

14 March 1968

SAFETY FEATURES - P.A.I.

USNS GEN. JOHN POPE (T-AP 110)

1. The door that is hinged at the top that closes off the sales counter to the ship's service store (Officer's Lounge) is entirely too heavy and presents a serious safety hazard. The hold-back hooks are being straightened out and pad eyes that support the door may be attached to a type of plasterboard.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace heavy door with a lightweight door of expanded metal covered with thin sheet metal or plexiglass.

2. Numerous tools are missing from storage bins in the ship's service store.

RECOMMENDATION: Inventory tools and return them to storage bins.

3. Numerous electrical outlets are not properly grounded and no voltage is checked throughout the ship. Voltage and type of current.

RECOMMENDATION: Check all electrical outlets for 110 V.D.C., 115 V.A.C., 220 V.A.C.

4. There is a fire alarm pull station in the ship's service store.

RECOMMENDATION: Check fire alarm pull station and work to eliminate voltage regulation.

5. Several electrical outlets are not properly grounded on the fuse side.

RECOMMENDATION: Check all electrical outlets for proper grounding.

6. The fire alarm pull station in the room does not have a drop-out protection.

RECOMMENDATION: Check fire alarm pull station and work to eliminate voltage regulation.

7. The fire alarm pull station in the room is fitted with a pressure gauge.

RECOMMENDATION: Check fire alarm pull station and replace with dry chemical extinguisher.

8. The bulletin board in the room is covered with plate glass (Medical Department).

RECOMMENDATION: Replace glass with plexiglass or safety glass.

9. There are two holes in a junction box in the sterilizer and scrub room. (Medical Department)

RECOMMENDATION: Plug holes to make box explosion-proof.

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S. 10. The conductive decking adjacent to the operating room is being waxed, which to some extent nullifies the purpose of this type decking.

RECOMMENDATION: Remove wax and refrain from waxing this area.

D. 11. The 15-pound CO2 extinguisher at 01-100-1 is not properly secured.

RECOMMENDATION: Alter storage rack so that strap does not slip off bottom of cylinder.

E. 12. The grounding prong has been broken off the electric plug on the hemato-crit centrifuge. (Medical Department)

RECOMMENDATION: Replace defective plug.

E. 13. The portable electric cord on a Phillips Drucker centrifuge is smaller than 18 AWG and has been spliced.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace electric cord with a three-conductor cord of continuous length without splices.

E. 14. Globe missing from lighting fixture in two storerooms at 01-108-2.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace with globes.

E. 15. Small portable lamp in dental office not grounded.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace two-conductor cord and plug with three-conductor type.

E. 16. The scuttlebutt at 01-125-1 is not grounded.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace two-conductor cord using three-conductor type.

D. 17. The 15-pound CO2 extinguisher at FE 01-136-2 has not been weighed since 15 January 1968.

RECOMMENDATION: Weight each such extinguisher monthly.

D. 18. Numerous lifejacket instruction cards are obsolete and contain wrong information.

RECOMMENDATION: Procure MSTS Form 3131/3 of 3-66 and post.

Med. 19. The Medical Department is not maintaining a Conductivity Log.

RECOMMENDATION: Establish a log and maintain conductivity readings.

D. 20. General John Pope's picture is covered with plate glass.

RECOMMENDATION: Replace glass with plexiglass or safety glass.

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- D. 21. Many bunks and mirrors do not have signs posted: "Avoid deadly fire gas. Do not smoke in bed."
- RECOMMENDATION: Post stickers.
- E 22. The scuttlebutt at 1-78-1 is supplied current through a non-polarized plug.
- RECOMMENDATION: Replace with polarized plug.
- E 23. The lifeboat battery charging cord on #1 motor lifeboat is not of the type that will pull fall if the boat was lowered.
- RECOMMENDATION: Rearrange means of attachment so that the cord will pull fall when boat is lowered.
- D 24. No one-inch (1") band of luminous tape around the end of the mechanical release lever.
- RECOMMENDATION: Install 1" band of tape on handle end, IAW COMSTSINST 9280.3B, art. 6.3e.
- D 25. The wording on the mechanical release lever in #1 motor lifeboat is not proper.
- RECOMMENDATION: Replace label plate with one reading: DANGER - LEVER DROPS BOAT.
- D 26. Several 15-pound CO2 extinguishers at 1-15-2 are stored in bins and not secured.
- RECOMMENDATION: Store each compressed gas cylinder in suitable racks and fasten by means such as metal collars.
- D 27. Paint and allied products in the lamp locker are not properly secured.
- RECOMMENDATION: Install retaining bars or battens on fins. Excess containers should be transferred to another flammable liquids locker.
- D 28. There is a considerable amount of grease, oil, etc. stowed in the carpenter's shop.
- RECOMMENDATION: Store bulk containers of flammable substances in a flammable liquids locker.
- D 29. No non-skid material on deck around band saw in the carpenter's shop.
- RECOMMENDATION: Install slip-resistant material.
- D 30. General alarm bell on bridge is not properly marked.
- RECOMMENDATION: Replace missing label plate with GENERAL ALARM.

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D 31. No slip resistant material on deck at the helmsman's station on the bridge.

RECOMMENDATION: Install grating and secure or install rubber matting.

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