

JET BLAST

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Benn Sailor Wanted As Pen Friend

A young lady from Helensburgh, Australia has written to the ship asking for a pen friend (pen-pal).

Even though she describes herself as being shy, she is interested in other people and other countries. She would like to write to someone who travels and could tell her about the places she has never seen.

Anyone interested in corresponding with an Australian girl may obtain complete details at the P.I.O. Office stateroom 245.

Editorial

As result of the February examinations for advancement in rate, over 200 BENNINGTON personnel will be sewing on a new stripe come June 16. And with this new stripe, it might cross your mind that there are some privileges coming your way because of your promotion.

Nothing could be further from the truth, for authority is not a privilege but a high sense of responsibility and added duty.

There is the responsibility of being a good leader for those under your command and performing the job assigned to you with tactfulness and efficiency.

It is your responsibility and duty to see that those in your command are used fairly and that the job is done well.

Without that sense of responsibility and duty, there could be none of the teamwork so necessary in the Armed Forces.

Rate . . .
Responsibility



Chaplain's Chat

WestPac cruise is over and we are going home, to new duties, or just on leave. As we go we take with us many memories of this cruise, the ship, and the places we have been. Many memories will remain dear to us for a long time; some will soon be forgotten or had better be. Friends we have made have enriched our lives, now separate and each going his own way.

As for myself, I shall be leaving the Bennington and will take with me many wonderful memories, many friends who have helped make this tour of duty the Best yet. As we all part, we part with a hand shake, a smile and a 'God Bless You'.

Since we are, as human beings, the sum total of all we have known, experienced, and read; the total of our environment, heritage and opportunities, let us look back just a moment to see our mistakes, to vow to correct those we made and to understand the opportunity that has been ours.

May we, in the words of Paul,

'forget those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus' (Phil 3:13-14) We can not stop now and live in the past, we must move on to meet new friends, face new tasks, understand and accept new opportunities. Seeking always to do the Best, to be the Best and to make this day the Best yet.

So may I bid you all a fond farewell by saying, 'As you go-go with God'.

B. S. POWER

Captain John Paul Jones was first to raise the American flag of stars and stripes design aboard a U.S. Navy ship, July 4, 1777.

The Navy's first 'boot camp' was established at Newport, Rhode Island in 1803.