

GUARD AND BAND FOR THE WREATH LAYING AT THE STATUE OF THE MARQUIS OF TAMANDARE



We're off! ... Rio was top of the popularity poll ... Copacabana ... the Sugar Loaf ... tours ... dances ... then sea exercises with the Brazilian Navy (including the ex-*Vengeance*) ... and Buenos Aires ... with Special Sea Dogs fell in for twelve hours whilst we steamed up the Plata.

Hospitality was even more lavish here, it being Christmas



... some of us went inland to the Pampas ... others were satisfied with the entertainment in the city.

Back down the river - poor old Special Sea Dogs - to Montevideo and New Ycar. By now we had the routine - guards, wreath laying, retreat beating, children's parties, and no sleep.



CAPTAIN FOR THE DAY

Madryn ... half time ... paint ship. A Welsh colony at Gaiman in the Chubut Valley entertained us here. The valley spread over an area of a hundred and fifty square miles with green fields, poplar trees, farms and Welsh chapels. Although the first settlers arrived nearly ninety years ago - Welsh is still spoken in many homes.



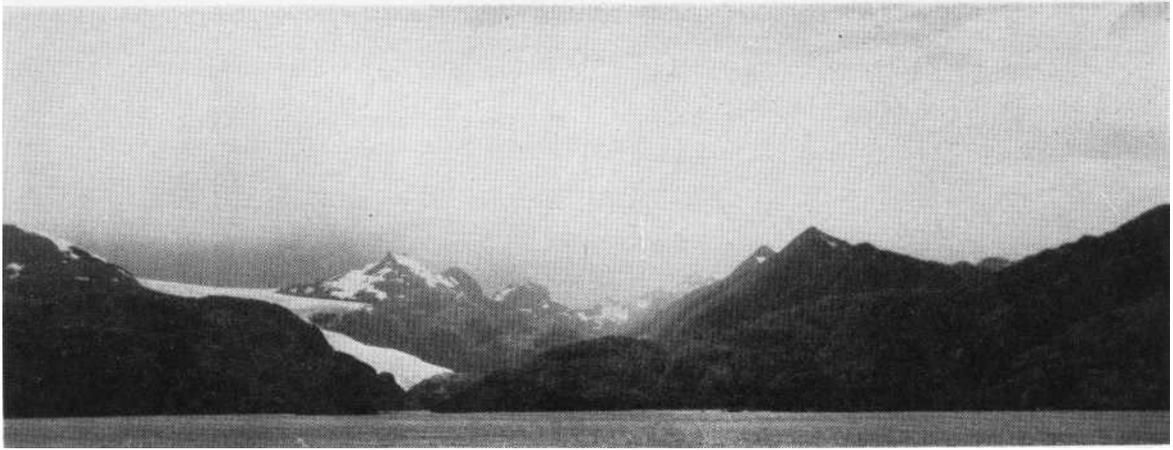
WELSH HOSTS

Thence to the west coast via the Magellan Strait. A pipe said that we were as far south as Manchester is north ... no wonder it was cold. The painter's mate distinguished himself by having his appendix removed.

The Patagonian Channels - out into the Pacific and the Humbolt Current of Kon Tiki fame. Here we met units of the Chilean Navy who were so keen they almost



