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MSTSPAC NOTICE 5100

From: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific
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Subj: Fire blankets; installation of

Ref: (a) NAVEXOS P-422, Safety Equipment Manual, page 40, Item L

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Notice is to direct procurement and installation of fire blankets in MSTSPAC ships.

2. Background. The engineer and fireman on watch in a MSTSPAC ship were seriously burned as a result of a furnace explosion and flare back. The fireman's clothing caught on fire and only the prompt action of the oiler on watch, who tore the burning shirt off the fireman, saved him from fatal burns. If a fire blanket had been available, the fireman could have extinguished the fire without assistance.

3. Action. Masters shall requisition through regular supply channels, a fire blanket of flame proof wool incased in a metal, quick release case, as described in reference (a). The blankets shall be installed in the immediate vicinity of boilers. Engine department personnel shall be instructed in the use of the blankets.

4. Cancellation. This Notice is cancelled on 30 September 1969.

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