

BENNINGTON DISASTER.

28/5/54.

The United States Aircraft Carrier Bennington ~~s~~teaming into Rhode Island, was the victim of fires and explosions which broke out during routine exercises at sea. The crew fought the fire as the Bennington turned for harbour, and eventually after a grim struggle brought it under control.

Every available ambulance was called into service to wait for the men as they came ashore. Nearly a hundred were killed; more than two hundred were injured, many seriously.

This <sup>naval</sup> disaster was one of the worst in American peacetime ~~Academy~~ history. An immediate investigation into the cause of the outbreak, has been ordered.