

VACATION IN HONG KONG

Marie McDonald Visits; Visitors Tour BENN

What was undoubtedly the high point during our stay in Hong Kong, was Marie McDonald's visit on May 13. The BENN's hangar deck had a capacity crowd to watch her volunteer performance. The show, was off to a spasmodic start because of trouble with the amplifier, but Marie didn't give up, and after the technicians switched equipment, she won all our hearts with an excellent vocal program. Her voice was a pleasure to hear (and behold) as she ranged the scale from "Stardust" to "The Twist."

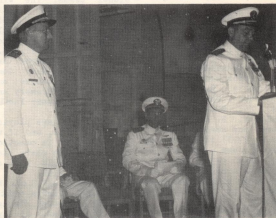
Officer and enlisted escorts were kept busy providing guided tours for the many visitors, young and otherwise, most of whom were aboard a large carrier for the very first time. The visits went the other way too, as sailors toured Hong Kong Island and the New Territories drinking in the sights made famous around the world, from Marco Polo to Susi Wong.

On the afternoon of May 14, 1962 the BENNINGTON left Hong Kong loaded with new tailored suits, souvenirs and sad, penniless sailors.

Leonardo da Vinci, the Florentine Renaissance inventor and artist, developed plans for an underwater warship but kept them secret. He was afraid it would make war even more frightful than it already was.



MARIE McDONALD ARRIVING -- Beautiful Marie McDonald is greeted at the BENNINGTON's Quarterdeck by CDR D. W. Fledderjohn as she arrives May 13th to entertain crewmembers of the BENNINGTON.



NEW CAG-59 -- CDR A. H. Munson, USN, reads his orders to become new Commander of Anti-Submarine Air Group 59 embarked in the BENNINGTON. CDR Spears, former skipper, listens.