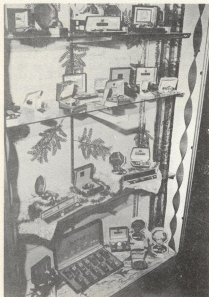


Ship's Store Display Wins Second Place



SECOND-PLACE WINNER - Part of the display which SH1 R.F. Harris and SH3 E.L. Brookhart designed for Benn's Ship's Store during the Christmas holiday.

REMEMBER THE IDAHO

An intensive manhunt is being staged by QMC5 David C. Graham, of San Diego, Calif.

He's in the process of locating and contacting all available officers and enlisted personnel who served aboard the USS IDAHO (BB-42) to notify them of a ship's reunion. The reunion will be held in Boise, Idaho from August 21-24, 1969. It will be held in celebration of the 50th anniversary of IDAHO's commissioning.

If you served aboard IDAHO or know anyone who did, please contact David C. Graham, Chairman, USS IDAHO Reunion Committee, 7130 Wheatly St., San Diego, Calif. 92111, for complete information on the reunion.

Bennington's Ship's Store grabbed second place in the Self-Service/Walk-In category of the Ship's Store Display Contest over the holiday season, it was announced January 27 by the headquarters of the Navy Resale System in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Those of S-3 who made up the Christmas-time display were SH1 R.F. Harris, manager, and SH3 E.L. Brookhart. The contest, sponsored by the Navy Ship's Store Office, covered Christmas displays and visual merchandising presentations aboard ships for the period of November 15 through December 20, 1968. Photos of the actual displays were submitted to JSSO's Display Branch for impartial judging.

Bennington walked off with second place in the Self-Service/Walk-In Stores category, right behind the USS FORESTAL (CVA-59), homeported in Norfolk. Plaques are to be awarded to the second and third place winners. The USS AJAX (AR-6), homeported in Sasebo, Japan, took third place.

"I just used some spare materials, Christmas paper combined with crepe paper, to make the display," recalled Harris when informed of the results of the contest. "I was pleased with the display myself, but I didn't know how the judges at the Navy Store's Office would like it."

The Seven Seas Know Benn Well

Not only is Bennington well known among those in Navy circles, but evidently by people in countries which the ship has never visited.

This is evidenced by the influx of overseas mail the ship's Public Affairs Office receives each month. Most of the letters are requests for photos, embroidered ship's patches or shoulder patches.

The most recent request came from one Brincat Carmelo, a resident of Kalkara, Malta, an island in the Mediterranean Sea. The individual requested a ship's shoulder patch, a photo of Benn, and a welcome aboard pamphlet to augment his collection. Brincat concluded with, "...I wish you a good stay in Malta and the best of luck for the future...." Bennington never has been even near the Mediterranean.

Benn's PAO also received a letter, back in September, 1968, from B. Cancellari of Vicenza, Italy. Most everyone has heard

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