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From: Master

To: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area

Subj: Ship's Safety Committee Meeting

Ref: (a) CMPI 5100.2-3.b.

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the Ship's Staff Committee met at 1300, 24 Oct 1966.

Members present were:

Captain Joseph C. Petrosky (Chairman)  
Mr. Harold E. Hottle (Safety Officer)  
Mr. Morris S. Chamberlain  
Mr. Gerald Kinsella  
Mr. Robert M. Jones  
LCDR Isidoro Maggay, Jr., USN  
LT John C. O'Donovan, MC, USNR

Master  
First Officer  
Chief Engineer  
Chief Steward  
Purser  
COMILDEPT  
Sr. Medical Officer

2. Accidents. The following personnel reported accidents, since the last safety meeting of 28 Sept 1966. No lost time was involved.

- a. M J Thallmer, Wiper, burn on right hand, 10/1/66.
- b. Manuel Soliz, Wiper, foreign body right eye, 10/4/66.
- c. Everett DeMoss, Rm Steward, abrasion left leg, 10/17/66.
- d. M W Zimmerman, Eng Utilityman, abrasion right hand, 10/17/66.
- e. Henry J Thomas, E4, US Army, hot water burn, right forearm, 10/20/66.

3. Old Business (from Ship's Safety Committee Meeting of 28 Sept 1966).

a. Corrected Items.

- (1) 4.a. Signs in areas where deck wax recently applied.
- (2) 4.e. Deteriorated ladder rungs to ladder on radar platform.

4. New Business

a. Safety Hazards/Deficiencies submitted at Departmental Meetings.

(Departmental meetings for October 1966 were held as follows: Deck: 4 and 24 Oct; Engine: 6 and 21 Oct; and Steward: 5 and 24 Oct 1966)

- (1) Tripping hazards in No 6 storerooms due to stowage. CORRECTED
- (2) Missing door hook 1-175-1 and door knobs troop head aft. CORRECTED
- (3) Sliding door 4-158-2 does not close properly. CORRECTED
- (4) Defective horn on sliding door 4-180-2. CORRECTED
- (5) Renewal of aerial shackle at after stack. M & R RENEWED
- (6) Stowing of heavy objects atop overhead vents and pipes - department heads to remind personnel of same during safety meetings.

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b. Suggestions/Safety Hazards/Deficiencies submitted by Safety Committee Members

(1) Electric clippers - COMILDEPT reported ship's electric hair clippers could not be grounded; Chief Engineer will investigate this condition.

(2) Electronic equipment - Master stressed need for all personal electronic equipment (radios, record players, etc.) be properly grounded and tagged; department heads were directed to present this requirement at departmental meetings.

(3) Presto torches - Master directed that troop personnel be prohibited from using presto torches in troop compartments.

(4) Slippery galley/pantry decks - it was observed that wet decks in these areas posed continuous safety hazards; personnel working in such areas must be urged to keep wiping up wet decks; also, where treads in these areas are badly worn, action will be necessary to renew these treads.

(5) Grease on deck of galley passageways - it was recommended that a solution called aqua-sol be used on these decks, in lieu of wax; it was noted that such solution gave a high gloss appearance to decks without the slipping hazard characteristic of deck wax.

(6) Anchor windlass resistor door - it was noted that this door has been left open when equipment was not in operation; the Master directed this door be locked closed at all times unless the equipment is in operation.

(7) Open cans of paint - the Master directed that cans of paint be securely covered when not in use.

(8) Fluorescent lights in troop areas - the COMILDEPT reported complaints from troops about the continuous burning of these lights, which are on an emergency circuit; Chief Engr suggested red plastic cover or tube for sliding over such lamps.

(9) Inspection plates - ventilation plates are being removed by troops.

(10) Mesh exhaust screens - such screens are being punched out; Chief Engr suggested the use of expanded metal.

(11) Lighted cigarettes - troops have been observed flipping lighted cigarettes over the side; COMILDEPT will publish such prohibition in ship's newspaper.

(12) Safety talks - the Master urged department heads to use timely safety talks as they pertained to accidents occurring within the department and to continuously stress the proper method of lifting heavy objects; also, department heads were encouraged to make full use of Industrial Supervisor articles and safety items published in USCG Proceedings of the Merchant Marine Council, with discussions held weekly, immediately after emergency drills.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1350.

  
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