

**16th May**

*All systems go ...*



*. . . and with a  
tweak of the  
throttles ...*

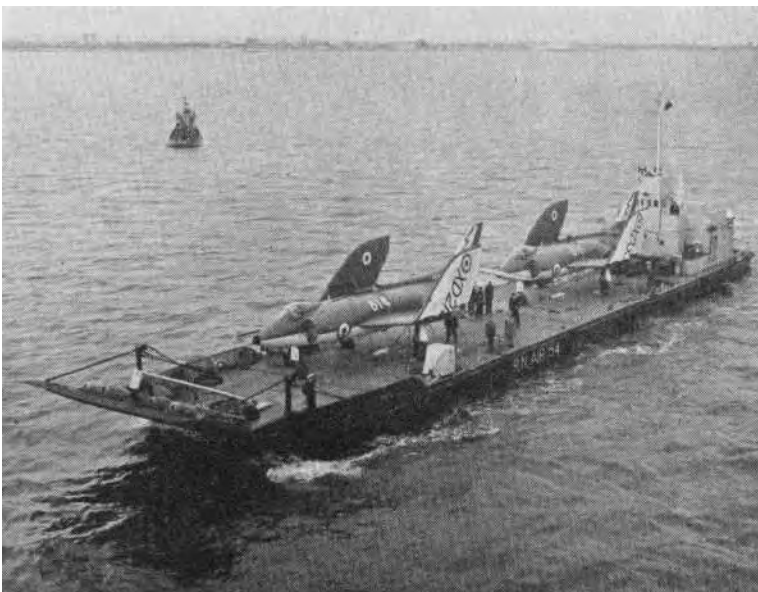
*. . . we proceeded  
majestically  
to sea for  
a good wash  
down.*





*Full Power trials  
off Arran ...*

*. . . and other  
evolutions*



*preceded a rendezvous  
in Spithead  
with Britain's  
other 'mini-carrier'*

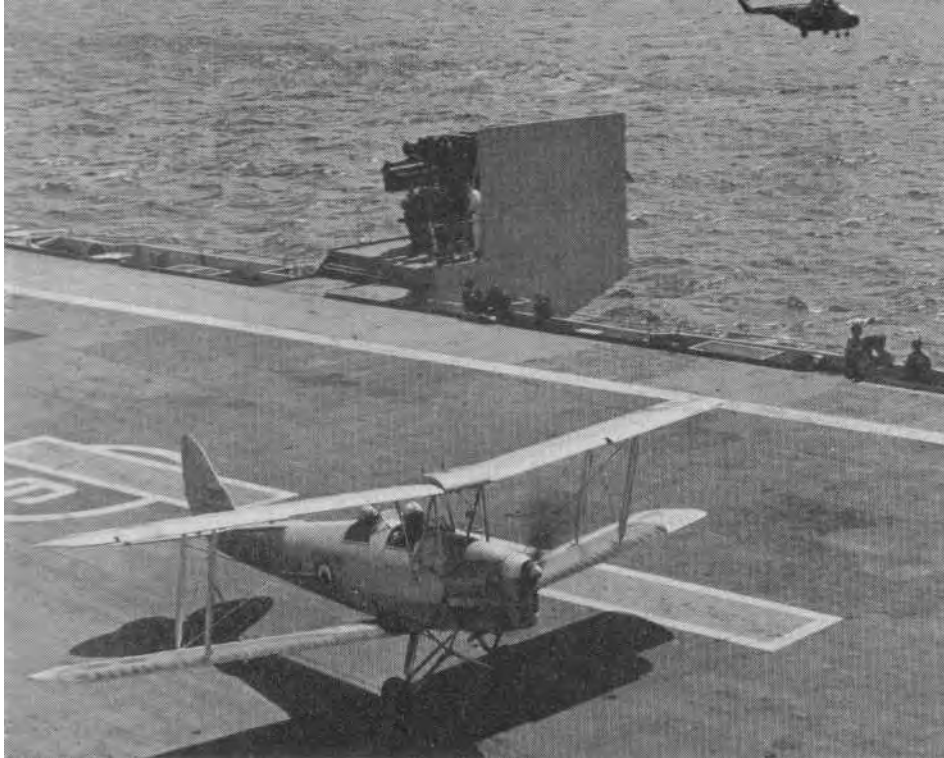
*We experienced our first rotary land-on and 'beat up' by 892 Squadron ...*



