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USS Bennington CVA-20

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Faulty Installation Causes Explosion

At 1003 Monday, April 27, a ruptured downcomer tube on a boiler in Number 1 Fire Room caused an explosion that cost the lives of eleven men. Four others were seriously burned by the steam that poured through the break.

Captain David B. Young, in a

In Memoriam

Charles A. Arrowood, FN
Paul R. Cuvar, FN
William A. Garretson, FN
Robert A. Jones, FN
Walter E. Liston, Jr., BT3
James W. Mills, FN
Louis J. Mitchell, FN
Richard J. Mott, FN
William E. Satterfield, Jr., FN
Frederick P. Selfridge, BT3
Lowell D. Wells, FN

Died April 27, 1953
On Board USS Bennington
In the Line of Duty

special statement for the JET BLAST, said, "The unfortunate and unforeseeable accident was caused by the defective installation of a large boiler water tube at the time that the ship was built."

"It was not possible to detect

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CAPTAIN ANNOUNCES SHIP'S PLANS; NOVA SCOTIA CRUISE TO FOLLOW N.Y. STAY

Ship Ends Cruise With Grade "Good"

An overall mark of "Good" with a numerical rating of 78.0 was received by the Bennington on its Operation Readiness Inspection. The final mark was disclosed by Captain E. L. Tedder, Commander Fleet Training Unit, at a critique held in the wardroom following the completion of the Battle Problem on Friday.

It was further revealed by Captain Tedder and the Fleet Training Group that several departments on the ship received ratings of "Excellent" on the final training exercise.

This group consisted of: the Medical Department, Combat Information Center, Ship Control, Navigation, Deck, for the Replenishment at sea Exercise, Gunnery for the Anti-aircraft firing exercise, and Damage Control for its efficient handling of the Hit Charlie during the Battle Problem.

The majority of the Department ratings were in the "Good" category thus giving the ship a well-balanced overall mark of "Good."

Short Periods at Norfolk, Virginia To Precede, Follow Midshipman Cruise; Complete Dates Given

Captain David B. Young announced on Friday that all efforts would be made to arrive at Gravesend Bay, New York, on Friday, 15 May. At the same time he also revealed that COMCAVDIV TWO and his staff would embark on the Bennington during the forthcoming Yard Availability Period, and that the ship will make a summer Midshipman's Cruise to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Portions of the staff of COMCAVDIV TWO will board the Bennington this week for the trip to New York. Rear Admiral T.N. Robbins and the remainder of his staff will embark at the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, at a date to be announced.

The Middy Cruise is presently scheduled to depart Norfolk, Virginia, on July 27, returning to the Virginia port on August 14. Four hundred and ten Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy will be aboard for the three week cruise. Liberty will be granted in Halifax, Nova Scotia on August 6, 7, 8, and 9.

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