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FIRE AND RESCUE BILL

15-1 GENERAL:-

The Fire and Rescue Party may be called upon to assist:

- (a) Another vessel on fire - at sea or in port.
- (b) In preventing the flames from spreading to other shipping if in port.
- (c) Shore stations on fire.
- (d) In rescuing personnel from another ship in distress.

As the LSM is not provided with a power boat, the Fire and Rescue Party cannot be sent to another ship when at sea. There may be occasions, however, when it will be possible to go along-side another ship in distress and render assistance. When along-side of a dock or beached, it will be possible to send the Fire and Rescue Party ashore when needed.

15-2 THE CALL:-

The Boatswain's Mate will pass the word - "AWAY FIRE AND RESCUE PARTY" (No. 1 or No. 2).

15-3 STATION ASSIGNMENTS:-

Each of the two watch sections under Condition II will have a complete Fire and Rescue Party. Both at sea and in port, the off-duty section will provide the party when necessary. TABLE 15-1 below gives the station assignments with the duties of each. All men off duty and unassigned will fall in at their parades and will be under the direction of the Gunnery Officer.

TABLE 15-1

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FIRST SECTION	SECOND SECTION	DUTIES
Executive Officer		In charge of Fire & Rescue Party.
CBM	BMLc	Petty Officer in charge.

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FIRST SECTION
EM2c
MoMM3
F1c
F2c
Cox
F1c
S1c
MoMM2
S1c
SM2c
SC1c
S2c
S2c

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TABLE 15-1 (cont'd.)

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FIRST SECTION	SECOND SECTION	DUTIES
EM2c	EM1c	Provides electrical kit.
MoMM3c	MoMM3c	Provides mechanical kit.
Flc	CM2c	Provides 1-15 lb. CO ₂ extinguisher & crowbar.
F2c	F2c	Provides 1-15 lb. CO ₂ extinguisher & hand lantern.
Cox	BM2c	Provides 50' hose with fog nozzle.
Flc	Flc	Provides 50' hose with spanner.
S1c MoMM2c	S1c MoMM3c	Provides handybilly pump with suction hose and spanner.
S1c	S1c	Provides rescue breathing apparatus.
SM2c	SM3c	Provides signal flags, flashlight & very pistol.
SC1c	PhM1c	Provides first aid kit and stretcher.
S2c	S2c	Provides two buckets with lanyards and axe.
S2c	MoMM2c	Provides two buckets with lanyards and axe.

15-4 RESCUE OF SURVIVORS:-

(a) When operating with a group or flotilla, survivor rescue will be made as directed by the Senior Officer Present. If operating singly, survivor rescue will be carried out at the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

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15-4 RESCUE OF SURVIVORS:-

The rescue of survivors is usually made necessary through enemy submarine or aircraft action. While engaged in the rescue of survivors, therefore, all guns will be fully manned and a sharp lookout maintained.

(b) Following commissioning, the Commanding Officer will have the Chief Boatswain's Mate make four rescue nets - two for each side of the ship. These nets will be made with 1-1/2" line, eight to twelve feet wide and long enough to extend from the top of the Superstructure Deck to four feet below the waterline. The lower end will be fitted with a wood batten. These nets when not in use will be rolled up and lashed securely at the beading of the Superstructure Deck in such a way that they can be released instantly. These rolls should be covered with canvas and given one coat of war paint. The location of these nets will be as follows:

- One net between frames 10 and 12 - starboard side.
- One net between frames 10 and 12 - port side.
- One net between frames 23 and 25 - starboard side.
- One net between frames 23 and 25 - port side.

In addition to the nets, the Chief Boatswain's Mate will make eight heaving lines, each 15 fathoms long. These lines will be made from 21 thread line with knots every two feet from the center to the monkey fist. When not in use, these lines will be secured to the rail stanchions on the Superstructure Deck at frames 9, 14, 24 and 31, port and starboard side respectively.

(c) If directed to rescue survivors by the Senior Officer Present or doing so while operating singly, the ship will assume Condition I. The Commanding Officer will maneuver the ship as close to the survivors as safety permits and the repair parties will act as the rescue parties.

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To bring rafts along-side, heaving lines will be thrown to them and when lines are secured, the rafts will be pulled along-side by the repair parties. Men swimming in the water can be helped by throwing life rings or lines to them and then pulling them along-side one of the nets.

The Pharmacist Mate will be prepared to administer aid to any survivors that may require it as soon as they have been landed on board.

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