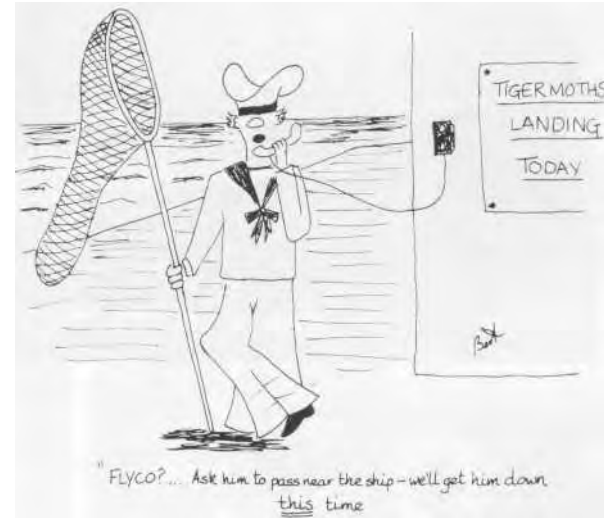
*... before returning to Devonport ...*

*... and the coaling wharf to show off our finery to 'ARK ROYAL' and 'BULWARK'*





*Flying trials followed ...*



*... and our first legal arrest, ...*



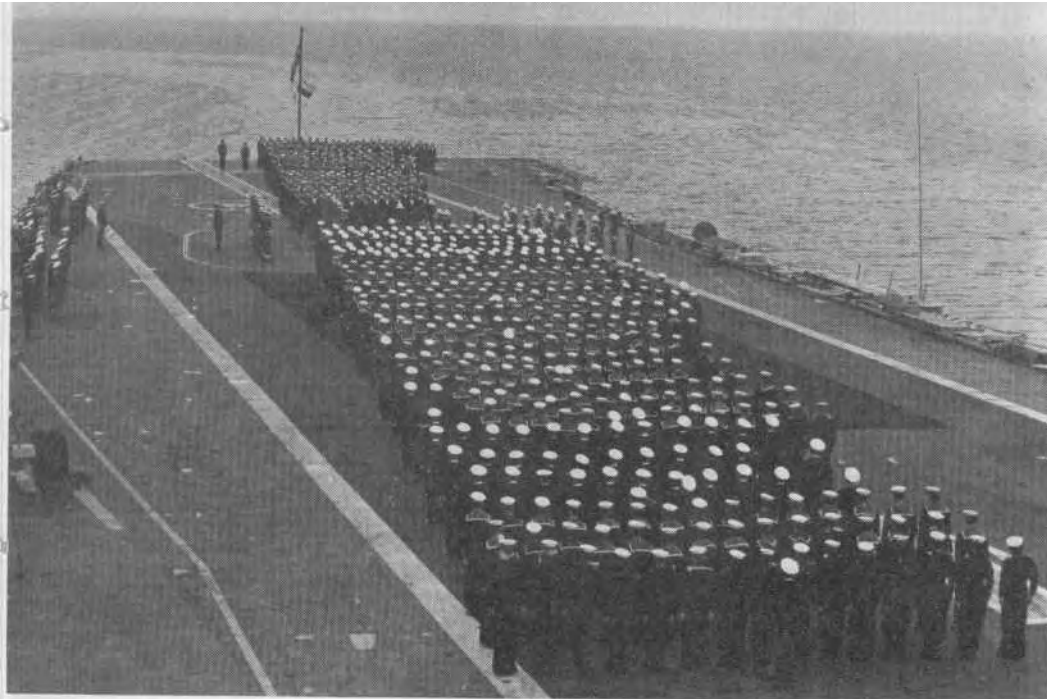
*... illegal launch ...*





*... and graunch!*