FLAGSHIP OF THE CHILEAN NAVY - THE *Prat*



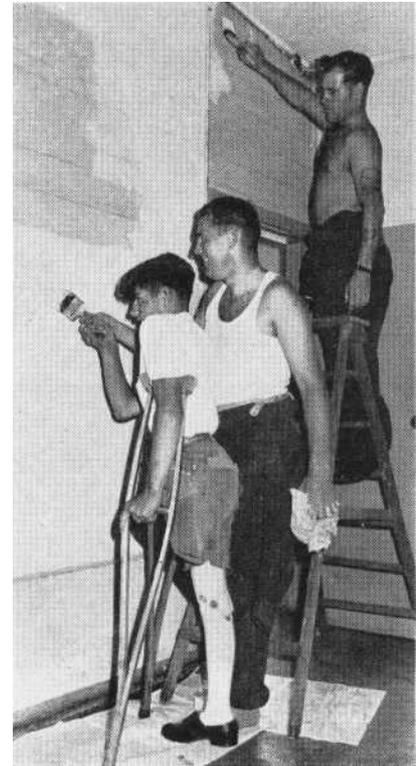
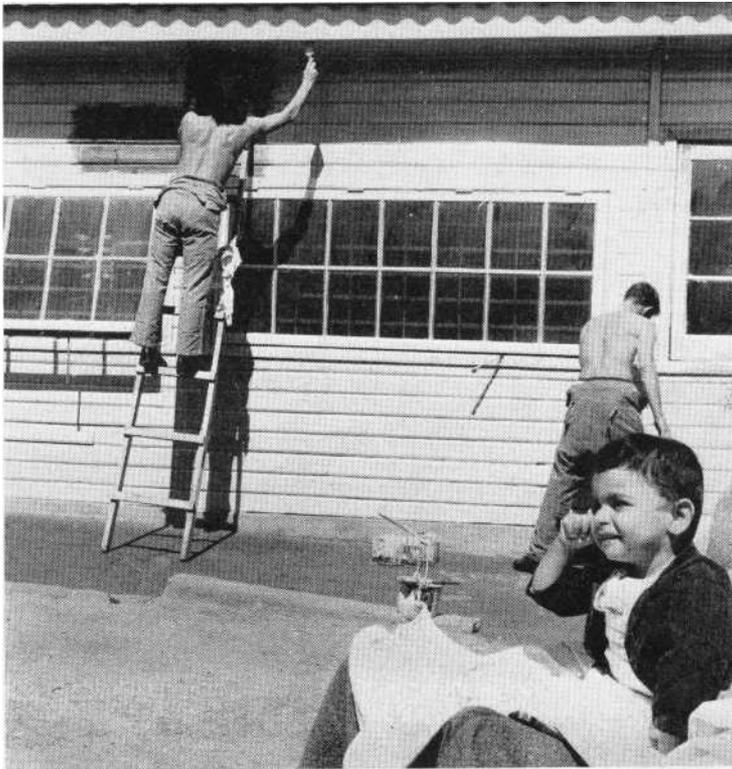
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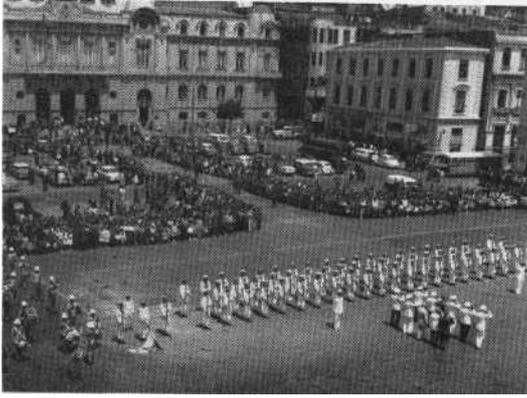
made us late for our arrival in Valparaiso. Within an hour of tying up, a large number left for Santiago to be entertained by the British community there. The rest got by in Valparaiso . . . second in the popularity poll . . . speaks for itself.

One of the hospitals in Valparaiso requested that we painted their children's polio ward - named after Dr. Lionel Cooper, who died of this disease. Fifty volunteers painted the ward inside and out, and dug and replanted

the garden - so touched were they by the plight of these kiddies and the gratitude of the nurses, that a whip round was made, and 75 lbs. of nutty were bought for the ward.

Next Callao, Peru, and its offshore wind, blamed for headaches, tummy disorders, etc. One hundred and sixty Lions were taken by train to Ria Blanco, 11,500 feet up in the Andes. Barren mountains, precipitous roads, Indian natives . . . no wonder it took three attempts to build this track.





All acclaimed the trip with much nodding of heads, and popping of ear drums on the downward journey.

It is of interest here to quote an editorial article from the Peruvian newspaper "El Comercio" dated 22nd January, 1962.

Today three ships of the Royal Navy, *Lion*, *Dunkirk*, and *Leopard* arrived in our principal port. Their mission is one of goodwill to strengthen the ties between the people of England and Peru. The arrival of these ships is a happy occasion for this country and is worth particular mention.



" For centuries our country has maintained a special friendship with the United Kingdom. For this reason, the visit of British ships, which happens with flattering frequency, is always welcomed by the Peruvians.

