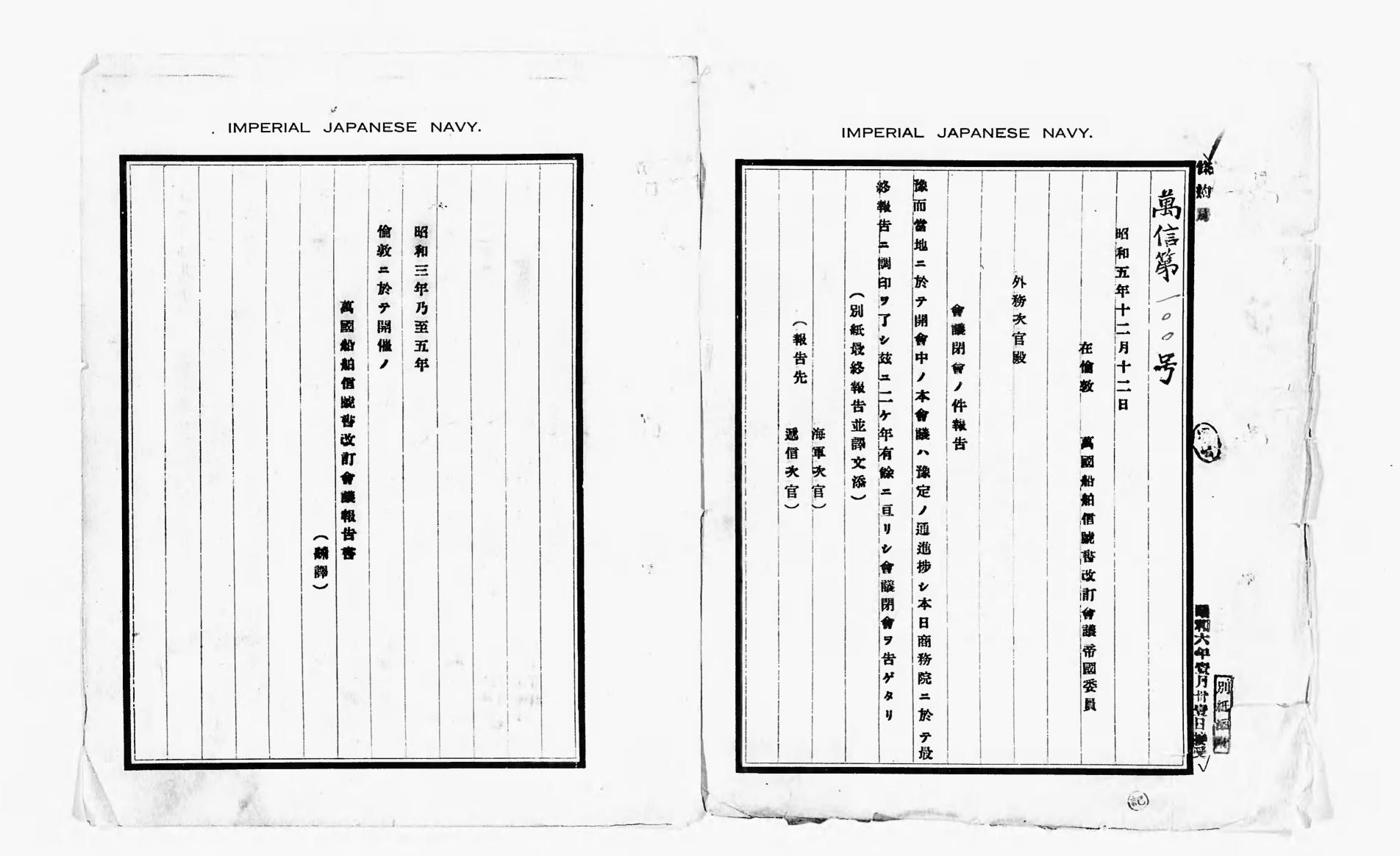
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U.S.W., from the U.S. Delegation. from the Japanese Delegation, and Lieut.Com. Howard F.Kingman, Oaptain Isao Takahashi, and Commander Tomoyuki Seno, I.J.H., Committee, namely: - Captain Masaiti Maeda. would shortly be going home and would not return to the task he understood that some members of the delegations Although this could not be considered in any way a light therefore, the assembly and revision of what had been done. the Verbs, Quarantine Signals, etc. regarding policy, such as the Visual Signalling Instructions, for insertion in the Code and had settled all points translation of the various words and phrases suggested Committee had now completed the discussion of the Committee's work, the Vice-Chairman said that the regard to the Code and the future course of the In making a review of the present position in Lieut. Com. Kiderlen, There only remained,

JJ.







