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SHIP'S ORDER No. 1.

Subject: Ship's Orders, Promulgation.

1. There is promulgated herewith a set of orders to be known as 'Ship's Orders' which are issued for the guidance of all personnel regularly or temporarily attached to this vessel.

2. Ship's Orders are supplementary to regulations, instructions, and orders issued by higher authority and nothing in these orders shall be construed as conflicting with or modifying any of the above directives. Any person noting any differences or conflicting orders shall bring them to the attention of the Commanding Officer.

3. Heads of Departments will issue necessary Departmental Orders and Safety Orders subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer.

4. The Ship's Orders and Organization, signed by the Commanding Officer, shall be kept in the ship's files. Copies of the subject orders and organization will be kept in designated stowages in the crow's nest, control tower and in the wardroom. All officers and men are directed to read same within 48 hours after reporting aboard. Compliance with the latter will be indicated by initialling the originals in the ship's office. Any item not thoroughly understood should be clarified by reference to the Executive Officer.

[Signature]

Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER NO. 2

Subject: Liberty.

1. When in port and liberty has been granted, a man rates liberty:
   (a) If he is not in the duty section.
   (b) His identification card is in his possession.
   (c) He has not been restricted to the ship by the Commanding Officer.

2. Liberty for ratings of the special branch and mess cooks will be granted when their services can be spared, and will be regulated by the Executive Officer.

3. Each member of the crew will be issued an identification card by the Executive Officer. This identification card shall be carried at all times while on liberty. It is each man's responsibility that his card does not fall into the hands of unauthorized persons. If such is found to be the case, the burden of proof will be upon that man to show that he is not liable and subject to disciplinary action together with the other person.

4. Any person found to be in unauthorized possession of another person's identification card will be subject to disciplinary action.

5. If a man loses his identification card, he shall immediately report that fact to the Executive Officer. Loss of two liberties will be the penalty for the first offense. All identification cards will be sighted by the Executive Officer, or by an officer designated by him at least once each month.

6. Exchanging duties will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances or emergencies. Any desired exchange of duties will be made the subject of a request to the Executive Officer, via Division Officer, or in his absence, the Duty Officer. If approved, the change will be entered on the official watch list, and initiated by the officer approving the request. Exchanges will be made rate for rate, or similar stations, and except in emergencies will not be approved after 1100 of the day for which requested.

7. Liberty hours will be prescribed by the Executive Officer in accordance with the liberty regulations of the port and S.O.P.A. When liberty is granted in a port it should be construed to mean permission to visit that city and the surrounding vicinity roughly for a radius of about 30 miles if not specifically designated. If a man should be injured outside this limit without having obtained permission to leave the vicinity of the port, such injury is generally considered NOT IN LINE OF DUTY and hence waives any pension or gratuity which might otherwise accrue.

8. No person will leave the naval district wherein the port is located at which the ship may be, without special permission.

S. H. GIMBER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.
SHIP'S ORDER No. 3

Subject: Uniform.

1. At sea there is no prescribed uniform. Individuals are expected to be guided by their own common sense, pride in personal cleanliness, and a sense of decency in regard to their shipmates.

2. In port this ship will comply with the existing instructions of the SOPA or Base to which attached. After working hours and during meal hours a complete uniform shall be worn.

3. Watch standers in port as official representatives of the ship, shall be strictly regulation in their manner and appearance.

4. Entering or leaving port all hands shall be in complete uniform.

5. On liberty, all hands are enjoined to conduct themselves in manner and appearance such that they will reflect credit upon themselves and the Naval service. You can be rightfully and jealously proud of the Submarine Service. Do not discredit either yourself or the Service while on liberty by being slovenly in appearance or conduct.

S. H. CIMBER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.
U.S.S. POMPON (SS267)

SHIP'S ORDER No. 4.

Subject: Smoking.

1. Smoking is normally permitted on the surface in all spaces except (1) on the lower flats of the engine room, (2) motor room, (3) in bunks, (4) in battery tanks, (5) in storeroom, refrigeration spaces or magazine, and (6) topside when ship is darkened.

2. Smoking will not be permitted while fueling ship, handling ammunition or in the battery compartments while charging batteries after the finishing rate has been reached. The electrician's mate in charge of charging shall notify the Duty Officer or the Officer-of-the-Deck, who shall cause the smoking lamp to be put out in the battery compartments when the finishing rate is reached.

3. When the magazine hatch is open, no smoking will be permitted in the mess room.

4. While submerged, the smoking lamp will be regulated by the Commanding Officer.

S. H. CLEBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
Ship's Order No. 5.

Subject: Visitors.

