



P.I.O. Releases Ship's History

The Public Information Office has announced that copies of the ship's history are now available to the crew.

The two page history summarizes the ship's activities from the time Bennington was commissioned in 1944 to her present trip around South America to join the Pacific Fleet.

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.

Are we expecting a Flag aboard in San Diego?

Yes.

Would it be possible to relax uniform regulations when the ship is in hot climates?

Uniform regulations ARE relaxed for hotter climates. For instance, the white uniform jumper has been removed. During working hours particularly and while wearing the working uniform, dangerees, there is always the danger of fire and resultant flash burns. This is the reason for buttoning the collar and tucking the trousers in at General Quarters. It may seem silly to do this when not actually under battle conditions, but you must remember that the primary mission of a peace-time Navy is to train for the eventuality of war. These seemingly useless restrictions must be so thoroughly imposed that they become a normal and accepted habit. It's for your protection! Furthermore, a good sailor looks smart at all times and is always proud of his clean and neat appearance. (Civilians are no different). High standards will not tolerate sloppy dress such as no hats, sleeves rolled up or no underwear. In hot weather, the absorbing quality of a skivvie shirt keeps you cooler than when you are not wearing one. Your outer clothes also stay cleaner and less offensive to your neighbor. This is a good time to state that if the crew of this ship were to give any indication of wanting or trying to comply willingly with uniform regulations, as now prescribed, or to make any obvious attempt to keep themselves as clean as they should, every possible effort would be made to put them in the most comfortable uniform practicable. It's up to you!

