

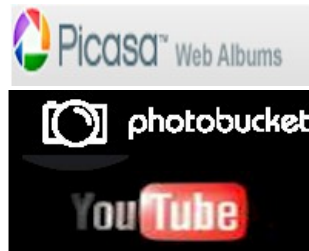
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GSTP

GENERAL SERVICE TEMPORARY PATTERN

W10 British Army

0552 Royal Navy

0555 Royal Marines

6BB Royal Airforce

WWW waterproof wrist watch WWII onwards.

ATP Army Timepiece WWII

GSTP General Service Temporary Pattern

AM Air Ministry




Air Ministry Number Codes


6E/50 – for an observer's pocket-watch

6B/117 – for an Air Ministry stopwatch




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GREAT BRITAIN

	The broad arrow British government property mark, found in various forms on watch dials, cases and movements.	H † S 8	Fleet Air Arm pilot's wristwatch.
C † W	Chronometer Watch mark found on deck watch transit cases.	H † S 9	Chronograph wristwatch.
A † D	Admiralty Department issue pocket watch mark, c.1914.	H † S 10	Diver's wristwatch.
A † S	Royal Naval Air Service issue pocket watch mark, c.1914.	H † S 11	Standard issue wristwatch.
ADMIRALTY MARK E A1D	Mark II Royal Naval Air Service aviator's eight-day pocket watch, c.1914.	0652 -	Stores prefix for Royal Navy NATO issue watch.
H. S.	Hydrographic Service mark found on the cases of Royal Navy issue watches, 1914-1918.		British Army issue pocket watch in India, c.1900.
	Numbered Hydrographic Service codes used by Royal Navy, 1939-1946, to identify the grade or use of timepieces:	W † D	War Department issue pocket watch, c.1914.
H † S 1	Chronometer watch with detent escapement.		Broad arrow and serial number of H. Williamson issue pocket watch, c.1914.
H † S 2	Chronometer watch adjusted for isochronism in five positions.	51714F	
H † S 3	Deck watch adjusted for isochronism in a minimum of two positions.	8730C RA	Royal Artillery issue pocket watch with contract number, c.1914.
H † S 4	Fleet Air Arm instrument panel watch.	P † W	Pocket watch mark, Royal Navy issue, c.1914.
H † S 5	Survey boat pocket watch.	†	
H † S 6	Ship's chronometer with gimballed movement.	TW	"Tank Watch" mark found on economy grade Ingersol issue pocket watch, c.1920.
H † S 7	Watch calibrated for sidereal time.	6645-	NATO stores code for military wristwatch.
		P	Phosphorous painted watch dial mark.
		T	Tritium painted watch dial mark.
			Aviation issue mark – Royal Flying Corps pocket watch, 1914-1917.
		MARK IV.A	Mark IV.A pattern mark on aviator's issue eight-day pocket watch, c.1914.