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flags possible per hoist, the risk of corruption in transmission being almost nogligible and easily rectified, whereas code groups for use by telegraphy should differ from one another by at least two lotters in order to eliminate errors in transmission. It was therefore proposed that the new Code should be divided into two volumes - Volume I being designed to meet the special requirements of Visual Signalling and Volume II being constructed to meet the more general purposes required of Radio or Telegraph Signals.

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Following this Conference a good deal of work was done on the preparation of the proposed new code and a preliminary draft was propared in the English, French, and Italian languages. At that time it was hoped that it would be possible to submit this draft to a projected general International Conference on Electrical Communications of all kinds, but, unfortunately, it proved impossible, for various reasons, to hold such a Conference. The next opportunity for considering the matter internationally occurred when the United States Government convened the International Radiotelegraph Conference for 1927 and the British Government suggested that advantage might be taken of the assembly at the Radiotelegraph Conference of so many experts in signalling to discuss further the project for a new international code of signals. The United States Government agreed and circulated the British proposal to a number of other maritime countries by whom it was favourably received and all of which promised to send experts to the Radiotelegraph Conference specially to deal with the matter. Prior to the Conference the British draft of the new code was circulated to the countries attending the Lashington Conference with a covering memorandum. The Conference appointed a Special Committee to investigate the matter in detail and the

recommendations of that Committee together with the Memorandum prepared by the British Government will be found in Appendix 2 to this Report. These recommendations were endorsed by the Conference and follow in the main the principles embodied in the British memorandum and draft code. They have also formed the basis on which the new code has in fact been prepared.

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re-writing of the whole Code and it was finally decided not only to include the two new flags suggested by the French Government but to provide flags for all the 26 letters of the alphabet. In consequence of this extension it was found possible to arrange that all signals of an urgent or important character could be made by means of two letter signals and all those of a general nature by three letter signals. No new principle was introduced so far as the method of signalling by means of flags was concerned. but there was added to the Code a new system of signalling by means of balls, comes and drums, together with systems of signalling by semaphore or by the morse code. Signalling by semaphore was to be carried on by hand flags or mechanical arms and morse signalling by sound, hand flags or flashes of light. The revised and extended Code was forwarded by the British Government to all the foreign maritime powers most of whom made translations of it for use by their mercantile fleets. Since its publication the Code has been the standard means of communicating between ship and ship and between ships and the shore in spite of the fact that it soon became apparent in practice that difficulties and misunderstandings frequently arose when attempts were made to use the Code for communicating between ships or stations of different nationality.

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During the war the necessity arose, particularly in such areas as the Mediterranean, for frequent communication between ships speaking different languages. The only medium of communication available for this purpose was the International Code of Signals, and this completely failed to meet the emergency. There were two main reasons for this failure, first that in making their translations from the English text, foreign countries had not paid sufficient attention to the different meanings which a particular word in the English language may have, and secondly that in the original compilation in the English language a number of words and phrases had been included the meaning of which was not sufficiently definite. To meet the emergency an improvised

Oode waas prepared in which messages could be exchanged between British, French and Italian vessels, and though limited in scope this temporary Code proved of considerable utility. As a result there arose out of it a general demand for an International Code which would meet the normal peace time requirements of merchant vessels. With the object of obtaining such a code, it was proposed at a conference of the Allied Powers held at Washington in 1920, that the International Code of Signals should be revised along the lines of the three language Code which had been used during the war. This proposal was approved by the Conference which recommended that the new Code should be compiled so as to admit of the coding and decoding of messages in several languages without much risk of mistake or ambiguity. The Conference also laid down that the revised Code should include sections dealing with the following subjects:-

- (a) Ships, and Aircraft in Distress
- (b) Navigation, including all messages concerning the handling of ships, pilotage, anchoring etc.
- (c) Damage to ships and aircraft and the repair of such damage.
- (d) Kedical questions, including quarantine, pratique, Bills of health, etc.
- (e) Ships' Stores, including fuel, water, provisions, etc.
- (f) General information regarding weather, storm and ice warnings.
- (g) Aircraft
- (h) Ships' business, including messages regarding cargoes, insurance, harbour dues, passengers, arrivals and departures, etc.
- (i) Signalling by Radiotelegraphy
- (j) Communications.

The Conference were of opinion that it was not possible to construct a Code equally suitable for use by Visual Signalling and by Radiotelegraphy, as the Code Groups for Visual Signalling must of necessity employ the least number of

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# APPENDIX I.

