



The gents of the smiling faces above ought to be happy- they're almost home. The 18 BENNINGTON-ites are all residents of Washington State- 13 are from Seattle- and all enlisted in the Navy at Sand Point NAS through the 2X6 program.

The whole gang (23 altogether) came on board almost two years ago and all except one will depart the ship 23 July. Pat Secrest, V-6 Division, saw the light and shipped over for another hitch.

The men are from V-1, V-3, V-6, GM, S-3, S-6, and X Divisions and represent eight different rates.



—BENN SAILOR GETS CAUGHT—

Steven Royce, ABF3, of V-4 Division carries a proud smile on his face and a new wife on his arm a few minutes past 1600 Saturday, 23 February. Royce exchanged wedding vows with Suzanne Silva of Seattle at the base chapel during ceremonies conducted by Chaplain Howard. Robert Dugger of V-4 Division was best man. The newlyweds, who have known each other for six months are now honeymooning in southern California.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS VISIT BENNINGTON DURING INSURV

Nineteen college professors "made the BENNINGTON scene" during last week's INSURV trials. The engineering professors representing seven pacific northwest universities were guests of PSNS and "Big BENN."

The educators were given the inside story on the need for good engineers by the Navy's ship-building industry and saw first-hand some naval design requirements.

A full two-day schedule kept the guests constantly on the go with tours throughout the ship, demonstrations of equipment systems, and general group discussions. They enjoyed seeing the operating Navy while pursuing their professional interests in fields of engineering.

Dr. Wessman, senior dean from University of Washington was particularly interested in opportunities provided young men by the Navy. He is advisor of the NROTC program on his campus and has a son of military age.

The professors watched the helo landing, anchor windless tests, and full power run. They were quite impressed with the vastness of BENN during a general ship's tour and enjoyed meals in the CPO and Crew's Mess.