" This sincere feeling is produced, because British sailors have a special significance in our history and because, whenever the democratic way of life in the world has been menaced, they have been the first to defend it. Our country has the same ideals and desire for freedom.

"At the beginning of the history of our independence, an English sailor did much in our struggle against Spanish domination: he was Lord Cochrane - we still are most sincerely grateful to him.

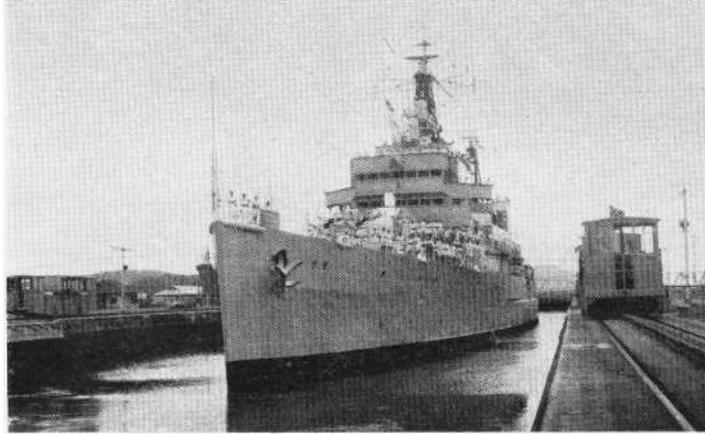
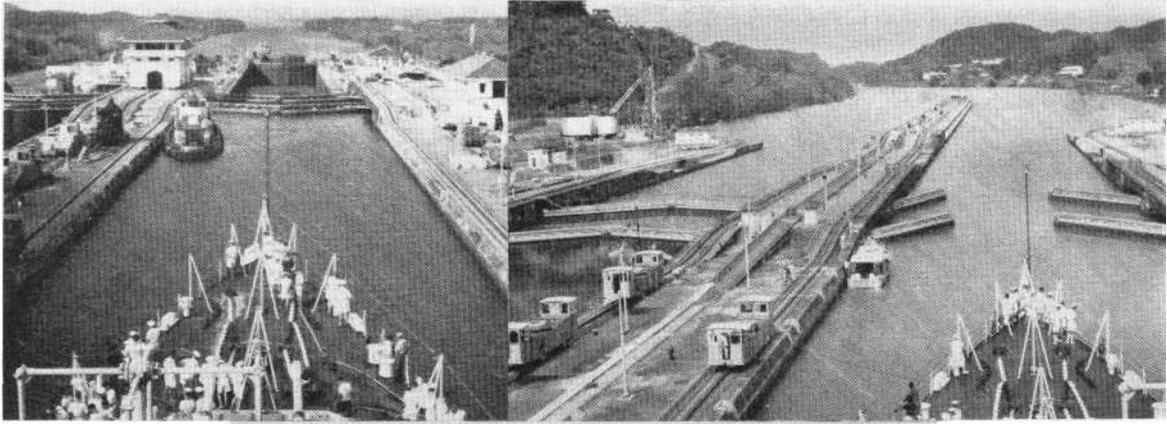
" In the world war provoked by the totalitarian powers in their greed for world domination, the Royal Navy performed their duty both heroically and effectively; they withstood the weight of the enemy attack; they protected the convoys which brought food to the forces of the fighting democracies; and in the end they attacked the enemy bases and defeated the enemies of western civilization. The world owes them thanks and admiration.



" How's ABOUT THAT ! "

" The visit of these three ships strengthens our national and democratic feelings-their crews are the guests of honour of our city - there will always be an England; she has been a great power at sea since the 12th century; and their naval power has not been extinguished either by the passage of time or by the new atomic age which has now occupied the world scene. The British Fleet, always a buttress and mainstay of democracy, is strengthened now with all the devices of modern science. In fact they have now atomic powered submarines with a nuclear capability. So their long story continues.

" The British sailors whose visit to Peru, we repeat, ties anew the old knots of friendship, will certainly renew the old mutual respect and friendship - and they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have come to a country, which like their own, values above all else the dignity and rights of human beings, that is why we feel closer and stronger friendship for the legendary and invincible island."

