

USS CARRONADE FEATURES COMFORT

BREMERTON, WASH. (AFPS) --- Old salts are in for a surprise if they report aboard the Navy's newest inshore fire support ship, the Carronade, recently commissioned at the Navy Shipyard here.

A New York firm of industrial designers, Raymond Loewy Associates was called in by the Navy's Bureau of Ships to assist in designing the Carronade. As a result, it boasts the latest improvements in shipboard living conditions.

The plush ship features berths curtained off from recreation areas, panels between parallel tiers of berths for privacy, individual bed lamps and writing tables.

Additional comforts include four-place, plastic-covered tables and upholstered chairs which have replaced the long tables and benches in the crew's mess.

A boon to cooks is the modern galley with electric ovens, deep fryers, griddle, garbage disposal units and last, but not least, potato peelers.

Artistic embellishments include woodcut and mural decorations. Program-selecting loudspeakers have also been installed with individual volume controls and sound similar to "hi-fi" sets.

The Carronade is scheduled for assignment to the Pacific Amphibious Force at San Diego, Calif., after she reports to the 13th Naval District for acceptance trials and outfitting.

Brazilian Naval Officers Study Helicopter Operations On Benn

Two Brazilian naval officers are presently aboard the Bennington rounding out training in helicopter operations which they have been receiving from the U. S. Navy since January.



THAT'S HOW IT WORKS! - Lt. P. A. Tucci (center) talks over some of the fine points of whirlybird operations with LCDR Siqueira (left) and LCDR Costa, two Brazilian naval officers presently aboard the Big Benn.

NAVY'S HOSPITAL CORPS CELEBRATES 57TH YEAR

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - The Navy Hospital Corps took a sterile breath recently and blew out 57 candles on its birthday cake.

The corps was established four months after the sinking of the USS Maine, June 17, 1898. Since that time, the cry of "corpsman!" has been answered whenever and wherever possible—ashore, afloat and on battlefields around the world.

Present Surgeon General of the Navy is Rear Adm. Bartholomew W. Hogan.

The primary purpose of Damage Control is to keep the ship in fighting condition.

They are Lt. Jayme Leal Costa Jr. and Lt. Sylvio Caielli de Siqueira who reported to the Bennington for approximately a month's training under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program.

The two Brazilian officers took the first part of their training at AGO School, NAS Jacksonville and the second phase in helicopter pilot training at Ellison Field, Pensacola with Helicopter Training Unit One.

Neither officer is a stranger to the U. S. Both received training in the States during WWII and later made trips stateside when the Brazilian Navy purchased cruisers from the U.S. Navy.

Lt. Siqueira said that it is very difficult to compare the U.S. and Brazilian Navies because of the difference in size. They are, however, very similar in organization, he said. There has not been any aviation in the Brazilian Navy since 1941. But a new Navy branch is being started called the Navy Aerial Observers. At present there are neither battleships or carriers in the Brazilian Navy.

Upon completion of their present training the South American officers will return home and will advise the Brazilian Navy on the various phases of "chopper" operations.