



**USS BRISTOL (DD 857) VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

***THE LAST DAYS OF THE USS BRISTOL (DD 857)***

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1969 ---CAPTAIN GAVE THE WORD THAT THE BRISTOL IS TO BE SCRAPPED.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1969 --- BRISTOL TOWED FROM NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1969 --- CLOSE OUT SALE SHIP'S STORE.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1969 --- STARTED STRIPPING ALL ITEMS FROM SHIP.**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,---NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 1969 PUMPED OFF FUEL.**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1969 --- REMOVED ALL NON-SECURED ITEMS OFF SHIP.**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1969 --- SHIP'S PARTY.**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1969 --- FIRE ROOMS AND ENGINE ROOMS EMPTIED AND CLEANED --- LAST SHIP'S PARTY.**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1969 --- FINISHED DECOMMISSIONING. CHINA BOUGHT BRISTOL FOR \$20,000.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1969 --- REMAINING CREW LEFT BRISTOL. FLAG LOWERED.**

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