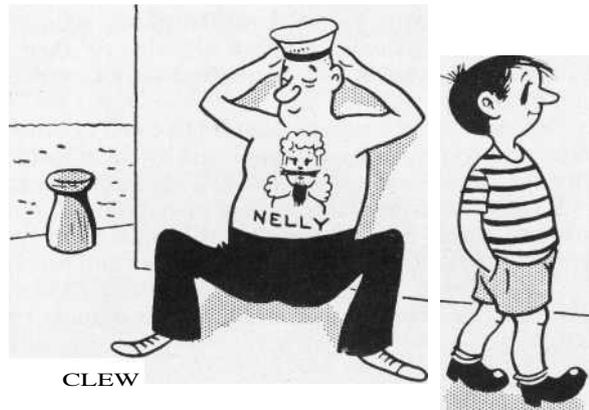


Across the equator again and thence to the Panama ...
goofer's paradise ... up eighty-five feet and down eighty-
five feet.

The last port of call in South America was Cartagena,

where our forebears regularly plundered. Despite this, our
reception was good.

San Juan ... Ponta Delgada and Plymouth. Home and
leave.



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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SOUTH ATLANTIC AND SOUTH AMERICA



THE Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic and South America, left us at Cartagena. The following was received:-

Before we break up and go our several ways I want to " wash up " the cruise and to let you know what we have achieved.

First of all, from the Naval viewpoint we have now exercised on five occasions with a foreign navy. These exercises, in fact, probably made little impact on the majority of your lives, but the effect they had on the prestige of the Royal Navy has been greatly to our advantage. These modern ships manoeuvring with dash and purpose, showing off their new weapons, have made their mark. The Argentinian Navy have, in fact, purchased four Leanders, and other navies have shown definite interest in our ships.

Secondly, your conduct ashore has done nothing but impress; there have been few exceptions, very few, and while greatly disappointed by these instances of gross stupidity, I am more than deeply impressed by the good work that has been done all round.

So great has been the success of our cruise that there has been a noticeable increase in goodwill towards Great Britain. His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will shortly be touring the South American countries as well. A most important benefit, which derives from this most friendly atmosphere, is that business men from England find a good market for British goods; the country's trade and export increases, and in the end the whole country reaps the harvest of the seed we have sown.

N A Chapman

THE CONCERT PARTY - THE PRIDE OF LIONS

WORD was received from Montevideo that a ship's show would be appreciated there. The wheels were set in motion for volunteers to form a cast, and the first rehearsal took place between Freetown and Rio de Janeiro, with C.E.A. Horn as producer.

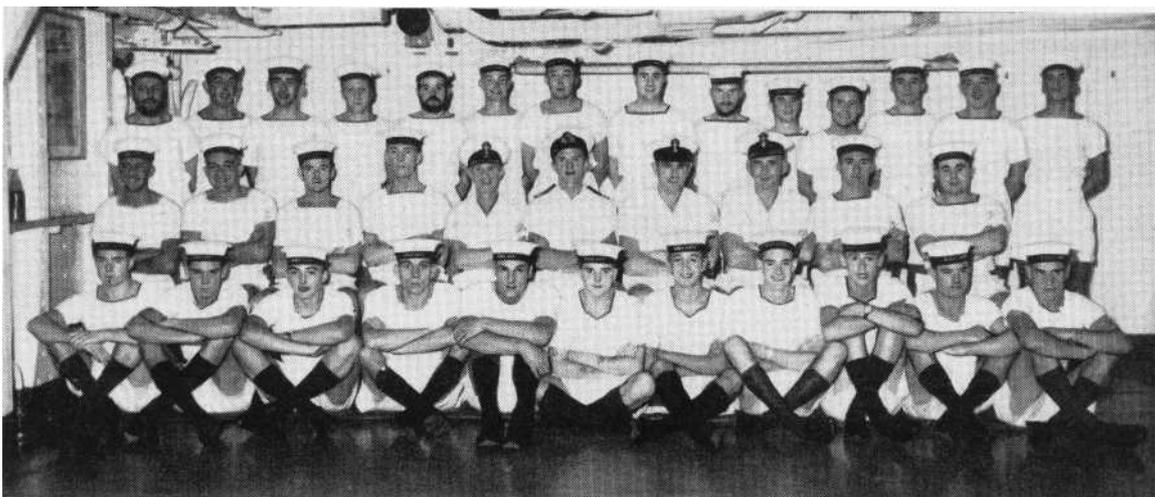
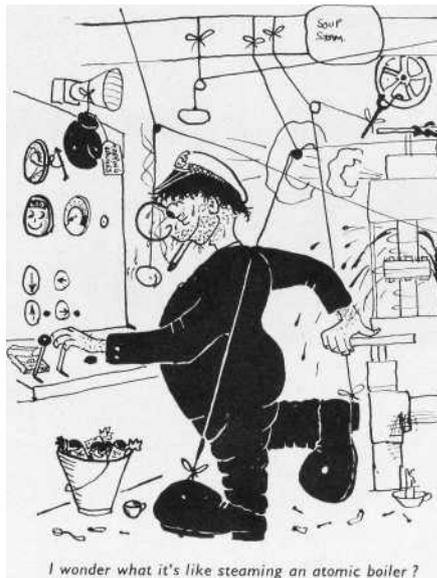
The purchase of make-up and material for the costumes was made at Rio de Janeiro. Trying to explain by sign language to the girls in a beauty shop, that make-up was required for men but that they did not wear it all the time caused a few raised eyebrows. Material was slightly easier; having given an impression of ballet dancers, mosquito net was supplied, much to the delight of the crowd that gathered round the embarrassed purchasers.