1. Visiting on board this ship will not be permitted except in the following cases:
   (a) Personnel of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and
       Coast Guard are permitted aboard at the discretion of
       the Duty Officer. The Deck Watch will report their
       arrival to the Duty Officer who will first definitely
       establish the identity of such visitors and then
       detail a guide.
   (b) Officers attached to this ship may accompany guests
       aboard.
   (c) Enlisted men of this command may obtain special
       permission from the Executive Officer to take members
       of their families aboard ship.

2. Covers will be kept on all fire control equipment,
   and other instruments while in port. The radio room door shall
   remain closed to visitors. All hands are cautioned never to
   discuss with visitors any matter of a confidential nature, such
   as fire control instruments, sound gear, mine laying gear, and
   poppet valves.

3. Special instructions will be issued as necessary to
   provide for the proper identification of navy yard workmen and
   other authorized persons who will be permitted on board during
   the period of time this vessel is at a navy yard.

S. H. GIMBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 6.

Subject: Cameras.

1. A ship's Photographer will be designated who shall have custody of the official camera. He shall take photographs only as directed by the Commanding Officer.

2. Personal cameras may be brought on board. While on board they shall at all times remain in the custody of the Commanding Officer.

3. Use of personal cameras ashore shall be in strict compliance with existing regulations of the area in which the ship is based and with due regard for censorship regulations.

S. H. GIMBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 7.

Subject: Unauthorized possession of clothing or property.

1. No member of the crew of this vessel shall have in his possession, except with the permission from proper authority, or incidental to the performance of his duties, any property of the United States of America.

2. No member of the crew of this vessel shall have in his possession, except with permission of the Commanding Officer, any clothing or other property belonging to any other person in the United States Naval Service.

3. Any clothing or other property found loose about the ship by any member of the crew will, upon discovery, be delivered at once to the Duty Officer for disposition.

4. Proper marking of clothing will be regarded as evidence of ownership. Clothing purchased from the effects of deserters must be plainly marked "DC" in red.

S. H. GIBBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 8

Subject: Handling Ammunition and Explosives.


1. The Gunnery Officer shall prepare and post in the magazines, torpedo rooms, and small arms locker such excerpts from reference (a) and (b), and any other publications on this subject as may be applicable to this vessel and her armament.

2. The "smoking lamp" shall be out at all times when handling ammunition.

3. The gunner's mate, under the supervision of the Gunnery Officer, shall be in charge of handling ammunition.

4. All privately owned ammunition and firearms must be turned in to the gunnery officer for stowage with the ship's firearms and ammunition. No personal firearms will be allowed on board without permission from the Commanding Officer. Such authorized firearms will be removed from the small arms stowage only with the Commanding Officer's permission.

S. H. GIMBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 9.

Subject: Ship's Alcohol.

1. The Engineer Officer shall personally witness and supervise the drawing of pure grain alcohol from the tender, or other source of supply, the issuing thereof from the ship's tanks and its use. He shall keep the keys to the ship's alcohol tanks in his personal custody.

2. Ship's pure grain alcohol will be stored only in the tanks provided for that purpose.

3. The Torpedo Officer shall have custody of all torpedo alcohol.

S. H. CLEVER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 10.

Subject: Ship's Office.

1. The ship's Office shall not be entered by anyone except in the course of duly authorized business or duty.

2. The yeoman shall not divulge, or make available any information from the ship's files without authority of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer or head of departments.

3. Any member of the crew of this vessel wishing to refer to any records, such as his own service record, continuous service certificate, or any correspondence pertaining to him shall apply to the Executive Officer. Reasonable requests will be granted.

S. H. GIMBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIP'S ORDER No. 11.

Subject: Ship's Library.

1. The library of this vessel is under the cognizance of the Navigator, and the Pharmacist's mate is designated as the librarian.

2. The librarian shall obtain card receipts for all title "B" books, and shall obtain books from the wardroom for the crew.

3. Title "C" books shall be available to all hands at all times.

4. Only one book may be drawn at a time.

5. Magazines will be habitually stowed in magazine racks and not in personal lockers or bunks.

S. H. GILBER
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding
SHIPS ORDER No. 12

Subject: Censorship.

1. Censorship will be in accordance with the current Censorship Regulations. Ship's censors under the Chief Censor, Executive Officer, will be thoroughly indoctrinated in the existing regulations. Censors will make every effort to expedite handling of the mail.

2. Pertinent extracts will be published and kept posted for the information of all hands. Information concerning local facilities for cables and long distance telephone calls will be published to all hands as soon as possible upon arrival in port.