Signals have been used as a means of communication between two vessels or between a vessel and the shore from time immemorial, but it was not until 1857 that any attempt was made to establish an International Code of Signals for this purpose. In that year a Commercial Code of Signals was published as the result of the recommendations of a Committee appointed by the British Board of Trade in July 1855, "to enquire into and report upon the subject of a Code of Signals to be used at sea". Prior to this date, however, a number of codes had been in use but they were more or less of a private nature and could in no respect be regarded as international. Included in these were Admiralty Codes dating from 1808 and the well-known Codes prepared by Captain Marryat in 1817 and 1856. The flags used in Marryat's Codes have formed the basis of those used in the subsequent International Codes.

The Commercial Code of Signals consisted of 18 flags, of which not more than four at a time were to be used in one hoist. There was also a Code flag and an answering perdant, together with two flags signifying "Yes" and "No" respectively. Although the Code was adopted generally, its limitations soon became apparent owing to the increasing requirements of the Mercantile Marine, due to the rapid developments which took place from the middle of the 19th century onwards. In 1887 another Committee was appointed by the British Board of Trade to bring the Commercial Code up to date. A proposal was made to this revision Committee by the French Government that additional flags, representing the letters X and Z should be added, with the object of increasing the number of two and three flag signals available. This suggestion was adopted, but it was found that its adoption necessitated almost a complete

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The French Delegate makes reservations on paragraphs 6 and 26(2) of the report.

Paragraph 6. The International Radiotelegraphic Conference at Washington had, on 17th November, 1927, adopted the Report of the Committee on the International Gode of Signals, in which we find in the paragraph "Editorial Edition of the Code"

"So as to adhere to the principle adopted in the present draft editorial editions, the representatives from the various countries must be conversant with the English language, this being the language used in the preparation of the present draft".

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In the opinion of the French delegate, it does not mean that English had to be the basic lenguage of the new Code.

Each language in turn was taken as the basis of the Code. When the discussion took place on the Norwegian, German, Italian and Spanish Not-Common words or additions, it was on these actual words and phrases, and not on the English, that the French transcription was <u>based</u>; even for the Japanese, of which the French Delegate has no knowledge, it was on the explanations verbally given by the Japanese Delegates on the paraphrases that they then gave, that the French transcription was based. For all that part of the code, which was not the English text proposed by the British Delegates, the basis has thus been the national language of each delegate in turn.

Many expressions have thus been translated not from the English but into English as well as into other languages.

It is in this meaning that the French delegate understands the word "basis", applied to each language successively, and these Instructions for the Radio Volume will be drafted in consequence. The verbs system of the new code takes into account the requirements of the different structures of the verbs in the different languages.

The first editions of the technical sections have been prepared by British experts, but they have been revised by experts of other countries; additions, amendments and deletions have been so numerous that the final draft is the co-operation of all the countries concerned. The metrical system has been admitted on the same footing as the British system of Weights and Measures.

<u>Paragraph 26(2)</u> The French Admiralty highly appreciates the work completed in London by the Draft Committee, under the direction of the British experts.

As to the question of the keeping up to date of the code, the French Admiralty willingly contemplates entrusting this supervision to an <u>international</u> organisation already existing. The Bureau Hydrographique International of Monaco seems to them competent to fulfil this rôle.

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with radio shall utilise their radio call signs for visual signalling purposes and that ships not fitted with radio shall be allocated signal letters from the appropriate radio series. The Committee recommend that the United States Government, as convener of the Washington Radiotelegraph Convention, should communicate with the other maritime governments with a view to this arrangement being put in force by the 1st January, 1934.

26. The Committee wish to make the following further recommendations:-

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1. That a complete list of the code-groups used in the Radio Volume, should be transmitted to the Radio Telegraph Bureau at Berne, with the request that they should communicate with the various countries concerned with a view to preventing the use of these groups as the registration marks or call-signs for aircraft.

2.\* That a permanent committee should be set up in London under the British Board of Trade for the purpose of keeping the Code up to date. The various countries concerned in this present editorial edition should be represented on this Committee by their Naval or Air Attaches (or both, if necessary), or such other officials as may be appointed. The committee would meet from time to time as necessary in order to deal with any matters which might arise in connection with amendments, additions, etc., to both volumes of the code.

3. That attention should be given to the desirability for the standardisation of local signals for Visual and Radio signalling, and their inclusion in the International Code of Signals, and for the elimination of the use of special flags for local purposes. The committee have included many signals with this end in view.

\*See reservation by Capitaine de Corvetta H. Pelle Desforges.

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4. That in consequence of the more complicated signalling procedure now introduced and the desirability that officers and radio operators should receive instruction in the use of the code, it is advisable that examination in the principles embodied in Volumes I and II respectively of the code, should be included in the examinations for officers' and radio operators' certificates.

December, 1930.

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#### Quarantine Signals.

21. As requested by the Washington Conference, the British Government have consulted the Office International d'Hygiene Publique in regard to the provision of a Night Signal for the use of ships wishing to, or required to, show their state of health at night. The Office International d'Hygiene Publique suggested a single signal for this purpose, namely "I have not received free pratique".

