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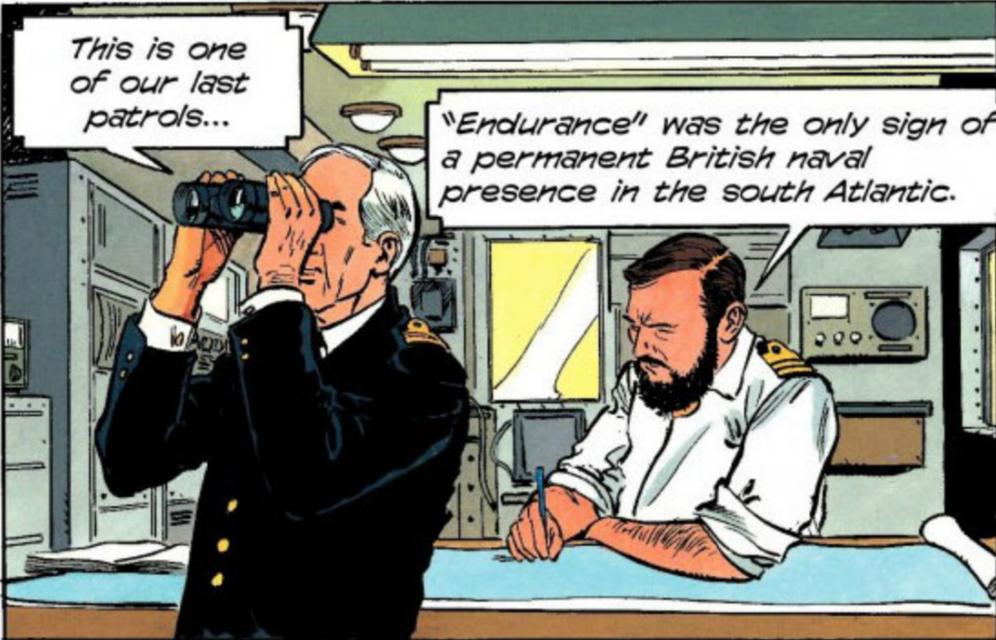
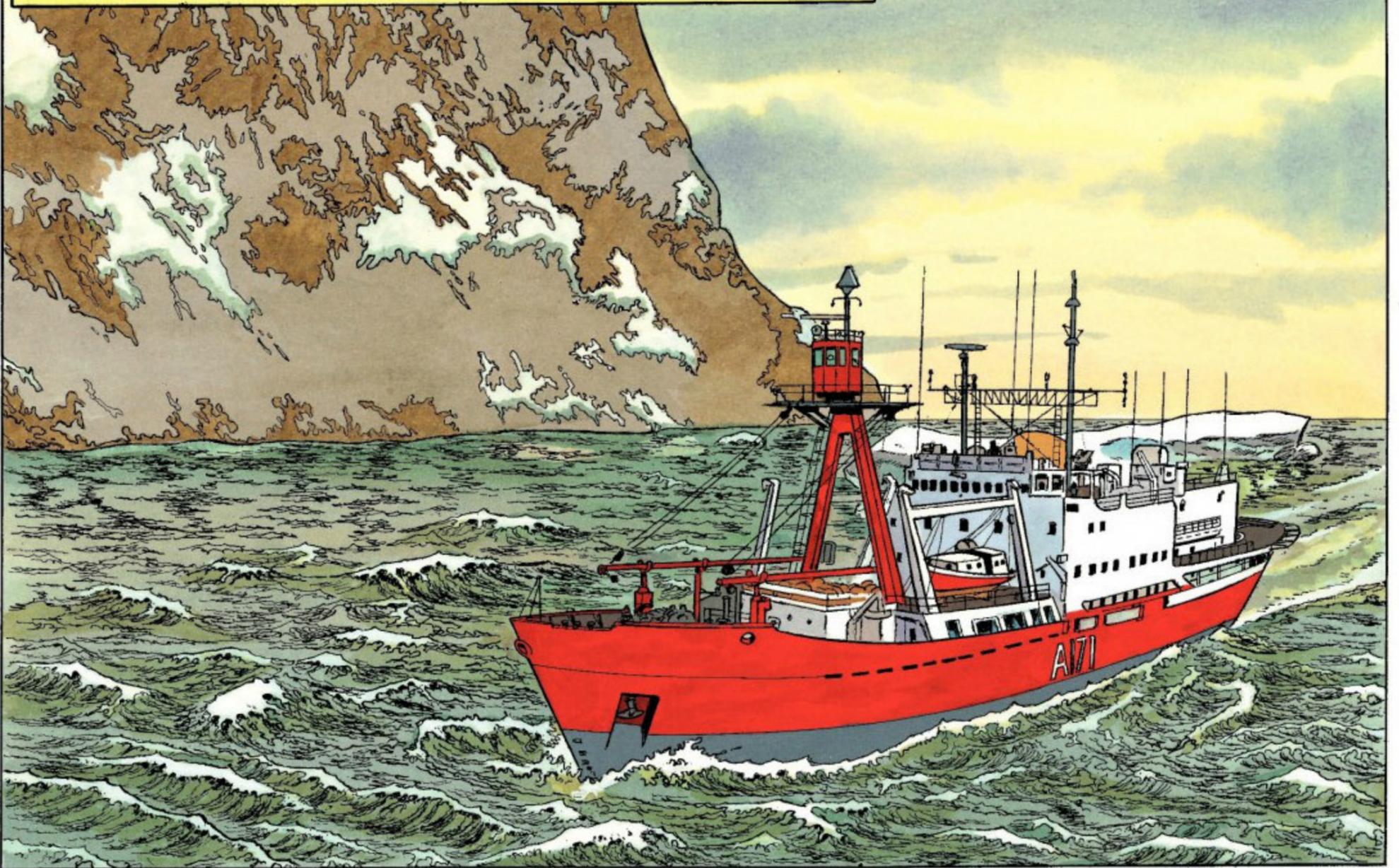
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FEBRUARY 1982, ON BOARD THE ICE PATROL VESSEL HMS ENDURANCE, 9600 TONNES.



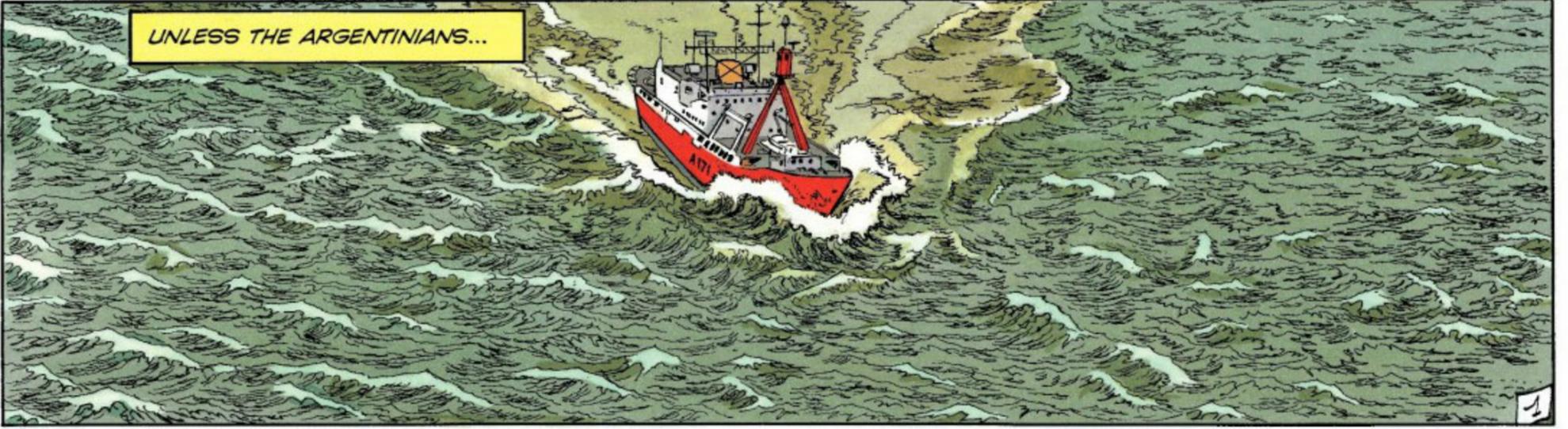
This is one of our last patrols...

"Endurance" was the only sign of a permanent British naval presence in the south Atlantic.



Indeed! But the economic measures taken in June 1981 have sacrificed us!

We won't be the only ones. We have to sell one of our aircraft carriers too!



UNLESS THE ARGENTINIANS...

ON THE 18TH OF MARCH 1982, THE ARGENTINIANS TEST BRITISH REACTIONS AND SEND 40 "WORKERS" ONTO A DEMOLITION SITE IN SOUTH GEORGIA TO RAISE THE ARGENTINIAN FLAG. THE JUNTA IS REINFORCED IN ITS ATTEMPTS, INASMUCH AS THEY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ENDURANCE.



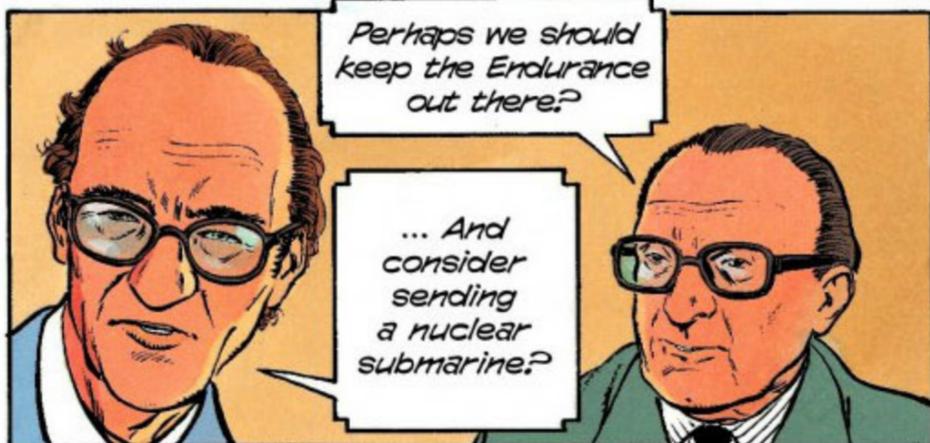
IN LONDON...

