

# OFF THE CUFF

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These, as you all know, are my last remarks to you off the cuff. And I think it most timely that I devote those remarks to the single greatest impression the past thirteen months have left with me.

At a time in our history when the older generation seems particularly loud and frequent in its criticism of the younger generation for an apparent lack of many characteristics such as initiative, determination, industry, reliability and loyalty, you, the men of **Bennington**, have proven the criticism unjustified. Granted, we had a minuscule per cent of people who didn't carry their share of the load or couldn't abide by the rules and regulations, but this was more than compensated for by the overwhelmingly large majority of you who recognized your responsibilities and did your very best to do your job well. The hours at sea were long and difficult with a working day averaging well over twelve hours, seven days a week. Despite these arduous conditions, **Bennington** was able to meet or exceed every mission requirement assigned. Over seventy per cent of our time was spent away from home port. Yet your conduct ashore in the many distant or foreign ports was indicative of a group of men who were loyal to their beliefs and to their families at home. Your ready response to blood donor requests and money appeals for charitable causes demonstrated an awareness of your obligations to your less fortunate fellow men and proved your thoughtfulness and kindness.

By any measure, the last thirteen months have been the most gratifying of my naval career and for this I am most thankful to each of you who did so much to make it so. Hopefully, I will have the good fortune to serve with some of you again. You have proven yourselves outstanding young American men, worthy of your inheritance and capable of meeting any future challenge offered you.

## INSIDE STORY

Believe it or not, PAO came through with a 32-page issue of the **Roaring 20**. But without the complete co-operation of the ship's Photo Lab this issue wouldn't have been possible.

There are approximately 60 pictures in this combined October-November **Roaring 20**, and, in order to obtain the variety and style PAO needed, the photographers had to shoot more than 200 pictures. Besides shooting pictures, they sorted the negatives and gave PAO the best of the selection.

By the time this issue was printed, LT2 I. H. Sheppard had obtained a taste of being chief bottle washer of the Print Shop. He became leading petty officer of the shop when LTJG J. R. Dracon received orders for the **Ticonderoga** in late November.

Also in this issue you will notice a new attraction, "Kampf's Drawings". Third Class Radioman David Kampf of Chicago, Ill., drew the cartoons in the **Roaring 20** and the ones used in the **Etcetera**. PAO was pleasantly surprised when he brought in his art and looks forward to using several of his cartoons in upcoming issues.

Besides using RM3 Kampf's drawings in the **Roaring 20**, PAO plans to send his work to different Navy publications. So watch for your shipmate's cartoons.

PAO knows there are several more artists on **Big Ben** and will be more than happy to use their work in the **Roaring 20** and the **Etcetera**. Drawings will also be sent to other Navy publications, such as **All Hands**, which has a fleet cartoon contest.

PAO plans to have the December issue of the **Roaring 20** ready to go to press by Dec. 14. The ship's Chaplains will have a column called "Miracle Within" in the next issue, and the center spread will cover the change of command.

With the Holiday Season here, tape recorded Christmas messages will be sent to hometown radio stations. If you desire to send a message, via radio, to your family and friends, stop by PAO. The deadline for taping your Christmas message is Dec. 11.