



TOY FOR A TOT - F.L. Record, AN, Hobby Shop clerk, accepts another model from S.W. Stephens, DC3, while LTJG R.K. LePorte, Hobby Shop Officer, looks on. (Story in adjoining column)

Lonely Christmas? Not on Bennington

Christmas may seem far away to some people but Bennington is doing her darndest to bring it as close as possible to her crew.

Plans have been made to decorate over 36 spaces on the ship with live or artificial Christmas trees, wreaths, Santa Clauses, and hundreds of miscellaneous decorations. The ship's showplace, the Quarterdeck, is in for some special treatment as is the afterbrow and the stacks. Two 20-foot stars will be placed on either side of the stacks and outlined with giant "Christmas" bulbs to provide the ship with outside decoration.

Over 150 orphans are expected on Christmas Day for an afternoon of special treats. The kids, who range in age from four to eight, will be greeted by their adopted dads and taken on a tour of the ship. Following that, they will be taken to Hangar Bay Two for a cartoon show and some feats of magic performed by Kent Richards of V-3 Division. Santa Claus (R.R. Roy of the Bake Shop) will

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Special Issue Of JET BLAST For Xmas

The JET BLAST will publish a special issue on Christmas Day in accordance with its policy of providing maximum enjoyment for the crew. Although the special issue will be only four pages it is expected to hold special Christmas stories, Christmas greetings and many features from Armed Forces Press Service.

Toys For Orphans Needed By Santa

Over 150 orphans ranging in age from four to eight years old will be the guests of the Bennington crew on Christmas Day in Hong Kong. A complete program of entertainment has been planned including a buffet luncheon and a Santa Claus.

However, one item is still needed and this can only be provided by the members of the crew. Santa Claus plans to give each of these homeless children a toy to add to their Christmas enjoyment. Since he cannot provide all the gifts himself, Santa has requested that the crew help him to give the orphans these gifts.

All a person has to do is to buy a model airplane, car, ship, or what-have-you, from the Hobby Shop for this purpose. He can then either build it or leave it as is and then return the toy to the Hobby Shop for the orphans.

CREW'S LOUNGE REMODELED - An evening of comfort is enjoyed by Lon Buisch, AN V-3 Div., and Leslie Turner, DT2, D Div. as they relax in the newly remodeled Crew's Lounge. Both men were directly responsible for the outstanding job of decorating. Buisch planned the placing of the furniture and painted the scenic mural, while Turner supervised the entire project and aided in selecting the furniture and color scheme.