Since his takeover in December 1981, General Galtieri has stated that the Argentine flag will fly over the Falklands before 1984... Now, our intelligence tells us that the Argentinians are preparing a strike...



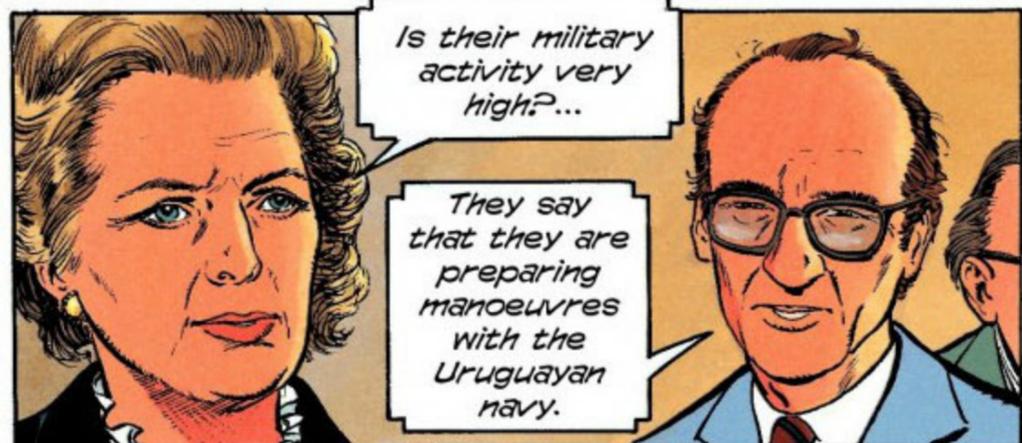
Perhaps we should keep the Endurance out there?

... And consider sending a nuclear submarine?

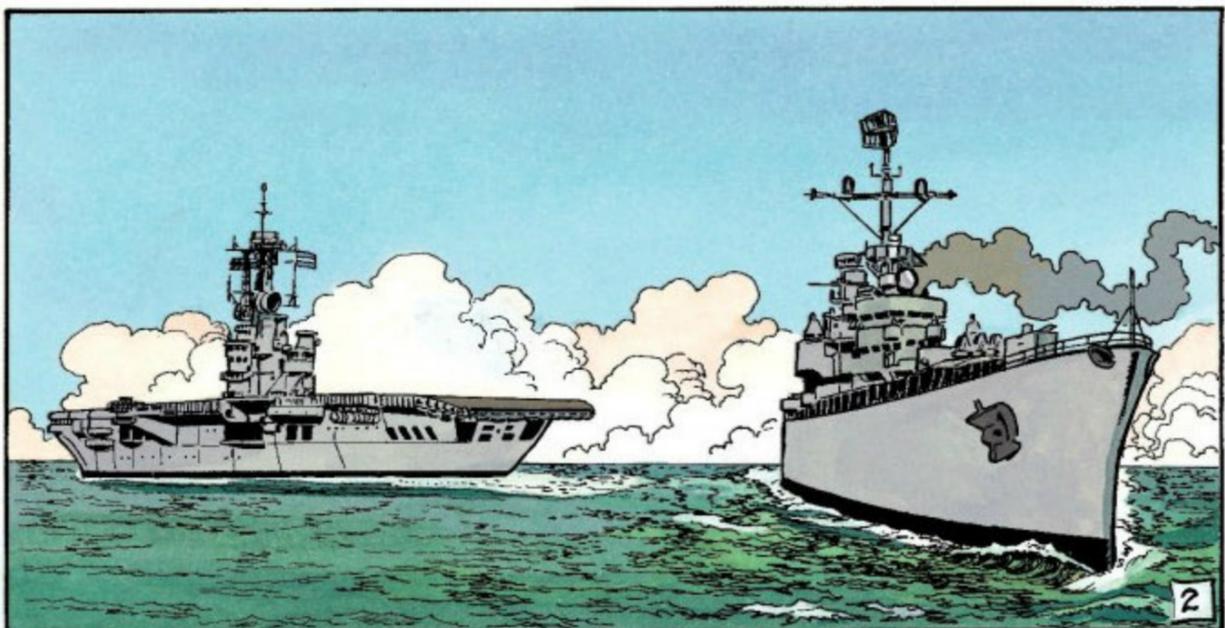


Is their military activity very high?...

They say that they are preparing manoeuvres with the Uruguayan navy.



THE JUNTA MADE ITS DECISION. ADMIRAL ANAYA DECLARED: "... 17 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, 148 YEARS OF WAITING, TOO MUCH!" TWO GROUPS OF ARGENTINE SHIPS ARE SENT SOUTH. ONE GROUP, MADE UP OF "DE MAYO," DESTROYERS "HERCULES," "SEGUI" AND "C.PY," AS WELL AS LANDING GEAR, HEADS TO THE FALKLANDS, WHILE THE OTHER, ARMED WITH CORVETTE MISSILE LAUNCHERS, MAKES ITS WAY TO SOUTH GEORGIA. THE ATTACK MUST TAKE PLACE ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 1ST, 1982.



IN THE FALKLANDS, GOVERNOR HUNT AND MAJORS NORMAN AND NOOT...



London has warned me: the Argentine landing is imminent... Put your men in a state of alert!

01.04.1982

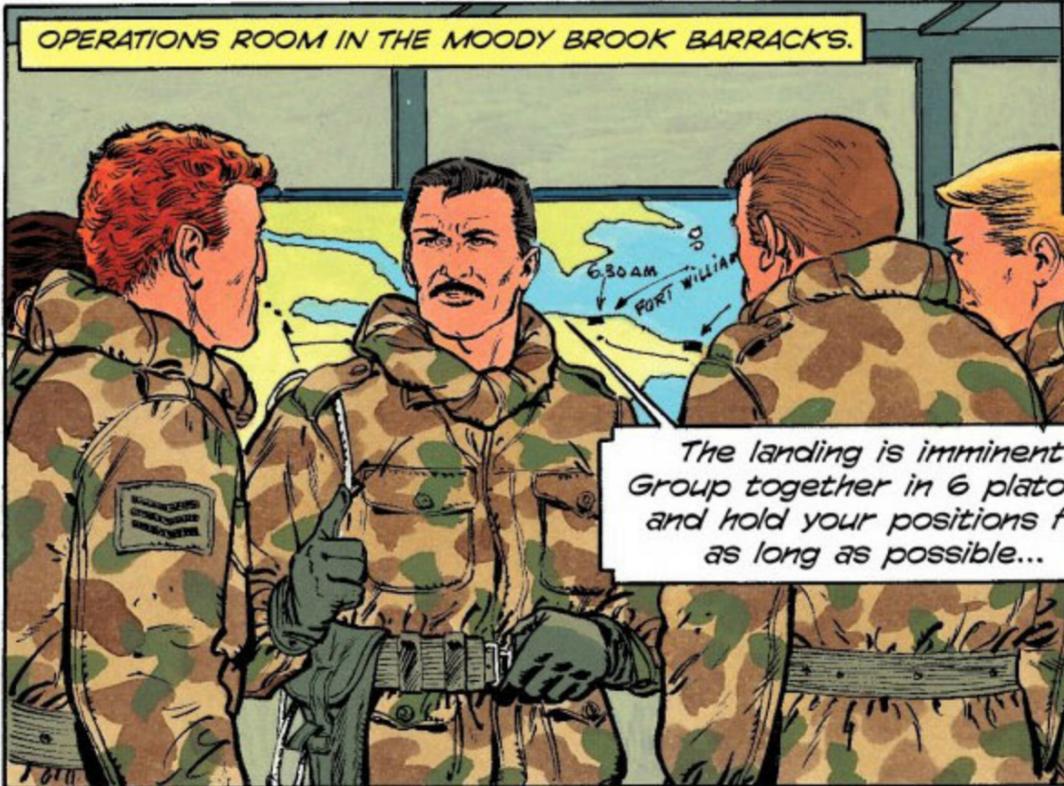
There are no more than 67 of us, Sir!



... 22 men left for South Georgia under Lieutenant Mills' orders.

And we don't have enough weapons...

Do your job, Major Norman, you've only been here for two days... So good luck!



OPERATIONS ROOM IN THE MOODY BROOK BARRACKS.

The landing is imminent. Group together in 6 platoons and hold your positions for as long as possible...



They will probably attack the airport... Here are the positions! Then pull back to Government House... Good luck!

AYE, AYE, SIR!

THE ISLANDERS ARE MOBILISED. GOVERNOR HUNT ON THE RADIO...

Don't stay out in the streets... I ask the volunteers of the Island Defence Force to come together...



THE WAIT BEGINS.

So Sarge, this time it's for real, the Argies are landing?

Open your eyes! The Governor just announced it on the radio, they're coming!...

INDEED, THE ARGENTINE COMMANDOS ON CAPE PEMBROOK...



The lighthouse!... We have to take it to guide the arrival of the amphibious vehicles...

ARGENTINE HELICOPTERS AT MULLET CREEK AND NEAR THE MOODY BROOK BARRACKS.



2ND APRIL, 4:30AM...

MOODY BROOK BARRACKS...



Assault!
Clean out the barracks!

2ND APRIL, 6AM...



