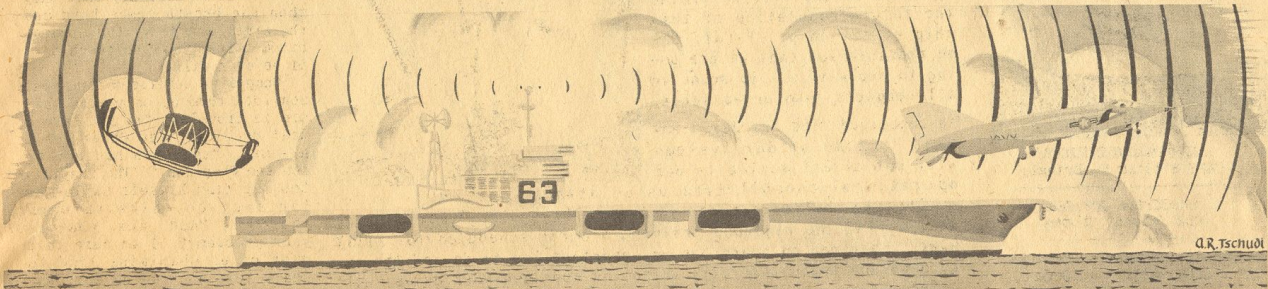


Farewell Philadelphia...

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USS KITTY HAWK

Kitty Hawk Departs Sails for California

As the "foghorn" of the KITTY HAWK blows, heralding her departure from the Delaware Valley, many men will look back longingly at the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia, home of part of the KITTY HAWK crew for many months, will always be remembered. But as the mighty vessel slices the waves of the open sea, these same men will look forward to the beautiful towns and cities of California, land of sun and fun.

First stop for the KITTY HAWK will be Norfolk, Virginia. There she will pick up an air group, supplies and ammunition in preparation for a shakedown cruise and underway training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

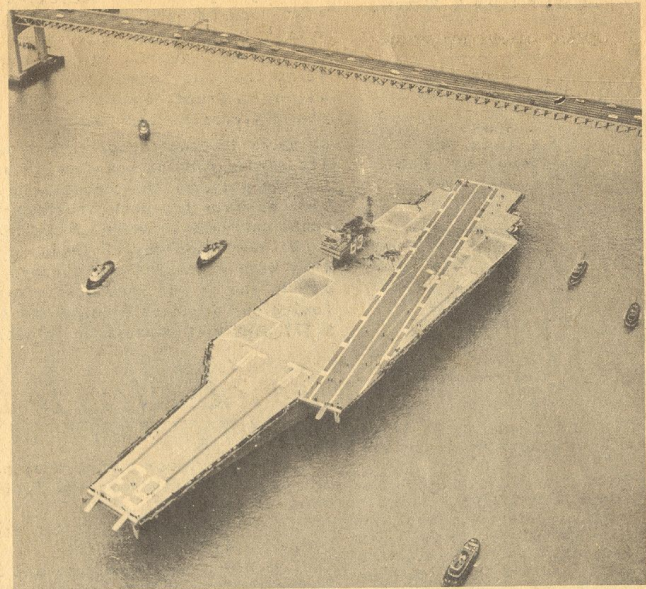
"Gitmo," as it is popularly called by sailors (from the Navy abbreviation GTMO, for Guantanamo), is the training area for all ships on the East Coast. Facilities on the base include swimming pools, theaters, exchanges, restaurants and even riding horse stables. A number of other recreational activities help keep the men busy while on liberty. Healthy rivalry between teams on the same ship or on different ships will keep spirits on a high level. During the hectic weeks of training, the entire ship will try to become coordinated to such a degree that she will join the fleet with the pride of being battle-ready at all times.

Following Gitmo, KITTY HAWK will sail for Port of Spain, Trinidad, a British possession just off the coast of Venezuela. On this isle, a tract of land has been leased to the United States for a naval base. Refueling of ships going around South America is usually done here.

