

Two Donate Blood To Save a Life

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Never let it be said that the men of BENNINGTON aren't ready for any demand made of them.

Two BENN sailors, HM2 Alvin D. RETTIG of H Division and GM1 Thomas J. SCOTT of 5th Division, were credited with saving the life of a Mrs. Rosebud Worrl (about 60) on Monday January 6th. After having suffered a croked hip inan automobile accident Mrs. Worrl had been taken to St Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. She needed three pints of "B" negative blood, but the Hong Kong flu epidemic had allbut erased supplies of the type in the Los Angeles and Sacramento areas. Only one pint could be located. Calls were made to friends and relatives and finally to P1R2 James T. FIESEL of BENNINGTON's Personnel office. FIESEL, at home called the ship, and word was passed over the IMC for donors who had "B" negative blood. RETTIG and SCOT were among those responding to the call. Shortly after the blood was drawn it was rushed to the Hospital where doctors were waiting inthe emergency operating room. Doctors reported that they must operate that night or the risk of gangrene setting in would be great. The blood was needed to offset the development but it could not be the universally available type "O" because of the complications of a cancerous condition.

Her relatives expressed many thanks to the men of BENNINGTON, and especially to RETTIG and SCOTT, in a phone call on Saturday, January 11th.

what the French and Italians are noted for, and this man apparently is no exception. "...I am a shin lover and I am sending you the enclosed post card for have it return with your ship's postmark, seal and insignia...." Well, whatever turns you on....

Also received in the latter part of 1968 was a letter from John "amdit of Gairo, Malta, who requested a ship's photo, and a patch from "FASHION SPECIAL 201" which existed during World War II but wasn't attached to Bennington. FASHION SPECIAL 201 was deactivated shortly after the war so his request for a patch could not be granted.

In April last year, Benn received a letter from Willem Venecourt of East London, South Africa, who requested we send him a photo and ship's patch. In exchange, Mr. Venecourt offered to help us with anything pertaining to Benn's interests in South Africa. The letter was sent in care of the Fleet Post Office in New York.



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Other letters have reached Benn from remote corners of the world addressed simply, "USS Bennington, c/o U.S. Navy". ZIP codes and postal regs not withstanding, the mere fact that these letters reach the ship at all says quite a lot about this planet's postal system.

It is something of a mystery how residents of South Africa, Malta and Italy get word of Bennington. The ship has never been farther east than New York. "Probably," says the Public Affairs Officer LTJG T. R. Skinner, "word of Bennington reaches these people by word of mouth." But that doesn't fully explain how come some people look forward to seeing Bennington pull into some Mediterranean port...again!