



**Mess Cooks Turn to While Marine Muses**

## **Big B Bends Elbows, Knees For Inspection**

### **Men and Ship Shine From Stem to Stern**

First inspection for the BENNINGTON by a flag officer and his staff took place when Rear Admiral A. C. Read, USN, came aboard.

Time previous to the inspection was long remembered. Long after midnight, when the decks gleamed and bright work and ladders shone, there were still men waiting for the barbers' clip.

The parade on the flight deck had been rehearsed until near perfection was automatic. It was a smart formation and one to be proud of.

The pictures in this issue, taken by the ship's photographers, show some of the stages of the first inspection.

Next day, from the Captain came "well done" to the crew for its appearance and work. The men and the ship had passed the first test. There are certain to be more.