

FROM: CHIEF RADIO OFFICER
TO: RADIO DEPARTMENT

SUBJ: COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3-65; WATCH STANDING

1. IN ADDITION TO ALL THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE STANDING ORDERS REGARDING WATCH STANDING, RADIO OFFICERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF STANDING A CAREFUL WATCH ON THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS FREQUENCY OF 500 KCS AND 8364 KCS.
2. THE INTERCEPTING OF DISTRESS TRAFFIC ON ANOTHER VESSEL IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, PARTICULARLY DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY OR FOGGY WEATHER CONDITIONS. A LOADED VESSEL MAY BREAK UP DURING BAD WEATHER DUE TO NUMEROUS REASONS, AND HER SOS MAY WELL SPELL THE LIFE OR DEATH OF HER CREW AND PASSENGERS. FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE SOS OF A NEARBY VESSEL IN DISTRESS IS AN INEXCUSABLE FAILURE OF DUTY, FOR WHICH NO RADIO OFFICER COULD HONORABLY ACQUIT HIMSELF.
3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, RADIO OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED, AND HEREBY DIRECTED, TO MAINTAIN AN ALERT WATCH ON 500 KCS AND 8364 KCS AT ALL TIMES (WHEN CONTINUOUS WATCH IS BEING MAINTAINED). BE PARTICULARLY DILIGENT DURING PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS.
4. IT IS OFTEN DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY TO LEAVE THE RADIO ROOM FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME. WEATHER AND HYDROGRAPHIC MESSAGES MAY BE TAKEN TO THE BRIDGE BY THE RADIO OFFICER ON WATCH. UPON RECEIPT OF A REGULAR OFFICIAL MESSAGE, THE DECK OFFICER ON WATCH WILL ASSIGN A SEAMAN TO DELIVER IT TO THE MASTER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS CONCERNED.

Colman
(SENIOR RADIO OFFICER)

EL John 3/166

CM 8 - 11/30/65

EMK. 6/18/66

009-76006

EMK 3/6/67

J

John D.
(MASTER)