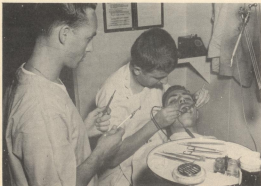
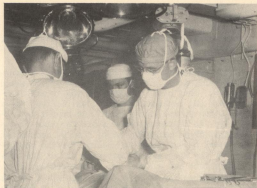


Medical

Along with responsibility for the ship's own personnel, the medical department is charged with care and advice in treatment of personnel of embarked aircraft squadrons and of smaller ships with less adequate medical staffs and equipment.

No fighting ship is ready for combat until her men are ready. It has been said over and over that a strong, healthy crew is as necessary to combat readiness as a well-trained one.

The Medical Department with its two doctors, a medical administrator and 20 men, is responsible for the sick and injured, correcting deformity and improving the physical function of personnel thru surgery and maintenance of complete, detailed medical records on every man on board.



Dental

The primary mission of the Dental Department is to provide such dental care for Navy and Marine Corps personnel to prevent or remedy dental diseases, defects, or injuries which may directly or indirectly interfere with the performance of duties.

With two Dental Officers, five enlisted technicians and two Dental Technician strikers, the Dental Department provides the personnel of the BENNINGTON with medical, surgical and mechanical treatment of oral diseases as commonly practiced by the dental profession. This includes the replacement of missing teeth and advice relating to dental health and oral examinations.

During BENNINGTON's recent seven month Western Pacific cruise, the Dental Department's appointment book was consistently filled.