

BEACH COMMANDO MONTHLY MEMORANDA

SECRET

No. 31

Loss of Sailor's Pay and Identity
Books (S.43A.)

Rear Admiral Commanding Combined Operational Bases, Western Approaches, has expressed his concern at the increase in the number of losses of Sailor's Pay and Identity Books by ratings of the Royal Naval Beach Commandos.

2. The seriousness of these losses cannot be over-estimated, as has been pointed out in the various Security lectures.

3. You are requested to take the necessary action to promulgate this to all concerned, and to emphasize the need for extreme care to be taken in the safe keeping of those books, warning all concerned that in future the loss of these books will be treated as a serious offence.

4. Officers concerned are to ensure that heavier punishments are inflicted, in future, on any rating guilty of this offence.

15th November, 1943.
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No. 32

Unauthorised Badges.

Unauthorised badges must not be worn by officers and ratings of Royal Naval Beach Commandos, e.g., "Royal Navy ", "Royal Navy Commando", etc.

2. Supplies of the correct flashes and badges may now be bought from the Clothing Store, H.M.S. "Armadillo" at 1d per pair.

3. "R.N. Commando" flashes must be sewn on the battledress $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the shoulder seam, with the circular Combined Operations Badge 1" below it (gun pointing to the front).

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No. 33

Laces.

Attention of all Beachmasters is drawn to the tendency of personnel to lace their boots in a "criss-cross" fashion, this is not uniform and must be stopped. The correct method is to lace the boots "across" and knots should not be visible below the gaiters.

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No. 34

Leave Tickets - Surrender on
Expiry of Leave.

AFO 4945/43

"Attention is drawn to the instructions relating to the surrender of leave tickets which are printed on the covers of books of Forms S.248 and S.248A, and the individual forms, on D.N.A. Form No.822 (Leave portion), and contained in K.R. and A.I., Article 654, clause 2.

2. In order to prevent subsequent misuse, every effort is to be made to collect leave tickets on expiration of leave and to investigate the failure of ratings to hand them in."

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No. 35

Encouragement of interest in
Current Affairs

Attention of all Beachmasters is drawn to C.A.F.O. 2206/42

Steps should be taken as far as practicable to interest Beach Parties in current affairs. It is realised that it is difficult to find time to organise discussions and informal talks and that not every officer is a born lecturer, but the matter is important and should be so treated.

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No. 36

Khaki Ties.

The attention of all officers is drawn to the fact that khaki ties must not be worn with battledress.

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COMMANDER IN COMMAND

No. 37.

Operational Arms.

The full establishment of arms for a sub-unit is:-

- 1 Stripped Lewis Gun.
- 3 Lanchester Carbines.
- 15 Pistols .455.
- 10 Rifles .303.

2. This must be maintained by Beachmasters, who are to ensure that the weapons of all officers and ratings leaving the party are called in and re-issued to their reliefs. No weapon can be replaced unless a full investigation has been held and report rendered vide K.R. and A.I. Articles 1130 or 1938.

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No. 38.

Advancement - Ordinary Seaman
to Able Seaman.

Advancement is governed by the following:-

(a) Service.

A minimum of 9 months' of which 4 must be sea-time (Combined Operations service counts as sea-time) to a maximum of 12 months. This scope is permitted to allow the accelerated advancement of various ratings who are considered above the average, AFO 400/40. A number of ratings were penalised by the foregoing owing to lack of sea-time which they could not complete owing to no fault of their own. Hence the introduction of a clause to state that a rating could be advanced to Acting A.B. after 12 months in the service irrespective of sea-time. On completion of four months sea-time at some future date the rating is confirmed as A.B.

(b) Examination.

All ratings should pass a qualifying examination before being recommended for A.B.,. Sometimes this examination is taken before the rating becomes eligible from a time factor, but the result of the examination should be communicated to "ARMADILLO" for notation on his Service Certificate, together with a recommendation as to whether the rating concerned is recommended for advancement after 9, 10, 11 or 12 months. It is emphasised that only ratings of very superior ability will merit advancement after 9 months service. A good rating should be recommended at 10 months, 11 months' an average rating, 12 months - fair.

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No. 39.

Bolts.

Care must be taken to see that bolts are in the correct rifle and are not mixed when cleaning.

2. Will any unit which has bolt of rifle No. B.C. 21324A or which has rifle No. U 20891A please advise the Gunnery Officer, H.M.S. "Armadillo" and arrangements will be made to change bolts.

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No. 40

Sports Gear for Royal Naval Beach
Commandos

Royal Naval Beach Commandos should apply through "Armadillo" for sports gear. Applications will then be made by this establishment to C.A.L.O. on staff of R.A.C.O.B. (W.A.)

2. The following is an extract from a letter which has been received from Combined Operations H.Q. -

"Owing to the difficulty of obtaining Sports Gear, all applications must in future be rendered through the local P.A.L.O. to the R.N. & R.M. Amenities Fund.

2. Sports gear in kind can no longer be supplied by C.O.H.Q. but the C.O. Welfare Fund will consider grants of money to go towards supplying such gear to C.O. Bases, when requested by the Sports Control Board of the R.N. War Amenities Fund."

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