*Groups were formed ...*



*... of one sort ...*

*... or...*



*... another,*

*... and the Chaplain officiated at a few more Christenings*



*The HERMES HILTON soon opened to a multitude of visitors*



*Their Lordships, ...*



*... Tiverton Sea Cadets and Mayor, ...*

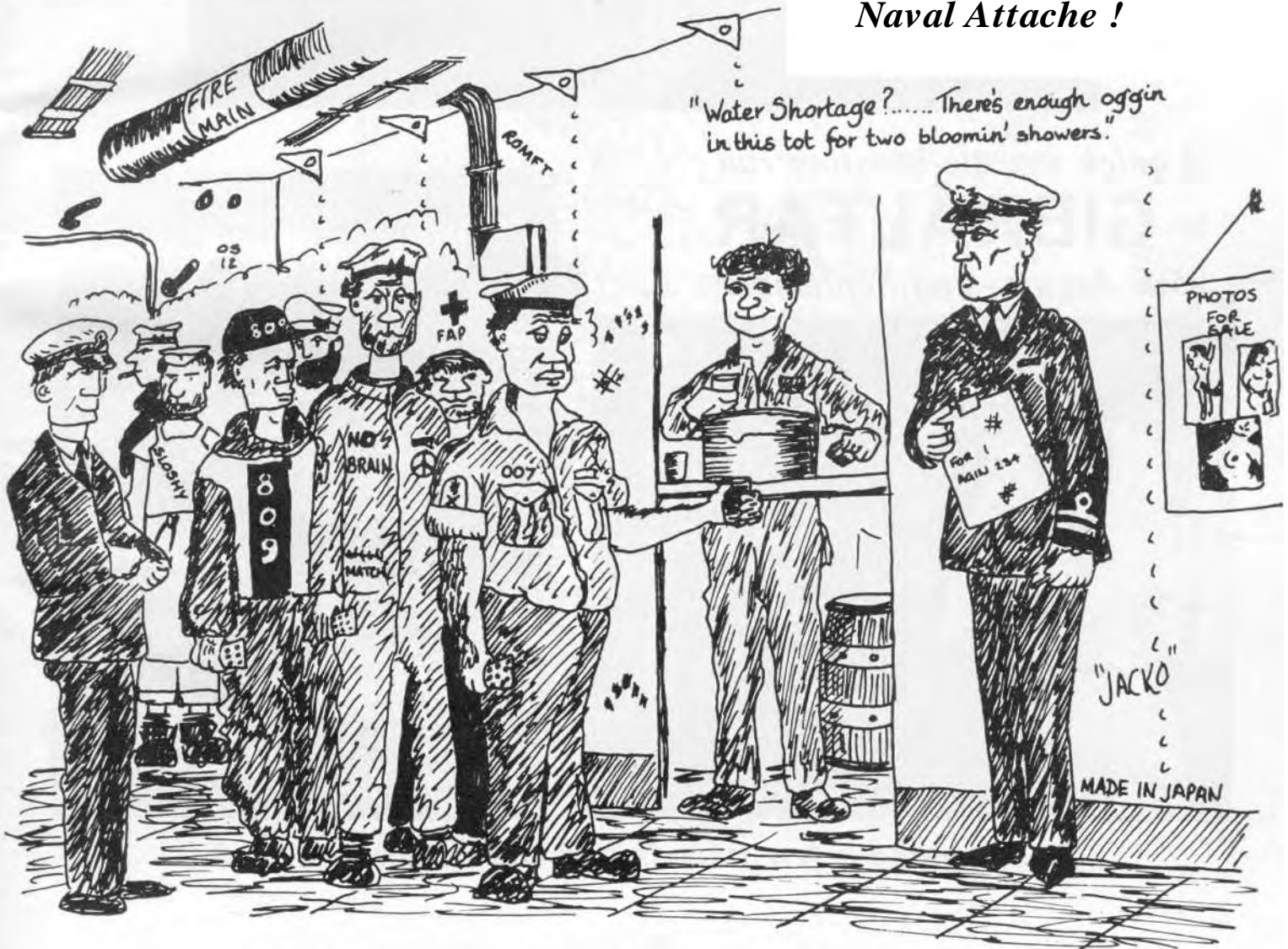




*... The Bishop  