Now it was up to the Sailmaker, and within a very short time the dresses for the chorus girls and ballet dancers were completed.

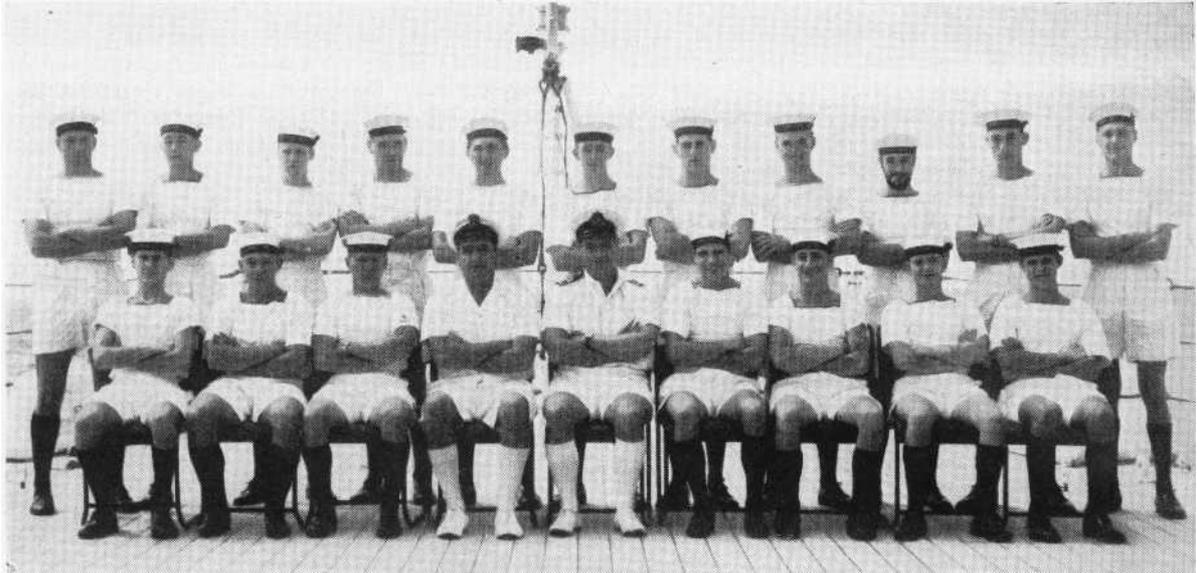
The first show was on Christmas Eve in the Seamen's Mission at Buenos Aires. An afternoon was all that could be afforded for rehearsals and accustoming ourselves to the full-size stage after the confined space of the ship's schoolroom. The result - roars of applause and confidence gained.

