

THIS YEAR HANCOCK'S BUSY CRUISE BEGAN ON JUNE 7, 1963 WHEN SHE LEFT HER HOME PORT FOR PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII AND HER OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION, A DETERMINATION OF READINESS TO JOIN THE SEVENTH FLEET. AFTER COMPLETING THE INSPECTION WITH FLYING COLORS, HANCOCK'S 3000-MAN CREW, INCLUDING THE EMBARKED SQUADRONS OF CARRIER AIR GROUP 21, STEAMED TOWARD THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 24 TO JOIN THE SEVENTH FLEET.