The British Government, as requested by the Washington Conference, have decided that it should be signalled by a red light over a white light, it being clearly understood that this signal is only to be hoisted within the limits of a port, and never in the open sea, and that the lights are to be placed not more than six feet apart.

#### Towing Signals.

22. Advantage has been taken of the opportunity to consult some of the companies in London owning tugs and as a result certain amendments have been made to the towing signals in order to bring them up to date and to render them applicable to aircraft taken in tow.

#### (Q) Signals.

23. Contrary to the Washington Conference recommendation, the Q signals have not been included in the Radio code. There can be no confusion between the 3-Letter Q Signals and the 5-letter groups of the Code, and the Q Signals are liable to considerable alteration from time to time. All ships fitted with Radio have to carry a copy of the Radiotelegraph Convention, and therefore have an easy means of access to these signals.

#### Roman Spelling of Japanese Characters.

24. The system which has been adopted for spelling Japanese names is that sanctioned for the use of the Imperial Japanese Navy. This system is being used for all charts and maps

prepared by the Hydrographical Department, the Land Survey
Department and the Japanese Geographical Society; it is
based on the Nippon Romazikai System with some modifications.

# Final Recommendations.

25. (1) It is recommended that as soon as the British edition of the Code is ready (and it is hoped that printed copies will be available by about May, 1931), copies should be forwarded, together with this report, to the Government of the United States of America, (as convener of the International Radiotelegraph Conference, 1927), for circulation to all signatories of the Radiotelegraph Convention, 1927, and also to any other countries concerned.

The advance circulation of the British Edition in this way is recommended as it is unlikely that any of the other editions will be ready by that date, and it is desirable that the contents of the Code should be widely known immediately printed copies become available. In the same manner copies of the other editorial editions will be circulated to the signatories of the International Radiotelegraph Convention, 1927, as and when they become available.

(ii) The Committee suggest that the new Code should be brought into force compulsorily and without exceptions on 1st January, 1934, provided all countries concerned have signified their readiness to do so.

(iii) It was decided at the Washington Conference that as an accompaniment to the introduction of the new Code, all ships should use Radio Call Signs and Signal Letters issued in accordance with the assignment of initial letters laid down in the International Radiotelegraph Convention (Vashington, 1927). At the present time some ships have both call signs and signal letters, and the signal letters do not in all cases definitely indicate the nationality of the ship concerned. The intention is that in future all ships fitted

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#### 2-Letter Signals.

(xi) Many changes have been made in the wording and allocation of the 2-letter signals. The Committee feeling that these signals should be reserved very largely for signals concerning distress, navigational warnings and the handling of ships and aircraft, have selected the signals accordingly. It was not considered possible or desirable to attempt to allocate the original pair of letters to those signals which appeared in the old code and are repeated in the revised code. Exception has been made in the case of the signals "NC", "PT" and "JD", which are of a specially important character and whose change would entail considerable amendment to other publications. The whole of the available two letter combinations have not been used (39?) spares having been left for future allocation.

(xii) The Italian Government submitted to the committee the desirability of allotting a flag for international use by men of war or other ships attending submarines exercising in the vicinity. The Committee did not consider itself competent to institute a special flag for this purpose, and considered it to be a matter for discussion amongst the various Admiralties concerned. They have, however, included for use by men of war or merchant vessels a 2-flag signal signifying, "Submarines are exercising in this vicinity, you should navigate with great caution."

#### Geographical Signals.

19. Owing to the political changes which have occurred during recent years and also to the development of aircraft, it has been found necessary to revise entirely the Geographical Section of the old code. In order to obtain the latest information on this subject a request was made by the British Government to the Governments of all the countries of the world to supply detailed particulars of the places which it

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was thought should be included in the Geographical Section, as being of importance from the point of view of ships or aircraft. The countries were also requested to supply charts showing the exact position of the places in question. The details provided have been co-ordinated and included in the revised Geographical Section. The difficulty of compiling this section has been much increased by the large number of changes which have been made in place-names, as well as by the many modifications in spelling which are constantly being made and the many alternative spellings in use.

The Committee decided that it would be better that this section should contain place-names only and should not indicate by means of asterisks, daggers, etc., the existence of signal stations, time-signal stations, ice-signal stations or life-saving stations. Frequent changes are made in the disposition of such stations and it was felt that it would be impossible to keep the code corrected up to date in this respect. The information would therefore become unreliable while, on the other hand, information of this nature is always available to ships in some other form.

# Distress Signals.

20. The distress signals have been taken from the International Convention for Safety of Life at tea and the Convention for the Regulation of Aerial Navigation.

