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NOTES TO USERS

1. This Manual is complementary to the Lightning F3 Pilot's Notes (AP 101B-1003-15), the Lightning T5 Pilot's Notes (AP 101B-1005-15) and the Lightning F6 Pilot's Notes (AP 101B-1006-15).

2. The Manual is divided by marker cards as follows:

Preliminaries

Part 1 — Description of Systems and Equipment

Part 2 — Handling Procedures

Each Part is divided into Sections and Chapters as listed on its marker card. Each page is identified by a Part, Section, Chapter and Page reference at the foot of the page. Thus, a page bearing the reference: 1-2-4 Page 5 is page 5 of Part 1, Section 2, Chapter 4.

3. A Supplement to this Manual is issued, containing text which is of a security classification higher than 'Restricted'. The Supplement, issued separately, is subject to a separate amendment procedure but is an integral part of this Manual.

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- ◀ a. The actual markings on controls are indicated in the text by capital letters. ▶
- b. WARNINGS are inserted only where the serious consequences of not following a certain procedure might otherwise be overlooked.
- c. Information which requires to be emphasised is printed in italics.
- d. Notes are inserted to clarify the reason for a procedure or to give information which while not essential to the understanding of the subject, is useful to the reader.

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4742 series	Firestreak Weapon System
112E-0309-1	Light Fighter Sight General and Technical Information
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INTRODUCTION

1. The specification for the Lightning F3, T5 and F6 requires the aircraft to be capable of interception against high altitude supersonic targets. To meet the specification, the aircraft is equipped with a sophisticated radar and fire control system and armed with the Red Top all-round, collision-course missile. The Firestreak missile, capable of pursuit attacks only, may be carried in place of Red Top.
2. Reappraisal of the specification led to the deletion of the requirement for a 44 tube 2" rocket battery and the introduction, on F6 aircraft, of 2 x 30 mm Aden guns as secondary armament.
3. The aircraft, radar and missiles form an integrated weapon system. The interactions between these components are complex and the purpose of this book is to provide an understanding of these interactions and so make possible the best use of the system.
4. The book is divided into two parts. Part 1 deals with the requirements of the Lightning weapon system, the construction and operation of the components, and the sequence of operation and capability of the system. Part 2 covers the use and handling of the system.
5. Part 1 describes the system when it is being used in the manner for which it was designed. There are many conditions which arise when tactical considerations make essential some deviation from the design mode and these are covered in Part 2.
- ◀ 6. The introduction of SEM/07/STC enables Lightning F3, T5 and F6 aircraft to be flown as supersonic targets by replacing the radar assembly with a Luneberg Lens and ballast weight assembly. ▶

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