

Target allocation will be ordered by, for example, "Fire Control Method I".

FIRE CONTROL METHODS

FIRE CONTROL METHOD	PRINCIPAL OCCASIONS FOR USE	OUTLINE OF METHOD
Method 1	When opening or closing battle	Three ships will concentrate fire on the leading enemy ship, the remainder will carry out ship for ship fire (TAKKAN SHAGEKI.)
Method 2	Final stage of the opening of battle	Two ships will concentrate on each of the two leading enemy ships.
Method 3	Opening stage of the height of battle	Two ships will concentrate fire on the leading enemy ship, the remainder will carry out ship for ship fire (TAKKAN SHAGEKI.)
Method 4	At the height of battle	Ship for ship fire (TAKKAN SHAGEKI.)
Method 5	Opening of battle, engagements on opposite course, end of battle, pursuit	Starting with the leading ship, all ships successively will bring fire to bear on the leading (or rearmost) enemy ship

Examples of fire control

FIRE CONTROL METHOD		Method 8	Method 9	Method 10	Method 11	Method 5			
ONE UNIT OF FOUR SHIPS	Engagement on same course					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Engagement on opposite course					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) Change over to Method 1
ONE UNIT OF THREE SHIPS	Engagement on same course					(1)	(2)	(3)	
	Engagement on opposite course					(1)	(2)	(3) Change over to Method 1	
ONE UNIT OF TWO SHIPS		(IN translation of conventional signs and abbreviations.) ⊙ standard target ship (target against concentrated fire is ordered.) ⊖ ship out of firing range.				Notes: When no special instructions are received, the leading enemy ship will be taken as standard target ship. When fire is to be concentrated on any particular ship in the enemy line, the command will be "Fire control Method I, standard target enemy ship I", and the appropriate fire control method will be used.			

(IN Spot tracing from the original document.)

Order 1