As no decision was reached at the Conference for Safety of Life at Sea, London, 1929, regarding Shore Signals to vessels in distress, the Committee have inserted two-2-letter signals suitable for use by ships or Shore Stations namely:-

Your Distress Signals are understood. Assistance is coming out to you.

Your Distress Signals are understood. The nearest life-saving station is being informed.

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#### Morse Procedure Signals.

(vii) The Procedure Signals have been incorporated in the table of Procedure Signs. Further explanation has been given regarding the use of "the Break Sign" including its use for signalling by flashing and also of the use of the international code indicator "P R B". The examples illustrating the use of the procedure signs and signals have been rewritten and others added to show the abbreviated procedure which can be followed when it is unnecessary for ships to establish their identity.

#### Relative Bearings.

(viii) Great difficulty was experienced in the translation of the definition "Relative Bearings", because in some countries considerable difficulty exists in regard to the use of Relative Bearings. Extreme accuracy is not a necessity in signalling Relative Bearings, and it was considered best to insert a table of Relative Bearings in points and every ten degrees port and starboard. The use of this table for all Relative Bearings will avoid confusion in signals exchanged between ships of different nationality.

#### Standard Times.

(ix) Owing to the cancellation of the article in the Signalling Instructions referred to above concerning the use of Greenwich Mean Time, a table of Standard Times has been inserted for giving the relation between every hour and of certain specified half hours to Greenwich Mean Time. It was not thought possible or desirable to extend the table beyond these limits.

#### Single-letter Signals.

(x) The notes which appeared in the Washington draft to the Single-letter Signals "A" and "B" have been omitted as the Committee considered that a code is merely a means of conveying information and therefore should not contain instructions relating to the duties of officers commanding ships.

Signals have been allotted to "H", "K", "T" and "Y", which were left blank by the Washington Conference. The meanings allotted are as follows:-

"H" "I have a pilot on board".

"K" "You should stop your ship instantly".

"T" "Do not pass shead of me."

"Y" "I am carrying mails".

The latter signal has been introduced at the request of the International Postal Union.

The International Commission of Aerial Navigation put forward suggestions for four additional single letter signals namely:-

"I require a doctor immediately"
"I require petrol"
"I require immediate assistance"
"You should send motor boat to tow me to a
berth"

As it was impossible to allocate four additional single letter signals, the following changes have been made in the existing table of 1-letter signals:-

The meaning of the letter "V" has been amended to "I require assistance" and the meaning of the letter "W" has been changed to "I require medical assistance".

In the course of discussion it was found that the meaning allotted to the letter "S", namely "My engines are going astern" was not in agreement with the sound signal corresponding to "S" (three short blasts), contemplated by the International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea", contained in the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, London 1929, which reads "My engines are going full speed astern". For legal reasons it was felt that the two meanings should be the same, although it is common practice to use "S" on all occasions to signal that engines are put astern, irrespective of whether full speed is used or not. The signification of "S" has therefore been amended to "My engines are going full speed astern".

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of wording have been made in order to remove certain ambiguities. which became obvious during the work of translation. The final draft of the Instructions, as approved by the Washington Conference, was in the English language, and it was not until the translations into the other Standard Lunguages were made that the ambiguities became apparent.

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#### Signalling Flags.

(ii) In the plate of flags as settled at Washington the dimensions of each type of flag were given. These dimensions have been deleted and drawings have been prepared giving the complete specification of each flag in the three different sizes prescribed. It was not considered necessary to include these detailed specifications in the Gode itself and they are therefore included as an appendix to this report (Appendix 3). It is suggested that copies of the specification should be circulated together with the new code to all Maritime countries and should be made available to all flag manufacturers.

The alterations other than those of a verbal character which have been made to the Visual Signalling Instructions, are as follows:-

#### Definitions.

(iii) The definitions "Answer" and "Reply" have been deleted. partly because it was found almost impossible in some languages to translate them by different words and partly because throughout the Instructions no reference was made to the terms.

As courses and bearings are quoted together in the instructions for Signalling and must be considered of equal importance, the definition "Jompass bearing" has been changed to "Bearings and Courses" and a definition added for "Course Signals".

#### Signal Letters.

(iv) Throughout the Instructions in the Vashington report the terms "distinguishing Signals" and "Signal Letters" were used indiscriminately. This appears to the committee to be unnecessary and even misleading. Consequently the term "Distinguishing Signal" has been deleted wherever it appeared, and "Signal Letters" substituted. The article on "Signal Letters" has been rewritten and a table, taken from the International Radiotelegraph Convention (Washington) 1927 has been added to shew the national allocation of the initial letters of all "Signal Letters", "Call Signs" and "Aircraft Markings". The nationality of a ship or aircraft can be ascertained immediately by means of this table.

