

Benn Becomes ComCarDiv One Flagship For Rest of Cruise

USS Bennington became a flagship in Yokosuka, Japan with the boarding of Commander Carrier Division One, Rear Admiral Thomas Binney Williamson. He, his staff of 18 officers and 77 enlisted men, came aboard the carrier and set up command for operations during the duration of Bennington's cruise.

Since the Flag's departing of San Diego last May, Benning-



RADM T.B. WILLIAMSON

ton is the fourth home for the Admiral and his staff. First they were set up in the USS Hornet for five and one-half months upon their departure from the states. From the Hornet, they transferred to the USS Boxer for one week, participating in Special Operations on

shore, then transferred to the USS Hancock for a period of two weeks prior to moving to the Big Benn.

The Flag's job consists of planning and directing all operations which the task force encounters. They have their own Intelligence and Operations sections which work together on the planning and directing.

CarDivOne is very dependent on the facilities of the ship. When they transfer, they pack baggage, bags and files and depend on the ship for other needed facilities, such as necessary administrative equipment, disbursing, mess deck facilities and medical care.

RADM Williamson is very active in sports and most adequate when it comes to ping-pong. He has played a number of men since his arrival on board and extends an invitation to those who believe they can top his score and enthusiasm for the game. He is an advocate of the out-of-doors sports, and especially the game of golf.

Upon arrival in the states, the Flag will have completed 11 1/2 months continuous sea duty. They will remain in the states for three to four months and then resume their duty in the Pacific.

Navy Turns Ship-Shape As Wives Make Cruise

San Diego, Calif. (AFPS) - The Navy is shaping up better than ever now that crewmembers' wives are making short cruises.

Three-hundred excited ladies boarded the aircraft carrier Shangri-La to make their first cruise.

They scurried up ladders, stood patiently in chow line (knowing naval courtesy, ladies went first), and donned bulky foul weather jackets to watch the air group perform their routine air operations.

The cruise proved such a big success the carrier Kearsarge followed suit with a cruise for 365 wives.

On this trip, the wives

KAYE'S KANDIDS

JOHN

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National Magazines Need Navy Combat Articles

The National Men's Magazines are badly in need of articles having to do with Naval Combat.

The demand is for first-person narratives with heavy action. The magazines are willing to assist writers or to assign writers to stories on a "as told to" basis.

Any men interested in participating are encouraged to submit their articles to the Public Information Office. The PIO office is available for any additional information or assistance.

Christmas (cont.)
then make his entrance and greet each child.

The toys which have been donated by the crew and purchased by the Chiefs will be distributed by Santa and his helpers to the boys and girls. Toys in hand, the orphans will be treated to a buffet lucheon.

Christmas melodies will float throughout the ship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as WBN provides continuous music.

There may be no Christmas like a home Christmas, but the Big Benn will be the next best thing on December 25, 1955.

"temporarily relieved" the skipper and took turns issuing orders and steering the ship.

Photographers' wives became photographers, dulcet-sounding female voices gave pilots instructions by radio and the ship's giant bullhorn speaker echoed the soft sound of a woman's voice saying "White flag... launch aircraft."

The wives returned from both cruises somewhat exhausted but with a better understanding of hubby's work aboard ship.