TYPE A - 7	"Aircraft Navigational Chronograph Watch" adopted in 1934, made from a pocket chronograph watch converted for use as a wristwatch.	MARINE NATIONALE	French Navy issue watch mark, post-1950.
TYPE A - 8	Pocket stop watch with ten second dial used for timing ground speed.	MARINE NATIONALE AERONAUTIQUE NAVALE	French Navy issue pilot's watch, c.1950.
TYPE A - 9	Reworked Type A-5, adopted in 1940.	M G	Ministere de la Guerre - War Ministry property mark, 1914-1918 and c.1939.
TYPE A - 10	This watch never passed the experimental stage.		War Ministry property mark for the Artillery.
TYPE A - 11	The standard US Air Corps/Air Forces wristwatch adopted in 1940, and manufactured in large numbers by several companies, 1940-1945.	MINISTÈRE DE L'AVIATION	French Air Ministry mark found on aircraft clocks, c.1915.
TYPE A - 12	Elgin-made hacking wristwatch with 24 hour dial, adopted in 1940 but only issued in small numbers.	☆☆☆☆ ☆☆	Mark applied to dial of Hanhaldt chronograph wristwatch by the Dodane watch company, to obliterate German provenance, prior to reissue to the French Air Force post-1945.
TYPE A - 13	Similar to the Type A-9, this master watch adopted in 1941 also features a hacking function.	TYPE 20	French Air Force issue pilot's chronograph wristwatch issued from 1954.
TYPE A - 14	Never issued.	TYPE 21	French Air Force issue pilot's chronograph wristwatch issued in the 1960s.
TYPE A - 15	Tested but never adopted.	C E V	Centre d'Essai en Vol - French Air Force test flight centre issue chronograph wristwatch.
TYPE A - 16	Similar to the Type A-11 but improved to be more tolerant of temperature changes; adopted in 1945 for US Army Air Forces use.	FG 15 11 66	Fin de Garantie - quality control assurance mark followed by the inspection date, 15 November 1965.
TYPE A - 17	Improved version of Type A-16, issued c.1950.		
MILITARY TYPE III CLASS A	US Air Force digital quartz wristwatch, c.1980.		
	FRANCE		
DEPÔT DE LA MARINE	French Navy stores mark, c.1910.	C. H. S. f 1	Canadian Hydrographic Service code for naval issue gimballed chronometer watch, 1939-1946.
 MONTRE TORPILLEUR	Torpedo Watch marking used on a French Navy chronometer watch, c.1900-1918.	C. H. S. f 2 C. H. S. f 3 C. H. S. f 4	Royal Canadian Navy codes are the same as the Royal Navy issue markings with the addition of a "C" prefix.
SERVICE HYDROGRAPHIQUE DE LA MARINE	Hydrographic Service chronometer watch of the French Navy, c.1920-1940.		Canadian military issue watch mark, 1939-1945.
MARINE SERVICE HYDROGRAPHIQUE	French Navy issue chronometer watch.	R.C.A.F. REF. No. 06/150 4399/42	Royal Canadian Air Force issue pilot's wristwatch, dated 1942.

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U.S.C.G. No. 57	US Coast Guard mark on issue watch.		in the event of any overhaul, uncoded watches made prior to 12 November 1940 were marked at the time of repair with the following codes:
	Corps of Engineers issue mark on chronograph watch, c.1917.	OW	7-9 jewel pocket watch.
	Signal Corps issue watch mark, c.1917.	OX	15-17 jewel pocket watch.
U.S. ARMY	US Army contract mark on Hamilton Mod.22 chronometer, c.1942.	OY	7-9 jewel wristwatch.
		OZ	15-17 jewel wristwatch.
	US Army property mark applied over US Navy issue stamps. The original markings have been milled away prior to reissue of the Hamilton Mod.22 to a different branch of the armed forces, probably post-1945.	BU. AERO U.S. NAVY	Issue watch mark, Bureau of Aeronautics (under the auspices of the US Navy), 1921-1959.
		BU. AERO SER No.196 - 32	Bureau of Aeronautics issue watch bearing serial number and 1932 date.
U.S. GOVT.	US Government property mark found on the movement of high grade issue watches, 1939-1945.	U.S. ARMY A.C.	US Army Air Corps issue watch mark, 1926-1941.
A.N. 5740	Mark found on Army/Navy issue high grade pocket watches, including those issued to the Army Air Forces pre-1945.	AVIGATION WATCH	Abbreviated mark for "Aviation Navigation Watch", also designated as Type A-4, c.1934.
ORD. DEPT. U.S.A.	US Army Ordnance Department issue watch, pre-1945.	AIRCRAFT NAVIGATIONAL CHRONOGRAPH WATCH	US Army Air Corps pilot's/navigator's issue hacking watch designated as Type A-7, 1934-1940.
ORD CORPS USA	US Army Ordnance Corps issue watch, post-1945.	TYPE A - 1	The first watch to be standardised for US Army Air Corps use in 1926, designed for use in conjunction with the ground speed drift indicator.
OA	US Ordnance Department codes used after 12 November 1940 to identify watch grades: 7-9 jewel pocket watch.	TYPE A - 2	Master timepiece adopted in 1932, consisting of two watches housed in a wooden box, one calibrated to indicate solar time, the other sidereal time.
OB	15-17 jewel pocket watch.	TYPE A - 3	Longines Wittnauer Weems patent watch adopted in 1932.
OC	7-9 jewel wristwatch.	TYPE A - 4	Waltham "Avigation Watch" adopted in 1934, consisting of two pocket watches as in Type A-2.
OD	15-17 jewel wristwatch.	TYPE A - 5	George H.Adamson-designed watch with a Waltham movement, incorporating a 24 hour dial. Tested in 1934 but not adopted for service until 1937.
OE	21-jewel railroad grade pocket watch.	TYPE A - 6	Similar watch to Type A-4, procured in limited numbers in 1934.
OF	15-17 jewel wristwatch with waterproof case.		
OFA	15-16 jewel wristwatch in waterproof case; used as a Type A-11 substitute by the Army Air Corps/Air Forces (whose designation changed after June 1941).		
OG	7-9 jewel wristwatch with waterproof case.		
OS	Stop watch.		