Upon refueling, the carrier will steam for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Entering the beautiful harbor of this scenic city one's eye will be caught by a spectacular sight - that of a gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer on top of Corcovado. This former capital of the largest country in South America boasts a beautiful countryside as well as many other features which make the city a popular tourist center. From both Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado, one can feast his eyes on a panoramic view of the breath-taking bay and the lush jungles of this Latin American metropolis. A delicious steak dinner may be had on both these mountains for a reasonable price as well as in the many restaurants in the city. Copacabana Beach attracts thousands of tourists as well as the local natives.

Initiation of pollywogs by shellbacks will not be discussed at length in this article. It will suffice to mention that upon reaching the equator, all personnel on board who have never crossed the equator before will be subject to an initiation administered by shellbacks - men who have crossed the line. More in-

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KITTY HAWK slowly heads down the Delaware River as she heads for the open sea. The world's first guided missile attack aircraft carrier is scheduled to be homeported in San Diego, California.

Visitors Aboard Kitty Hawk

Since her commissioning on April 29, the KITTY HAWK has seen a large number of visitors, including many Naval and civilian dignitaries from the Philadelphia area.

On Commissioning Day alone, there were 15,000 people who boarded the ship. This figure is reported to have established a record for attendance at commissioning ceremonies for a Naval vessel.

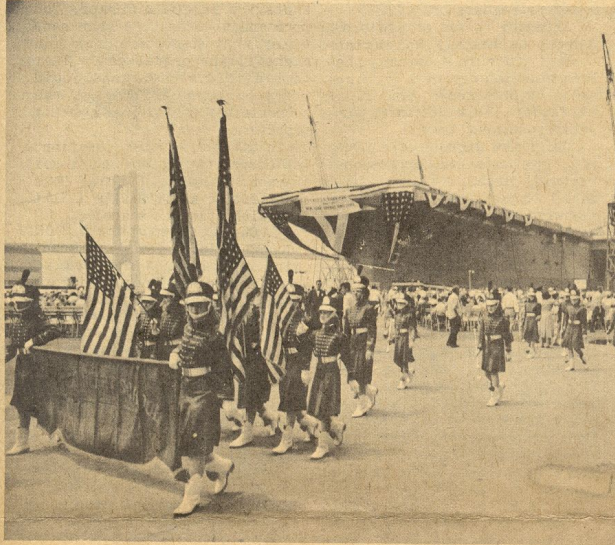
The day following Commissioning was designated Visitors' Day for the workers who helped build the ship. The workers and their families turned out in such numbers that thousands of people had to be turned away.

On Armed Forces Week-end,

the ship was opened for general visiting. Over 70,000 people came aboard over the two-day period. An estimated 36,000 showed up for Sunday alone.

Among the throngs of visitors, we were privileged to count many dignitaries. The Archbishop of Philadelphia, His Excellency, John Krol, and the Honorable John Morgan Davis, Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania, have been guests of the Commanding Officer for a tour of the ship.

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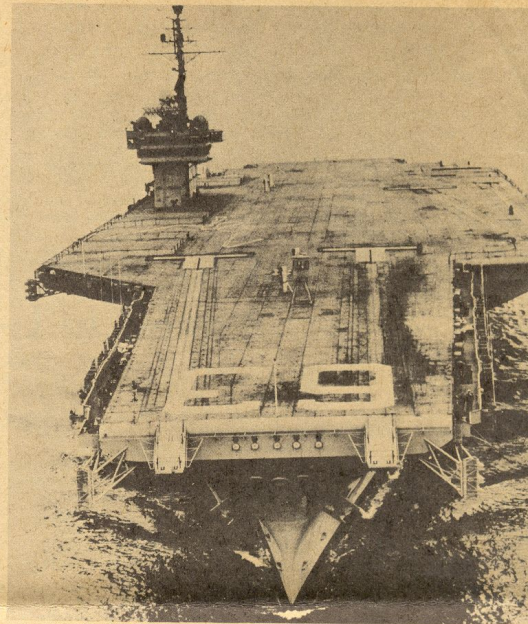
Girls from the Sacred Heart School, Camden, New Jersey, strut past the USS KITTY HAWK on the day of her christening, May 21, 1960.

