

Capt. Barrow awarded Legion of Merit medal

Captain William B. Barrow, Commanding Officer of the Bennington, was awarded the Legion of Merit medal in ceremonies aboard ship Friday, March 21. The presentation was made by Rear Admiral Norman C. Gillette, Jr., Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Group THREE.



CONGRATULATIONS--Rear Admiral Norman C. Gillette congratulates Captain William B. Barrow on his Legion of Merit medal.

The citation read, in part: "...for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Commander, Seventh Fleet Liaison Officer to Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, from July, 1967 to September, 1968. Captain Barrow represented the Navy in the coordination of air operations in Vietnam, in such a manner as to have contributed significantly to the United States effort in Southeast Asia. Captain Barrow is authorized to wear the Combat 'V'."

It was a very special ceremony for both of the high ranking officers. Captain Barrow and Admiral Gillette have known each other and have served with each other in the past.

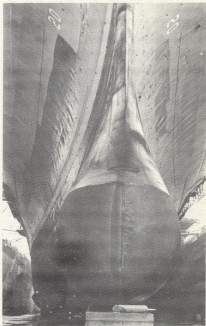
Benn's yard period Nearing its end

Bennington is well on her way toward the end of her six-month yard period.

The ship entered the yards on November 18 last year. She had been scheduled to enter drydock in mid-December, but was set back when the Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31) entered the drydock instead for emergency repairs. Benn finally got her chance on January 7.

While in drydock, all four props were replaced; the bottom was sandblasted and painted; the sonar dome underwent repair; all Avgas, JP-5, fresh and feedwater tanks and some fuel tanks were sandblasted and refinished; all sea valves and shafting were inspected, and the number three shaft

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USS BENN--Submarine's eye view of Benn while the ship rested in drydock recently.