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## • FRONT COVER:

The USS Bennington restlessly tugs at her buoy as she is passed by an ancient Chinese junk in the shipping channel between Hong Kong and the China mainland. Photo was taken by Pat Wilkerson on May 25, 1964.

## • INSIDE FRONT

Memorial services were held at sea May 17th for Lt.(jg) Ronald E. Francke, USNR, and Lt.(jg) Stephen M. Case, USN, who were lost at sea May 16th at 1200 when their S2E "Tracker" crashed into the Philippine Sea.

Photo of ASW TASK GROUP 70.4 by D.A. Rasmussen, PHAN, taken 17 May 1964 in the Philippine Sea.

USS SEA FOX SS-402  
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