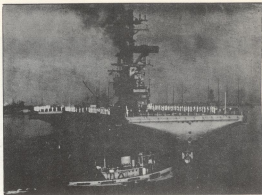


BIG BENN DEPLOYS FOR APOLLO RECOVERY



Line handlers fake down hawsers on the deck (below) as Bennington (above) departs North Island on the first leg of her journey to recover the Saturn/Apollo 4 spacecraft. Crewmen line up for flight deck parade (top, opposite) while Bennington steams out of San Diego harbor. With flight deck parade secured and the normal steaming watch set, (bottom, opposite) Bennington turns her bow westward toward Pearl Harbor.

