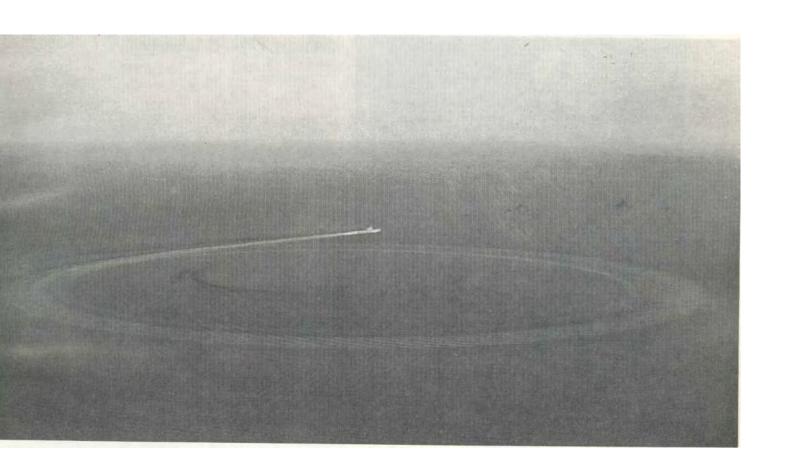


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THIRD COMMISSION 1966-1968



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Calendar 1966

	A rrive	Depart	
Devonport		16 May	Initial sea trials in Channel area.
Devonport	16 M ay	23 June	
Brodick	25 June	26 June	Measured Mile at Arran.
Portland	1 July	4 July	Flying trials in Lyme Bay.
Devonport	13 July	27 July	
Portsmouth	28 July	25 Aug	Noise trial on passage and Gannet flying.
Gibraltar	30 Aug	2 Sept	
Portsmouth	9 Sept	21 Sept	Embarked Squadrons off Brawdy.
Moray Firth	24 Sept	4 Oct	1st Work up.
Hamburg	6 Oct	10 Oct	Informal visit.
Moray Firth	11 Oct	20 Oct	2nd Work up.
Rosyth	21 Oct	7 Nov	Self maintenance. Exercise <i>Roedean</i> in N.W. Approaches until 14 Nov. Buccaneer flying trials and work up in Brawdy and Lyme Bay.
Portsmouth	18 Nov		
Portsmouth		16 Jan	Noise range, embark aircraft.
Lyme Bay	20 Jan	20 Jan	Flying off Gibraltar and Malta.
Malta	28 Jan	30 Jan	Flying off Malta.
Gibraltar	6 Feb	20 Feb	Self maintenance. Flying off Malta 23 Feb.
Naples	24 Feb	28 Feb	Exercise <i>Poker Hand</i> . Exercise in Tyrrhenian Sea and flying off Tobruk.
Tobruk	8 Mar	9 Mar	
Sigonella	10 M ar	10 M ar	Passage and Buccaneer trials off Malta.
Malta	16 Mar	31 Mar	NATO David Clare
Malta	7 Apr	8 Apr	NATO exercise Dawn Clear.
Athens	12 Apr	18 Apr	Flying until Ist May.
Cyprus	19 Apr	1 May	- 1, mg unu
Port Said	2 May	3 May	Transited Suez Canal.
Suez	3 May	3 May	Flying. Transferred F02FEF from Victorious.
Aden	6 May	19 May	Flying.
Gan	23 May	27 May	Back to Aden, not Singapore as expected.
Aden	31 May	10 June	Flying off Gan. 15th-16th June, off Penang 20th June.
Singapore	22 June	17 July	Self maintenance. Flying off Singapore and Subic Bay.
Hong Kong	31 July	7 Aug	Flying off Subic.
Subic Bay	12 Aug	14 Aug	Flying off Singapore 17th-19th Aug, Cocos Is. 22nd-25th.
Fremantle	29 Aug	4 Sept	Passage to UK via Cape of Good Hope.
Portsmouth	2 Oct	31 Oct	
Ascension	13 Nov	16 Nov	Flyex off Durban.
Mombasa	1 Dec	10 Dec	
Salala	14 Dec	14 D	Two carrier exercise, Liver Paste.
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		22 DEC	Flying.
Khor El Quwai 24 Dec			

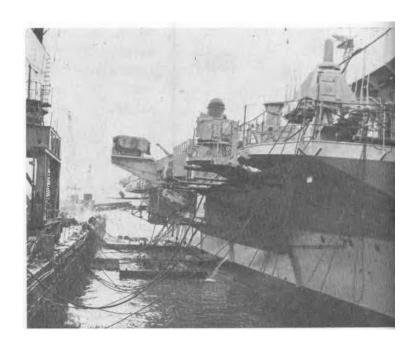


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PLYMOUTH

February 1966

It is surprising what £10 million and two years can do to a ship

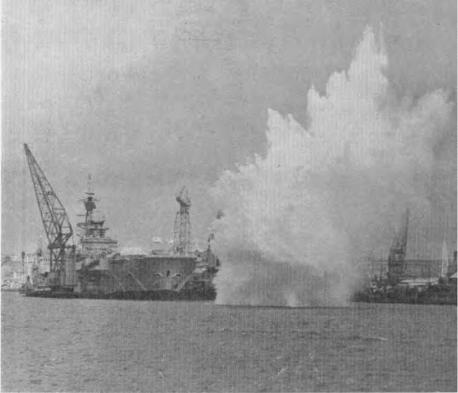


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...found its way over the side!



Dead load trials



Sports Day

and were
quickly
organised ...

The Ship's Company began to assemble

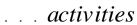


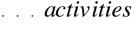
The successful Ten Tors team

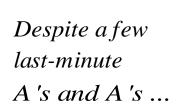


Sports Day

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Visiting Italian Bersaglieri Regiment





. . . the COMMISSIONING CEREMONY was held

on 14th May 1966

With Captains old and new ...





... and guests assembled ...



... the Commissioning Warrant was read ...



. . . and the cake duly cut