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From: Master
To: Commander Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific Area
Subj: Ship's Safety Committee Meeting; report of
Ref: (a) CMPI 5100
Encl: (1) Deck Department Safety Minutes of 19 October 1964
(2) Engine Department Safety Minutes of 19 October 1964
(3) Engine Department Safety Minutes of 27 October 1964
(4) Steward Department Safety Minutes of 27 October 1964

1. In accordance with reference (a), the ship's safety committee meeting was held in the Master's office at 1300 28 October 1964. The following members were in attendance.

Captain Charles W. Hutcheson	Master
Frank W. Sainsbury	First Officer (Safety Officer)
Bruce S. Hanna	Chief Engineer
Philip E. Dattola	Chief Steward
LCDR Arthur S. Keller	CO, DillDept
LT Robert V. Schumacher	Medical Officer
Edwin O. Schorse	Purser (Recorder)

2. The Master opened the meeting with a welcome aboard to all new members of the committee. He reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and thorough discussion of all items was held by the members, and the Master's action thereon noted. The action directed was carried out.

3. Old Business. All safety deficiencies from the previous meeting have been corrected or are being submitted on the voyage repair lists, being beyond the capacity of the ship's force.

4. New Business. The safety officer invited department heads to read the minutes of their departmental meetings held since the last committee meeting. Safety hazards were considered minor and those within the capacity of the ship's force will be corrected on a progressive basis. A few items are already on the voyage repair list to be accomplished during the forth coming yard period. The Master expressed his satisfaction that the ship's crew was taking an active interest in the shipboard safety program and was grateful of the safety factors and recommendations brought forth at these meetings. There were two accidents involving crew members, one of which was an automobile accident ashore and the other involved knifing of a crew member while in San Francisco aboard ship. Last accident mentioned is now in the hands of the command and other shore authority. There were no accidents to passengers or military department personnel.

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5. Members present were then invited to bring forth safety items for discussion. The following items were brought forth by the members noted.

Captain Charles W. Hutcheson

Reviewed thereport of second quarter command safety council meeting emphasizing to all members present that MSTSPAC held first place in the National Safety Council, Marine Section, Safety Contest at the end of June with a frequency rate of 1.91. He stressed that government average for marine operations was 2.23 and the commercial cargo and passenger vessels average was 4.82. These figures prove that our safety and accident prevention program are paying dividends. He also discussed the quarterly accident summary, 3rd Qtr 1964 and noted that his ship was 2nd in the standings. He assured all that with constant vigilance the ship can gain the 1st position in the standing. In accordance with recommendations in the command safety council meeting he stressed the following:

- a. Importance of hand tool safety
- b. Importance of housekeeping in the prevention of falls.

Philip E. Dattola, Chief Steward

Discussed the cleaning of light fixtures, proper procedures to eliminate all safety hazards before starting the job.

Inquired regarding shoes, that is, questioned as to why former tradesman does not board the vessel anymore. Mr. Dattola emphasized that the service was excellent and assured correct fitting of shoes.

LT. R.V. Schumacher, Medical Officer

Reported that during inspection of galley it was noted that kettles in annex were draining into the passageway. He was assured that this item is on the repair list and will be corrected during ensuing yard period. He also inquired relative to various tile spaces throughout the ship and was satisfied that these items will also be corrected during the yard period. Report was also made that door in hospital female ward does not clear light fixture and that he was concerned that the fixture might coming loose. The Master directed that this item be checked immediately and that the repair list be reviewed to assure that all tile in need of repair or replacement is listed thereon.

Franck W. Sainsbury, First Officer

Stressed that it is the responsibility of the supervisor to assure that adequate safety precautions are taken prior to the commencement of work on any job.

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LCDR A.S. Keller, CO, MilDept

Reported that he will continue to indoctrinate passengers and troops in accident prevention and safety aboard ship.

Bruce S. Hanna, Chief Engineer

Discussed the hazard of children revolving bunk light fixtures and removing bulbs from same. This condition will be stressed to all parents during embarkation meetings in the future.

Edwin Q. Schorse, Purser (Recorder)

Suggested that departmental meetings be held the first and third week of the month to avoid the last minute rush at the end of the month in holding departmental meetings prior to the committee meeting. Sufficient time is required to prepare minutes of the meeting in a presentable manner and to cover all phases of shipboard safety. The above procedure in holding departmental meetings will allow the entire last week of the month for holding the committee meeting at a time convenient to all members. The Master fully concurred.

6. Moral Leadership was discussed prior to adjournment at 1115.

C. W. HUTCHESON

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