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**REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NAVAL DISTRICTS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Subject: Regulations for the government of naval districts of the United States (instructions governing the Medical Department).  
References: Chapter 46, Naval Instructions.

**FOR MOBILIZATION.**

1. The plans for the organization of naval districts provide, in part, for the following personnel to assist the commandant in the performance of his duties:

Medical officer, director of dispensary service (general).

1. Medical officers in charge of dispensaries at bases and stations other than navy yards and naval stations.

2. Hospital Corpsmen.

Medical officer, director of hospital service (central).

1. Supervisors of sick in other than naval hospitals.
2. Hospital Corpsmen.
3. Nurse Corps, regular, reserve, Naval Reserve Force, class 4.

The coast-defense force will consist of:

A. Commandant of the naval district.

- (a) Assistant commandant.
- (b) Headquarters staff.
- (c) Commander naval forces.
  - I. Coast-defense division.
  - II. District scouts.

(d) Commander of section.

- I. Officer in charge of section patrols.
- II. Officer in charge of naval patrols.
  1. Naval patrol stations.
  2. Aircraft stations.
  3. Radio stations.

GOVERNMENT OF NAVAL DISTRICTS.  
PERSONNEL AFFECTED AND INCLUDED.

The following forces and personnel will be mobilized or become, by act of Congress, presidential or other order, a part of the naval forces and will require medical attention:

- A. Navy.
- B. Naval Reserve forces, classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- C. Naval Militia (National Naval Volunteers).
- D. Coast Guard.
- E. Lighthouse Service.
- F. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
- G. Personnel from such other forces—Government, municipal, civil, or private—as may become a part of the naval forces for the period of the public emergency.

2. The following instructions are issued with a view to coordinating, supervising, and providing medical service, care, and treatment to the sick and wounded of the personnel of all the forces under all circumstances, to be effective upon the issue of orders for mobilization.

3. Inclosures A, B, C, D, E refer to the cooperation of the United States Public Health Service with the Medical Department of the Navy in time of public emergency; the method of providing medical relief to vessels of the Coast Guard and the Lighthouse Service; and to vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Inclosures F, G, H, and I are charts and matter prepared by or under the direction of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery or of the United States Public Health Service with reference to dispensary, hospital, quarantine, and laboratory facilities (Government, municipal, and private), and may be obtained from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery upon request when occasion requires.

Inclosures:

- A. Correspondence relative to cooperation of the United States Public Health Service with the Medical Department of the Navy in time of threatened or actual war.
- B. Executive order of the President, April 8, 1917, relative to inclosure A.
- C. Public Health Service circular letter of instructions to medical officers.
- D. Statement relative to supplies and equipment and detail of medical officers to vessels of the Coast Guard.
- E. Statement relative to supplies and equipment and detail of medical officers to vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.
- F. Schematic chart of division of medical service (from Bureau of Medicine and Surgery upon request).



- G. Blue-print charts of section bases, civil and United States Public Health Service facilities (obtained from Bureau of Medicine and Surgery upon request).
- H. Current copy of Treasury Department publication on contracts for the care of seamen, etc (from Bureau of Medicine and Surgery upon request).
- I. List of stations of the United States Public Health Service where complete facilities are available for disinfection, fumigation, deratization, etc.
- J. Specimen contract for use in connection with the use of the facilities of civil hospitals and other institutions.
- K. Proclamation by the President concerning the American National Red Cross activities in time of war.
- L. Certain instructions concerning records and reports and returns on various personnel and blank forms.
- M. Deaths and disposal of remains.

4. Upon the existence of threatened or actual war the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will recommend that the cooperation of the United States Public Health Service with the Medical Department of the Navy be obtained, and that the Secretary of the Navy make request upon the Secretary of the Treasury that authority be granted for the Medical Department of the Navy to avail itself of the utilities and facilities to be had at certain hospitals, quarantine and other stations of the United States Public Health Service for the care and treatment of sick and wounded from ships and stations of the Navy; and that the Medical Department of the Navy be authorized to direct the transfer of such sick and wounded patients to the nearest hospital, quarantine or other station of the United States Public Health Service when emergency or urgent necessity demands; and, further, that the health records, sick reports, medical surveys, etc., be kept and made out by officers of the United States Public Health Service attached to the above-mentioned stations, such officers to be directed by proper authority to assist in the proper execution of Navy and Marine Corps records.

