

Dependents Spend Day on Benn

Families, friends, and guests of BENNINGTON officers and crewmembers were treated to a giant size valentine on Friday, Feb. 14, when nearly 1900 people boarded the carrier for a one-day cruise at sea.

The cruise coincided with the big carrier's departure last week for the Western Pacific, giving the guests a first-hand look at life aboard ship and what some of BENN's operating in the Far East will be.

During the day guests had an opportunity to visit their sponsors working space, view departmental displays set up in the hangar bays and take a general tour of the ship.

Highlight for the visitors, who were made "Honorary Crewmembers," was an air demonstration of S-2E Trackers, SH-3A helicopters and A-4B jets attached to Carrier Air Group 59 currently deployed with BENN.

The Air Group demonstrated the latest techniques used by planes to hunt out and destroy submerged enemy submarines. Guests also had the chance to witness the teamwork, dedication and effectiveness it takes to land and send planes off a carrier's flight deck at sea.

Following was an at-sea replenishment with a destroyer. From BENN the technique of refueling while underway was observed as well as a hi-line transfer of Capt. and Mrs. E. M. Rosenberg to the destroyer. The captain is Commander, Destroyer Division 232, homeported in Long Beach.

Providing entertainment during the cruise were Eddie Bush and his polynesian dancers.



"Dear Blabby"

Dear Blabby,

I am a handsome, tall, intelegunt, jung salor. I'm 22 year old and was gonna get marred last week, only my brid didn't show up. She wrot me a letter saying I wasn't smart enuff, and knot fur her. But I no I'm smart becuse I've ben in the Nave 4 year, and alreddy I'm a soman apprentice. I am sick abot it, what oh what can I do?

Sick Salor

Dear Sick,

Quite obviously this girl is neurotic, semi-psycho-pathic type of Bohemian intellect. I suggest transference toward gyration in the reverse degree. Furthermore psychoanalyze the intervention and proceed toward equilibrium.

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Dear Blabby,

I am a fairly new sailor on board, and also in the Navy. I have a few questions which I hope you can clear up for me. Are we going to Australia? Where is hangar bay four? And, when does the fantail seagull watch secure? Any information would be deeply appreciated, I am beginning to feel like a sucker. Am I?

Harry Glick, SA

Dear ~~Blabby~~ Harry,

We hit Australia after we come back from Bombay, Antarctica, and Cleveland. Hangar bay four is relatively easy to find. Just tell your buddies you would like to participate in the 300 yard dash on the flight deck during night ops. Now the seagull watch secures at 2400 and commences at midnight. The only requirement for this watch is the wearing of protective head gear. If I can be of further assistance, just let me know.

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Dear Blabby, (from a civilian reader)

About a year ago I ran away from home. My parents were very mean to me. There I was in the ninth grade, and I wanted to trade in my old '63 Plymouth Fury for a new Austin Healy 3000. All I wanted them to do was make up the difference of \$3,000 and do you think they would? Heck no. Boy was I mad. So, I left home. Now I'm broke with no high school diploma... and I'm hungry. I would never go home because I feel I was right. What can I do?

Poor little rich boy

Dear Poor,

Go back home and tell your stingy, unreasonable parents that if they don't give you the \$3,000 you'll fix them.... you'll join the Navy.