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	Mark V pattern mark on aviator's issue eight-day pocket watch, c.1916.	W10-	Army prefix to wristwatch serial number, post-1950.
	Mark V pattern mark on aviator's issue standard pocket watch, c.1916.		Air Ministry property stamp found in various forms on watches, clocks and their movements, 1918-c.1953.
	Mark V pattern mark on aviator's issue pocket watch, c.1916.	A.M. 6B/107	Air Ministry flying equipment code for split chronograph watch, c.1937.
R.A.E. REPAIR	Royal Aircraft Establishment repair mark to watch, pre-1917.	A.M. 6B/117	Air Ministry issue code for stop watch, c.1940.
R.A.F. REPAIR	Royal Air Force repair mark to watch, post-1918	A.M. 6B/159 G & S Co. Ltd. 6436/40	Air Ministry issue code for a pilot's/navigator's watch, in this case supplied by the Goldsmith's & Silversmith's Company Limited, bearing issue number and dated 1940.
MU 28	Maintenance Unit repair mark hand-painted on clock dial, c.1939.	A.M. 6B/221	Air Ministry issue code for substitute standard stop watch, c.1942.
	Royal Air Force crest found on clock dials, c.1937-1945.	A.M. 6B/234	Air Ministry issue code for substitute standard pilot's wristwatch. Mark also follows repair/reissue 1939-1945.
90260 C ↑	Contract number on Army issue wristwatch, c.1918.	A.M. 14A/1102 21887	Air Ministry issue code found on wristwatch used for reconnaissance/ground operations duty, c.1940.
W.9019.S	Wristwatch, Service pattern mark flanking issue number, c.1918.	A.M. 6E/ 50	Air Ministry issue code for observer's pocket watch, 1939-1945.
↑ 94455M ✱	Service cancellation mark added in the 1930s to a military issue wristwatch of c.1918.	6A/1072 MK.IIB	Mark IIB eight-day aircraft clock with Royal Air Force issue code, c.1943.
Mk I ↑	Highest grade Army issue pocket watch mark, c.1925.	6bb -	Royal Air Force prefix to NATO issue wristwatch.
↑ ↑ ↑	Service wristwatch mark, Indian Army, c.1930.		
C.S.(1)	Civil Service (India) mark on military issue wristwatch, c.1939.		
↑ G.S. M.K.II	General Service Mark II pocket watch mark, Army issue, c.1935		GERMANY
↑ GS/TP	General Service Timepiece/Temporary Pattern mark, Army issue, 1939-1945.		Deutsche Reichsmarine issue watch mark, first used by the German Navy in 1848 although the RM title was not officially accepted until 1871. The mark continued in use until 1933.
↑ G.S.T.P.	Variation on above.		Traditional German Navy issue watch mark, 1871-1918.
↑ ATP	Army Time Piece mark found on wristwatches, 1939-1945.		
C.O.S.D	Company Ordnance Supply Depot mark found on Airborne Forces issue wristwatch, c.1944.		German Navy watch mark, c.1932.
W.W.W.	Wrist Watch, Waterproof mark used on military contract watches, c.1943-1958.	M K.M.	Kriegsmarine property mark, 1933-1945.

