

## Bennington Arriving...

Much to the surprise of the JOOD no "bongs" were sounded as Bennington strolled up the afterbow, saluted, presented his I.D. card and preceded to the to the Personnel Office where he checked in. Bennington, in this case, was Seaman Apprentice James T. Bennington of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

After considerable ribbing from his boot camp buddies and puzzled looks from the ship's check-in personnel, Bennington was assigned to Third Division. His main duties in the division are signalman during underway replenishment and helmsman while on watch.

When asked what he planned to do after completing his four-year enlistment, Bennington replied, "I'm going to attend Oregon State University and major in wild life conservation."

## Benn Gunners Down Three Sleeves



Up, up and away ...



"The gun shoot is temporarily halted to replace the sleeve shot down by BENNINGTON gunners," became a familiar statement by Capt. D. J. Murphy during gun shoots held in transit between Hawaii and Japan.

BENNINGTON gunners locking on the almost impossible to hit "sleeve," shot three of these targets down in the two-day shoot. The gun crew on Mount 52 displayed the greatest accuracy in shooting down two of the three sleeves.



Going up slowly is a vital maneuver.