



BUS COMPANY TOURS BERN....Employees of the Sasebo Bus Company are escorted on a tour of the BENNINGTON by men of BERN's PIO.



There is a saying that "a man stands tallest when he stoops to help a little child." On this basis, many men on the BENNINGTON have stood very "tall" during this cruise. During our visit in Hong Kong, I witnessed the enthusiastic and courteous manner in which many men served as guides to show visiting groups of children around the ship as others worked to provide them with lemonade and cookies. The men enjoyed their duty for it was an opportunity to make someone happy.

Others worked before we left the States to gather text books and I accompanied a group who delivered some of these to the sixth grade of North Point Primary School. The men enjoyed the task as they were helping someone to gain an education. There is no public issue of free text books in Hong Kong, so receiving a book for some of the students meant the difference between gaining an education or else none at all.

These men who find joy in rendering service to others and in meeting human needs have found the real meaning of life. We are not here to accumulate so much money or attain certain ranks, but our purpose in life is service and to be of value to those with whom we come in contact. Jesus explained in Matt. 23 that at the Judgement Day, God would accept into His eternal house those who had visited the sick, those who had been of service here in meeting human needs. In James 1:27, we read that true religion is to care for widows and orphans as well as to keep one's self unspotted from the world.

There are two kinds of people you meet as you journey along on life's track----the people who take your strength from you, and others who put it all back. These latter ones are the people who put human values above material values. These are the people who have the real secret of life.

Among the real values of life are faith, hope, and love (or charity), but the greatest of these is love. Strive to express the greatest virtue in your life, and receive the greatest joy from living.



Double Three Double Talk

June was a month of sorrow for Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 33 as we mourned the passing of our Commanding Officer Cdr. James A. Blair. Cdr. Blair died 8 June 1964 on the 21st anniversary of his enlistment into the Naval service.

A leader who was admired and respected by all with whom he came in contact, Cdr. Blair demanded excellence in all military endeavors and received it. He led VS-33 in capturing the COMNAVIAIRPAC Battle Efficiency Award and the Arnold J. Isbell Award for the second consecutive competitive year. With deep remorse and sincere respect we mourn his loss and wish to express our thanks to all Commands and Divisions who shared our sympathies at his burial service 14 June 1964 when he was committed to the deep with full military honors.

It is thus with a memory of Cdr. Blair that VS-33 receives Cdr. Willis Lee Spann, Jr., as the squadron's new Commanding Officer and wishes him the best of luck. Cdr. Spann had previously filled the billet of the squadron's Executive Officer, and to him we pledge our fullest support. The squadron's endeavors for excellence will not lose its zeal as we change command.

A3D SKYWARRIOR, carrier jet attack plane, flew 3,200 miles from Honolulu to Albuquerque non-stop, non-refueling in 5 hrs. 40 min., on 31 July 1956.

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I recall the kind old bartender,
When the Budweiser he would pour,
How he'd tip those glasses over,
Then he'd add a little more.

And his business, how it prepared,
Folks were always in his stores;
For he gave an honest measure,
And he'd add a little more.

So it is with life, my shipmates,
We will write a better score,
When we've done what is expected,
And add a little more.