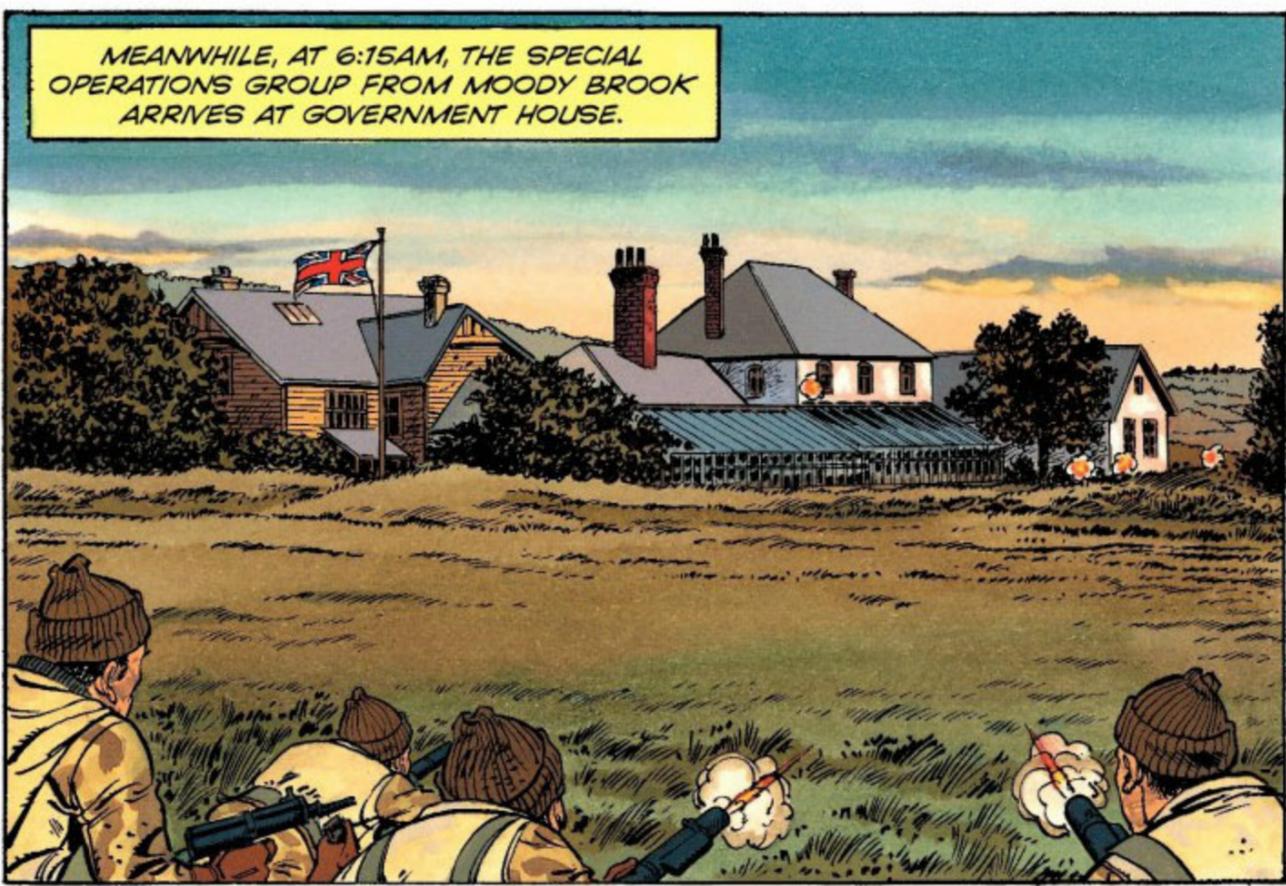
The buildings are empty!
Next target: Government House!



AT THE SAME TIME,
NEAR CAPE
PEMBROOK...

First the airport... then join up
with the amphibious vehicles from
the Port Williams group!

6:45AM



MEANWHILE, AT 6:15AM, THE SPECIAL
OPERATIONS GROUP FROM MOODY BROOK
ARRIVES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.



Give up now!
Resistance is futile!

2 APRIL, 8AM.

THE BRITISH RESISTANCE HAD LASTED 3 HOURS...



Sir, I propose an attack!

There are too many of them... I think that we will give ourselves up in order to prevent losses!

2 APRIL, 8:30AM

IT'S A SURRENDER... GOVERNOR HUNT, ADMIRAL BUSSE, GENERAL GARCIA.

PORT STANLEY.

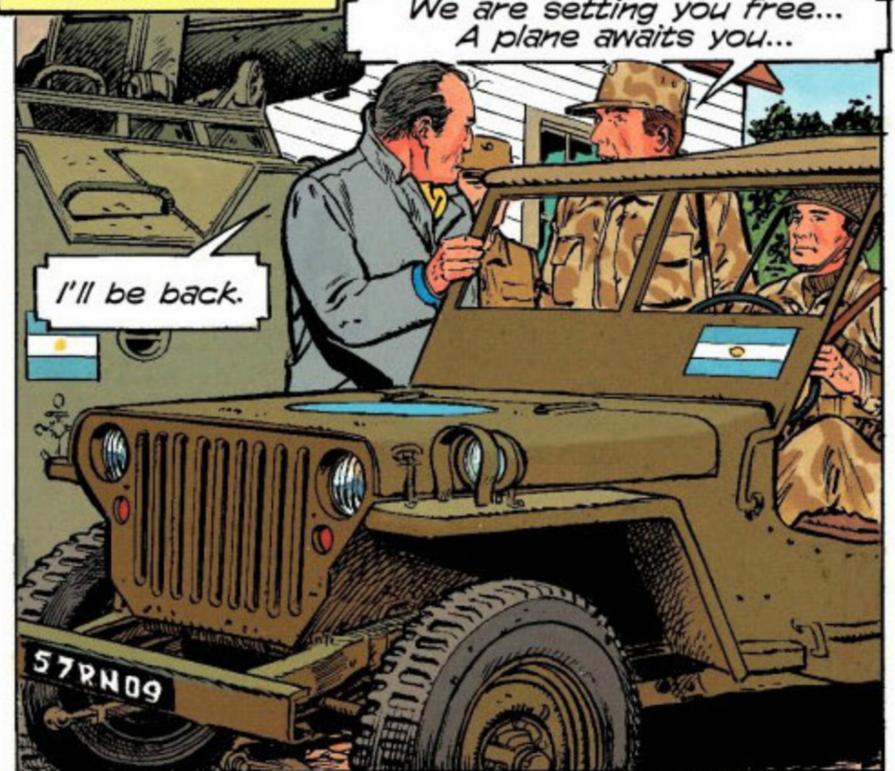


We still defended ourselves quite well!

They were pretty tough!

No talking!

A LITTLE LATER...

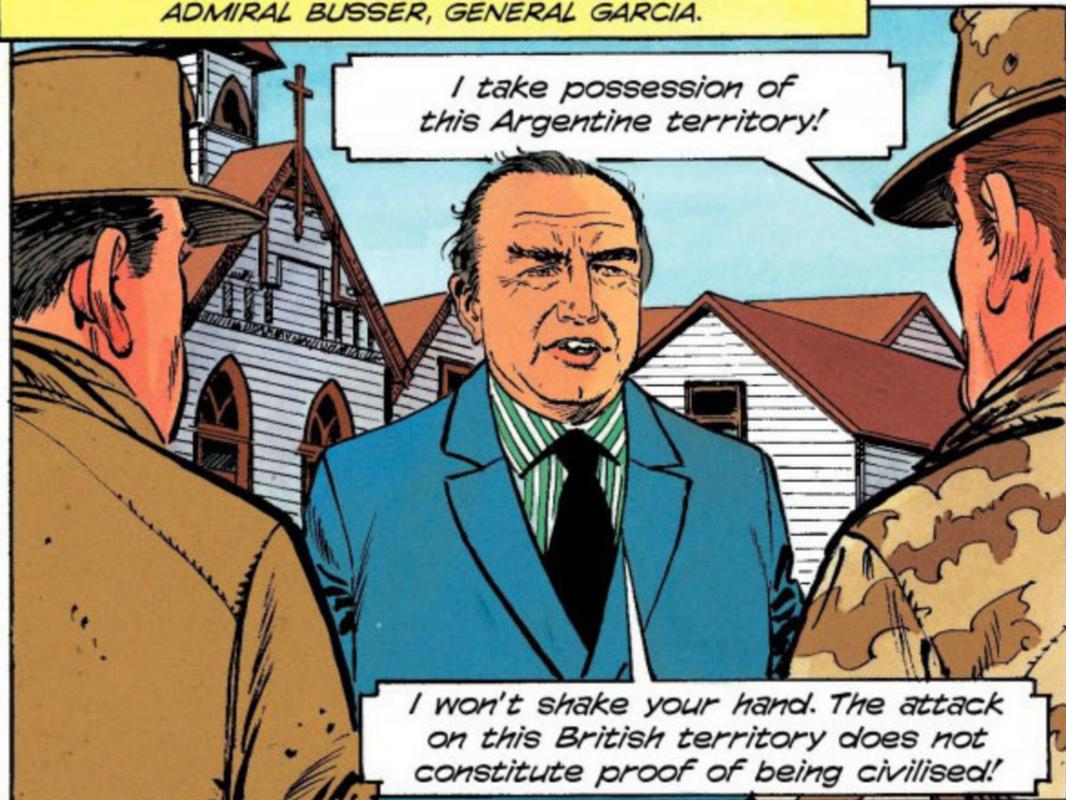


We are setting you free... A plane awaits you...

I'll be back.

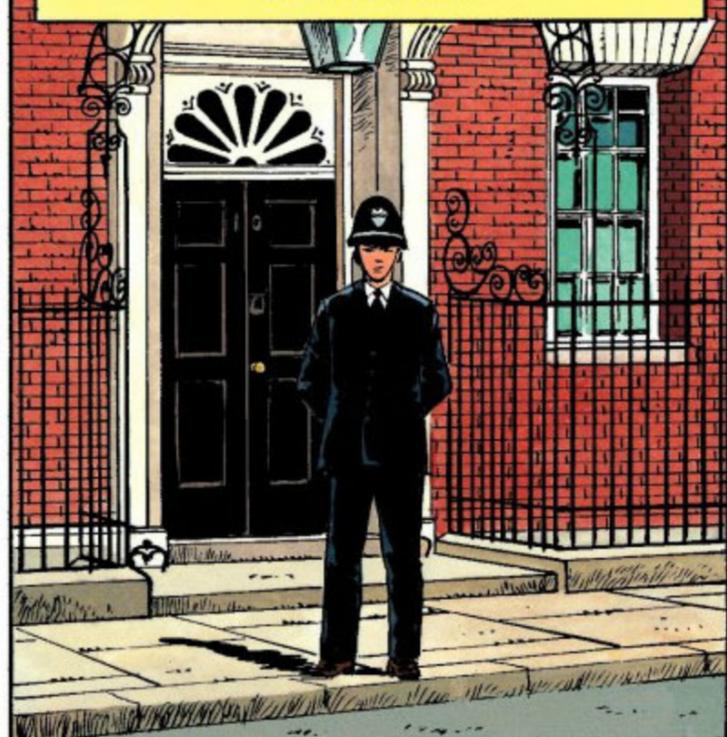
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I take possession of this Argentine territory!



