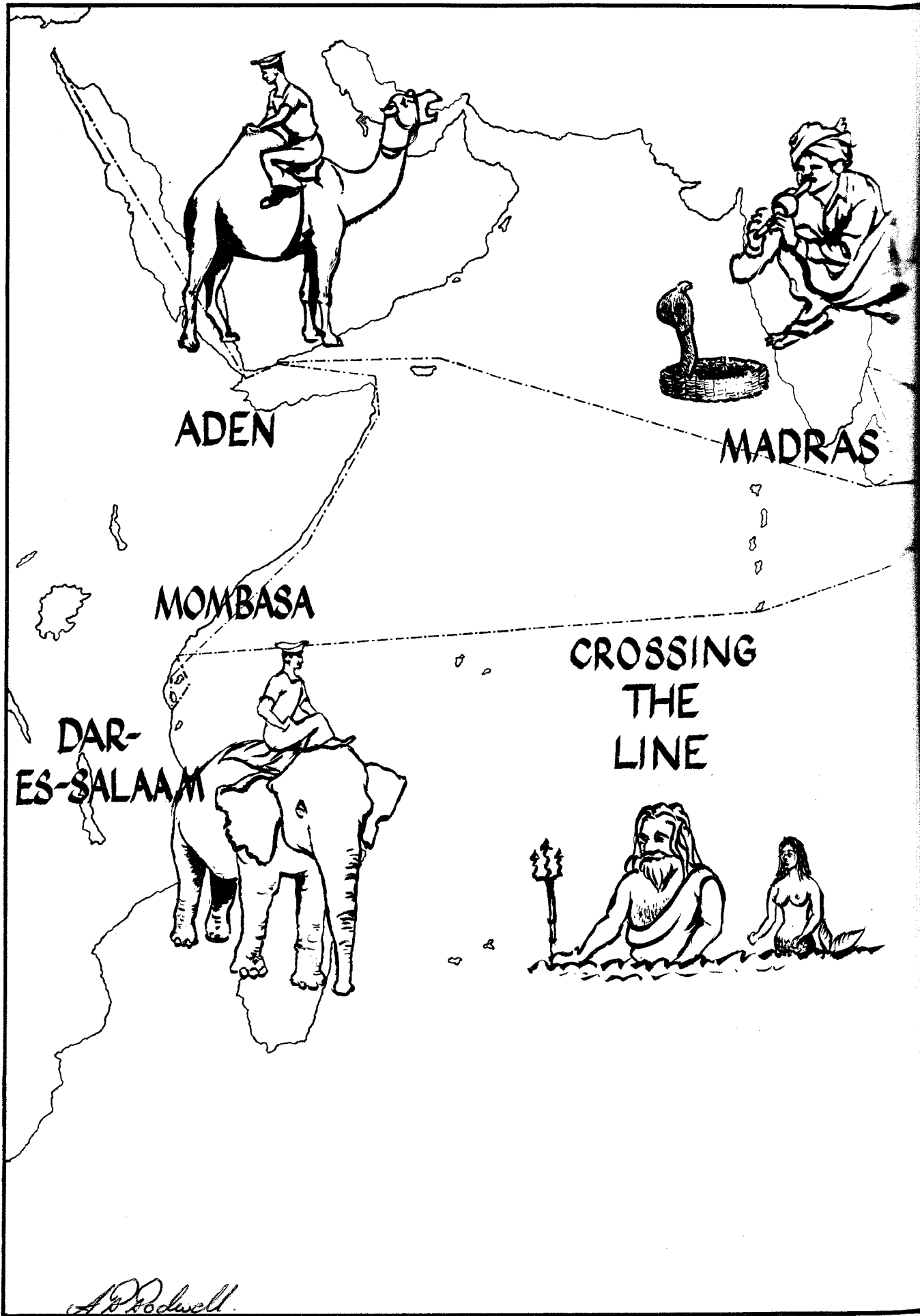




THE FOURTH COMMISSION
of
H.M.S. CENTAUR



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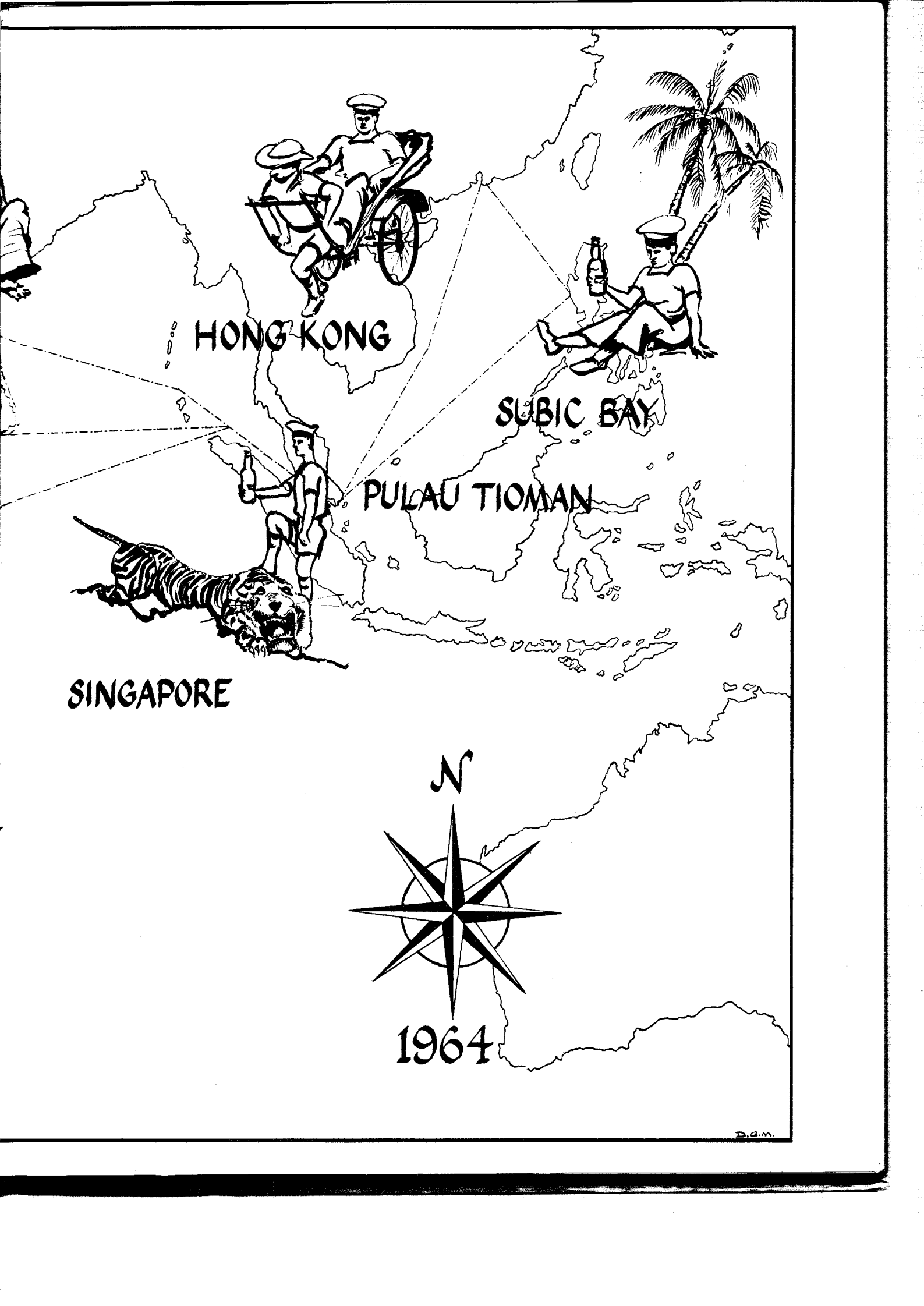
MADRAS

MOMBASA

DAR-ES-SALAAH

CROSSING THE LINE

A. Rodwell.



HONG KONG

SUBIC BAY

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SINGAPORE

1964

D.G.M.



