

S.D. Sailors Help Deployed VAW-11 Shipmate

Recently, twenty-five men of VAW-11 in San Diego came to the aid of deployed shipmate, Daniel J. Mathews, AE2, of Detachment QUEBEC aboard BENNINGTON by each donating a pint of blood for his daughter.

Mathews had received word from his wife that their 10-month-old daughter was suffering from a protein deficiency and needed 18 pints of whole blood to complete treatment. When word was passed back to the parent squadron, quick action followed. Captain H. E. Vita, Commanding Officer of VAW - 11, called for volunteers to give the needed blood and set the example by donating the first pint himself.

Only ten days elapsed from the time the letter was originated aboard the BENNINGTON until Mrs. Mathews received the blood donations in Emmett, Idaho. The parent squadron had once again come through with outstanding support for a deployed detachment.



"I don't see why you're so mad at your ex-fiancee," one friend said to another. "After all, she returned your ring."

"That's right," came the reply. "But she didn't have to mail it back marked 'Glass. Handle with care.'"

Making money is easy enough. What's tough is making a living.



SOFTBALL IN HONG KONG -- BENNINGTON and Taiwan softball players pose with officials prior to game in Hong Kong. The Taiwan team defeated the BENNINGTON 6-3.

Physical Fitness

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Koch, J. E. (OS); Lewis, L. M. (V-2); LTJG Reynolds; Swanson, H. E. (V-2); Wickline, M. O. (OS); and Winfield, (E).

H. E. Swanson of V-2 Division established a new mark by attempting six events in a single test and attaining an outstanding mark in each. Swanson did 42 push-ups, 23 pull-ups, 75 sit-ups, a 25" jump and reach; 8'6" standing broad jump and 381 counts in the stationary run.

OS Division retained its divisional title by averaging 40 push-ups, 68 sit-ups, 24" jump and reach and 323 counts in the stationary run. They were hard pressed by B, Fox and OA Divisions.

BENN's Softball Team Wins One, Loses One

During the ship's stay in Hong Kong, the sports program was inactive with the exception of the softball team, who played two games, losing one.

Saturday, May 12, the team defeated USS UELMAN at the Hong Kong Softball Association Field by a score of 21-1.

The following day, however, the tables were turned and The Taiwan Hawks, a team that represents Nationalist Chinese Government which was on a tour, beat the BENN team 6-3. The Taiwan team was presented a pennant and picture of the BENNINGTON by LTJG Mattox, Special Services Officer.