

And it came to pass that sometime towards the end of March a certain Galtieri, General by rank and over-confident by nature, decided to make a pass at a select group of Islands about 200 miles East of his own country. History shows that he had a fairly spectacular failure. But in the process he did create a few minor problems, not the least of which was the removal for other duties of the highly paid civil servant at Strike Command who has the enviable job of reading newspapers all day and sending on the clippings which you find scattered around this book. The format therefore has to change until such time as the aforesaid highly paid civil servant resumes his arduous duties again (if he ever does). To this end, dear reader, I am happy to report the arrival of one Sqn Ldr Jeff Whitehead (4 Oct 82) who will put good order and discipline into your reading;

MAY 1982

2nd. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Master Nav Ron Dedman. Sgt. Steve Lynch.

Just after lunch with indigestion looming, this intrepid Crew scrambled on a report from Humber Coastguard that a dinghy had overturned two miles north of Grimsby Fish Dock Tower. The dinghy crew obviously knew who was on shift - by the time this lot had arrived they had righted said dinghy and smiled happily at a livid looking lot downstairs.

11th. Flt.Lt. Dave White. Ron and Steve again.

Standard problem with a Lightning this - it caught fire. Leastways that's what it said in the cockpit to the pilot, who being a wise soul, threw it at the runway at Binbrook as our lot got airborne for a heart-stopping ten minutes.

17th. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Flt.Lt. Graham Clark. Flt Sgt Warwick Laken.

This madly keen lot did 45 minutes flying looking for an aircraft squawking emergency in the Teesside area. Needless to say they found nothing - neither was there any aircraft in trouble as it later transpired.

25th. Same lot again - this time a seaman who tried to iron his hand on a boat 4 miles off Flamborough. Warwick did his bit on First Aid and then gave up when they landed the lad at Scarborough Hospital

30th. Flt.Lt. Andy Kirkup. Flt.Lt. Andy Miller. Master ALM Eric Ainslie.

A certain Mr Mark Wiles, a mere stripling of 21, decided to climb the cliff by South Landing (Flamborough). He failed. Not badly though - Eric got stropky with the open ender and returned him to the cliff top. The crew continued training on the cliffs in the area, in the hope that he would have another go and fall down.



THE "NORLAND" - A FALKLANDS
TROOPSHIP/HOTEL WHICH LEFT
HULL IN APRIL '82.
LAST HEARD OF (DEC '82) STILL DOWN
SOUTH !!



MARINE CRAFT SORTIE MAY '82

Cliff fall boy has lucky escape

AN 11-YEAR-OLD North Hull boy had a lucky escape when he fell over 50ft. down cliffs at Flamborough.

Alan Wooldridge, of 76, 22nd Avenue, was on a day trip to the seaside with relatives when he fell from the cliff near Flamborough light-house.

He was airlifted by an RAF Leconfield helicopter to Hull Royal Infirmary in only 13 minutes.

Police and coastguards attended the boy on the beach before the helicopter arrived. At first he was thought to have serious injuries but he was released from hospital yesterday after being treated only for minor cuts and bruises.

According to Mr Vic Crosthwaite, the Flamborough coastguard who led the four-man team that rescued Alan, he must have fallen between 50 and 60ft. before hitting the beach.

"The cliff top is made of loose stone and once your feet go from under you, you're on your way down," he said.

4 JUNE 82

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12th JULY 1982.

DEAR SIR.

ON THE 4th JUNE 1982 I WAS ON HOLIDAY AND SPENDING THE AFTERNOON AT FLAMBOROUGH HEAD. A PERSON HAD BEEN INJURED AND THE COAST GUARDS SAID THAT A HELICOPTER HAD BEEN SENT FOR. AFTER THE INCIDENT AND UPON ARRIVAL HOME I TOOK MY PHOTO'S TO THE R.A.F CAREERS OFFICE IN HANLEY, STOKES-ON-TRENT. THEY CONSIDERED THAT THEY WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ENLARGED AND SAID THAT EITHER YOU OR YOUR PILOT WOULD LIKE THEM, AND GAVE ME YOUR ADDRESS. I HAVE HAD THEM ENLARGED (PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED) AND I TRUST THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THEM. IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE I SHALL NOT FORGET AND MADE ME AWARE OF THE SKILLS WHICH WERE PRESENT IN YOUR SQUADRON AND THOSE SKILLS WHICH WERE OPERATING IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Yours SINCERELY.

RR Plant. (SS. PLANT).