

STANDING ORDERS

FOR REFUGEE GROUP

ABOARD U.S.A.T. HENRY GIBBINS

1. DAILY SCHEDULE

0600 - Reveille - Persons may come on deck after this hour.  
0715 - Breakfast - E 1 & E 2  
0800 - Breakfast - C 1 & D 1  
0900 - Everyone out of latrines until after inspection.  
0945 - All persons out of quarters and up on deck until after inspection.  
1000 - Ship's Inspection  
1030 - Boat Drill - All persons on deck with life jackets, properly worn.  
1300 - Special meal for children 10 years and under and nursing mothers.  
1715 - Supper - E 1 & E 2  
1800 - Supper - C 1 & D 1  
1930 - Meeting of all group leaders.  
2200 - All persons clear deck and be in quarters.  
2230 - Lights Out

2. SHIP'S INSPECTION - Quarters and latrines will be policed clean, and arranged as prescribed. All persons will remain on outer deck until inspection is over. No articles will be stored overhead. Bunks will remain down, blankets neatly folded and placed on one end, all extra clothing and equipment placed in containers and set on bunk, floors clean and garbage cans emptied. Latrines will be vacated by 0900, then cleaned and not used until after inspection.

3. SICK CALL - Daily at 1500 hours. Any person needing medical attention at any time will first see one of the doctors (civilian in your group).

4. MEALS - Latecookery will not be served.  
a. No food (except cookies, bread, and dry or fresh fruit) will be taken out of mess hall. All eating will be in mess hall.  
b. Move thru one door to mess line, get food, and move as far to front of hall as possible for eating. When finished, wash mess kits and then leave thru other door.  
c. Tickets will be distributed by Section Leaders, and taken up by Army personnel at feeding point.  
d. A special meal of milk is served to small children (10 years old and under) and to nursing mothers at 1300 hours daily in the mess hall.  
e. Persons unable to go to mess hall see the doctor.

5. AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS - Sections C-1, D-1, E-1, & E-2, and the forward "B" deck are your areas. Do not go elsewhere on ship except to mess hall for meals.

6. SIGNALS

- (a) Emergency Stations - (Boat drill) -- SIX SHORT RINGS, FOLLOWED BY A PROLONGED RING ON THE ALARM BELLS OR BLAST ON THE SHIP'S WHISTLE. All personnel will immediately upon hearing this signal quickly move to their Emergency Stations and form in the proper order on open deck, as directed. Women in areas marked by white line on rear (each side) of your section of "B" deck. Men in areas marked by white line on front (each side) of your section of "B" deck. They will remain in formation until the "All Clear" is sounded.
- (b) Air Raid Stations -- GROUPS OF SHORT NOTES ON AIR RAID GONG OR WHISTLE. Personnel will take cover immediately on the double, selecting the closest place of shelter, below decks if possible.

7. LIFE JACKETS -- Life jackets are to be worn or carried at all times while at sea, by all persons. At formations they are to be worn properly tied. At all times they are to be worn over shoulders or carried in the hand.
8. BLACKOUT -- Strict blackout must be enforced during darkness and when announced over loudspeaker. No smoking or showing of light on the open deck after blackout.
9. FLASHLIGHTS -- Flashlights are not to be used.
10. No radios, cameras, electric heaters, electric razors or liquor may be in possession of anyone.
11. DISCIPLINE
  - (a) Sitting on the Ship's Rails or in the lifeboats is forbidden.
  - (b) Tampering with the lifeboats or its contents is strictly forbidden.
  - (c) Spitting or throwing chewing gum on the deck is forbidden.
  - (d) It is forbidden to tamper with any of the Ship's appliances.
  - (e) It is forbidden to throw anything out of the portholes or over the side of the ship. It leaves a trail for submarines.
  - (f) Stay inside of ropes designating your areas.
12. SMOKING

Smoking is permitted on the outside Decks during Daylight hours only. No smoking on Deck after Blackout. Smoking is not permitted at any time in quarters, or in the mess hall during the meal hours. Violation of the above smoking regulations may endanger the lives of all on board.
13. TRAFFIC

Personnel will keep to the right in single file when moving along passageways and will not loiter anywhere.
14. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Religious services will be arranged by the Ship's Chaplain and notices posted.
15. RUBBISH

Rubbish is not to be thrown overboard at any time. Use garbage cans for cigarette butts, paper and other refuse. The accumulated refuse in the cans will be taken to "C" Deck Aft, port side each afternoon and before 0930 each day. Keep the Ship clean.
16. LAVATORIES. WASTE PAPER

Waste paper and refuse will not be thrown in the commodes or urinals. This may cause clogging, requiring repairs, any defective lavatories or other faulty appliance shall be reported to Section Leaders immediately.
17. WATER

The strictest economy will be exercised in the consumption of fresh water. Drinking water will be available 24 hours a day providing this privilege is not abused. Fresh water for bathing is available from 0600 to 0900 and 1530 to 1700 hours daily. Salt water soap is available in showers. Salt water at all hours. Do not use drinking water or fountains for washing.
18. LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

(a) A Group Leader and an assistant has been designated for each section as follows:-

  - C-1 Group Leader - F. Baum
  - Asst. Gp Leader - Karl Bader
  - D-1 Group Leader - Arthur Hirt
  - Asst. Gp Leader - W. Goldberger

Each of these men will wear a dark blue arm band at all times. Discuss your problems with them, and they will bring them up to the proper authorities.

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