



By JO2 D. C. Kaster

Big Benn has a senior enlisted advisor. He is Master Chief Storekeeper Alvin S. Huck who is operating out of the Supply Office. Now that the ship has an enlisted advisor it's up to the crew members to drop by the Supply Office and see Chief Huck.

Next month is the ship's silver anniversary. On August 6, 1964, Bennington was commissioned. Next month's Roaring 20 will feature the ship's 25th birthday.

During the Family Day Cruise, I made a special effort to catch on film one of the guncrew's inaction. Praying the noise and concussion, I hovered over the shoulders of a member of the crew. I really had got excellent coverage; from a fire in the breach to a gunner slamming home the charge. Right after the shoot, with my ears still ringing, I stepped inside the Public Affairs Office to reload my camera. That's when I blew it. I flipped open the back of the camera before rewinding the film. One photo essay down the drain.

According to the calendar, another cruise is approaching very rapidly. Now is the time to straighten out your personal affairs or before you know what has happened it will be too late.

Have you ever been afraid you might drop your I.D. card while going down the bow? If you want to know how you would feel while watching your I.D. card flutter down to the water ask DP2 Bill Owens of S-7. He found out the hard way.

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Officer of the USS Thetis Bay (CVHA-1), and as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

During World War II, RADM. Gillette served as a flight instructor at Jacksonville, Fla., and as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Bomber Squadron 71, which deployed to the South and Southwest Pacific during 1944.

ACADEMY GRADUATE

RADM. Gillette is a 1936 graduate of the Naval Academy, and is a native of Newport, R.I. He and his wife, the former Dixie E. Friedrichs of New Orleans, La., have six children.

RADM. Gillette is expected to remain as Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Group Three until July, 1970.



Rear Admiral Norman C. Gillette, Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Group Three.