

BENN CITED FOR UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTION



Record Contribution for Long Beach Ship

John Barrett, Campaign Chairman for the Long Beach area United Fund Drive presents BENN's commanding officer, Capt. John S. Hill, with a plaque honoring the ship for her 100%-plus contribution while Rear Adm. K.L. Veth, Commander Mine Force, Pacific Fleet, smiles his approval. BENNINGTON's \$3,755 contribution is a record for a Long Beach home-ported ship.

The ceremony was held Nov. 12 on BENNINGTON's quarterdeck.

WHAT IS IT?



Marine orderlies L/Cpl's. D. W. Woods (L) and Jim Younglove spent a few days on duty explaining what the huge jar was in front of the C-O's cabin. Guesses ranged from CARE package to cannibal cooking pot. Turned out to be a Japanese rice cooking pot or Hibachi pot.

WET MAIL



The fellows in the Post Office don't usually have to dry the mail before they process it, but during a recent at-sea period they were forced to make an exception.

One of our helos went down while transferring mail to the destroyers, but luckily both the crew and the mail were saved.

BOOT CHIEF



Boot Chief R.T. Dumlt, RMCA, manages a grin in spite of the fact that the kangaroo court has sentenced him to still more unmerciful hazing.

Chief Dumlt and the other boot chiefs took the hazing good naturedly and feel that the hard hat of the CPO is worth the breach of dignity.