#### Time.

(v) The rule adopted at the Washington Conference, that all times were to be Greenwich Hean Time unless otherwise stated, was considered to be impracticable. Further it was obvious that in practise the rule would never be observed by ships habitually employed in waters not in the Greenwich Mean Time zone, or by ships following fixed routes. It was thought that it would be better therefore, to modify the rule and to provide that a ship should specify the particular time used whenever there might be any doubt about it on the part of the addressee.

An article has been added outlining the procedure to be followed when it is required to signal or obtain the exact time for comparison of chronometers, clocks, watches &c.

#### Local Codes.

(vi) An article has been inserted specifying the means to be adopted to prevent misunderstanding when signals are made in local codes.

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#### Compilation of the other Editorial Editions.

15. The remaining Editorial editions of the Code were compiled by selecting the suitable words and phrases from the translations of the draft British code. These were then compared with the other draft codes and lists of supplementary words and phrases were prepared for discussion by the Committee in the same manner as for the British draft code.

It may here be mentioned that the original intention was that the English version of the code should be compiled in two parts, that is that there should be separate code and decode volumes. It was thought that such an arrangement would facilitate coding and decoding but, as certain of the other Governments wished to print in their decodes the English translation alongside the corresponding word or phrase, the original intention was abandoned. The object of printing the English translation in the other decodes is to enable them to be used also as an English code as well as to minimise any mis-interpretations which may occur and which would thus be reduced by comparison with the basic language. For this purpose it is essential that the code groups and the meanings in the English edition should be in alphabetical order, consequently, the English edition has been produced as a combined code and decode.

16. The Committee ventures to point out that so far as they are aware this is the first time that a task of this character has been attempted. Many of the difficulties encountered by the Committee, which have influenced their decisions, may not be apparent to the users of the code, who must bear in mind that in order to obtain an international code it has not always been possible to fulfil national requirements in the most convenient manner.

It has been impossible to test in a thorough manner the

seven editorial draft codes by means of the exchange of messages. This could only have been accomplished with difficulty and great labour, with the draft codes in their typewritten and card-index form, and before the allocation of code-groups. The Committee would have liked to make a final general comparison and to have exchanged a large number of test messages when the printed proofs of the various editions of the code became available. This could not, however, have taken place for several months, and would in all probability have reopened a great many questions, prolonged the sitting of the cormittee and delayed very considerably the date of bringing the new code into force.

The tests which the Committee has been able to carry out point conclusively to the necessity of wording international messages in a simple form and in short sentences, clearly defined by the group for full-stop or other punctuation marks,

## Compilation of Visual Volume.

17. After compiling the Radio Volume, the Committee proceeded to extract therefrom the words and phrases necessary for the Visual Volume, incorporating such additions as are applicable to Visual Signalling only.

18. Other matters dealt with by the Committee are set forth in detail, as follows:-

# Instructions for Visual and Sound Signalling.

(i) It was not considered to be within the terms of reference of the Committee to discuss from a technical aspect the Instructions for Visual Signalling laid down at Washington, but these have been very carefully examined and translated.

A few minor additions and corrections have been made to matters which were thought to have been overlooked and some alterations

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It was realised at the outset that it would be unreasonable to expect to code a message word for word in one language so that it would, when decoded, be grammatically correct in another, and the objective of the Committee has been to provide translations and devise means whereby the purport of a message will be understood. For work of this nature dictionaries are quite inadequate and in any case must be used with great discrimination. The experience gained during the past two years has proved conclusively that personal discussion and explanation of each word is absolutely essential.

13. For the purpose of the code it is only necessary to translate the common and nautical uses of words. To explain these, and in order to ensure that each delegate would take the same meanings, complete sentences were written giving examples of the use of each word in the General Vocabulary Section. These sentences were carefully examined by each delegate and subsequently each word was fully discussed in Committee.

The nature of most of the difficulties encountered and the steps taken to overcome them, can be gleaned from the "Explanatory Instructions for Use of the Code" and they are not, therefore, repeated in this report.

The aim of the Committee has been to keep the code as simple as possible and to solve the problems encountered without resorting to complicated methods, and it has been kept in mind that the code will be used largely for signalling between nationals.

14. In addition to the difficulties created by the fact that a word may have many different meanings (described in the Explanatory Insutuctions), difficulty occurs especially in English, in restricting even a phrase to a single meaning, e.g. "Ready by" appears to be a harmless and useful bigram for inclusion in the code, but it has two distinct uses in English instanced as follows:

"I can be "ready by" 3 o'clock".

"Ship can only be got "ready by increasing number of men at work.