of  
Plymouth ...*



*... and even the Swiss  
Naval Attache !*



*Domestic equipment was exercised to the full*





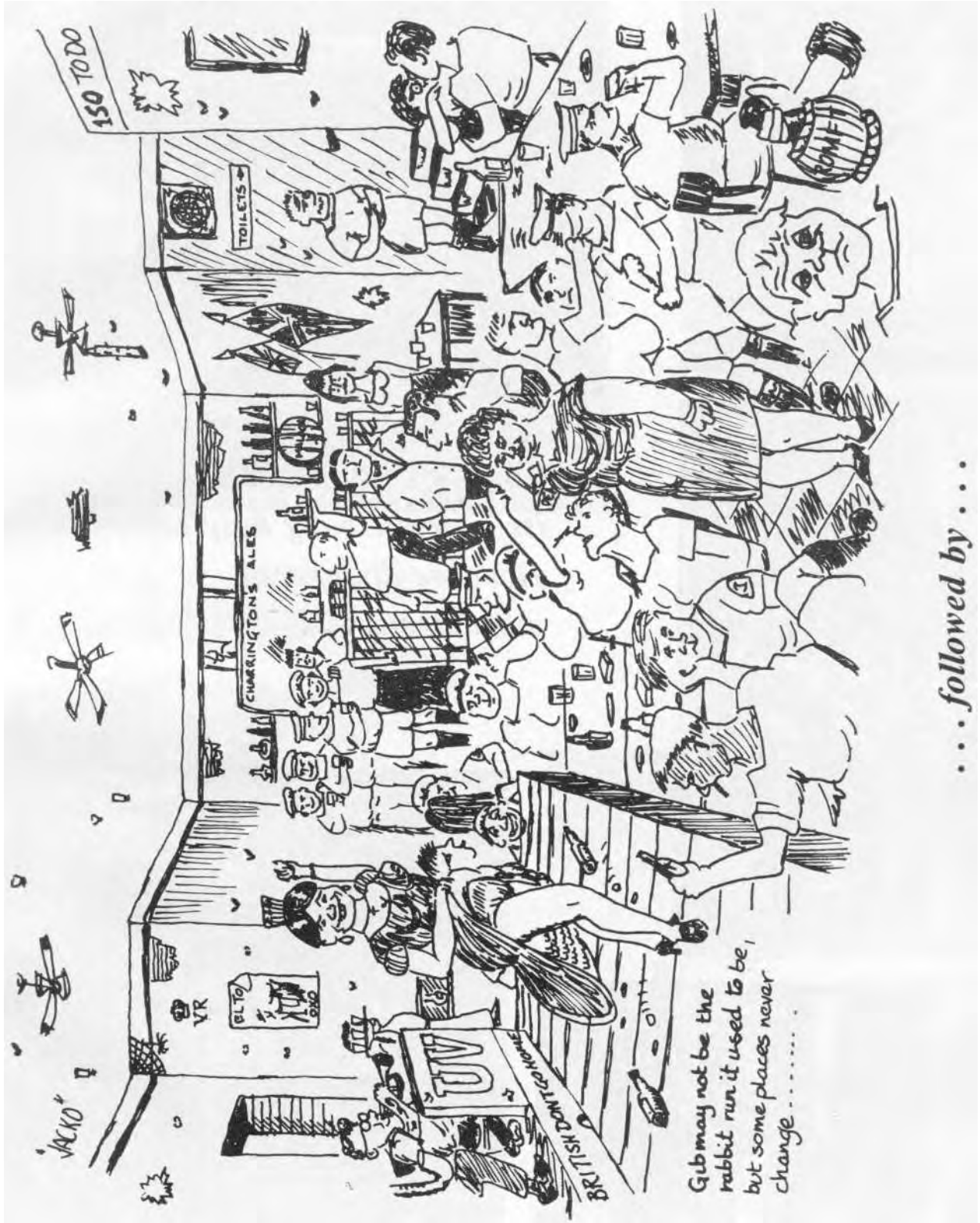
*A quick morale-boosting run*

# **GIBRALTAR**

*25th August - 2nd September ...*



*. . . to make a few friends and collect some L.O.A.*



*... followed by ...*