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WATCH, QUARTER AND STATION BILLS - GENERAL

CONDITIONS OF READINESS:-

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There are three Conditions of Readiness for the LSM with a sub-division to Condition I as indicated below.

CONDITION I - All guns and battle stations are manned and the ship is ready for action. This is "General Quarters."

CONDITION I-M - for landing and retracting in which all of the 20 MM guns are manned and ready and all landing and retracting stations are manned.

CONDITION II - A modified General Quarters in which at least two of the 20 MM guns are manned and ready and there are two watch sections.

CONDITION III - No battle stations are manned and there are three watch sections.

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The Condition of Readiness is set by the Commanding Officer.

CONDITION I - is set by sounding the general alarm and by passing the word "General Quarters."

CONDITION I-M - is set from Condition I.

CONDITION II - is set from Condition I.

CONDITION III - is set by passing the word.

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GENERAL BILLS:-

General Bills are those detailed assignments for conditions in which all hands participate.

Due to the limited number of personnel, all critical evolutions shall be covered under General Bills.

The modern mechanical features of the LSM make it imperative that each member of the ship's company be proficient in the various duties to which he is assigned under the Watch, Quarter and Stations Bills. He should

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4-3 GENERAL BILLS:- (cont'd.)

have also a good knowledge of other duties so that in case of casualties to other crew members, he can take over their duties, if required. He should know where to go, what to do, from whom to take orders and how to cooperate with the various other units on board.

General Drills develop teamwork in the ship's company and the Commanding Officer should hold them as frequently as the conditions permit. These drills should follow closely the pattern set up for condition watches. Silence is the first requisite on the well drilled ship. Unnecessary noise of any kind makes for confusion. Those in authority, and this includes the petty officers, are the only ones whose voices should be heard. Every man should go to his station on the double immediately upon the sounding of the general alarm.

During the periods when the above drills are held and during the actual condition, officers shall wear loaded pistols, holsters, service belts with two clips of ammunition; all hands will wear life jackets.

4-4 The General Bills are set forth in detail in the chapters following and cover the conditions indicated below:

(a) General Quarters Bill	Chapter 9
(b) Damage Control Bill	Chapter 10
(c) Watertight Integrity Bill	Chapter 11
(d) Gas Defense Bill	Chapter 12
(e) Darkening Ship Bill	Chapter 13
(f) Fire Bill	Chapter 14
(g) Fire and Rescue Bill	Chapter 15
(h) Collision Bill	Chapter 16
(i) Abandon Ship Bill	Chapter 17
(j) Loading and Unloading Bill	Chapter 18
(k) Man Overboard Bill	Chapter 19
(l) Getting Underway and Anchoring Bill	Chapter 20
(m) Mooring and Unmooring Bill	Chapter 21
(n) Landing and Retracting Bill	Chapter 22
(o) Towing Bill	Chapter 23

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| (p) Fueling Bill | Chapter 24 |
| (q) Dry Docking Bill | Chapter 25 |

4-5 OTHER BILLS:-

The following is a list of the other bills, details of which are set forth in the chapters as indicated:

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| (a) Watch Bill | Chapter 5 |
| (b) Cleaning Bill | Chapter 6 |
| (c) Berthing and Locker Bill | Chapter 7 |
| (d) Messing Bill | Chapter 8 |

4-6 Watch, Quarter and Station Bills will be posted in the wardroom and in the crew's quarters and they will be kept currently corrected.

4-7 ROUTINES - GENERAL:-

The operation and administration of a ship is more efficiently and smoothly conducted when a definite routine for all activities is closely followed. In order that all ships of the LSM type conform to the same pattern, the routines listed below will be followed.

When steaming in the company of other ships, the orders issued by the Officer in Tactical Command will be followed concerning the use of navigation lights, anchor lights, hoisting the ensign, testing guns, airing bedding, and in general all external maneuvers. If the Commanding Officer desires to carry out any external maneuvers at times other than specified, permission should first be obtained from the Officer in Tactical Command.

4-8 ROUTINE IN PORT:-

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| 0400 | Call ship's cooks. |
| Sunrise | Turn out anchor lights, light ship. |
| 0600 | Reveille - call all hands. |
| 0630 | Turn to, sweep down, clear compartments. |
| 0730 | Breakfast. |

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4-8 ROUTINE IN PORT:- (cont'd.)

0800 Colors, quarters for muster, physical drill.
0815 Air bedding (if weather favorable) weekly.
0830 Turn to.
1115 Knock off; sweep down.
1130 Dinner.
1200 Noon reports.
1300 Turn to.
1600 Knock off; sweep down.
1630 Liberty for off-duty section if conditions permit.
1730 Supper.
Sunset Evening colors; turn on anchor lights; darken ship if conditions warrant or if ordered by higher authority.
1930 Eight o'clock reports to Executive Officer.
2000 Eight o'clock reports to Commanding Officer.
2100 Taps.

