Cdr. James Adams Blair C.O. VS-33

KDITCR's NOTE: Following is an excerpt of Cdr. J.A. Blair's obituary delivered by Cdr. W. H. McLaughlin, Commander, Anti-Submarine Air Group FIFTY-NINE during memorial ceremonies on board BENNINGTON operating in

the South China Sea on June 14. "He was a splendid leader who never called upon men to do a iob that he wasn't ready to do first. His rugged athletic stature, his friendly face surrounding a nose that had been broken playing football and those huge hands that completely captured a friend's in s handshake, all gave the physicourage. He demanded excellence and he received excellence. Yet, he was ever mindful and concerned for the welfare and well being of each of his people. He had a wonderful honesty and forthrightness of opinion that I have always re-

spected and admired. He was a naval aviator of fine ability and broad experience who took great pride in competition, exercised seasoned self control in the face of danger, and found exhilaration and humility in the beauty and majesty of the earth as witnessed by those who fly.

and daughters; torn between the to this distant place and the strong desire to be with his loved ones. And finally, Cdr. Blair was

...proud to serve his country

... honored to wear a Navy uni-

... unashamed to carry high ideals ... devoted to his loved ones

...humble before God A little of us dies with a shipmate, but much of that shipmate lives on with us. All of us are richer for having

