

# THE EXEC ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

In an effort to keep the crew informed on questions concerning Bennington and Naval policies, the Executive Officer, CDR J.J. Hilton, Jr., will personally answer queries submitted by the men of the Bennington.

All questions should be submitted to the JET BLAST through extension 421.

*Couldn't something be done to speed up scullery operations or to obtain more eating utensils and cups for the mess decks? Even with the absence of the air group a large percentage of the men are forced to eat their meals without one or more of these items.*

This is a very timely question and admittedly something can be done about speeding up scullery operations and providing more utensils and cups for the mess decks, but I'll bet you won't like it. How would you like to be issued your own set of mess gear to take care of and account for? That's what you'll be doing before long! In the past 24 months, replacement gear, as follows, has been issued: 2300 cups, 1200 bowls, 1024 knives, 1400 spoons. Maybe you can tell me where it has gone or maybe you can tell me how to stop its removal from the mess decks. Sounds ridiculous doesn't it? But, you can imagine how ridiculous it sounds to me when you complain about not having enough utensils to eat from and all it requires is to leave the gear where it belongs. Return the gear from around the ship or stop removing it from the mess decks and I'm sure there will be enough for everybody.

*Since it seldom takes more than 10 or 15 minutes for the crew to fall in on the flight deck, why is it necessary to call Quarters for Entering Port so far in advance of the actual entry?*

I'm afraid you are wrong. The crew is supposed to be mustered five minutes after Officers' Call and the heads of departments are then supposed to make their reports to the Executive Officer at Assembly. Ten to fifteen minutes is a little long, isn't it? Actually you will find that many people are still 'wandering' up to Quarters twenty-five to thirty minutes after assembly. It then takes another fifteen to twenty minutes before divisions are in any semblance of order or are at attention so they can be given At Ease or Parade Rest. The crew is required to be at Quarters, not milling around, when within sight range of the shore or other ships for which honors may be required.



**DANGEROUS WHEN WET** - Curvy Susan Cabot, whose ample proportions are featured in Universal-International pictures, says she acts as her own bait when she goes fishing. Think she'll have any trouble catching some poor fish?

## Marines To Promote 29,048 In Late '55

Washington (AFPS) - The Marine Corps has announced it is going to promote about 29,048 enlisted men during the last three months of the year. The estimated total includes 100 advancements to Master Sergeant; 942 to Technical Sergeant; 4,006 to Staff Sergeant; 14,000 to Sergeant and 10,000 Corporal.

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