Difficulties of this kind are easily overlooked and every care admissible in the time at the disposal of the Committee, has been taken to ascertain and provide for such contingencies.

The English language is also full of synonyms such as:-

- (a) Quay, Jetty, Wharf, Pier and kole.
- (b) Channel and Fairway.
- (c) Tide and Current.
- (d) Head and Bows.

The translation of words of this description is difficult, for example: Tide can mean either the rise or fall of the water or the stream which is consequent on the rise or fall. On the other hand, Current applies equally to water or air. The easier word to translate has always been chosen for phrases, for instance, Channel is an essential word in English and cannot be excluded from the code but where applicable Fairway has invariably been used in its place.

Another exemple of the pitfalls which have been met, is provided by the words "Up" and "Down". At first glance they appear to have entirely contrary meanings yet the expression, "Slow up" and "Slow down" are identical.

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The General Vocabulary and the technical sections were very fully examined and discussed by the editorial committee, who amended and added to them considerably in order to render them of more general use.

7. The task of deciding what should, and what should not, be included in a code of limited size is never easy. For an international code of this type the task is still more difficult because words and phrases of common use in one country must often be rendered in another language by words of infrequent use. This factor has had considerable influence on the compilation of the code and explains in many cases the inclusion of words which are apparently not necessary to the language to which that particular code belongs, but which have been inserted in one or more codes of other nations.

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Every endeavour has been made to exclude from the code words and phrases possessing a special significance peculiar to any one country, and wherever possible entries have been worded or phrased so as to be of general use and application.

- 8. The British and the Metric Standards of weights and measures have both been included in the code and it is considered that these two standards are sufficient to meet all requirements.
- 9. As suggested by the Yashington Conference the British Government obtained from the "Commission Internationale de Navigation Aerienne" a list of urgent and important signals, and also other words and phrases relating to aircraft which the Commission considered desirable to include and these have been embodied in the code.

the Office International D'Hygiene Publique who have compiled the quarantine and health sections of the code and a very complete Case-stating Scheme which should prove of great use in securing medical advice by radio for ships and stations unable to obtain the attendance of a doctor. The Vice-Chairman and the French Delegate attended a meeting of the Office International in Paris in May, 1930, in order to ensure that the manner in which the Committee had dealt with the suggestions of the "Office" correctly interpreted their intentions.

11. The words and phrases required for messages concerning weather have been selected by the Commission for Synoptic Weather Information and are therefore those at present in international usage.

#### Translation.

translation of the basic code) has been by far the harder task. The word "translation" does not express exactly the work of the committee. Translation implies turning the complete sentences of one language into intelligible sentences in another. For the purposes of this code, however, it has been necessary to go much further. In addition to providing exact equivalents for individual words and phrases, the Committee have had to improvise means whereby a sentence in one language transposed word by word into code groups, when decoded in any one of seven languages, shall be understandable and free from ambiguity in each. As no more descriptive word can be found, "translation" is used throughout this Report when referring to this part of the Committee's work.

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3. Five Appendices are annexed to this report:Appendix 1 gives a brief historical summary of the development of the International Code.

Appendix 2 is a reprint of the Report of the International Radiotelegraph Conference, Washington, 1927, which includes the terms of reference of the Editorial Committee.

Appendix 3 gives the detailed specification of each signal flag in all three sizes (see page 11).

Appendix 4. British edition of The 1931 International Code of Signals Volume 1 for Visual and Sound Signalling.

Appendix 5. British edition of The 1931 International Code of Signals Volume II for Radio Signalling.

# Construction of the Codes.

4. The Washington Conference decided that the existing International Code of Signals should be replaced by a code in two volumes Volume I for use by Visual signalling and Volume II for use by Radio signalling. As radio signalling does not suffer from the limitations inherent in Visual Signalling the Radio volume was naturally to be more comprehensive than the Visual. The Editorial Committee therefore decided to commence its labours by compiling the Radio volume.

In describing the Committee's work on the Radio volume it is convenient to divide it into two distinct parts:

(1), the compilation of the basic code, that is the selection of the words and phrases dealing with the many activities of shipping and aircraft, and (2), the translation of the basic code, that is the preparation of translations

in the other standard languages that will ensure that the signification of each code-group shall be identical in all the seven editions.

## Compilation of basic Radio Code.

worked on the assumption that the code is primarily intended for use by ships and aircraft and, via shore radio stations, between ships or aircraft and authorities ashore, such as harbour and quarantine authorities, agents, etc. The code is therefore not intended in any way to compete with or replace commercial codes, although a certain number of signals have been inserted for use when communicating with shipowners, agents, repair yards, etc., in those parts of the world where a common commercial code does not exist.