On arrival at Montevideo, an invitation was accepted to appear at the Cricket Club, but there was no theatre available, just a lawn; so before appearing, a stage had to be built and rigged completely. Volunteers came from all quarters, and as the rehearsal was taking place behind the Pavilion so the stage took shape, lighting, microphones and speakers appeared. This was the final presentation of the complete show, as stage facilities were limited at

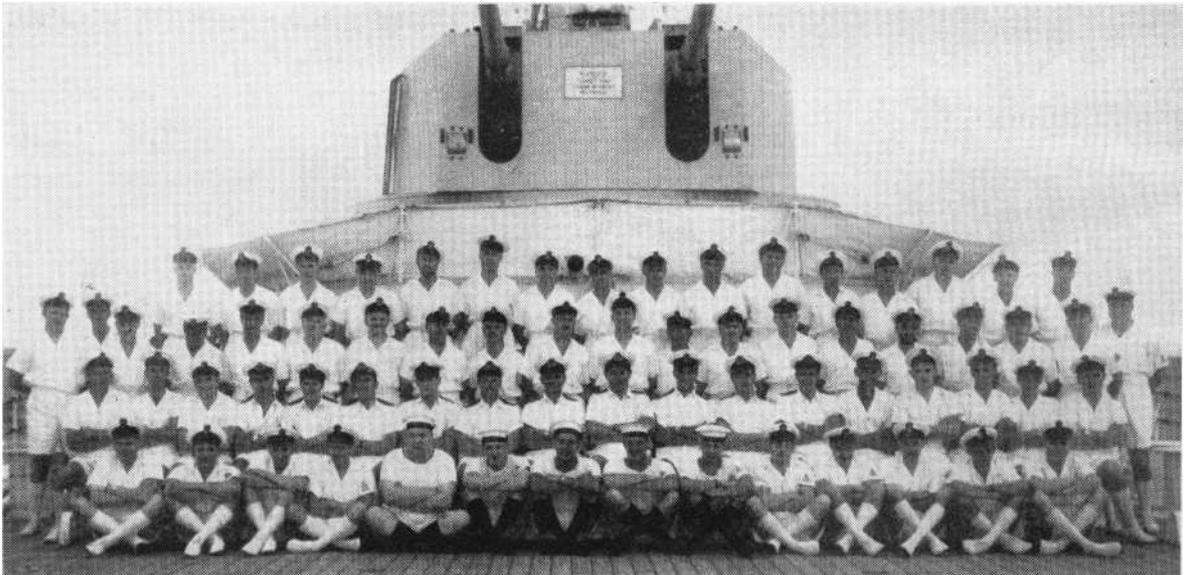
the other ports of call. However a cabaret was produced at the Lima Cricket Club and this time the cast operated from the billiards room with the ladies' cloakroom for changing. Imagine the screams of terror from the young ladies visiting this hallowed area on coming face to face with the ladies of our ballet!