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	<p>Kriegsmarine chronometer watch mark with naval issue number.</p>	<p>FL2000 As above; a navigator's watch is identified by the first two digits (23) of the code.</p>
	<p>Kriegsmarine issue watch mark with naval number and manufacturer's code number.</p>	<p>FL25000 As above; a pilot's watch is identified by the first two digits (25) of the code.</p>
	<p>Kriegsmarine issue chronograph watch mark. Kriegsmarine issue watch mark with Naval Artillery code.</p>	
	<p>Marks on Kriegsmarine issue U-boat clock, coded for service with the North Sea fleet.</p>	<p>RLM NAV B - UHR Reichs Luftfahrt Ministerium, Navigation Beobachtung Uhr - Reich Air Ministry issue navigation/ observation watch, 1933-1945.</p>
	<p>Kriegsmarine issue clock mark.</p>	<p>D601214 Dienst number - service number found on standard Swiss-made Luftwaffe wristwatches, 1939-1945.</p>
<p>D. 9312 H.</p>	<p>Deutsches Heer - German Army property mark with serial number, found only found on Swiss-made watches, 1939-1940.</p>	<p>BUND 6645 - 12 - 194 Bundeswehr issue pilot's wristwatch with NATO stores code.</p>
<p>DL H.</p>	<p>Deutsches Heer property mark found on non-waterproof wristwatches with sweeping centre seconds used for surveillance purposes, c.1943.</p>	<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p>
<p>EIGENTUM DER FLIEGERTRUPPEN</p>	<p>"Property of the Flying Corps" mark found on watches between 1914 and 1918.</p>	<p>United States Shipping Board merchant navy property watch mark, 1914-1940.</p>
	<p>German Flying Corps mark found on pocket watches, pre-1918, with Zeppelin airship code.</p>	<p>U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION Official title of the US Shipping Board; mark found on watch dials from 1940.</p>
	<p>German Flying Corps mark, pre-1918.</p>	<p>U.S. NAVY No. 9687 US Navy issue watch mark and serial number, c.1920.</p>
<p>FL 22000</p>	<p>Mark on Luftwaffe watch with Flieger number, 1939-45. The first two digits (22) of the code identify an observer's watch.</p>	<p>BUREAU OF SHIPS U.S. NAVY Bureau of Ships property mark, used on US Navy issue watches since 1920.</p>
		<p>U.S. NAVY BU. SHIPS US Navy Bureau of Ships, abbreviated form of above mark.</p>
		<p>© 364 - 1941 US Naval Observatory mark bearing 1941 date, found on inspected chronometer watches.</p>
		<p>NAVIGATION MASTERWATCH US Navy issue high grade deck watch.</p>
		<p>MTD CHRONOMETER WATCH Mounted Chronometer Watch mark found on US Navy issue gimballed chronometer.</p>
		<p>COMPARING WATCH US Navy issue high grade watch with hacking device.</p>
		<p>U.S.M.C. United States Marine Corps issue watch.</p>

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	CZECHOSLOVAKIA		
	Property of Military Affairs - marking and issue number found on Czechoslovakian military watches, pre-1939.		Imperial Army issue watch mark, pre-1945.
	For Air Force Use - marking found on some Czechoslovakian Air Force watches, c.1939.		AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
	ITALY		Kaiserlich und Koeniglich Kriegs Marine - Imperial and Royal Navy issue chronometer watch, pre-1918.
	Hydrographic Institute - Royal Italian Navy issue watch mark used in the 1930s.		POLAND
	Italian Navy issue wristwatch mark.		Wojko Polskie - Polish army property mark, pre-1939.
	Regia Aeronautica - Royal Italian Air Force pilot's chronograph watch, pre-1945.		Polish Air Force issue mark found on Royal Air Force coded wristwatch, c.1940.
	REPUBLIC OF CHINA		PERU
	Chinese Navy issue wristwatch mark.		Peruvian Air Force property mark on a pilot's issue Rolex Cosmograph wristwatch, c.1975.
	Chilean Navy issue chronometer watch.		NETHERLANDS
	SPAIN		Royal Dutch Army issue watch mark, c.1939.
	Spanish merchant navy issue deck watch.		JAPAN
	Swedish Navy issue chronometer watch.		Imperial Navy issue watch mark, pre-1945.
			Japanese character mark on rear of Imperial Navy issue wristwatch, pre-1945.

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