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From: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area
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Subj: Hot night lunches; furnishing of

Ref: (a) CMPI 593.3-2a, Subj: Subsistence
(b) CMPI 610.8-2, Subj: Steward Personnel at Sea

1. Purpose. To establish procedures in MSTSPAC USNS transports for providing hot lunches to certain shipboard personnel while at sea.

2. Background. Reference (a) provides in part that subsistence in kind to crew members shall include three full nutritious meals per 24-hour period. Certain crew members assigned in USNS transports have tours of duty that occur during such hours that either preclude them from having a hot meal during their 8-hour tour of duty or which require them to interrupt their normal sleeping hours if they desire to be served three hot meals during the day. The serving of subject lunches was initiated in transports on a 90-day trial period which resulted in improved morale without an increase in over-all costs. Therefore, it has been determined that hot night lunches will be served in transports on a permanent basis.

3. Procedures

a. Masters shall assign one cook within the present crew complement to night hours to prepare and serve a hot midnight lunch. In addition, the two night pantrymen shall assist the cook. Serving of the hot lunch shall commence at 2330 and cease at 0030. The cook and night pantrymen shall clean up after serving the meal. The balance of the 8-hour tour of duty may be arranged by the master to meet operating workload requirements within the limitation of reference (b).

b. The lunch shall normally consist of, but not limited to, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, hot cakes, toast, butter, hot coffee, tea and milk, if available. Cost of meals shall be charged against the ship's normal provisions accounts for providing subsistence to crew members. Serving of the lunch shall be cafeteria style and the CPO mess shall be available for seating of both officers and men who are entitled to such lunches.

c. Individuals who are entitled to the hot night lunch are the incumbents of the following ratings:

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(1) Masters-at-arms and watchmen (fire) whose 8-hour tours of duty either end at 2400 or commence at 0001.

(2) Deck officers, radio officers, quartermasters and able seamen who have the 2000-2400 and 0001-0400 sea watches.

(3) Engine officers, oilers, firemen-watertenders, electricians and refrigeration engineers who have the 2000-2400 and 0001-0400 sea watches.

(4) Night pantrymen, bakers, cooks and other ratings whose tours of duty encompass the hours 2000 and 0400.

d. Personnel on daywork and the 0400-0800 and 1600-2000 sea watches shall not normally be entitled to the hot night lunch.

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