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Within four years, three Szotkowski brothers, DuWayne, 22, David, 21, and John, 17, have reported aboard Benn for duty as radarman. Three brothers in the Navy is not too unusual, but all of them on the same ship and working in the same field?

Early in 1960 DuWayne came aboard "Big Benn." In the latter part of 1961 his younger brother David reported aboard. These two brothers spent approximately 7 months together on the ship, and were then transferred.

Shortly after leaving Bennington, the two older brothers were discharged from the Navy. Both are currently employed as ceramic tile setters in Redwood City, California.

In April of 1964, the youngest brother, John, received orders to the Bennington as a radarman striker. John is somewhat undecided as to his future, but if he does leave the service he plans to join his brothers in California.

### NAVY FIRSTS

The first night carrier landing using experimental-landing-mirror-system was made on 24 August 1955, when LCDR. R. C. MacKnight put an F9F-8 COUGAR down on BENNINGTON.



"Jarhead?... What's a Jarhead?"



PHYSICAL FITNESS CLIMAX - is watched by enthusiastic fans gathered around AM R.J. Hamady (left) and Opl. D. E. Bartolazzi as they compete in the sit-up event determining BENN's most physically fit. The local leatherneck beat his last year record by doing 1,820 in one hour while Hamady ended his try at 1,400.

## MOST PHYSICALLY FIT MAN

Marine Corporal Don Bartolazzi of MarDet exploded with a record shattering 1,820 sit-ups to retain his title as "Most Physically Fit Man Aboard BENNINGTON" during the ship's visit to Sasebo, Japan.

The second annual event, tabbed "JFK Contest" following the late President John F. Kennedy's emphasis on the importance of physical fitness among the military, saw four new records set and one tied as some 20 entrants vied for the coveted shipboard title.

Runners-up in the contest were P.L. Haire, SN, of BENN's 2nd Division, and R.J. Hamady, AM. The two white-hats compiled five first places and established three of the new records.

Leatherneck Bartolazzi placed among the top five in six major events that make up the regular Navy-wide quarterly physical fitness requirements. The 22-year-old Marine garnered 17 points in his winning effort while Haire and Hamady tallied across 15 points each.

The defending champion added to his record sit-ups by placing third in pull-ups with 16; push-ups doing 62; running the 300 yard shuttle in 46.2 seconds; scored fourth in the jump and reach by springing up 26 inches, and fifth in the standing broad jump with a leap of eight feet, 10½ inches.

Seaman Haire was top man among individual event winners copping three first places with a record setting 43.2 seconds in the 300 yard shuttle run; record setting 30½ inches in the jump and reach; and a record tying leap of nine feet, 11 inches in the standing broad jump.

Airman Hamady put his strong arms and barrel chest to work taking first place on the horizontal bar with 22 pull-ups and first in push-ups with a record pump of 89. In addition he captured a well earned second place effort in the sit-ups with 1,400.

All exercises and events were supervised by ship's officers and men under the direction of Capt. J. P. Semik, Commanding Officer, Marine Detachment aboard BENNINGTON.

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