



Phillippi, "Wizard of Oz," does a double card fan.

## 'Wizard of Oz' on Board

Have you ever seen anyone float on thin air, apparently defying the law of gravity? How about disappearing rabbits and moving inkwells and pictures on walls? These and other "phenomena" have come to the USS BENNINGTON with Edison F. Phillippi, YN3.

A semi-professional in the magician's trade, Eddie Phillippi first developed an interest in the art of wizardry 20 years ago. (He is now 28.)

Being a poltergeist ("noisy ghost") and hypnotist as well as a magician, "Sir Edison" promises to be the center of attraction in any show or gathering where talent is the rule rather than the exception. Phillippi was dubbed a knight in the International Brotherhood of

Magicians after successfully putting on a four-hour show. Performances in his avocation usually run 15 minutes to a half hour.

During the yard period, Phillippi plans to work up and polish a few acts, and will perform for the crew when the opportunity presents itself. The ideal time would probably be during the transit from Bremerton to the new homeport sometime next year. If proper arrangements are made, his performance would more than likely be held in conjunction

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The USS BENNINGTON's Marine Detachment recently conducted its annual small arms qualification at Camp Wesley Harris, Wash. The small arms in this case are the M-1 rifle, .45 pistol, and BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle).

Two of the detachment's members who have already qualified this year will act as coaches while the rest are shooting to qualify. L/Cpl. J.A. Wolaver and PFC D. L. Crowe shared honors last year as high shooters of the detachment with a score of 227. Recently, at Camp Mathews, Calif., Wolaver and Crowe fired identical scores of 221 each.

Qualification with the M-1 is an annual affair, starting in Marine Boot Camp and continuing throughout the individual's enlistment. A score of 190 to 209 is necessary to meet the requirements as a marksman. In the sharpshooter's category, a score of 210 to 219 must be made, and an expert rifleman (Cont. to last page)