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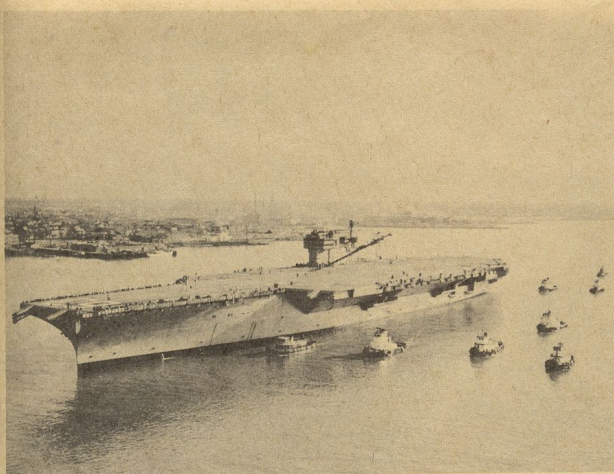
KITTY HAWK on her way to sea for builders' trials.

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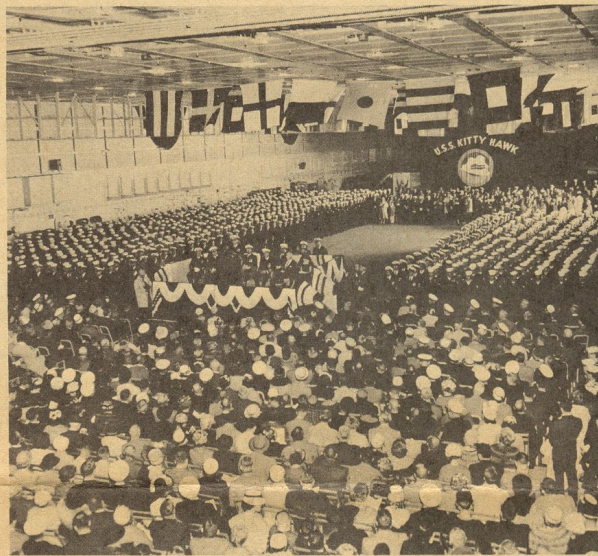
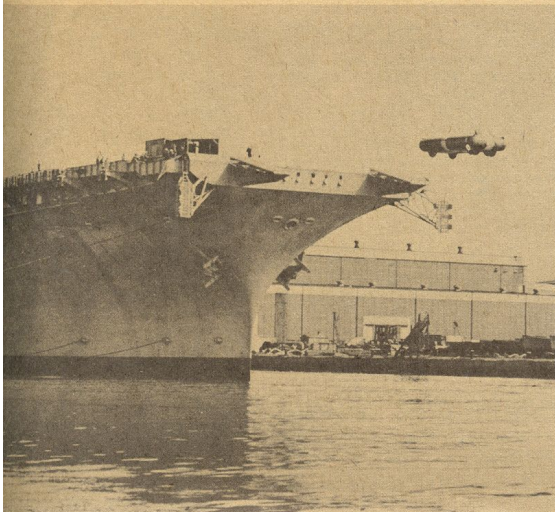
A triumphant KITTY HAWK returns from sea trials accompanied by her brood of "baby" tugboats.



CVA-63

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A portion of the 15,000 people who were present for the colorful commissioning ceremonies of the USS KITTY HAWK on Saturday, April 29, 1961.

CHRISTENINGTO

Tests on the KITTY HAWK in Philadelphia Naval Shipyard included the launching of "dummies" from powerful catapults.

DEPARTUREFROM

KITTY HAWK (CVA-63), world's first guided missile attack aircraft carrier, points her bow toward the open sea.

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