I won't shake your hand. The attack on this British territory does not constitute proof of being civilized!

LONDON, PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE, 2ND OF APRIL...

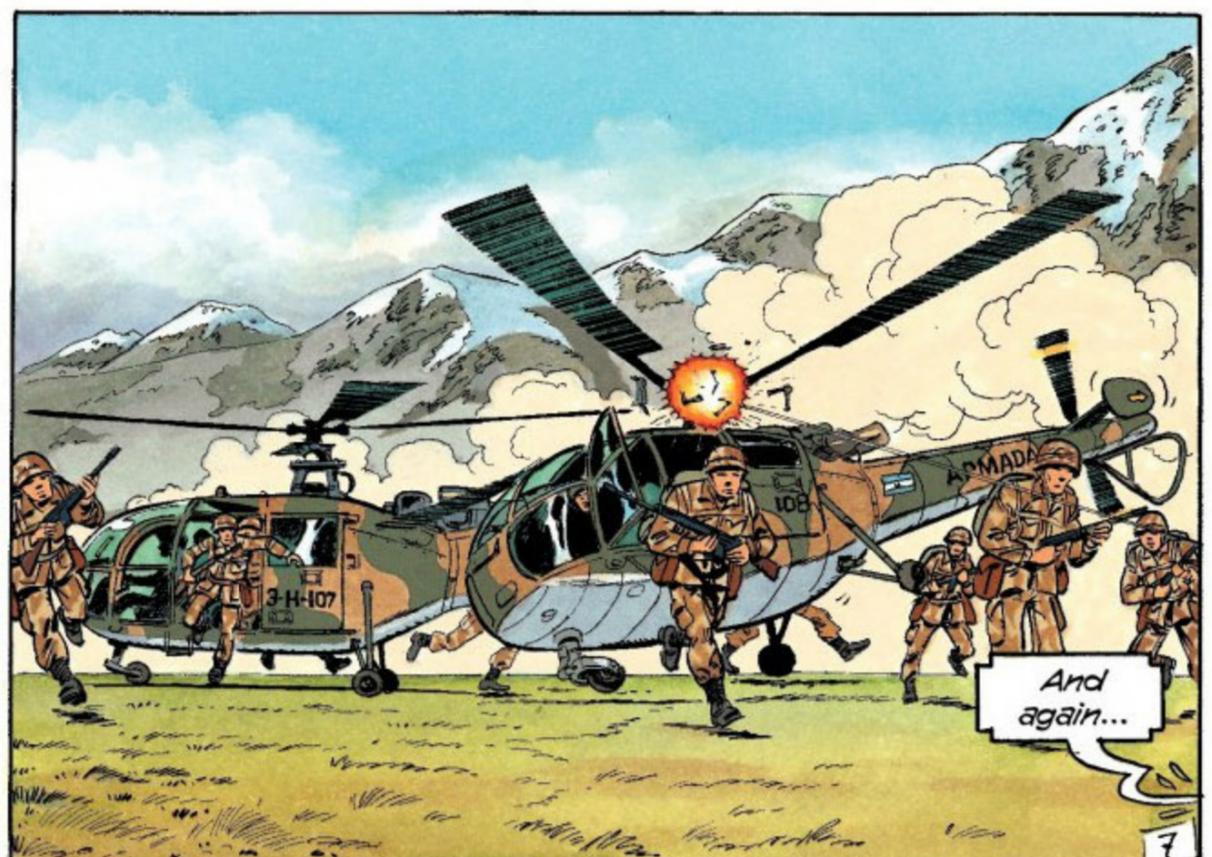
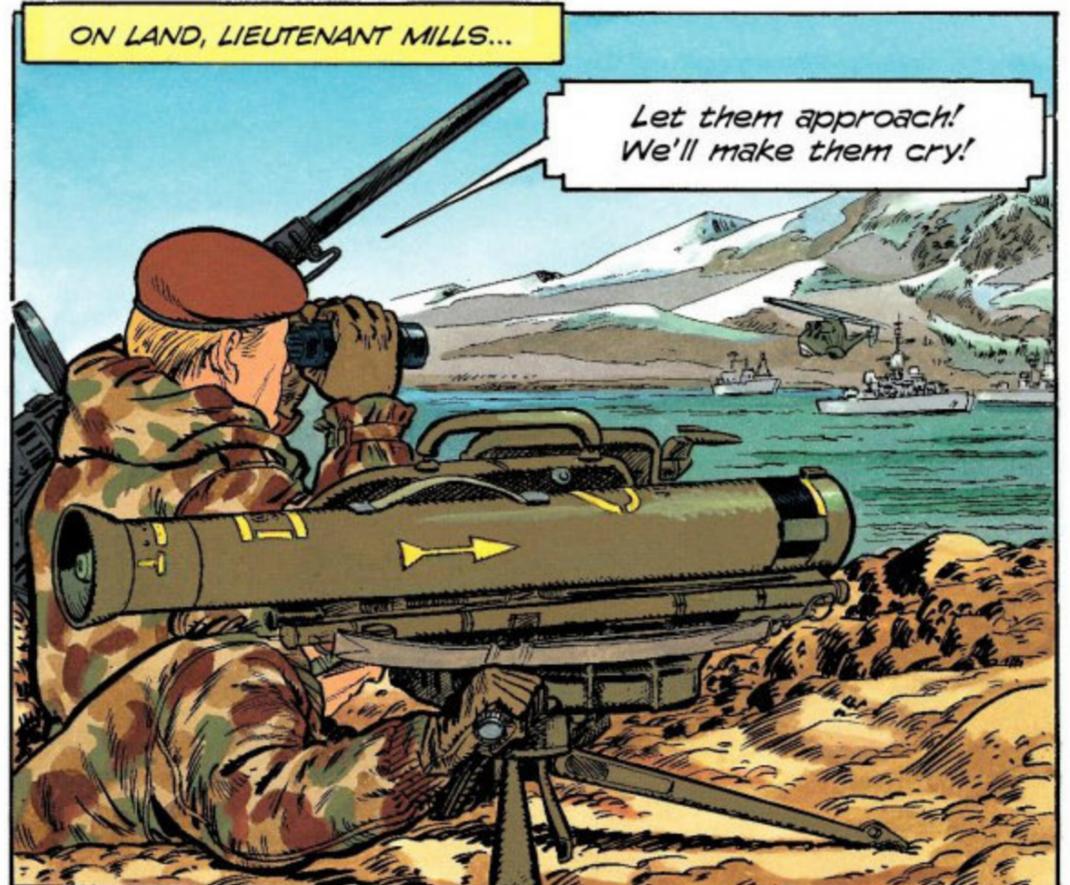
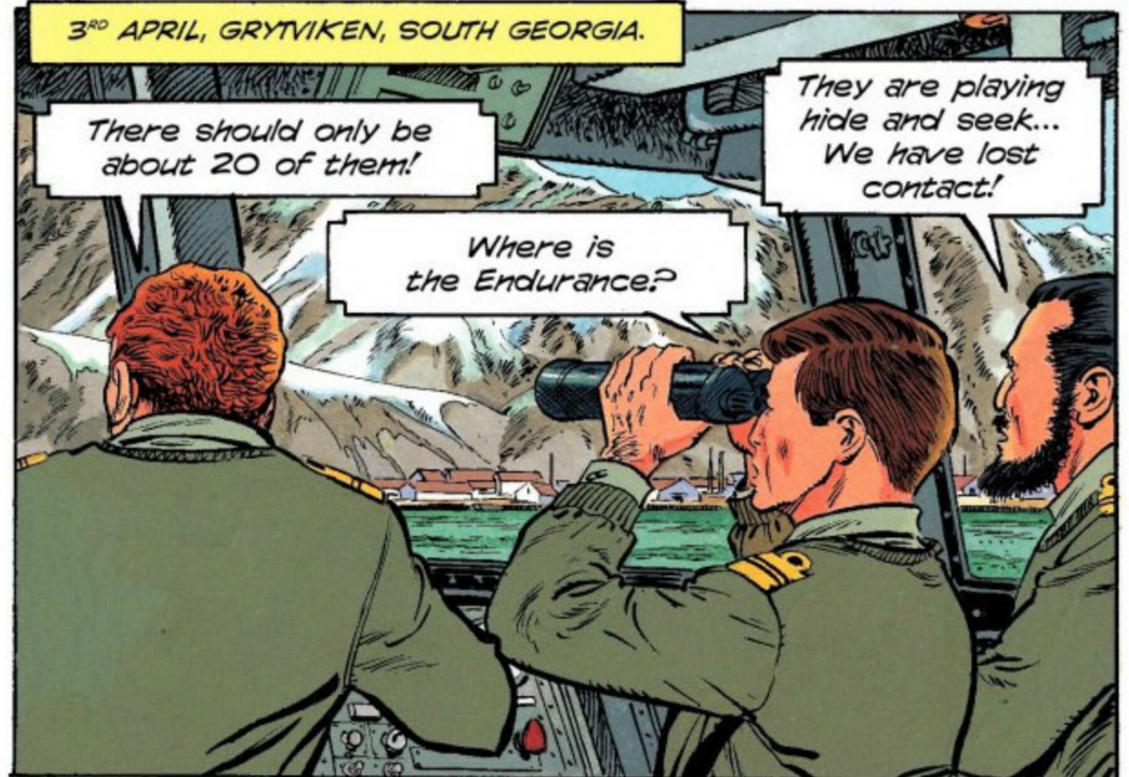