The Fighting 'C'

1963-1965

THE CAPTAIN'S FOREWORD



Captain O. H. M. St. J. Steiner, R.N.

You may perhaps recall that at our Commissioning Ceremony I said that everyone had his special part to play in the ship but that we must work as a team and not as individuals. This we most certainly have done – we have trusted one another and have worked and played together as friends and companions in a happy, tolerant, and purposeful manner.

There is an old truism which says that nothing succeeds like success. The Fourth Commission of "The Fighting C" has undoubtedly been a success story from the start and has been hailed as such wherever we have been. We have operated from the Atlantic to the Pacific; we shall have steamed about 100,000 miles and have carried out everything asked of us from searching for survivors of *Lakonia* to active operations like those at Dar-es-Salaam, in the Radfan and in the defence of Malaysia. We have taken part in important exercises as the major unit, and by the time we reach Portsmouth we

shall have "shown the Flag" far and wide as "Ambassadors Extraordinary."

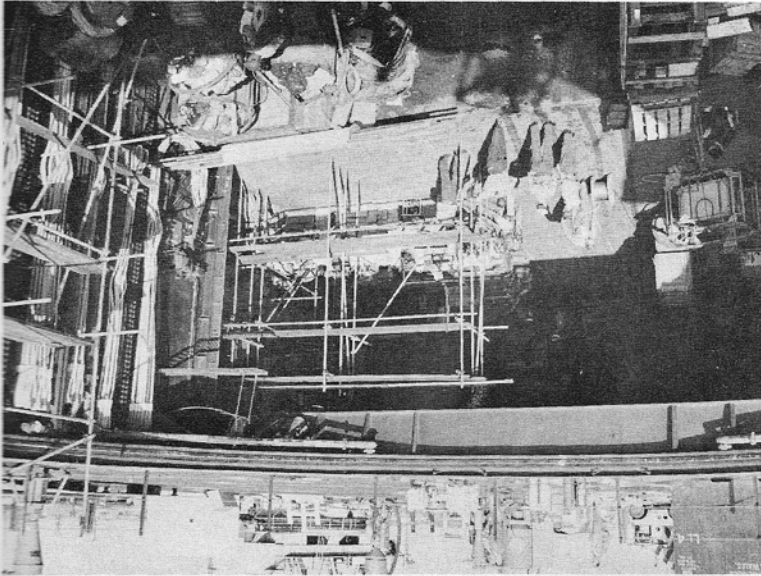
I am very proud indeed to have had the privilege of commanding such a splendid company throughout *CENTAUR's* finest commission.