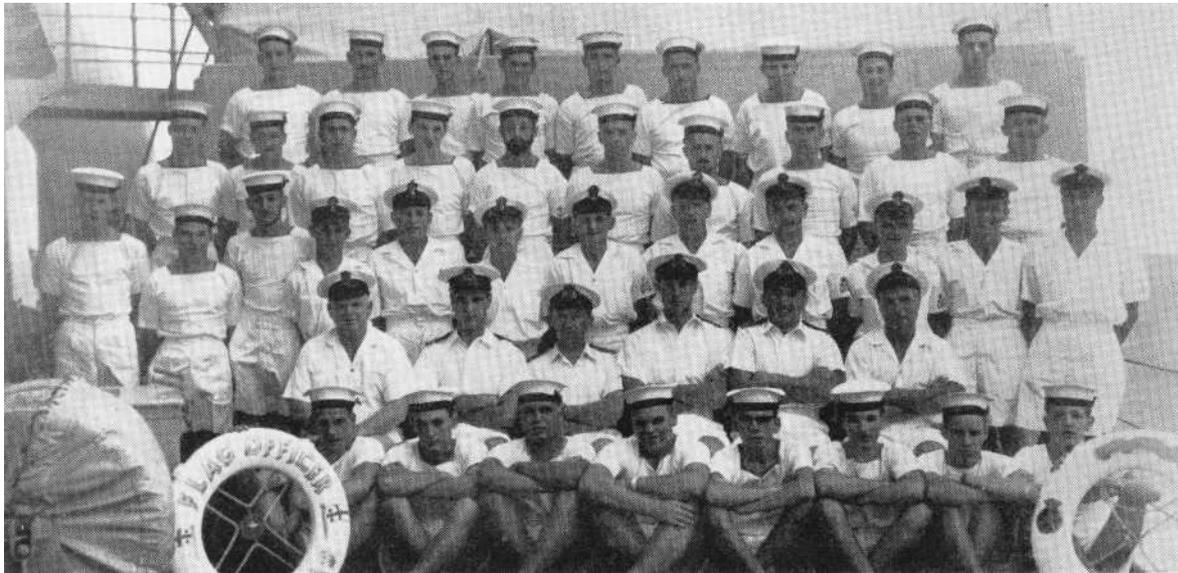
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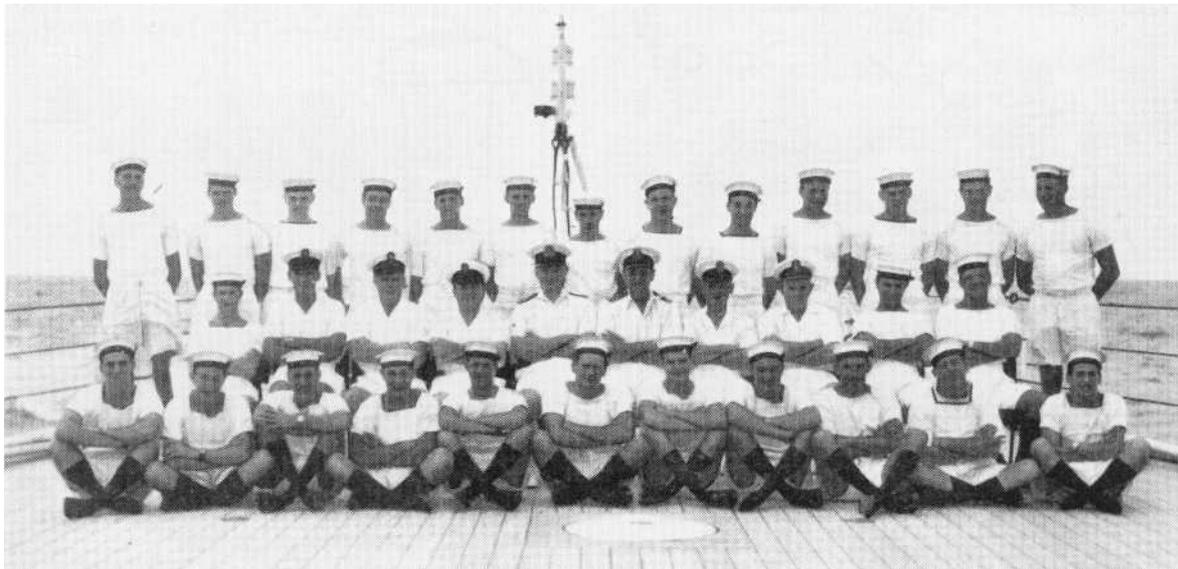
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SOOT BLOWING AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF:-
COMMAND.



COMMANDER.



CHEF.

CHANGE THE MENU CHIEF WERE ON
SPOTTA DICK AGAIN.



SPORTS REPORT

OUR results have not always been what we hoped for but we can take considerable pride that we have always entered a team despite work-ups, counter attractions and like difficulties. There are no notes on the cross-country team, swimming team or the athletics team, but they all existed and took their part.

A special word of commendation for the players of the ship's teams who during our cruises have turned out at all hours of day and night, against murderously inclined opposition, on appalling grounds and yet still come back for more.

Waterpolo

The record:-

| Played | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Against |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|
| 30 | 20 | 1 | 9 | 201 | 144 |

We can be very proud of our waterpolo team, they never lost to a ship, and to a Service side only three times, *Falcon* (twice) and *Lee-on-Solent*, both large air stations with every facility for training.

We were fortunate to start with a nucleus of three or four experienced players but it was the hard work of the team as a whole which produced success.

Basketball

The record:-

| Played | Won | Lost |
|--------|-----|------|
| 24 | 6 | 18 |

Not a good record but the team can take pride in that they were never beaten by another ship. Basketball is not a popular English game and most of the sides we played had their own pitch which they could use at any time, a training facility which we badly needed.