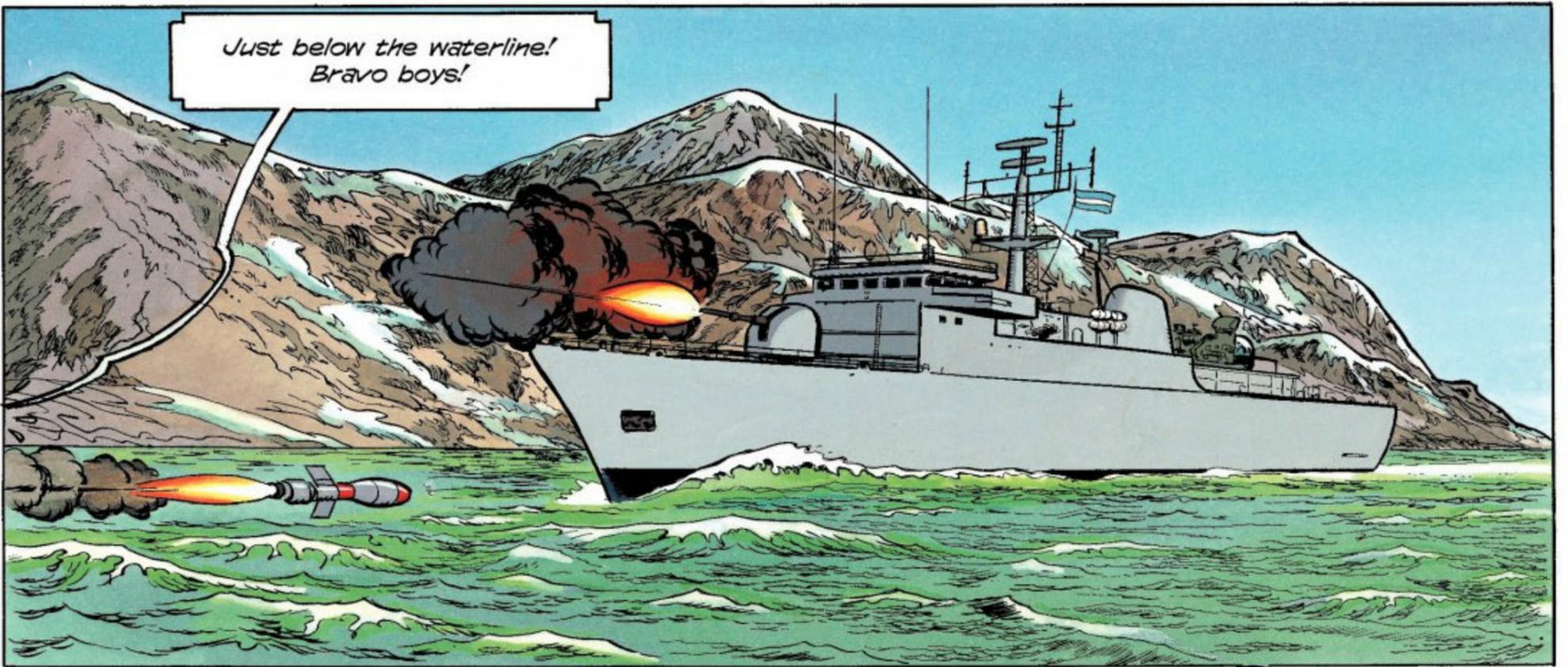
URGENT MEETING...



What's happening?

It seems that the Argentinians have landed, but we are missing information!





Just below the waterline!
Bravo boys!



SOME TIME AFTER...
CAPTAIN ASTIZ GETS
A SURRENDER FROM
LIEUTENANT MILLS.

The sovereignty of Great
Britain has been defended...
I bow before the strength
of the opposition!

We pay tribute
to your courage!

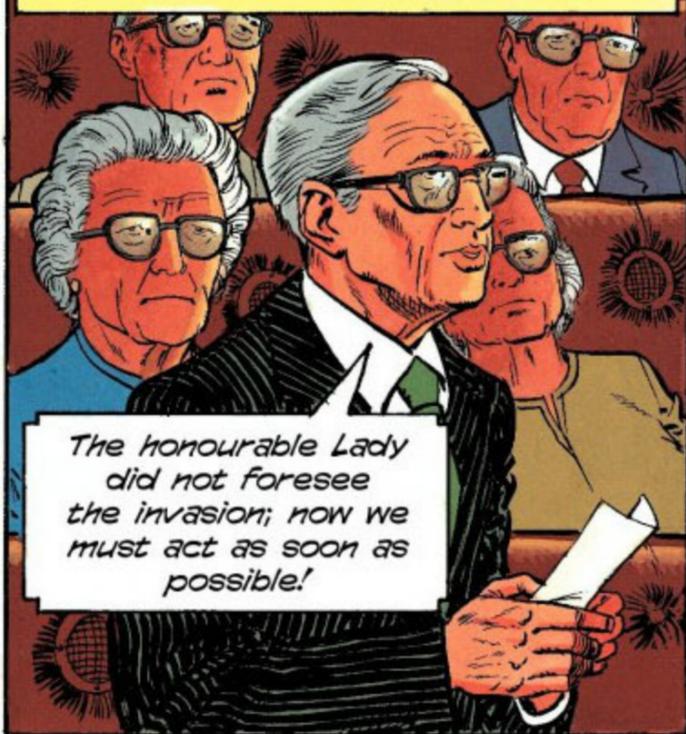
THE SAME DAY, IN LONDON,
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OPPOSITION IS MOUNTING.



Resign! Resign!

This aggression is unacceptable...
The Falklands are British and will
stay that way! A naval intervention
force will free them!...

CRITICISM FROM THATCHER'S OWN PARTY ALSO...



The honourable Lady did not foresee the invasion; now we must act as soon as possible!

FRANCIS PYM HAS REPLACED LORD CARRINGTON. JOHN NOTT HAS BEEN KEPT DESPITE HIS OFFER OF RESIGNATION...

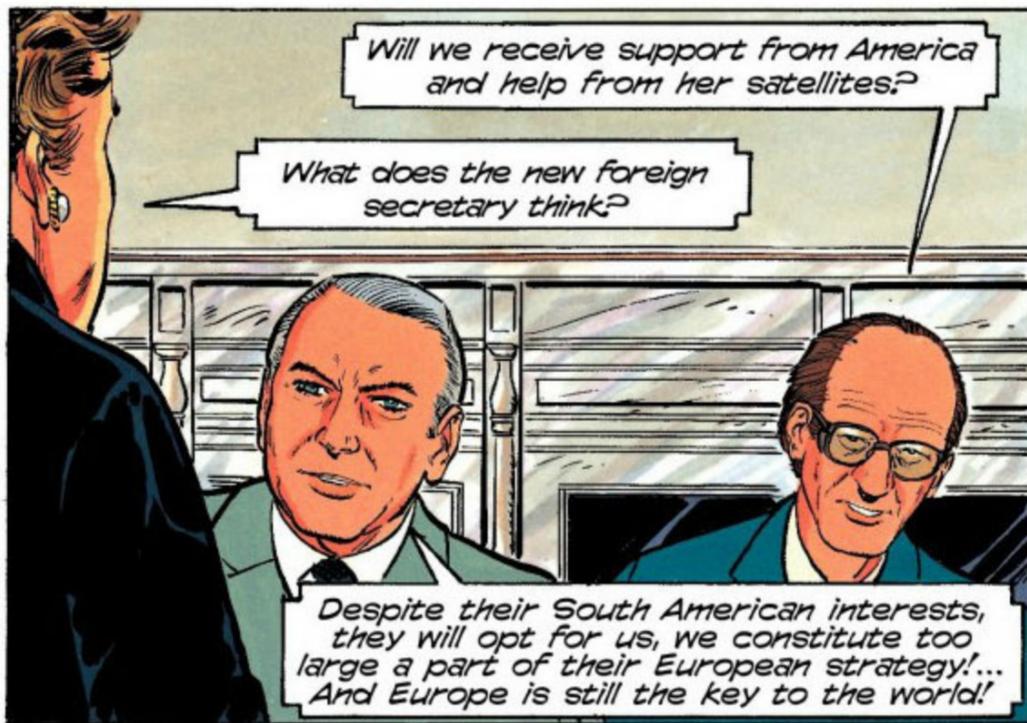


We will find the financial means later, but it is urgent that we assemble the naval force!

It's an enormous task, but we will manage it... Fortunately we have not yet transferred the Aircraft carrier sold to Australia!

Will we receive support from America and help from her satellites?

What does the new foreign secretary think?



Despite their South American interests, they will opt for us, we constitute too large a part of their European strategy!... And Europe is still the key to the world!

We must also maintain contact with diplomat circles in order to find a peaceful solution!

In either case, an Argentinian retreat is our priority.



THE ARGENTINIANS WERE FAR FROM SHARING THIS SENTIMENT.

Viva Argentina!

Long live the soldiers!

The Malvinas are ours!

We'll never give them up!



ON THEIR SIDE, THE BRITS WERE JUST AS DETERMINED... IN THEIR OWN WAY...

Go on Peter, sink this Argentine for us!

Don't worry, Maggie will take care of it!

BUT MORE SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO TAKING PLACE.

The orders for the requisition of merchant ships have been sent.

Admiral Woodward has been appointed to command the Task Force...

Where are the ships from Gibraltar?

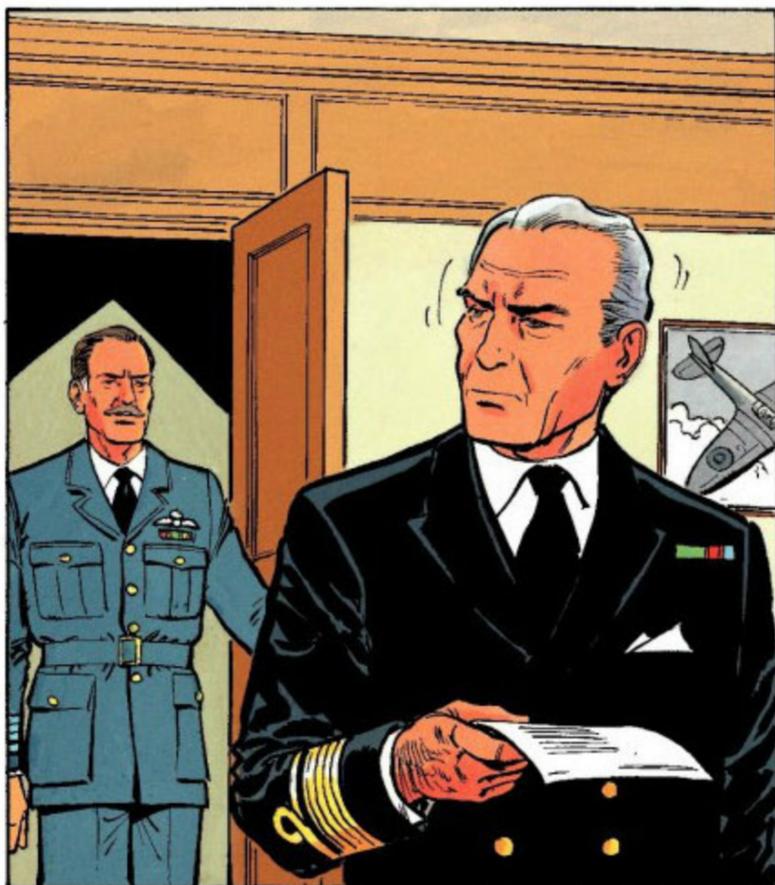
They are abandoning the ships' spring training and joining the other force from the Atlantic...

