



COMMANDER B.R. EGAN

New Boss At HS-8

HS-8 had their change of command ceremonies March 20, aboard BENNINGTON as Cdr. B.R. Egan relieved Cdr. J.R. Evans as Commanding Officer.

Cdr. Evans will report for duties as CVSG-51 at North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego.

Cdr. Egan enlisted in the Navy, July 1941, and was assigned to VF-92 with duty in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Brazil and North Africa. He entered Naval Cadet Flight Training in October 1943 and received his commission as an Ensign. Nineteen months later he was designated a naval aviator.

His first operational flying was as a WO-VCS aviator on the cruisers Los Angeles and Pasadena in WestPac. In February 1948 he went to Pensacola as flight instructor.

A designated helicopter pilot, he reported to HS-10 in September, 1950 as maintenance officer until his assignment as Senior Fleet Representative of the SH-3A FIP Program at Key West, Fla.

Returning to HS-10 in September of '61, he assumed duties as Executive Officer until reporting for duty with HS-8.

Cdr. Egan and wife, Ruth make their home in Chula Vista, Calif.



Cdr. D.W. Monson, new Executive Officer on board, receives a few last minute pointers from former XO, Capt. E.E. Reynolds.

Cdr. Monson Assumes Duty As Exec

Commander Donald W. Monson, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, for heroism and extraordinary achievement during World War II, has taken over duties as Benn's Executive Officer.

Capt. Reynolds, Executive Officer for the past year, was transferred on March 13 to the Office, Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C.

Cdr. Monson reported aboard Bennington in June 1953 as navigator. Prior to duty on Bennington, he was with the Bureau of Naval Weapons, Washington, D. C.

During World War II, the 21 year veteran naval aviator saw extensive action with Dive Bomber Squadron 80, attached to the carrier Ticonderoga. He participated in air strikes on Manila, Formosa, Saigon, Hainan,

Two Jima and Tokyo.

Following World War II, duties took him to Attack Squadron 3B aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt; Tech. Air Control Squadron 4 at Norfolk; VS21 aboard the USS Princeton; the USS Shangri-La; and VS-23 aboard the USS Yorktown. Upon his promotion to Commander in July 1958 he was assigned Commanding Officer of VS-23.

He attended George Washington University and is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California.

Cdr. Monson is from Downers Grove, Illinois and is married to the former Rita McMaster of Downers Grove and the father of four boys: John, 18; Thomas, 16; Charles, 12; and Clifford, 11.