5. The United States Public Health Service will see to it that such hospitals and stations as might be used for the care of the sick of the naval personnel are thoroughly equipped, put in order, repaired, such additions and extensions as may be necessary made, and that equipment and supplies may be available to make these hospitals and stations ready to meet possible demands upon them.

6. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will avail itself of offices of the United States Public Health Service having to do with matters pertaining to the control of biological products, comprising periodic inspections of commercial establishments, laboratory examinations of their products and researches in respect to standards and other

matters affecting the purity and potency of these products, examination and preparation of viruses, serums, and toxins, etc., serological, Wassermann, and Noguchi examinations, various reports of the service on diseases, water analyses, and general sanitation.

7. Communications sent to a marine hospital should be addressed to the "Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Marine Hospital, \_\_\_\_\_" and those sent to second or third class stations to the "Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Public Health Service, \_\_\_\_\_"

MEDICAL ATTENTION RENDERED AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED THE COAST GUARD AND LIGHTHOUSE ESTABLISHMENTS.

8. The Coast Guard and the Lighthouse Service, so far as the personnel and medical supplies are concerned, will receive medical attention and medical stores and supplies as heretofore provided by or under the direction of the United States Public Health Service. Additional Navy medical officers will be detailed where necessary to replace, augment, or fill vacancies for medical officers of the United States Public Health Service.

9. "Hereafter whenever in accordance with law the expenses of the Coast Guard are paid by the Navy Department any naval appropriations shall be reimbursed from available appropriations made by Congress for the expenses of the Coast Guard." Upon request payment will be made for medical supplies furnished vessels of the Coast Guard from the regular appropriation of the Coast Guard by a transfer of funds. Regular appropriations made for the Coast Guard Service will continue in force while available, and naval appropriations will only be used when Coast Guard appropriations shall have been exhausted. It is desirable so far as possible not to disturb normal conditions except where absolutely necessary. It is therefore understood that vessels of the Coast Guard will continue to secure medical supplies while cooperating with the Navy in the same manner as heretofore. Subsequently when Coast Guard appropriations shall have been exhausted, while the Coast Guard is a part of the Navy, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will furnish vessels of the Coast Guard with medical supplies upon requisition therefor being made to that bureau. Medical supplies so requested will be allowed only in same amount as is allowed vessels of the Navy of similar size and complement. (See Bureau of Medicine and Surgery letter 127847, of Apr. 18, 1917, and indorsements from Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and Captain Commandant Coast Guard.)

10. When vessels of the Lighthouse Establishment are transferred to operate as a part of the naval forces "after such transfer all expenses connected therewith shall be defrayed out of the appropriations for the department to which transfer is made."

11. The Coast and Geodetic Survey, so far as personnel and medical supplies are concerned, will receive medical attention and medical stores and supplies as heretofore provided (see inclosure E); additional medical attention, services, and supplies to be provided in such a manner as may become expedient.

12. Personnel coming within paragraph 1, G above will be provided for as circumstances indicate.

#### MEDICAL SERVICE.

13. Medical service will be rendered under two general divisions—dispensary service (general) and hospital service (central).

(a) Dispensaries or quarters for the temporary housing and care of patients ashore and afloat will be established at section bases for patrol forces and at other outlying stations (such as aero, radio, recruit depots and camps) within the district.

(b) The naval hospital, together with such necessary adjuncts, located at the permanent naval base will constitute the naval hospital base for the care, treatment, and disposition of all patients requiring hospital care.

#### DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL SERVICE.

14. (a) **MEDICAL OFFICER; DIRECTOR OF DISPENSARY SERVICE.**—The medical aid to the commandant: It is desired, so far as this bureau is concerned, that the senior medical officer at the navy yard or station be designated the medical aid to the commandant herein provided, he to have general charge of all dispensary service.

(b) **MEDICAL OFFICER; DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL SERVICE, NAVAL HOSPITAL BASE.**—Medical officer in command of naval hospital, medical director of hospital service at naval hospital base at permanent naval base: It is desired, so far as the bureau is concerned, that the medical officer in command of the naval hospital will consider himself in charge (as medical director) of the hospital service of the naval hospital base located at the permanent naval base.

#### ADDITIONAL MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSISTANTS.

15. Such medical officers as may be required to assist the medical aid in the performance of his duties; to act as *medical officer in charge of section base (or ——— station) dispensary*; to be in charge of reception and distributing stations and transportation; or as may be otherwise required, will be detailed for duty within the district.

The commandant of the district will issue the necessary orders authorizing the district medical officer to provide medical assistance and supplies and instructions.