



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370

IN REPLY REFER TO
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DD-449
SER 2436
19 Nov 1969

From: President, Board of Inspection and Survey
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Survey of USS NICHOLAS (DD-449)

Ref: (a) CNO 052326Z Nov 69 (NOTAL)
(b) SUBINSURVPAC rpt ser 39 of 13 Jan 1969 w/PRESINSURV
FIRST END ser 92 of 27 Jan 1969
(c) NAVSHIPSYSCOMHQ 142024Z Nov 69 (NOTAL)

1. Reference (a) is a precept for survey of USS NICHOLAS (DD-449).
2. Reference (b) is a report of a materiel inspection of USS NICHOLAS completed by Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific 10 January 1969.
3. The Board finds USS NICHOLAS unfit for further service. Reference (b) is a report of a materiel inspection in which numerous serious deficiencies were noted and President, Board of Inspection and Survey's First Endorsement thereto noted the severely limited offensive and defensive capabilities of USS NICHOLAS. Based on the criteria of reference (a) and the disproportionate costs to repair and modernize USS NICHOLAS, a reinspection is not necessary and USS NICHOLAS is considered unfit for further service.
4. The following costs as provided by reference (c) are noted:
 - a. Acquisition: \$ 7,800,000
 - b. Replacement (acquisition at today's cost): 23,000,000
 - c. Repairs and modernization to meet criteria paragraph 1A(2) of reference (a): 5,300,000
 - d. Scrap: 87,000

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5. Based on the above considerations, it is recommended that:

a. USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

b. All useable equipment as designated by the cognizant technical command be removed from the ship prior to disposal.

c. She be disposed of in accordance with the laws and regulations prescribed for disposal of Naval ships.

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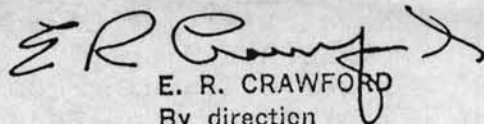
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on PRESINSURV ltr ser 2436 of 19 November 1969

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Survey of USS NICHOLAS (DD-449)

1. Forwarded.
2. The USS NICHOLAS (DD-449), a RADFORD (FRAM MK II) Class destroyer, completed construction on 4 June 1942. The ship has not been modernized, and her capabilities are not up to fleet standards. As a consequence she is not considered to meet present and future warfare requirements. To bring her capabilities up to date, and also to undertake required repairs, would be prohibitively costly.
3. The President, Board of Inspection and Survey has found the USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) unfit for further naval service and has recommended that the ship be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. The Chief of Naval Operations concurs and recommends that the USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) be stricken on 30 January 1970 as provided for in Title 10, USC 7304.
4. Subsequent to the striking, authority is requested to dispose of the USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) in accordance with existing law in a manner most advantageous to the government.
5. Pursuant to the requirements of Title 10, USC 7307 and because this ship has been found to be unfit as required by law, it is hereby certified that the USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) is not essential to the defense of the United States.


E. R. CRAWFORD
By direction

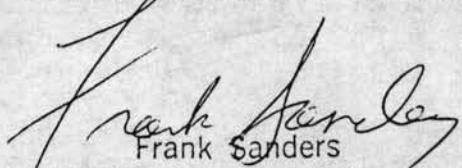
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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on PRESINSURV ltr ser 2436 of 19 November 1969

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Survey of USS NICHOLAS (DD-449)

1. Returned, approved. The USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) shall be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 30 January 1970.
2. The Chief of Naval Operations is granted authority to dispose of the USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) as recommended in the first endorsement and will take the necessary action incident to the disposal.


Frank Sanders
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Installations and Logistics)

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STRIKING OF USS NICHOLAS {DD-449} FROM NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER

- A. CNO 091256Z DEC 69
- B. SECNAV SECOND END DTD 4 DEC 69 ON PRESINSURV LTR SER 2436
- C. OPNAVINST 4440.4D
- D. CNO 031400Z SEP 68 {NOTAL}
1. CANCEL REFERENCE A.
2. REFERENCE B DIRECTED THAT THE USS NICHOLAS {DD-449} BE STRICKEN FROM THE NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER ON 30 JANUARY 1970 AND AUTHORIZED DISPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAW IN A MANNER MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT.
- B. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING IS DIRECTED:
- A. FOR CINCPACFLT: ARRANGE TO DECOMMISSION USS NICHOLAS {DD-449} ON 30 JANUARY 1970 AT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII. STRIPPING IN ADVANCE OF STRIKE DATE IS AUTHORIZED. STRIPPING TO BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE

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WITH REFERENCE C AS AMPLIFIED BY REFERENCE D. UPON DECOMMISSIONING TRANSFER CUSTODY TO CO, INACTSHIPFAC PEARL AS MUTUALLY ARRANGED. REQUEST THAT ARRANGEMENT FOR TOW TO INACTSHIPFAC VALLEJO BE MADE AS NEAR STRIKE DATE AS FEASIBLE.

B. FOR CHNAVMAT: {1} ARRANGE FOR CO, INACTSHIPFAC PEARL TO ACCEPT CUSTODY UPON DECOMMISSIONING {2} COORDINATE WITH CINCPACFLT FOR TOWING ARRANGEMENTS. {3} ARRANGE FOR DISPOSAL OF O'BANNON SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVE INACTSHIPFAC VALLEJO.

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