\*6. A code compiled in seven languages must necessarily have one language as a base and in accordance with the recommendations of the Washington Conference, English was adopted as the basic language of the revised code. It was therefore necessary to draft an English version of the code and in order to facilitate its preparation (and eventually the translation into the other languages) the words and phrases were grouped under a number of Technical Sections, those of general use which could not be classified in a technical section being placed in a "General Vocabulary" Section. These sections were prepared in close consultation with the Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade and also with an informal British ddvisory committee composed of representatives of the Committee of Lloyds, the shipping interests and Officers' Associations.

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# INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS. REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

1. At the International Radiotelegraph Conference held at Washington in 1927 The British Government made proposals for the preparation of a new International Code of Signals. These proposals were accepted in principle by the Conference, but it was impossible to complete the large amount of work involved in the compilation of the new Code whilst the Conference was actually in session. The Conference therefore delegated to the British Government the duty of completing the work begun at Washington and, with the aid of representatives of the other countries concerned, of compiling editions of the new Code in seven languages, namely, English, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Spanish and one Scandinavian language. After discussion among themselves the Scandinavian Governments decided that Norwegian should be their representative language.

2. The British Government undertook the responsibility and invited these countries to send representatives to London as members of an Editorial Committee to complete the work. This Committee assembled on the 16th October, 1928, and was at first constituted as follows:-

Chairman:

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Mr. H.G. Williams, M.P.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. E.W. Travis.

Secretary and

Deputy Vice-Chairman:

Paymaster-Commander W.E.H. Jolly, R.N.

Delegates:-

France:

Capitaine de Fregate F. Bion.

Germany:

Kapitan-Leutnant H. Kiderlen.

Italy:

Tenente di Vascello Conte Ferrante Capponi.

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Mr. Itaro Ishii, First Secretary of Embassy. Japan:

Capitain Masaiti Maeda, I.J.N.

Captain Isao Takahashi.

Commander Taunesaburo Namba, I.J.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Chikara Ozaki, I.J.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Genzo Sato, I.J.N.

Norway: Kaptein Per Askim.

Spain:

U.S.A.:

Capitan de Fragata Don Jose Cantillo. Lieutenant-Commander H.F. Kingman, U.S.N.

Captain P.C. Grening, Director for Europe

U.S.A. Shipping Board.

The following changes have since taken place in the

constitution of the Committee:-

Mr. W.R. Smith, M.P., succeeded Mr. H.G. Chairman:

Williams as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade in July 1929 and Chairman

of the Committee in September, 1929.

Deputy Vice- Kaptein Per Askim succeeded Paymaster-Commander Jolly in October, 1930. Chairman:

Capitano di Corvetta Count Ferrante Secretary: Capponi took over the duty of Secretary

in October, 1930.

Capitaine de Corvette H. Pelle Desforges France:

relieved Capitaine de Fregate Bion in

January, 1929.

Kapitan-Leutnant Mössel relieved Commander Germany:

Kiderlen, in October, 1930.

Mr. Shoichi Nakayama relieved Mr. Itaro Ishii in

Japan: September 1929. Commander Seno and Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Kuwabara relieved Commander Namba and Lieutenant-Commander Sato in September,

1929. Captain Maeda, Captain Takahashi and Commander Seno returned to Japan in September,

1930.

In January, 1929, Capitan de Fragata Cantillo Spain: was relieved by Capitan de Corbeta M. Moreu

and the latter was relieved by Capitan de Corbeta E. Garcia Ramirez in March 1929. Teniente de Navio Don A. de Urzaiz joined the Committee in

August, 1929, as the second Spanish Delegate.

Commander H.F. Kingman returned to the U.S.A.:

United States of America in August, 1930.

# INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS COMMITTEE. MEMORANDUM.

It is proposed that the Delegates, other than British, in reporting to their respective Governments should recommend them to forward a letter to the British Government thanking them for having undertaken the revision of the International Code of Signals a work whose importance will be readily recognised by all the maritime Nations of the World. Moreover the Delegates would like their respective Governments to convey thanks for the courteous hospitality and for all the facilities extended to them during their stay in the United Kingdom both in their private capacity and in conjunction with the execution of their duties.

In particular they are very anxious that special mention should be made of Mr. E.W. Travis, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and of Paymaster Commander W.E.H. Jolly, R.N., deputy Vice-Chairman and Secretary, for their unfailing good will, ability, understanding and tact which have rendered the difficult work in hand both easier and more agreeable.

It is lastly suggested that a copy of this report of each Delegate to his Government be forwarded to their respective Embassies or Legations in London together with the present memorandum.

The present memorandum which has been mutually agreed upon, has been drafted in order to enable all the Delegates to proceed on the same lines in this matter, thus continuing in the joint line of conduct followed by them up till now.

London, 11 December 1930.