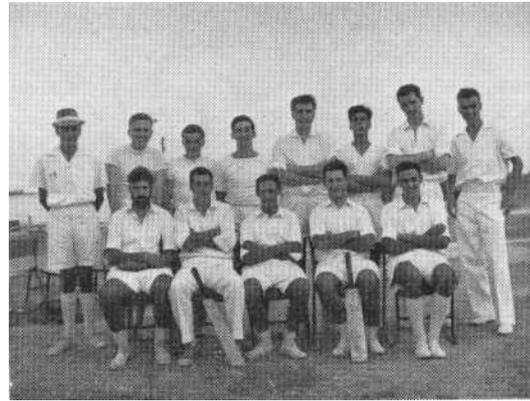


Cricket

The record:-

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drew |
|-------------|--------|-----|------|------|
| 1st XI | 15 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Squadron XI | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Our first season started when we reached the Mediterranean and clashed with the work-up. As a result the team had difficulty in settling down but nevertheless did



creditably to the end of the season finishing half-way up the Mediterranean Fleet league ladder.

During the South American tour we provided the bulk of a very successful Squadron team.

Hockey

The record :-

| Played | Won | Drew | Lost | For | Against |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|
| 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 21 |

A very keen but average team with some good results against sides which were often much better trained and had obviously played together for some time.

The fixture list was curtailed by bad weather during the first season ('60-'61) and hence many opportunities for getting together and shaking down into a good team were lost.



Rugger

The record:-

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drew |
|--------|--------|-----|------|------|
| 1st XV | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 |
| 2nd XV | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

In the early part of the commission when at Portsmouth no other ship could match our 1st XV, and of the shore establishments, only *Collingwood* and *Ariel* could beat us,



and we reached the semi-finals of the Portsmouth Command Cup. There has always been a strong rugby following in the ship and the lack of games in the Mediterranean and in South America only occurred because we visited foreign ports out of season. Even so, the game at Valparaiso was one of the best, and only narrowly lost. The forwards have been our strong point and have invariably held their own, and more, in every game.

Soccer

The record:-

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drew |
|--------|--------|-----|------|------|
| 1st XI | 36 | 17 | 17 | 2 |
| 2nd XI | 15 | 4 | 11 | 0 |

and during the South American tour:-

| | Played | Won | Lost | Drew |
|-------------|--------|-----|------|------|
| 1st XI | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Squadron XI | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Our teams have done very well indeed and a better appreciation of their ability is given by the record against naval sides:-

| Played | Won | Lost | Drew |
|--------|-----|------|------|
| 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 |

There has always been an excellent spirit in the team and no matter what the opposition, the ground or the score, they have always played until the final whistle.



Shooting

The record:-

| Matches | Won | Lost |
|---------|-----|------|
| 7 | 6 | 1 |

The highlight of the shooting year was the Mediterranean Fleet Meeting at Ghain Tuffieha, Malta. The ship entered the meeting immediately after the work-up and sea inspection and no practice was possible. In competition with establishments and ships who had long been practising the following results were achieved:

- Tyro Rifle Aggregate Cup Winners
- Class "A" Aggregate Cup Runners-up
- Mediterranean Fleet Individual Rifle Championship Lieutenant Clegg (Runner-up)
- Class "C" Rifle Competition Sub-Lieutenant Noyce (Winner)
- Class "A" Rifle Competition L.E.M. Tarrant (Winner)
- Class "A" Revolver Competition Lieutenant Clegg (Runner-up)

Of the twelve who shot off for the Rifle Championship, *Lion* supplied five, of which Lieutenant Clegg was placed 2nd and L.E.M. Tarrant 3rd.

These results prompted the following signal from



F.O.F., Mediterranean : "Your achievements in the Fleet Rifle Competition are most creditable considering your programme - Well done."

As a result of the Fleet Meeting, eight Lions were selected to train for the annual match against the U.S. 6th Fleet. However, owing to the ship's movements only two could be spared.

During the commission *Lion* has had the services of three Bisley shots.

A glance at the ship's achievements sets one wondering how many future Bisley "shots" will be ex-Lions.



SICK BERTH STAFF