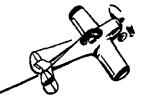


ERCOUPE SERVICE MEMORANDUM

No. 58A

SUBJECT: Outer Panel Inspection and Repair



February 12, 1953

- 1. Service Memorandum #58, issued in May 1950, called attention to the necessity of properly maintaining Erccupe wings. At this time we believe it desirable to reiterate these instructions. The fabric on most of the 1946 Erccupes has deteriorated to the point where it should be replaced, if this has not already been accomplished, and the same holds true for the 1947 Erccupe. The fabric on Erccupes of later vintage may or may not be in satisfactory condition, depending upon prevailing storage and weather conditions as well as their care.
- 2. It has been brought to our attention by the C.A.A. that there have been several reports of loose rivets in the wing spar splice as discussed in paragraph 6 of Service Memorandum #58. Apparently this memorandum has not been brought to the attention of the owners or maintenance personnel concerned with the airplanes in question and it is therefore suggested that all Erccupes, serial #4893 and earlier be re-inspected for loose joints in accordance with the above memorandum unless the wings were modified in accordance with paragraph 8 of that memorandum. Any later airplanes which do not have the original wings should likewise be inspected for possible difficulty in this respect.
- 3. It is suggested that at the time of re-cover of any wings the replacement of the countersunk rivets by universal head rivets be accomplished whether or not the joint shows signs of looseness.