3. Censorship is fundamentally a matter of common sense. Don't inconvenience yourself by the lack of it. Observe the censorship rules carefully. Keep yourself and your relatives informed of the proper mail address and cable address of the ship.

S. H. GIMBER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.
SHIP'S ORDER NO. 13

Subject: Pumping Bilges and Blowing Sanitary Tanks.

1. Permission shall be obtained from the duty officer (Officer-of-the-Deck underway) to pump bilges or blow sanitary tanks.

2. Bilges will normally be pumped to the expansion tank.

3. When submerged the permission of the Commanding Officer must be obtained before pumping bilges or discharging anything overboard.

4. The Oil Pollution Act shall be made a part of the Engineering Department Orders of this ship and all hands will comply with its provisions. In granting permission to pump bilges the Duty Officer shall designate discharge to sea or to the expansion tank.

5. Upon completion of pumping bilges or blowing sanitary tanks, this fact will be reported to the Duty Officer or Officer-of-the-Deck.

S. H. GIMMER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.
SHIP'S ORDER No. 14

Subject: Medical Department.

1. The Pharmacist's Mate, under the supervision of the Executive Officer, shall be in charge of the Medical Department. He shall have the same responsibility regarding the care of property and submission of reports as is required by U.S. Navy Regulations of the Medical Officer.

2. He shall keep the Executive Officer advised in regard to all matters which adversely affect the physical fitness of the crew, the presence of any contagious diseases on board, and the sanitary condition of the vessel.

3. He shall report daily to the Executive Officer the condition of the sick on board.

4. He shall carry out the following routine in regard to men reporting for treatment:

   (a) If alongside a tender or at a base, the patient shall be taken to the Medical Officer of the tender or base.
   (b) When not anchored or moored in company with a Medical Officer, he shall administer such treatment as appears advisable, informing the Commanding Officer immediately of any cases which may require an emergency return to port or an exchange of symptoms and treatment by a radio message.
   (c) Inform the Commanding Officer and Officer-of-the-Deck of all injuries to personnel.
   (d) In cases where it is necessary to place a patient on the pinnacle list, permission will be obtained from the Executive Officer, and a memorandum sent to the O.O.D. for entry in the log. The same procedure will apply when removing a patient from the pinnacle list.

5. His detailed duties are as follows:

   (a) Hold sick call twice daily. Bring all severe or doubtful cases to the attention of the Squadron Medical Officer, or, if he is not available, to the nearest Medical Officer.
   (b) See that all members of the crew are vaccinated against smallpox, receive all inoculations required by existing instructions, and see that proper entries are made in the health records.
   (c) See that all dental charts of all men are kept up to date, assuring that work done ashore is properly entered.
   (d) Endeavor to prevent outbreaks of food poisoning by careful inspection of all food received and served on board.
   (e) Carry on regular instructions of crew in first aid and instructions in venereal preventative and other prophylactics.
SHIP'S ORDER No. 14 (Cont'd)

Subject: Medical Department

(f) Provide material for venereal prophylaxis and keep venereal treatment record books.

(g) Make frequent inspections of galley, pantry and heads to insure that the required standards in regard to sanitation are maintained.

(i) Secure bill of health when ship leaves for a foreign port and when leaving the foreign port for another foreign port or the U.S.

(j) Do not discuss entries in health records or other personal matters regarding patients with other members of the crew. Legitimate inquiries and curiosity should be satisfied by proper responses to questions. Confidential matters regarding patients should not be divulged to any persons other than the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer.

(k) Keep an accurate record of all medical department property in his charge.

The Commanding Officer shall have custody of all narcotics and whiskey on board.

S. H. CILGER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Commanding.
ADDENDA TO SHIP'S ORDER No. 14. (VENEREAL DISEASES)

The following information and facts about venereal diseases have been compiled from the "Handbook of the Hospital Corps, United States Navy" 1959 edition.

While this information is interesting and instructive, and should bring home to every one the serious effects of venereal diseases, bear in mind that the ONLY USE OF THE VENERAL DISEASE is by:

1. The proper use of prophylactics including condoms and contraceptive.
2. Medical treatment as soon as possible after each exposure.

The venereal diseases are those contracted always through sexual intercourse and include SYPHILIS, CONNORHEA, CHANCRE, and Lymphogranuloma Venereum. These diseases are very prevalent in every community and cause a great deal of damage not only to individuals affected but to the community by reason of invalidism and premature death. In a military service the venereal diseases cause much loss of efficiency. In the year 1917 the British Army lost the services of 98,000 men as a result of venereal diseases. During the same year the total number of admissions from venereal disease in the United States Army was 7,495, resulting in 875,553 sick days. In the United States Navy during the nine years, 1909-1917 inclusive, an average of 158 men out of every 1000 were admitted to the sick list for venereal disease.

