ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDER

LANDING CRAFT PERSONNEL—ALLOWANCES

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1,
30th December, 1943.

The following Order having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty is hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By Command of Their Lordships,

[Signature]

To all Commanders-in-Chief, Flag Officers, Senior Naval Officers, Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels, including Landing Ships, Major Landing Craft, also Flotilla Officers of Minor Landing Craft and Barges, and Superintendents or Officers in Charge of H.M. Naval Establishments concerned.

Note:—The scale of distribution is shown in the Admiralty Fleet Order Volume, 1941, Instructions, paragraph 10, and A.F.O. 3011/43.

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(05717)
6308.—Landing Craft Personnel—Allowances

(C.W. 45312/43.—30 Dec. 1943.)

The principal allowances and non-substantive rates to which L.C. personnel are entitled are shown in this order, which is not intended to be exhaustive. In some cases (e.g. Nos. 2 and 3) the conditions of payment to L.C. personnel are different, or stated differently, from those laid down in K.R. & A.I. for other personnel and to that extent supersede them. In other cases (e.g. 1, 19 and 20) this order is the sole authority for payment.

The allowances and non-substantive rates are numbered consecutively for convenience of reference. A * against the number indicates that the allowance is included in the monthly or fortnightly rate of pay shown in the pay book which will be altered as necessary by means of the Pay Book Alteration Form issued by "Copra". In the case of non-substantive ratings, this only applies to the confirmed rate. The crediting of allowances not marked * is dependent on information supplied to "Copra" by flotilla and other officers.

A.F.O. 5941/43 authorises Flotilla and Commanding Officers to pay as soon as due, without previous reference to "Copra", all allowances and non-substantive rates shown in this order.

1. C.O. Allowance.

(a) Subject to the following conditions, C.O. allowance is payable to all C.O. personnel as defined below, at the following rates:—

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<td>Lieutenants, R.N., and officers of corresponding or superior rank</td>
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<td>Sub-Lieutenants, R.N. and below, and officers of corresponding rank</td>
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(b) C.O. allowance becomes payable after the officer or man has completed one month's service in Combined Operations and is payable continuously, subject to the restrictions in paragraph (g) of this order, whilst in Combined Operations, including periods of leave, and whilst in hospital or sick leave for a maximum period of 30 days.

(c) The term "C.O. personnel" means all officers and ratings who are allocated permanently to Combined Operations for the following duties:

(i) The manning of all types of landing craft and landing barges.
(ii) Landing craft and Landing Barge Squadron and Flotilla staffs.
(iii) The manning of Beach Commandos, Beach Signal, Support and Reconnaissance Units.
(iv) The performance of certain other special Combined Operations tasks allotted by the Admiralty, e.g. Boom Commandos, C.O.P.P., etc.

(d) General Service or Royal Marine personnel allocated for employment in any of the above duties are, whilst so allocated, eligible for the allowance after 30 days of such employment at the same rates and under the same conditions as C.O. personnel. They will be known as Temporary L.C. and R.M.L.C. personnel respectively.

(e) Dominion personnel who are on Dominion rate of pay but who are within the category of C.O. personnel as defined above, are entitled to C.O. allowance at the same rates and under the same conditions as personnel on R.N. rates.

(f) Where eligibility under paragraph (c) (iv) and paragraph (d) is in doubt, specific Admiralty approval to pay the allowance must be obtained.

(g) Combined Operations Allowance is not payable:

(i) In respect of landing ships as distinct from landing craft.
(ii) To personnel classified as fit only for shore service.
(iii) To base administrative or base maintenance personnel, including B (M) personnel.
(iv) Concurrently with subsistence allowance (except where the latter is payable for duty journeys).
(v) Concurrently with Hard Lying Money, Field Allowance or Living Under Canvas Allowance.
(vi) After the thirtieth day spent in hospital or on sick leave until return to duty.

(vii) During periods when full pay is not payable, e.g., while undergoing cells, detention, etc.
(viii) To prisoners of war and to personnel posted missing. The allowance is not to be included in the calculation of temporary allowance for wives of missing officers or widows of deceased officers.
(ix) To engineer and electrical officers unless officially appointed or "attached" to squadrons or flotillas as Squadron or Flotilla Engineer or Electrical Officer.

(b) The allowance is to be reckoned as part of pay for the purposes of mules, is not to be subjected to conduct deductions under K.R. & A.I., Article 566, and will not affect increase of allotment in connection with dependant's allowance.

