

USNS GENERAL HUGH J. GAFFEY (T-AP 121)

C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

T-AP 121/HEH:la  
12000  
19 Feb. 1967

From: First Officer  
To: Master

1. The safety meeting for the Deck Department was held 14 February at 1540 hours in the Crew's Day Room with twenty-eight (28) members present.
2. The members were reminded that any ringing bell aboard ship should be investigated. They do not ring unless there is a reason. This test was made by the Captain. The alarm bell in the refer flat was set off and rang for ten minutes without any member of the crew investigating the reason.
3. The Quartermasters were asked to provide a container of some type with a line to bring packages aboard from the liberty launches. Climbing a pilot ladder is dangerous enough without trying to carry a package.
4. The chair read from the minutes of the Safety Council which was held 10 January. One item of interest was the new policy of having replacement personnel aboard as soon as possible after arrival to have them orientated in their emergency stations.
5. Only one safety hazard was noted by Bosun Mate Celada. He noted that a step was needed to reach the barberizer plug on the sun deck.
6. The chair gave a short talk on safety in the ship yard. All members are to see that they have hard hats and wear them while working on deck. Members were cautioned to avoid tripping on cables and to be extra careful in guarding against flash burn of the eyes in the vicinity of welders. It can be quite painful and cause permanent injury to the eyes.
7. A short moral leadership meeting was conducted and the members were reminded that they must go through their department head if they wish to see the Captain.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 1625.

H. E. Hottle  
First Officer

*"Think Safety—Talk Safety—and Sell Safety"*