About that: we should load equipment, and certain ammunition stocks are insufficient, especially the rockets...

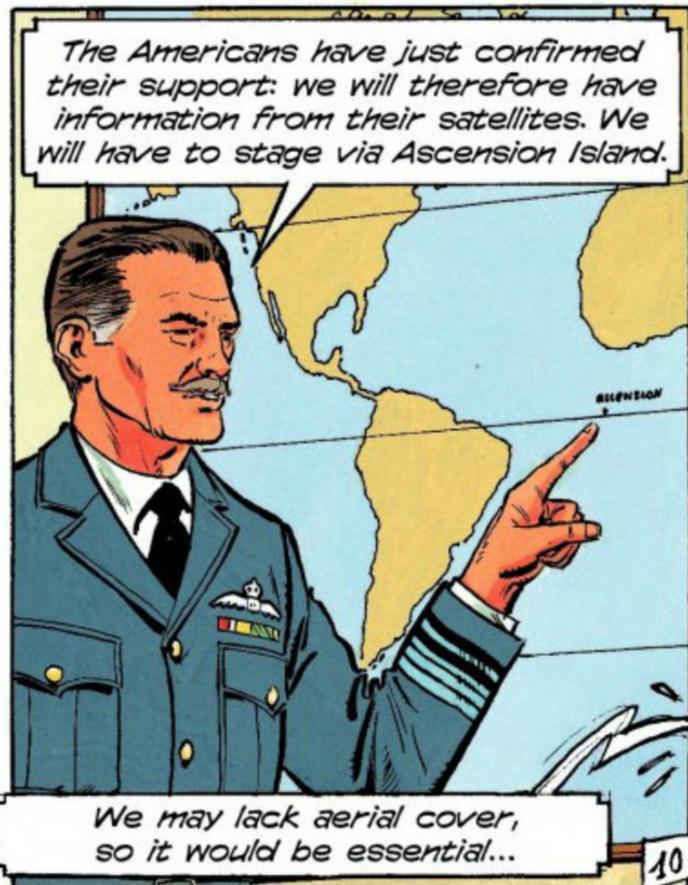
Here is the list of ships that we will need.

Some of our nuclear attack submarines have already set off for the Falklands...

We have to buy more and raise our production!



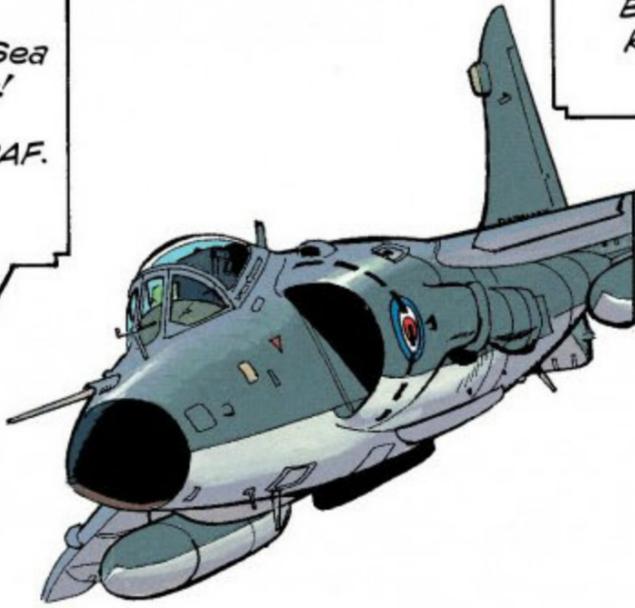
2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS,
8 DESTROYERS,
15 FRIGATES,
4 SUBMARINES,
2 AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT
BOATS, 5 LOGISTIC BOATS,
2 MINE SWEEPERS,
5 PATROLLERS,
1 HELICOPTER CARRIER,
5 HOSPITAL SHIPS,
17 AUXILIARY SHIPS,
THE QUEEN ELIZABETH
AND THE CANBERRA...
AND DOZENS OF CIVIL
BOATS!



The Americans have just confirmed their support: we will therefore have information from their satellites. We will have to stage via Ascension Island.

We may lack aerial cover, so it would be essential...

... to bring as many Sea Harriers as we can!
We will also take Harriers from the RAF.



But do the RAF pilots know how to take off from a carrier?

They'll learn!



AT THE SAME TIME, IN WHITEHALL, CONTACT IS MADE WITH THE TRADE UNIONS...



We need your support!

We know that above all the national interests count most, so we will temporarily forget our demands.

THE QE II.



No more luxury cruises!

Visit Argentina! Ha ha!

ACTIVITY REACHED A FEVER PITCH AROUND THE BRITISH PORTS. EQUIPMENT LOADING TOOK PLACE NIGHT AND DAY, WHILE CERTAIN SHIPS LIKE THE "ATLANTIC CONVEYOR," CONTAINER CARRIER, WERE TRANSFORMED INTO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. THE SOLDIERS BEGAN TO BOARD...



Attention! Forward!
Next stop: the South Atlantic...

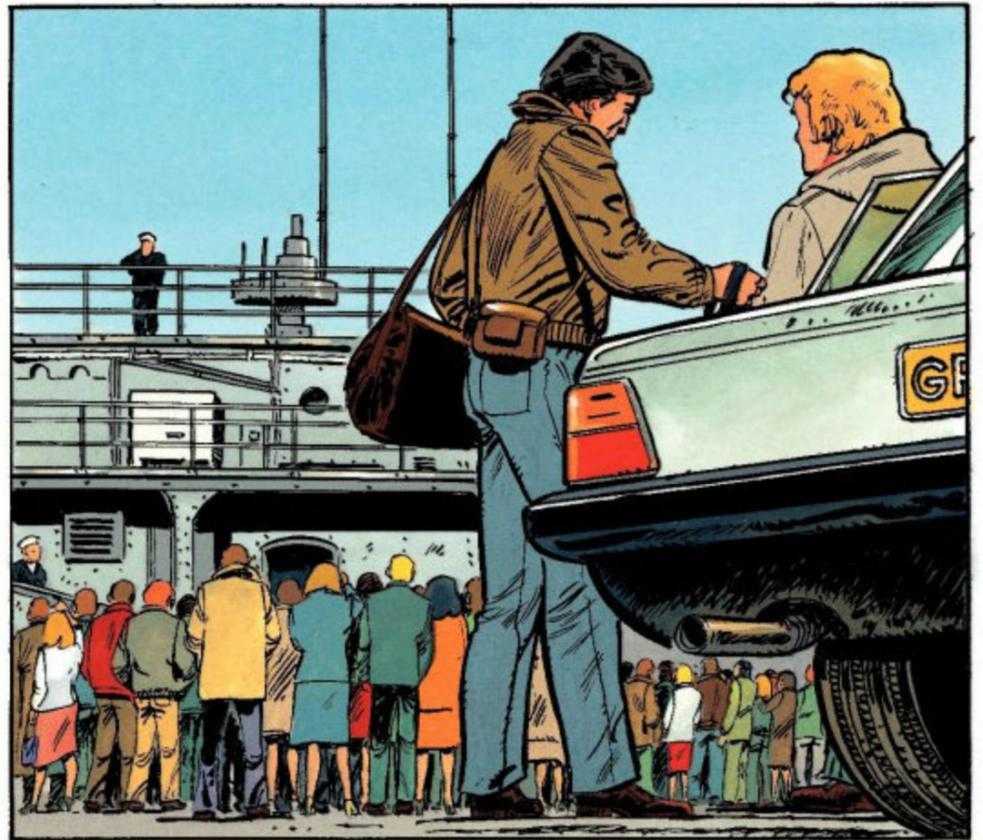
Learn your geography!
It's winter in the southern hemisphere!



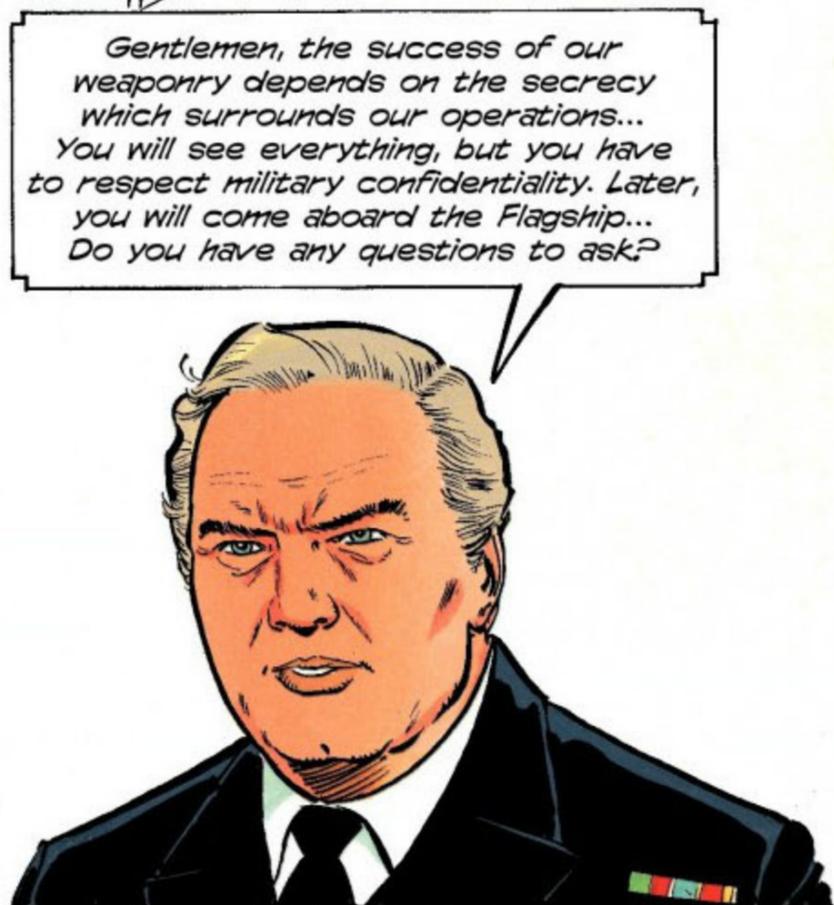
Will it soon be summer?



