



One of the first rescue helicopters to arrive in the area leaves Fernbridge on its way to Ferndale to protect the property of flood victims. Twenty more helicopters piloted by Marines arrived here today to

aid in recovery operations. Two ships, the U.S.S. Bennington and the U.S.S. Walton brought in emergency supplies.

## 2 Big Ships Expected Here Today

The attack carrier U.S.S. Bennington and the destroyer escort vessel U.S.S. Walton are due here this morning with men, rescue helicopters and emergency supplies for flood victims.

Word came yesterday that the Bennington sailed from Long Beach at 11 a.m. She is expected to arrive here at 10:30 a.m. today.

Aboard the Bennington will be at least 15 Marine helicopters. The vessel will operate from five to 10 miles off shore. City Commissioner Allen McVicar said the ship is too large to enter Humboldt Bay.

The Bennington will also be carrying medicine, food and other supplies.

The Walton, a vessel which compensated the hospitality of Humboldt County residents on previous visits here, is expected to dock at Fields Landing at dawn tomorrow. She will be carrying 1,000 blankets and tons of other supplies.