



The West High School drill team stands at parade rest awaiting signal to start exhibition marching.



Marilyn McMullen, Miss PSNS, kisses CAPT Ferguson and presents him a bouquet of roses.

Bremerton Welcomes CVS-20

Blaring trumpets, crashing cymbals and rolling drums accompanied by strutting girls in attractive uniforms announced BENNINGTON's welcome to Bremerton. Accompanying the main attraction on Sept. 17, three days after the ship's arrival, were speeches and presentations by town officials and dignitaries.

Headed by the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer, several hundred officers and enlisted men of the ship's company applauded enthusiastically as renditions of "Anchors A-way," "Marine Corps Hymn," "Five Foot Two," and other martial and popular tunes were presented by the school band of West High School. The band leader and members were attired in uniforms very similar to those worn by Navy officers and chiefs.

Many prominent civilian dignitaries from the local area attended the

gala ceremony. Among those present were: His Honor, Mayor H.O. "Whitey" Domstad; Mr. Hal Fischler, President of the State of Washington Navy League; Mr. Barry Branch, President, Bremerton Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Harry Whitney, Chairman, Ship's Welcome Committee, Bremerton Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Bud Dinsmore, Chairman, Armed Forces Committee, Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, and several others.

During the program CAPT Ferguson was presented the key to the city of Bremerton, was made an honorary member of the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, and was kissed and presented a bouquet of roses by Miss Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Marilyn McMullen.

All in all, the program was enjoyed by both participants and spectators, and culminated in refreshments in the hangar bay and in the wardroom.



Majorettes from West High School perform in hangar bay during "Welcome BENNINGTON" show.



West High School band members join "refreshment line" after show.