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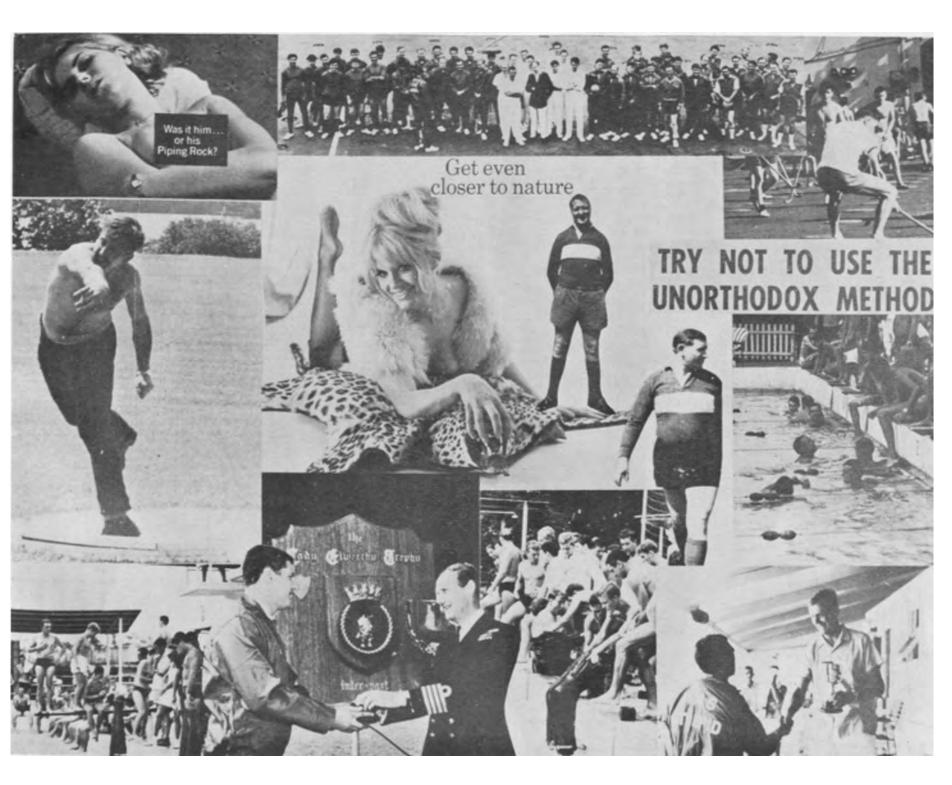
The Embarked Force scrambles aboard by a variety of routes, spends several days getting lost, found, watered (and occasionally seasick) and then disappears over a beach with an audible sigh of relief. In this commission we have acted the host to 3747 from the following:—

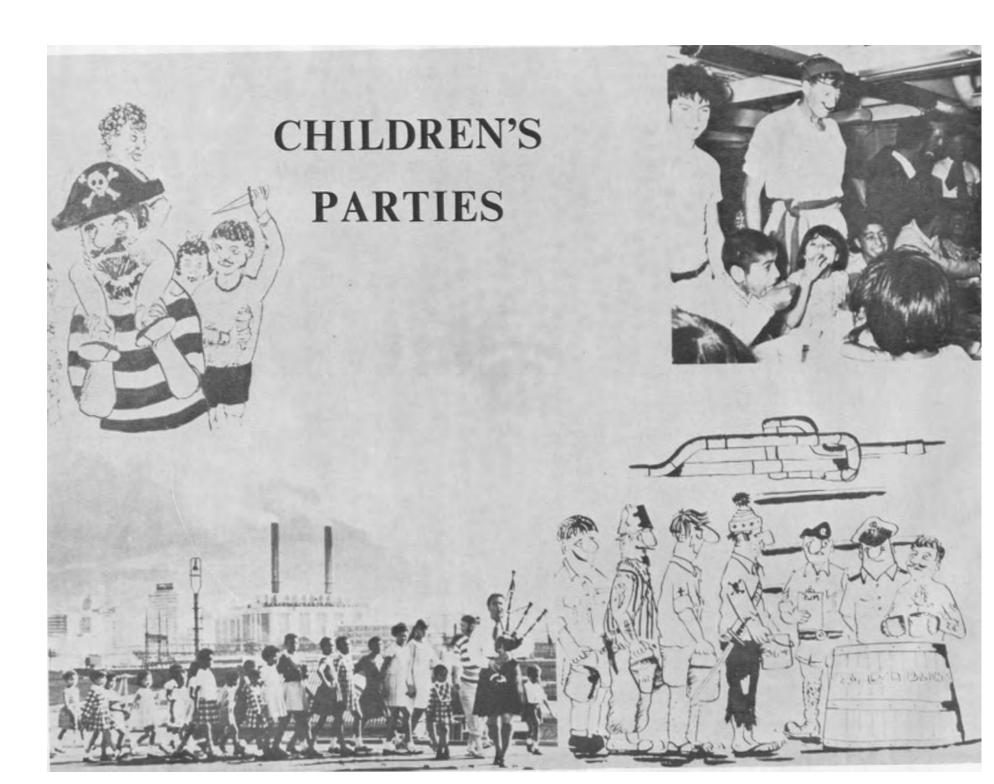
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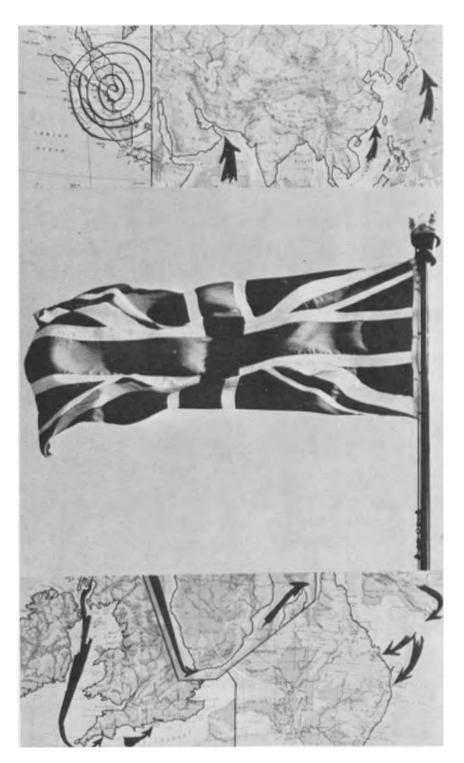
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This has been a jolly good commission: the first in any new ship is a challenge and this has been no exception. I think that we have played our part well and I know that our success has been due to each of you tackling your job with thoroughness and enthusiasm.

Many of us have found ourselves doing things and going to places we have not encountered before in the Fleet, and certainly our permanent soldiers have had to learn a new way of life. That we have worked together so well is a tribute to you all. There is no doubt in my mind that the Assault Ship is a valuable addition to the Royal Navy and that Intrepid has shown just how this newcomer should function_

I hope that you will ail look back on his first commission as a very worthwhile achievement and an enjoyable part of your life. I wish you all a Happy Christmas, a well-earned leave and the best of fortune in the future.

Tony Troup

