



Commodore of Hong Kong, Commodore G. O. Symonds, R. N., boards the anti-submarine aircraft carrier USS BENNINGTON (CVE-20) upon her arrival in Hong Kong 19 May 1964. Commodore Symonds was met by Rear Adm. Turner F. Caldwell, Commander, Antisubmarine Warfare Group FIVE. The official visit included an inspection of the ship.



NEITHER RAIN NOR SLEET.....could keep the COMASWGRU FIVE Band from playing a concert in front of the City Hall in Sasebo, Japan. Approximately 700 people watched the performance. When rain started to fall, spectators with umbrellas stepped forward and covered the players.



Double Three Double Talk

May was a month of transfers, receipts, awards, and achievements for VS-33. All prospective transfers noted in last month's "HUKSTER" departed in Sasebo, and since then, the 33 Personnel Office has been busy with new receipts. One officer and 14 new men have reported aboard and we take this opportunity to formally welcome them. Lt. Reeder reported to us from Aviation Safety School via VS-41 and is the squadron's new Safety Officer. Good luck Lt. Reeder in your new billet. To A. Albert, R. J. Brensdorf, R. F. Centner, J. B. Davis, L. J. Hiltz, R. A. Lemke, M. J. Lopez, C. H. Pierson, A. B. Rounds, J. H. Coleman, J. D. Smith, A. R. Turner, F. E. Sizemore, and G. M. Williams, a hearty "welcome aboard."

On the awards side, 33 has two new airmen and 11 new plane captains. Both designations meant a great deal of hard work and congratulations are extended to: A. Superior, AM2E, and V. R. Calaway, AT2E, for their new A/C wings and to the following men for their designations as plane captains: K. L. Berry, R. A. Dabrowski, R. M. Dubiel, G. L. Fiehlo, G. A. Haas, A. H. Harvey, F. G. Hopkins, J. F. Kerns, D. B. Lee, W. W. Rhodes and D. F. Maxwell. A job well done.

BUT.....all has not been completely hard work and no play. VS-33 let down its hair a bit and gathered in Hong Kong for a squadron party.

Looking ahead a little, VS-33 is in receipt of transfer orders for Lt. W. C. Christenson. Lt. Christenson is the only plank owner still in the squadron since it's commissioning, and with his transfer, the final link in the chain that once bound us with VS-38 is broken. Lt. Christenson has been an integral part in the entire history of VS-33, and as he leaves us to attend the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, we wish him the very best of luck.