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IMPERIAL ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE FLEET (EXCERPT)

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Art. 2. A fleet shall be divided into squadrons as the occasion may demand.

A squadron shall be composed of the following: two or more battleships; a battle-ship and a destroyer division, submarine division, transport division, two or more destroyers, two or more submarines, two or more gunboats, two or more escorts, two or more transports or air groups; a portion of these without a battleship; or two or more air groups; when it is composed of aircraft carriers, seaplane carriers, flying corps, destroyer divisions, submarine division, gunboat divisions, escort divisions, transport divisions, destroyers, submarines, transports etc., it shall be customarily known as the air squadron, destroyer squadron, submarine squadron, transport squadron etc.

When the occasion demands, a squadron may include destroyer divisions, minesweeper divisions, sub-chaser divisions, patrol ships, etc. or have independent floating unit attached to it.

Depending upon the manner of its organization, a squadron shall be known as the First Squadron, Second Air Squadron, Third Destroyer Flotilla, Fourth Submarine Flotilla, Fifth Transport Squadron etc.

Art. 4. The Combined Fleet shall have a commander-in-chief.

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Each fleet may have either a commander-in-chief or a commandant. A Squadron shall have a commandant. But in the case of Article 30 below, this post may be omitted.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet, commanders-in-chief of the fleets and the commandant of an independent fleet shall be direct Imperial appointees.

Art. 10. The Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet, directly subordinate to the Emperor, shall command the Combined Fleet and superintend affairs relating to the fleet. The Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet shall receive orders from the Minister of the Navy as regards administrative affairs and directions from the Chief of the Navy General Staff as regards the planning of war operations.

Art. 11. The commander-in-chief of a fleet, directly subordinate to the Emperor, shall command the fleet under him and direct affairs of his fleet. The commander-in-chief of a fleet shall receive orders from the Minister of the Navy as regards administrative affairs and directions from the Chief of the Navy General Staff as regards the planning of war operations.

Art. 31. The Commanders-in-chief of the fleets or the commandant of an independent fleet under the Combined Fleet shall be commanded by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet.

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Art. 32. Of those duties relating to the commanders-in-chief of the fleets, those pertaining to military command shall be applicable to the Commander-in-chief of the Combined Fleet.

Art. 33. The commandant of an independent fleet shall be directly subordinate to the Emperor, and those provisions pertaining to fleet commanders-in-chief shall be applicable to him regarding his official powers.

Art. 34. The commandant of a squadron shall be subordinate to a fleet commander-in-chief. He shall head and command the squadron or a portion of it under him and shall perform his duties in accordance with the provisions as set forth in Articles 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 26 and 27.

The commandant of a squadron directly commanded by the Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet or the commander-in-chief of a fleet shall perform his duties as ordered by the said commander-in-chief.

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