(i) Payments already made contrary to the terms of this order are to be allowed to stand.

2. Command Money.

(a) To the officer appointed in command of a major landing craft while the craft is formally commissioned. At seagoing rates provided the craft proceeds to sea on a minimum of 24 days in a quarter, otherwise at harbour rates.

(b) To the officer appointed as squadron or flotilla officer of a squadron or flotilla of major landing craft. At seagoing rates provided the squadron or flotilla proceeds to sea on a minimum of 24 days in a quarter, otherwise at harbour rate.

(c) To the officer appointed as squadron officer or flotilla officer of a squadron or flotilla of minor landing craft or barges. Harbour rates appropriate to the rank of the officer.

3. First Lieutenant's Allowance.

To the officer (other than the Commanding Officer) performing executive duties when complement allows Lieutenant or alternative and provided complement of craft is 25 or over.


To the officer carrying out the duties of A.V.G.O. when appointed in lieu of G. Specialist.

5. Store Allowance.

To the engineer officer of each major landing craft flotilla carrying their own store accounts.

6. Allowances for Special Duties and Navigating Allowance.

Note.—An "attachment" is a change of appointment within the C.O. organisation not involving change of Admiralty C.W. appointment. Such attachments are promulgated daily in the C.O.A.L.—Combined Operations Attachment List.
### Officers and Ratings

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(a) To officers and men for each day in which they live and sleep on board major landing craft or landing barges whether in harbour or at sea.

(b) To officers and men when they live and sleep on board a minor landing craft for a minimum period of seven consecutive nights.

#### 8. Field Allowance.

To officers and men when they live under canvas for a minimum period of 30 consecutive days.


Not payable to C.O. personnel embarked in coastal forces craft.


To officers and men under the same conditions as for G.S. personnel.

#### 11. Climate Pay.

To officers and men under the same conditions as for G.S. personnel.

#### 12. Tropical Allowance.

To officers and men under the same conditions as for G.S. personnel.


(a) To the E.R.A. mechanic in charge of the machinery of a major landing craft while the craft is in commission.

(b) To the stoker rating of a major landing craft if in charge of the machinery while the craft is in commission.

Note.—The names of ratings entitled to be reported monthly to "COPRA" on Form S.1072.


(a) To the rating acting cook in a major landing craft or landing barge when the average number victualled is 15 or more.

(b) To the rating acting cook in a major landing craft or landing barge when the average number victualled is under 15.

#### 15. Victualling Store Allowance.

To ratings in major landing craft which tender Provision Accounts on Forms S.461 and S.462, Part 1, i.e., those with complements of over 25.

#### 16. Care of Mess Traps.

Not payable in landing craft or landing barges.
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<td>1s. 6d. a day</td>
<td>Payable on recommendation by their Commanding Officer. Authority to grant rate: Captain of C.O. Gunnery School, Calshot.</td>
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<td><strong>18. A.A.3. (C.X.)</strong></td>
<td>3d. a day</td>
<td>Ordinary Seamen may be granted the acting rating only. Confirmation will be granted on advancement to Able Seamen. Authority to grant rate: Captain of C.O. Gunnery School, Calshot.</td>
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<td>3d. a day</td>
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<td><strong>21. Coxswain (C.O.)</strong></td>
<td>6d. a day</td>
<td>Granted on an acting basis from the date of recommendation. Confirmation is dependent on recommendation by Commanding Officer after a minimum of three months in the acting rating. Authority to grant rate: Home: C.O. H.M.S. &quot;Copra&quot;. Abroad: C-in-C. or Force Commanders.</td>
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**Note.**—
(1) Payable to Able Seamen from 1st January, 1944.
(2) The non-substantive ratings of Signalmen (L.C.) and Coxswain (C.O.) cannot be held concurrently.
(3) Whenever a rating is paid as an acting non-substantive rating to fill a vacancy in complement, the following information must be reported monthly:
   - Non-substantive rating, e.g. A.A.3.
   - Number allowed in complement.
   - Number borne.
   - Names, etc., of ratings who have carried out the duties, and the periods for which the duties have been carried out. (Note. — The number for any period must not exceed the difference between (ii) and (iii)).

(A.F.Os. 686/43, 1544/43, 2936/43, 5276/43, 5941/43.)

(A.F.Os. 448/43 and 5166/43 are cancelled.)