It is highly probably that every person who indulges in promiscuous sexual intercourse sooner or later acquires one or several of the venereal diseases. It has been estimated that 60% of the male adult population of the United States have had Gonorrhea.

In 1917, a large Pacific Coast city was found to have 97 per cent of the prostitutes infected with venereal disease. In a city on the Atlantic Coast, 96 per cent of the prostitutes had venereal disease.

The effects of venereal disease are far-reaching. In the case of Syphilis the effects are in the beginning slight and local, but as the organism which causes the disease spreads the disease, spreads throughout the body they become grave. One great danger is that early in the progress of the disease the symptoms are often so trivial that no anxiety is aroused in the patient's mind. The symptoms may be so slight as not to be observed. The patient may not seek treatment and he may succeed in unknowingly infecting other people.

When the infection becomes generalized every organ and every system in the body may be attacked. SYMPHILIS IS ESPECIALLY LIABLE TO ATTACK THE TAILS OF THE ANEURYSM. When this occurs the muscular portion of the artery often is replaced by non-recurrent fibrous tissue. The artery becomes thickened and hardened. If the arteries of the brain become thickened and hardened the blood supply is diminished and the portion of the brain supplied with blood by the affected artery ceases to execute its function. This condition may cause MENTAL DEBILITY, INSANITY, LOSS OF SPEECH, LOSS OF MEMORY, OR PARALYSIS. Syphilis frequently causes disease of the heart or other important internal organs.
Perhaps the most important part of the body attacked by syphilis is the nervous system. Either the brain or the spinal cord, or both, may be affected. Once the organism of syphilis has lodged in the nervous system it is extremely difficult to extirpate. A MAN WITH SYphilis, IF He MARRIES, MAY INFECT HIS WIFE, AND A CHILD BORN AFTER THE INFECTION IS APt TO SHOW GRAVE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE DISEASE. SYphilis is the most frequent cause of miscarriage in pregnant women.

SYphilis

This is a generalized, chronic, infectious disease that attacks any part of the human body. It occurs in two forms, Acquired and Hereditary. Acquired syphilis is communicated by a syphilitic person to one free from the disease, the point of inoculation always being marked by a sore called the initial lesion or chancre. Syphilis is transmitted very easily and readily by sexual intercourse, and it is not infrequently transferred by the kissing, kissing and sexual habits of infected persons, or by the use of the toilet articles, washers, drinking or smoking glasses, towels, and mugs, etc., of infected persons with open sores.

Acquired syphilis is usually divided into three stages, the PRIMARY, the SECONDARY, and the TERTIARY. The PRIMARY stage consists of two periods of incubation, the first of which exists from the time of exposure to the appearance of the initial lesion and as a rule, lasts from 11 to 31 days but has been noted within as short a time as 3 or 4 days and as long as 4 months. This is followed by the second period of incubation immediately when dates from the formation of the initial lesion to the development of certain constitutional manifestations and usually occupies from 40 to 45 days but may be prolonged much longer.

The initial lesion, PRIMARY SORE, OR CHANCRE APPEARS ON THE PENIS, SCROTUM OR ELSEWHERE. Usually there is but one sore which is a hard and cup-shaped ulcer showing a tendency to heal slowly and giving little if any pain. These sores vary greatly in their character and some are so small and insignificant that they escape the notice even of cleanly persons. The nearby lymph glands are swollen, but not painful or tender, and do not tend to form pus.

The SECONDARY stage or SECONDARIES, is characterized by the appearance of the constitutional manifestations consisting of any or all of the following: RASHES ON THE SKIN, SYPHETIC LESIONS ON THE MOUTH, FEVER, GLOSSITIS, GENITAL LESIONS, FEVER, PAIN IN ALL JOINTS, NECK, AND EYES. The duration of this stage is variable, usually between 2 to 4 years.

The TERTIARY stage usually begins about the end of the second year and the constitutional manifestations of the TERTIARY stage may simulate any disease known to medicine.

LOCAL TREATMENT AMOUNTS TO VERY LITTLE AND NO MEDICINE SHOULD BE GIVEN IN A PRIMARY SORE, UNTIL THE SORE HAS BEEN DEFINITELY DIAGNOSED BY A PHYSICIAN.

EVERY CASE WITH OPEN SORES SHOULD STRICTLY AVOID TO BE IN THE SAME CLOTHES, TOWELS, BEDDING, PIES, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC. AND SEPARATE WASH BAGS AND MESS GEAR SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

This is an ulcerative type of disease whose action is local in character, it nearly always occurs in those who are most uncleanly in their habits, being pre-