

# JET BLAST

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## JUNE AND ORI HAWAII CALLS.

Hawaii, the Queen of the Pacific, promises pleasure and entertainment for Big Ben's crew during the June cruise.

The recreation facilities at Honolulu are both numerous and excellent. Chaplain Riley, Tours Officer, plans to arrange four-hour tours, that will take Bennington men to the major points of interest on the island of Oahu.

Probably the camera fans are the most excited of the Ben's crew. The grass-skirted hula-girls at Kapiolani Park's Hawaiian Hula Show offer an excellent opportunity to take exotic pictures.

For those who wish to go fishing or sailing, boats may be rented for small parties. All of the recreational facilities in the Richardson Recreation Center, which is located just north of Fleet Landing at Pearl Harbor, - are open from 1000 to 1800 daily.

The romantic Hawaiian Grass Hut Village at the Ala Moana Park is open 10 to 11 a.m. daily. At the very same Park you can find the beautiful Hindu - styled pavilion with lily ponds.

For a panoramic view, climb up to the top of the Aloha tower, which is open 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. seven days a week. You can find interesting historic landmarks in the town area.

The throne room of the Royal Palace of Iolani is open 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. The Queen Emma museum, former home of Queen Emma, wife of Kamehameha IV, is located in Nuuanu Valley. Don't miss the statue of Hawaii's most famous monarch, King Kamehameha.



VA 351's new Commanding Officer, CDR E. W. Blackburn (left) relatives CDR Bovilla with a hardy handshake at the climax of the Squadrons May 30th ceremony.

who conquered and united all the islands. Just back of the statue one can view the Judiciary Building built in 1874, the former Parliament building of the Kingdom.

Every month, thousands of visitors come to see the Mission Houses. These historical buildings and relics of first visionary families are picturesque views. A religious monument of the city is the Kawaiaho Church, built of native coral in 1841, the Westminster Abbey of the former Kingdom of Hawaii.

It is almost impossible to list all the interesting points of this Garden of Eden. There are many fine eating spots throughout Oahu, which is the main island of the Hawaiian group. For those who like typical Hawaiian foods in an island atmosphere we recommend "Don The Beachcombers" the "Queen's Surf" on Kalakaua Avenue, and if you like to taste Japanese tea, many tiny oriental tea-houses offer the opportunity. Ishii Gardens, Hanalei, Shiononee, Hatsuoya

## WBEN BACK ON THE AIR

There's music in the air. There is it coming from WBEN is broadcasting again. An extravaganza of programs designed to please many musical tastes are being offered.

Everything is new from turn tables, tape recorders, an FM tuning to newly installed speakers throughout various parts of the ship. The finest equipment money can buy.

The station is broadcasting on a limited basis for two weeks to test the apparatus and break in the WBEN staff. The term limited is because of the number of circuits being activated. CPD mess, sick bay, washroom, and the NO's washroom are getting the station directly through their Oxi boxes, however, the network will soon encompass the rest of the ship, and may be heard of channel four.

Many of the electronic technicians with LT. Swelin made it possible for the station to become a reality. They spent much of their free time in WBEN installing the equipment.

Music takes the spotlight among the programs being planned, however the station will be used to disseminate information such as announcements, news highlights and interviews

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and countless other mysterious sounding names mark these places, full of fun and crowded by people from every corner of the world.

June liberty in Hawaii-terrific. The only thing you have to do is: Be on the after brow and quarterdeck when first liberty call sounds

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