4-9 ROUTINE AT SEA:-

0340 Call the watch section.
0400 Relieve the watch; call ship's cooks.
Sunrise Turn out navigational lights; light ship.
0600 Reveille - call all hands.
0630 Turn to; sweep down and clean compartments.
0730 Breakfast.
0800 Relieve the watch; quarters for muster.
0830 Turn to.
1100 Secure from drills; continue ship's work.
1115 Knock off; sweep down.
1130 Dinner.
1200 Noon reports.
1230 Relieve the watch.
1300 Turn to.
1600 Knock off; sweep down.
1730 Supper.
1800 Relieve the watch.
Sunset Turn on navigational lights; evening colors.

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ROUTINE AT SEA:- (cont'd.)

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| 1930 | Eight o'clock reports to Executive Officer. |
| 2000 | Relieve the watch; eight o'clock reports to Commanding Officer. |
| 2340 | Call the watch. |
| 2400 | Relieve the watch. |

4-10 SPECIAL ROUTINES:-

- (a) General Quarters; test all equipment... Daily
- (b) Night General Quarters Weekly
- (c) Night fire drill Weekly
- (d) Test magazine sprinkling system (Friday) Weekly
- (e) General field day (Friday) Weekly
- (f) Below decks inspection Weekly
- (g) Personnel inspection (Saturday) Weekly
- (h) Damage Control drill Weekly
- (i) Publish Articles for Government of Navy 1st Saturday each month

(j) Noon reports:-

- (1) In port the Senior Quartermaster, acting for the Executive Officer (Navigator), will report to the Officer of the Deck, prior to noon, that all chronometers have been checked and wound.
- (2) At sea, the Senior Quartermaster, acting for the Executive Officer (Navigator), will report to the Officer of the Deck, prior to noon, that all chronometers have been checked and wound and the noon position of the ship.
- (3) The Senior Petty Officer of the Engineering Division, acting for Engineering Officer, will report to the Officer of the Deck, in port, or at sea, prior to noon, the amount of fuel and water on board.

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4-10 SPECIAL ROUTINES:- (cont'd.)

(j) Noon reports:- (cont'd.)

(4) The Officer of the Deck, in port, or at sea, will give the above reports to the Commanding Officer promptly at noon.

(k) Eight o'clock reports:-

At 1930, the eight o'clock reports will be made to the Executive Officer. These reports, in turn will be given to the Commanding Officer at 2000. They will include a report of each department of the ship and will be rendered by the head of the respective department.

Those reporting shall lay aft on the tank deck between frames 24 and 26 from forward to aft in the following order:

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT - Reports department secured; Condition "BAKER" set and checked; ship inspected for any exposed lights.

POLICE PETTY OFFICER - Reports eight o'clock lights and galley fires out; prisoners-at-large mustered and accounted for, etc.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT - In port, reports department secured; Condition "BAKER" set and checked. At sea, reports department inspected and any unsatisfactory conditions; Condition "BAKER" set and checked.

GUNNERY DEPARTMENT - Reports department secured; Condition "BAKER" set and checked.

COMMISSARY & STORES DEPARTMENT - Reports department secured; all storerooms inspected and closed.

Note: Definition of Condition "BAKER" on page 11-3.

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4-11 DRILLS AND EXERCISES:-

Drills and exercises should be held as frequently as conditions permit and will include the following:

- (a) General drills in "All Hands" evolutions.
- (b) Gunnery drills.
- (c) Visual and Radio communications; Radar.
- (d) Practical seamanship.
- (e) Gas defense.
- (f) Damage Control.
- (g) Emergency operating tackle.
- (h) Fire fighting.
- (i) Use of rescue breathing apparatus.
- (j) First aid and health.
- (k) Plane and ship identification - lookouts, all bridge personnel and gunners should receive frequent instruction.
- (l) Practical work for advancement in rating.

4-12 QUARTERS FOR MUSTER:-

The Tank Well Deck will be used for muster, parades and physical drills. At such times when the Tank Well Deck is not usable, the Superstructure Deck will be used.

When the Tank Well Deck is used, the Commanding Officer will take station amidships, facing forward at frame 14. The Yeoman will take station two paces to the rear and left of the Commanding Officer.

The Deck Division under the Executive Officer will take position on the starboard side, facing inboard, between frames 12 and 13.

The Engineering Division under the Engineering Officer will take position on the port side, facing inboard, between frames 12 and 13.

The Ship's Control Division and the Commissary and Stores Division will form as one division under the Gunnery Officer and will take position athwartships, port to starboard, facing aft at frame 11.

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4-12 QUARTERS FOR MUSTER:- (cont'd.)

Divisions will form in two ranks with two foot interval between front and rear. Division Officers will take station at the center and two paces forward of their respective divisions, facing them. The senior petty officer of each division will take position on the right, front rank, of his division.

