

CHAPTER 46

COMMUNICATIONS - EXTERIOR

46-1 GENERAL:-

On the LSM, the Exterior Communication Systems consist of the following:

- (a) Visual Communication.
- (b) Radio Communication.
- (c) Radar Communication.
- (d) Underwater Sound Communication.

46-2 COMMUNICATION OFFICER:-

The Gunnery Officer (Communications Officer) is the head of the Communication Department. He is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the efficient operation of the equipment and the handling of all communications sent and received through the Exterior Communication Systems. He will follow the procedure outlined in CHAPTER 3, "Communication Instructions" 1944 (DNC5), and study carefully all publications and material pertaining to communications within his department.

46-3 VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS:-

(a) Signaling Equipment

- (1) Semaphore and flag hoists.
- (2) Yard arm blinkers.
- (3) One - 12" signal searchlight.
- (4) Two - Binocular tube blinkers.
- (5) Two - portable signaling lights - battery operated.
- (6) Pyrotechnics (Very pistols)

(b) Procedure

- (1) A continuous visual watch will be maintained when within visual communication with other ships or stations unless relieved by a designated visual guard ship or station who assumes the responsibility of answering for all ships that are guarded and delivering traffic to ships for whom guarding.

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