CALENDAR

Commissioning Day	1963	15th November
Sea Trials		16th to 28th November
Sail from Portsmouth		21st December
LAKONIA		24th and 25th December
Suez Canal Transit		31st December
Aden	1964	5th to 10th January
Work-up off Aden		10th to 19th January
Embark 45 Commando		20th January
Landings at Dar-es-Salaam		25th January
Mombasa		30th January to 3rd February
Cross the line		8th February
Singapore		12th February to 3rd March
Singapura display		7th March
Subic Bay		13th to 16th March
Work-up off Subic Bay		16th to 25th March
Hong Kong		27th March to 13th April
Exercise HIGH UP (O.R.I.)		15th to 18th April
Pulau Tioman		19th April
Pulau Tioman		25th and 26th April
Singapore		30th April to 14th May
Aden (815 to Radfan)		22nd and 23rd May
Mombasa		30th May to 12th June
Aden		20th to 22nd June
Madras		2nd to 6th July
Exercise "BUTTERCUP"		8th to 13th July
Singapore		15th to 24th July
Exercise "FOTEX"		24th July to 6th August
Singapore		7th to 11th August
Exercise "JADEX"		11th to 14th August
Singapore		15th August to 1st September
Patrol East Coast Malaya		1st to 11th September
Pulau Tioman		12th and 13th September
Singapore		14th to 17th September
Pick up VIC		19th and 20th September
Hong Kong		25th September to 12th October
Subic Bay		17th to 19th October
Singapore		29th October to 2nd November
Anti-Invasion Patrol of Malaysia		2nd to 16th November
Singapore		17th to 25th November
Aden		4th to 6th December
Suez Canal Transit		13th December
Arrive Portsmouth		21st December
Sail Portsmouth	1965	8th April
Gibraltar		12th and 13th April
Work-up off Gibraltar and Malta		12th to 22nd April
Malta		23rd April to 5th May
Naples		6th to 10th May
Malta		15th to 19th May
Istanbul		24th to 28th May
Izmir		29th May
Exercise "AIGRETTE"		3rd to 10th June
Palmas Bay		6th June
Gibraltar		11th to 26th June
Gibraltar		5th to 19th July
Lisbon		20th to 25th July
Visit of H.R.H. Princess Marina		27th July
Belfast		30th July to 5th August
Clyde		6th to 12th August
Fleet Review by H.M. the Queen		10th August
Liverpool		13th to 18th August
Arrive Portsmouth		20th August
End of Commission		27th September

THE STORY

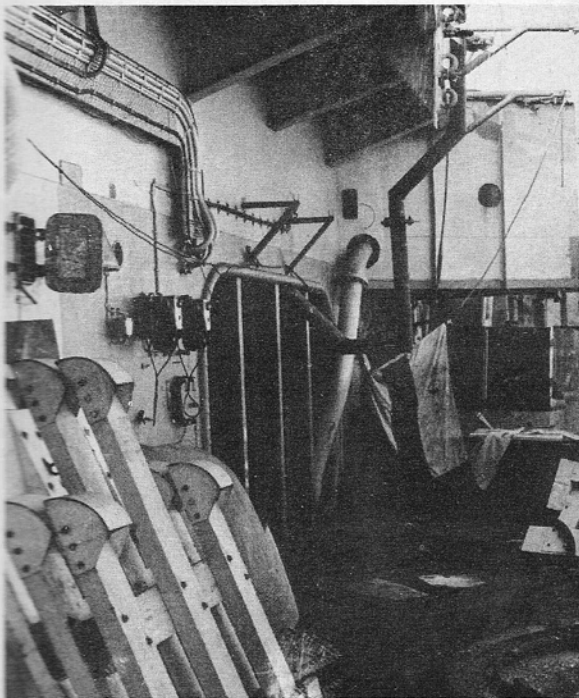
In the summer of 1963, things were a bit . . .



. . . upside down . . .

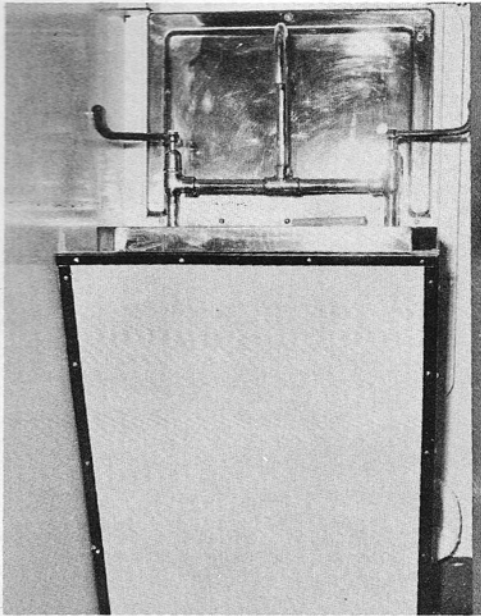
. . . and rather messy, inside

. . . and . . .



outside.

