

Pope
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26 February 1970

MEMORANDUM

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Subj: USNS POPE (T-AP 110); Inactivation of

1. A meeting to plan a revised schedule for the inactivation of the USNS POPE (T-AP 110) was called to order at 1430, 25 February 1970 by LCDR W. L. HOBBS, JR. with the following personnel present:

CAPT. HUGUS	MR. A. LUMSDEN
CAPT. VON WEIN	MR. F. FIELDS
CAPT. LANDRY (POPE)	MR. C. PETERSON
CDR. BILKA	MR. J. MANN
MR. G. HARLAN	MR. H. ROBINSON
MR. E. ORLOWSKI (POPE)	MR. J. WHEDON
MR. A. SHADDY	MR. R. KELSEY
MR. R. SUSTARICH	MR. P. BARKER
MR. P. DATTOLA (POPE)	LTJG M. MEASEL
MR. J. SPEER	LTJG M. MILLER

2. The changes of specifications required by MARAD for the inactivation of troopships caused a delay in the commencement of shipyard work on the USNS WEIGEL. In order to take advantage of the availability of potentially low bidders in the bay area and to provide for the maximum preparation by the crew to reduce contract costs, a change in the original schedule is necessary.

3. MR. HARLAN suggested we ascertain the minimum time required to complete ships force preparations and from that determine optimum dates for contractor availability.

4. CAPT. LANDRY, Master, USNS POPE, explained that the limiting job remaining for the crew was the transfer of stores and provisions to the USNS UPSHUR. This required the major portion of the deck department to accomplish. If the deck department were to be able to devote their time to the stripping the lifeboats additional ABM's would be required. In view of current manning it was felt that additional assignments to POPE would be prohibited by budget limitations. It was suggested that attempts be made to obtain assistance from the other nucleus ships in port, specifically the USNS UPSHUR. If this were possible and provisions, particularly reefer products, could be removed by 13 March, feeding and hoteling could be secured as of that date and the POPE would then be ready for the shipyard by 20 March.

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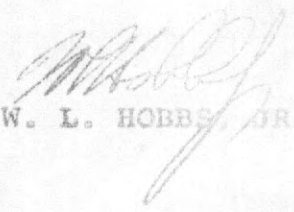
5. MR. WHEDON reported that the specifications would be ready for the bidders by 10 March.

6. MR. SHADDY stated that every effort would be made to have 80% of the provisions removed by 6 March leaving only a minimal amount required for hoteling. This is subject to the availability of fork lifts and operators at Hunters Point, but it will be completed by 10 March at the latest.

7. Based on the foregoing the following revised schedule was proposed:

Specifications to Bidders	10 Mar
Cease Hoteling Reduce Crew (COB)	13 Mar
Open Bids	19 Mar
Commence Topside Contract	20 Mar
Complete Topside	23 Apr
Shift to Drydock Yard	24 Apr
Complete Drydock Contract	29 Apr
Shift to Suisun NDRF	30 Apr

8. Crew would be reduced from the present level of 63 to 42 on 13 March, and further reduced to 16 on 20 March. This could be further reduced to 13 on 27 March if the USNS UPSHUR purser were available to handle POPE and WEIGEL pay rolls for the remainder of their respective yard periods.


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