We even have some journalists with us! We'll beat the Argentinians for sure!



*Hey, John!
Are you seasick already?*



Gentlemen, the success of our weaponry depends on the secrecy which surrounds our operations... You will see everything, but you have to respect military confidentiality. Later, you will come aboard the Flagship... Do you have any questions to ask?



Are you ready to sail?

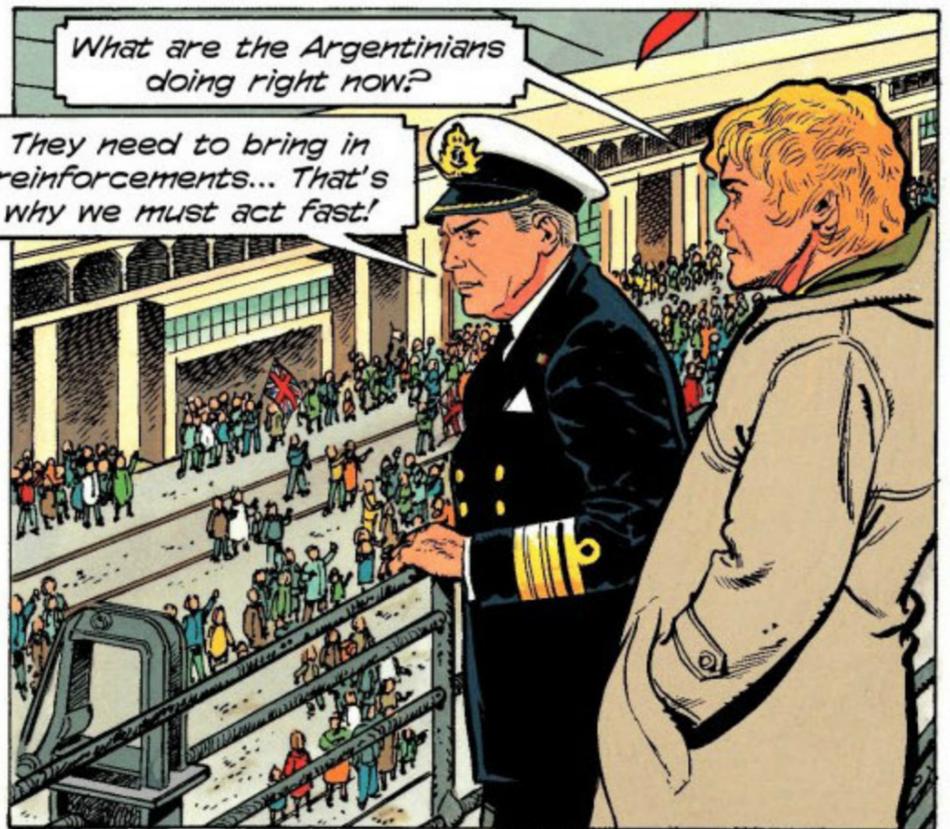
There are still some important details to sort out!



What will happen if you fail?

You know the Prime Minister's answer!

Queen Victoria answered this question: Failure? The possibility does not exist!



What are the Argentinians doing right now?

They need to bring in reinforcements... That's why we must act fast!

INDEED, THE NEW ARGENTINE GOVERNOR, GENERAL MENENDEZ...

BY SEA AND BY AIR, THE ARGENTINIANS Poured IN... MORE THAN 10,000 SOLDIERS.



Bring the defence works to a close... How are the reinforcements coming along?

The men are badly equipped against the cold!



The English girls are ours!

You're dreaming. We won't have time for fun!

Chilling words!



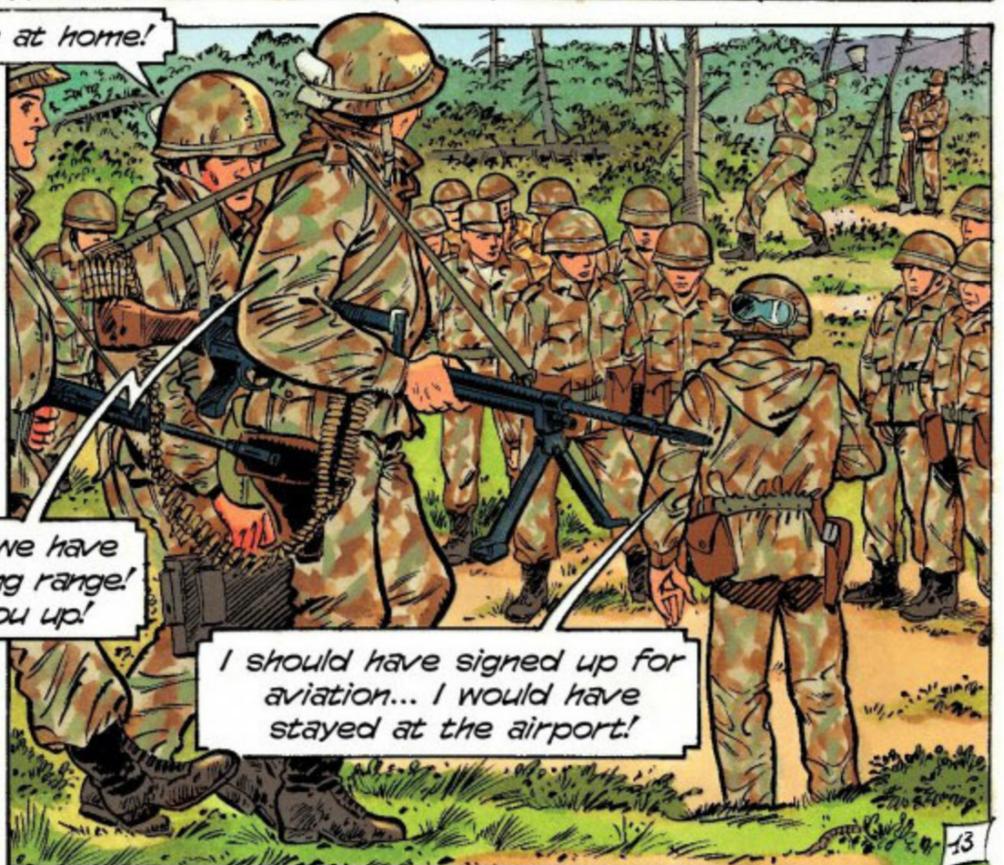
What weather!

Don't count on the vehicles, the roads are in bad condition!

Ouch, my kidneys!

There's central heating at home!

Come on boys, we have to clear this firing range! That'll warm you up!



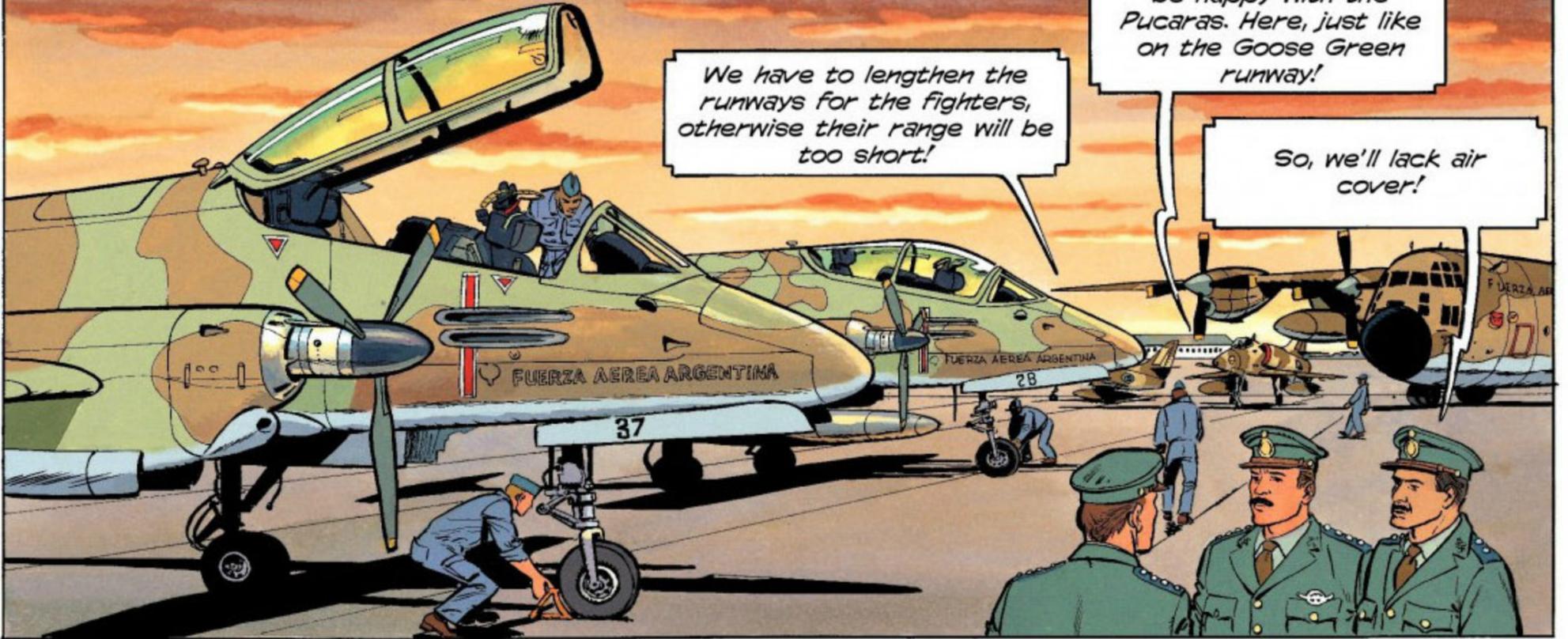
I should have signed up for aviation... I would have stayed at the airport!

MEANWHILE, AT THE PUERTO ARGENTINO AIRPORT...

We have to lengthen the runways for the fighters, otherwise their range will be too short!

