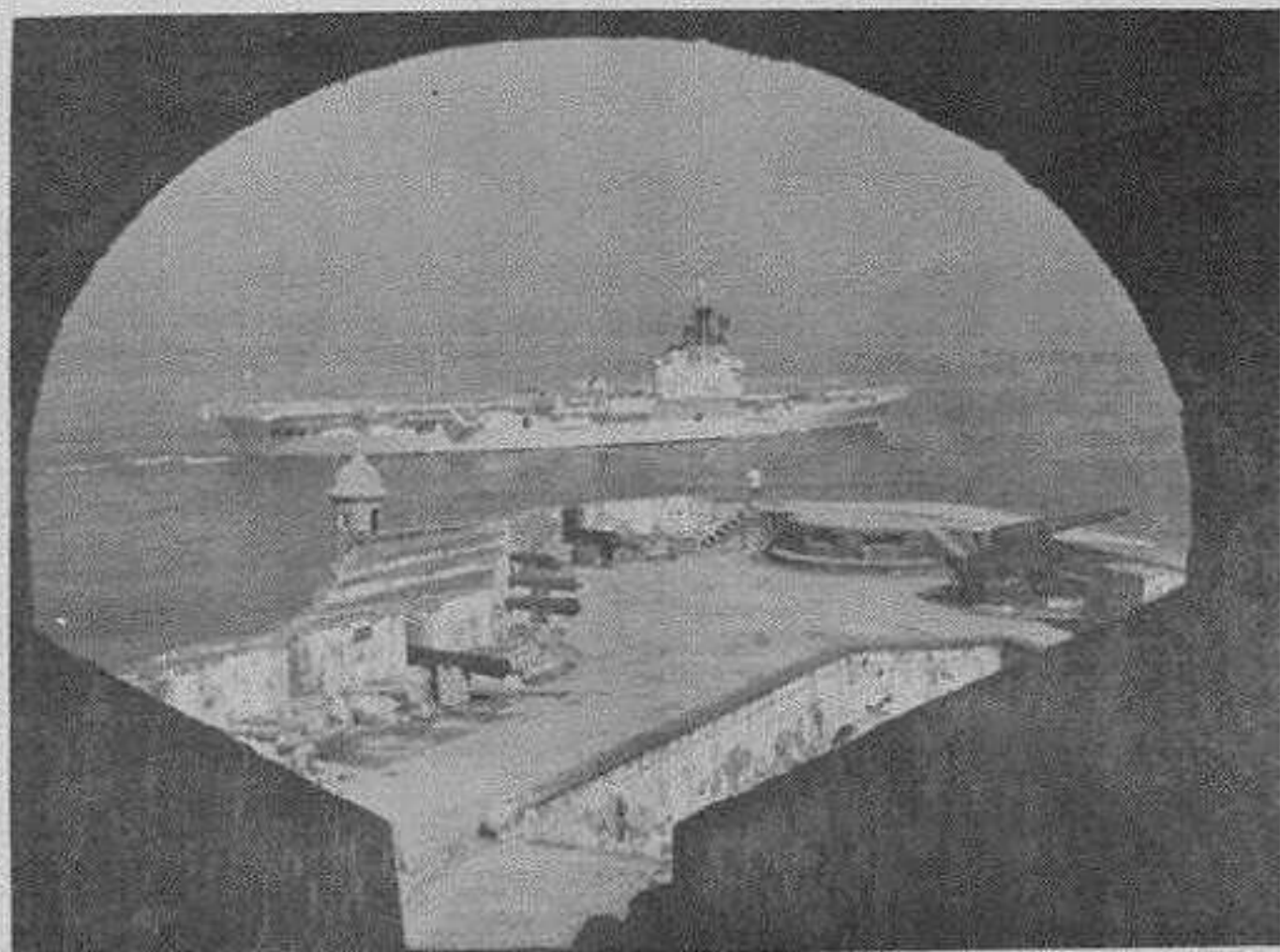


HMCS BONAVENTURE
PAYING-OFF CEREMONY



17 JANUARY, 1957

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3 JULY, 1970

ORDER OF CEREMONY

- 1430: Hands to Divisions.
- 1500: Vice Admiral J.C. O'Brien arrives and inspects guard.

Introductory Sentences –

Chaplain (P)

Hymn:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

Across the ocean dread and deep,
Above the forest's lonely sweep,
Or when through serried clouds they rise
And hidden are from mortal eyes;
Hear thou, O Lord, a nations prayer,
For thy Crusaders of the air.

And now this ship her course is run,
Her work for home and country done;
Of all the souls that in her sailed,
Let not one life in Thee have failed;
But hear from Heaven our sailor's cry,
And grant eternal life on high.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in dangers hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'ere they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Glad Hymns of praise from land and sea.

Scripture Lesson – Psalm 107 (Verses 23 / 31 – 43)	Captain
Prayer for our people.	Chaplain (RC)
Naval Prayer and Lord's Prayer –	Chaplain (P)
Mizpah Benediction – “And now may the Lord watch between thee and me while we are absent one from another.”	Chaplain (RC)
Address by Vice Admiral J.C. O'Brien.	
Ship's Ensign lowered with musical salute. (Sunset, O Canada, The Queen)	
Admiral departs.	
Band and Guard marched off.	
Personnel retire to Hangar deck.	



COMMANDING OFFICERS OF HMCS BONAVENTURE

Captain H.V.W. Groos, CD	17 January, 1957	- 17 January, 1978.
Captain Wm. Landymore, OBE, CD	18 January, 1958	- 12 September, 1959.
Captain J.C. O'Brien, CD	13 September, 1959	- 30 August, 1961.
Captain F.C. Frewer, CD	31 August, 1961	- 7 August, 1963.
Captain R.W. Timbrell, CD	8 August, 1961	- 1 April, 1965.
Captain H.A. Porter, CD	2 April, 1965	- 4 August, 1966.
Commander A.T. Bice, CD	5 August, 1966	- 21 November, 1966.
Captain R.H. Falls, CD	22 November, 1966	- 31 March, 1969.
Captain J.M. Cutts, CD	1 April, 1969	- 8 January, 1970.
Commander H.W. Vondette, CD	9 January, 1970	- 3 July, 1970.

LIFETIME STATISTICS

HMCS Bonaventure has steamed 374,597.2 miles since commissioning in 1957. She has had 13,302 catapult shots, 12, 518 touch and goes, and 20,590 arrested landings over her lifetime.