

# Engineering Division

From these photographs it may readily be seen that the responsibility and duties of the Engineering Department are far-flung and multitudinous. They reach from a wiring or welding job on top of the mast down to renewal of zinc plates on the keel, and from communications equipment on the forecastle to a packing job on the rudder post.

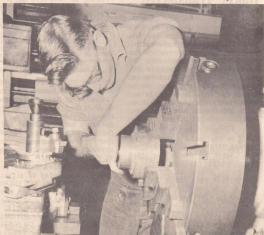
In between these far-flung boundaries the Engineering Department supplies all the public services required by the 'City of Bennington'. They are the lighting and power company, the water company, the telephone company, the Sanitation Department, and are also a municipal building and construction company when occasion demands. On the side, they run the plumbing repair shops, repair household appliances, run the elevators, keep the local airport facilities in top shape, organize and train the local fire department, service the air conditioning of the community's leading citizens, stoke their home furnaces in cold weather, run the local paint store, and operate all the movie theaters.

Of some interest might be an example of the little-known details covered by the Engineering Department. Such a one is the ventilation ducts throughout the ship. This job is like painting the Brooklyn Bridge---it never ends; and they have many more in this category.

In the final analysis, the major responsibility of the Engineering Department is transportation. There the parallel to a city organization ends. In the city of --- let's say Bennington, Vermont --- the local bus company moves a few citizens from here to there. In the city of USS Bennington, the Engineers move the entire city, homes, streets and all, to any point in the world that the 'Mayor' on the bridge may direct.



CER J. G. Gillissie, Engineering Officer  
Receives assistance from WAYNE Henderson, YNS, and Ed Lushbaugh, YMC,  
in preparing job orders for BENNINGTON restricted availability.



Robert Ritchey, MNS  
Machining precision repair part in ship's Machine Shop to be used for  
the main feed booster pump.