The divisions having been assembled in the above manner, the senior petty officer of each division will call the roll and then make his report to his Division Officer. When all divisions have completed mustering, the Division Officers will fall in, three paces in front of the Commanding Officer, in order of seniority from port to starboard. The Commanding Officer will then call for the division reports and each Division Officer, in turn, from port to starboard, will come to a salute and report his division. As for example: "Deck Division, one absentee, one man on sick list." Details of this report will later be given to the Yeoman. After the Division Officers have made their reports, the Commanding Officer will order "Posts" upon which the Division Officers will return to their respective division stations. Orders for the day will then be read after which the divisions will be dismissed.

When deploying for physical drill, the divisions will move forward, taking distance sufficient to permit each man to freely carry out the various movements called for in the drill.

When it becomes necessary to use the Superstructure Deck for muster, the Deck Division and Ship's Control - Commissary Stores Division will use the starboard side and the Engineering Division will use the port side, in the same relative positions as prescribed for muster on the Tank Well Deck.

In foul weather, muster will be held in the after crew and after troop quarters.

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4-13 INSPECTIONS:-

(a) Captain's Inspection

When Captain's Inspection is ordered, each Division Officer will inform his respective division of the time and the prescribed uniform to be worn.

Parade formation of the divisions will follow the same pattern as used for the usual morning muster. After the reports have been made and the Division Officers have returned to their respective divisions, the Commanding Officer shall order, "Prepare for Inspection." Division Officers will then prepare their divisions for inspection. Each Division Officer will in turn inform the Commanding Officer "Personnel of division ---- ready for inspection." The Commanding Officer in company with the Division Officers, Chief Police Petty Officer and the Yeoman will then proceed to inspect the personnel of each division.

When the Commanding Officer has completed the inspection of personnel, he will then proceed to the inspection of the ship, accompanied by the above mentioned inspection group.

The Commanding Officer will make a formal inspection of the personnel and ship on such days as he may choose. Conditions permitting, however, this should be done every Saturday morning.

- (b) All parts of the ship shall be open to the inspection of the Executive Officer and he shall make such inspections as the Commanding Officer may direct.
- (c) The Engineering Officer will inspect daily his department and at such other times as may be necessary. Each day, prior to 1930 he will inspect his department with particular attention being directed to dangers from fire and seepage of sea water, and that all duties relating to rules and routines of his department are being carried out.

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- (d) The Executive Officer (First Lieutenant) will inspect weekly all compartments above and below the main deck as required in the Hull Report. He will submit the Hull Report to the Commanding Officer on Friday of each week. He should also make frequent inspections of the bow doors and ramp and shall immediately report any weaknesses to the Commanding Officer.
- (e) The Gunnery Officer (Communications Officer) will inspect his department at frequent intervals and report to the Commanding Officer any conditions that may impair its efficient operation.
- (f) The Gunnery Officer will see that daily reports of temperatures of magazines, weekly reports of sprinkling system and inspection of ammunition stowage spaces, are thoroughly and properly made. An entry of this data should be made in the log and submitted to the Commanding Officer. He will inspect frequently all compartments, guns and material under his jurisdiction. For further guidance, attention is called to Navy Regulations, Articles 961-971 and Article 1333.
- (g) The Gunnery Officer (Commissary and Stores Officer) will inspect frequently all compartments and equipment under his jurisdiction. He will also inspect all provisions for the General Mess coming aboard, for quantity and quality.
- (h) The Officer of the Deck will make the following inspections:
- (1) Crew's rations for quantity and quality.
 - (2) Liberty parties for proper uniform and personal appearance.

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(3) All running and anchor lights, frequently when turned on.

(4) When moored, to see that all mooring lines are in satisfactory condition.

(5) When anchored, to see that anchor is not dragging.

(6) Security Watch for attention to duty and that watch is familiar with firearm instructions.

(i) The Officer of the Deck will see that the following inspections are made:

(1) Chief Police Petty Officer inspects the crews quarters to see that they are clear of clothing, loose gear and clean; that bunks are made up prior to breakfast each morning.

(2) During Darken Ship, the Boatswain's Mate of the Watch inspects the ship hourly for unauthorized lights.

(3) Deck Watch makes regular inspections of gasoline storage containers for leaks.

(4) Deck Chief Petty Officer inspects sprinkling and flood control valves; hatches and doors leading to magazine spaces; all compartments on main deck and hold.

(5) Sounding of void tanks between 2000 and 0800 every two hours.

(j) Division Officers will hold bag and locker inspection when so ordered by the Executive Officer.

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- (k) When troops are aboard, the Executive Officer (First Lieutenant) and Chief Police Petty Officer, accompanied by the Troop Commander, will inspect daily all compartments occupied by troops. The Commanding Officer shall require that this inspection be made at least once each month.

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