



**WINNER'S CIRCLE** - Members of VS-38 Claws are all smiles as they receive the tournament championship trophy from Admiral Caldwell. The Admiral congratulated the team with a "heartily well-done" for winning BENNINGTON's first annual Washington Day Birthday tourney.



VS-38 mascot "Mimi" soothes Branard's injured ankle while watching the George Washington Tournament.

Young of the Steelers come alive after being held to 2 points in the first half, and spark his team with 2 charity tosses and 4 field goals.

The game was close all the way but the Claws would not be denied as they roared to the trophy circle with a decisive 37-30 score.

Tournament high scorer was Joe Young with 56 points followed by teammate Haire who bagged 31. Newland of the Claws also had 31 while teammates White and Gilbert added 26 and 23 respectively.

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when in port, and at sea from 0830-1130 and 1300-1430.

Another item that hinders the speedy processing of mail is having people call the Post Office during sorting to find out when mail call is. Don't call, the word will be passed over the LMC as soon as possible.

A vote of confidence to K.B. Clark, PC3, PO-in-charge; A.N. Lutz, PC3; W.M. Clark G. T. Brophy, SN, and N. G. McFarland for a job "well-done" in getting the mail distributed to the people aboard as fast as they do.



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## Leatherneck log

by L/Cpl. M.D. Maxwell

Cries of revelry echoed throughout the night at Morgan Hall in Long Beach on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, when Benn's Marines whooped-it-up for the last time before the WestPac cruise. Everyone had an outstanding time, evidenced by the fact that numerous trips to the beverage counter were noted throughout the evening. It was, indeed, a night to rival all others for fun and hilarity.

Nine additions to the detachment came aboard this month. From San Diego Naval Station came Sgt.'s H. R. Milan and E.R. Gaytan, each sporting two heavy hash-marks. Joining the Benn's Marines just in time for the party at Morgan Hall were P.F.C.'s L.A. Williams, D.M. McClendon, C.E. Brown, R.C. Prophet, T.L. Carroll and, last but not least, Pvt.'s J. Madrid and J. Ruane.

Two more happy Marines donned their crossed-rifles and rubbed raw shoulders this month. L/Cpl's K. G. Wellings and R.H. Ferguson were promoted during a morning muster, much to everyone's surprise. We need more surprises, don't you think?

The Marines have carried their own in sports this month. Their last game was typical of their average, when 3rd. Div. bowed to a 76-52 score on 18 Feb. Any challengers?

## "STORK STOPS"

AOL John Fowlkes of GM Division puts claim on being BENN's first sailor to get a "Dear John" since leaving Long Beach. The letter came through Main Comm in message form saying: "Dear John, congratulations, girl born, 2-21:20 p.m., 7lb, 12 oz. Judy and baby fine."