So with a lot of paint



and some new fittings,

***We commissioned
on 16th November, 1963***



with tea



and a quick check over

by the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth,

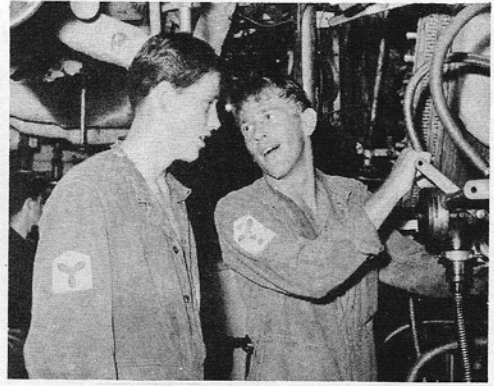


and cake,

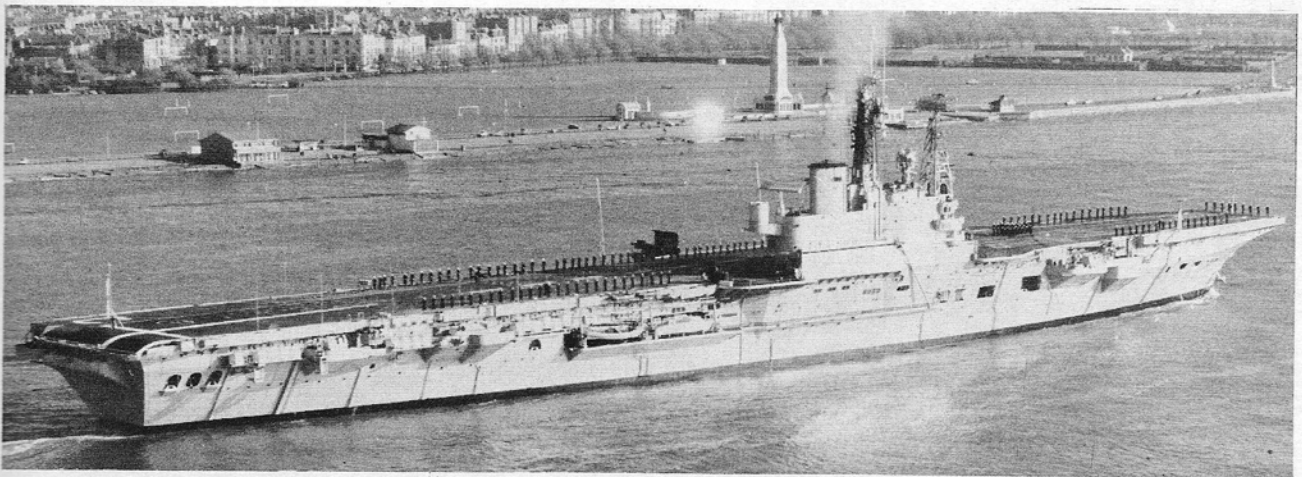
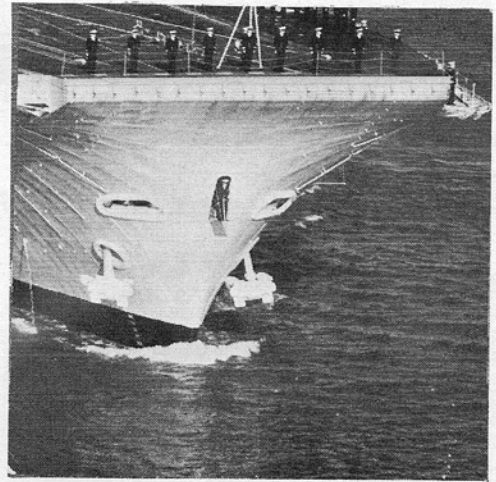
*made the most of our last
minutes with the family,*



pulled a few levers,



and pushed her



. . . out to sea for trials.