



## IN DRYDOCK

### Bennington Begins Overhaul in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

After her latest Far East cruise and in-port period in her former homeport of San Diego, Calif., "Big BENN" sits proudly in her drydock at Bremerton, Wash., awaiting her third overhaul and looking forward to her old role as an antisubmarine carrier in the Pacific Fleet.

Since her arrival on Sept. 14, BENNINGTON has witnessed several important and interesting events. Topping the list was the recent change of command ceremony in which CAPT C.E. Healy relieved CAPT J.A. Ferguson as Commanding Officer of the carrier.

During the next several months in drydock the U.S.S. BENNINGTON is scheduled to get a re-

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### X. O. PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

The promotion of W.B. Tracy, Jr., from Commander, USN, to Captain on Oct. 16, created a rank structure within the USS BENNINGTON which is perhaps without precedence in today's operating forces afloat.

CAPT Tracy's promotion brings to three the number of Captains assigned to the carrier. The others are CAPT C.E.

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### CAPT Healy Takes Helm

On Sept. 28, 1962, CAPT Charles E. Healy relieved CAPT John A. Ferguson as Commanding Officer of the USS BENNINGTON while the carrier was in drydock in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Prior to the change of command ceremony CAPT Ferguson gave the crew his last personnel



CAPT C.E. HEALY

inspection. The 13th Naval District Band rendered martial pieces during inspection and just before the change of command ceremony commenced.

Attending the ceremony were several military and civic leaders. CAPT R.C. Houston, PSNS Administrative Officer,

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