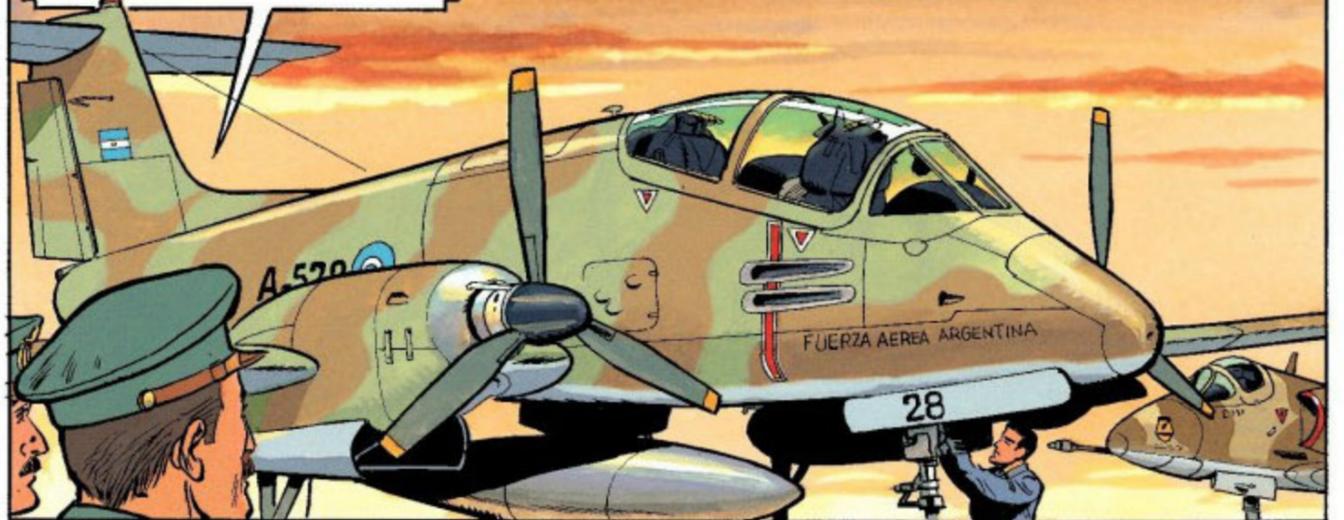
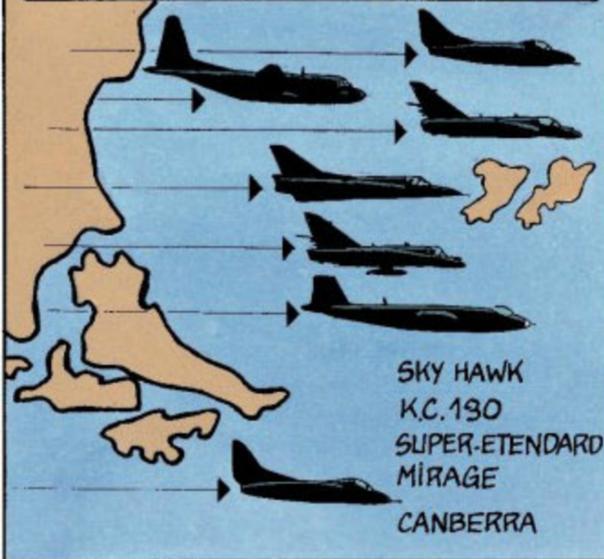
Impossible! We have to be happy with the Pucarás. Here, just like on the Goose Green runway!

So, we'll lack air cover!



IN FACT, THE PROBLEM WILL BE CRUCIAL AS THE ARGENTINE COASTS ARE OFTEN VERY FAR AWAY.

Let's hope the diplomats can buy us some time...



PORTSMOUTH... THE "INVINCIBLE" SETS OFF.

DURING THE PREPARATIONS, DIPLOMATIC ACTION CONTINUED. ON THE 3RD OF APRIL, THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL VOTED RESOLUTION 502, DEMANDING THE RETREAT OF ARGENTINE FORCES AND SEEKING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. (1 VOTE AGAINST: PANAMA, 4 ABSTENTIONS: USSR, POLAND, CHINA AND SPAIN.) ON THE 5TH OF APRIL, THE BRITISH TASK FORCE SET OFF FROM PORTLAND, PORTSMOUTH, DEVONPORT, CHATHAM AND SOUTHAMPTON...

Hurrah, hurrah!

Britannia rules the waves!



AT SEA, ONBOARD "CANBERRA"
TRAINING CONTINUES...



Faster, faster!



They're training!



Come back soon!

Don't worry darling!
We'll clear out the Argies
and come right back!

I hope that we'll be on the "Invincible." I'd like to take a picture of Prince Andrew! He's training like the other helicopter pilots!

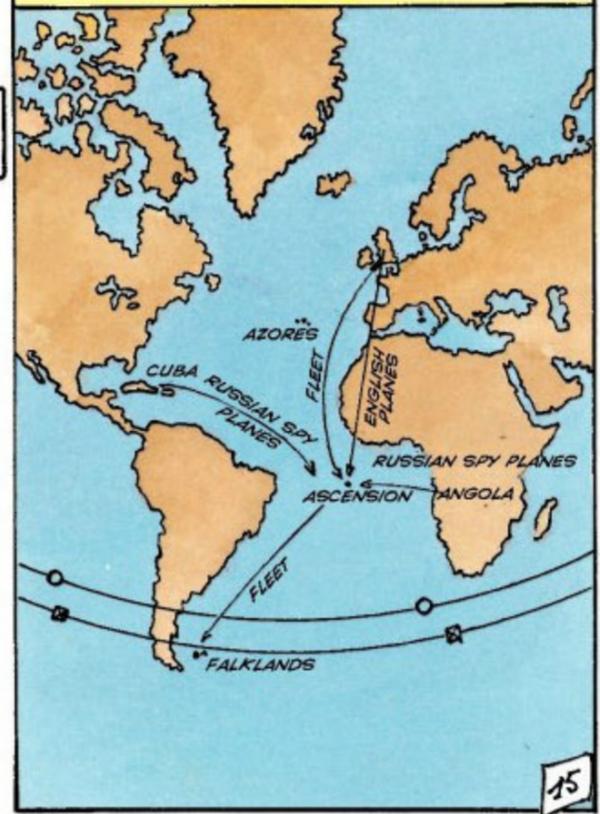
Tonight we will be aboard the HMS Antrim... We will have a briefing!

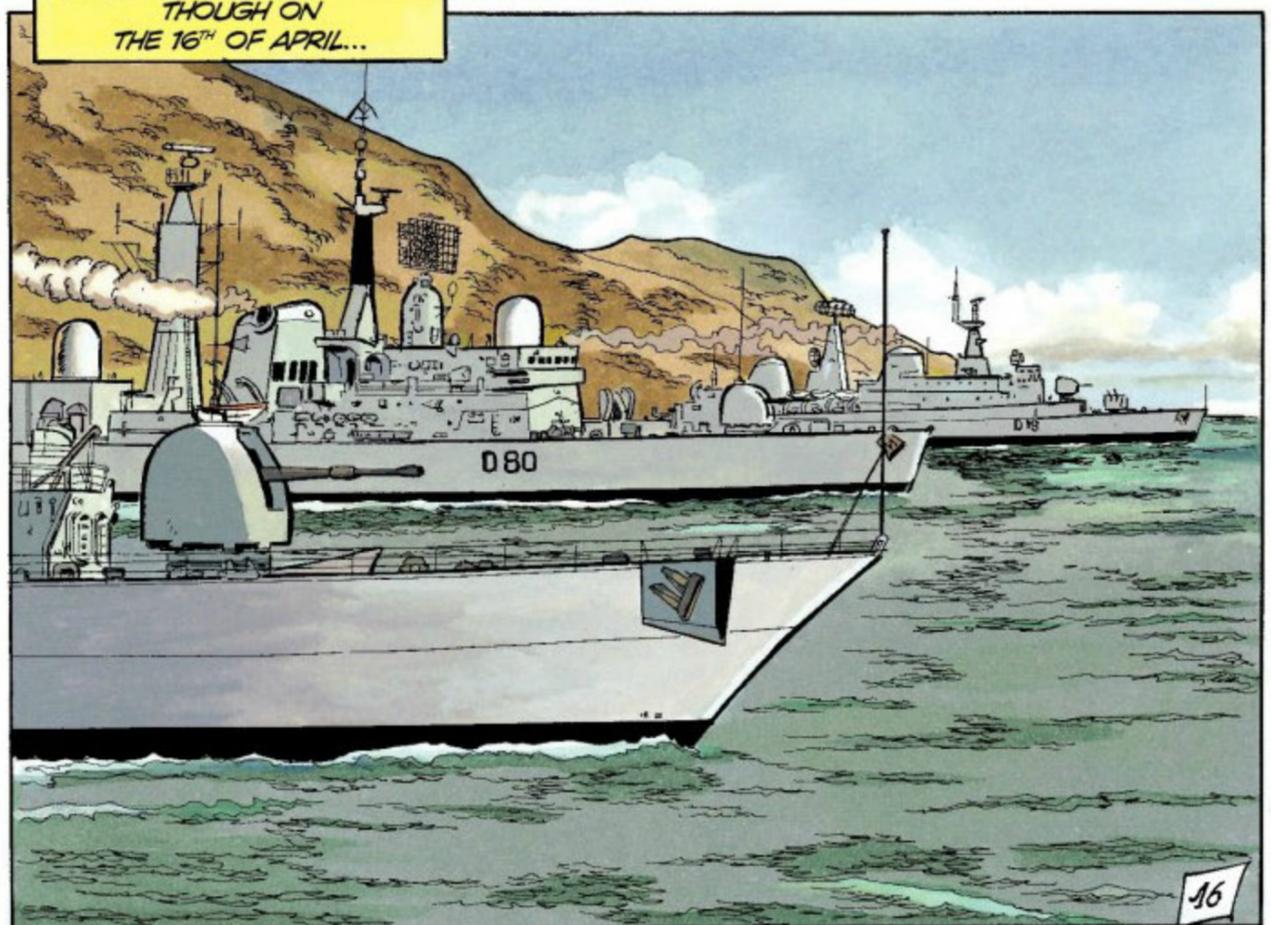
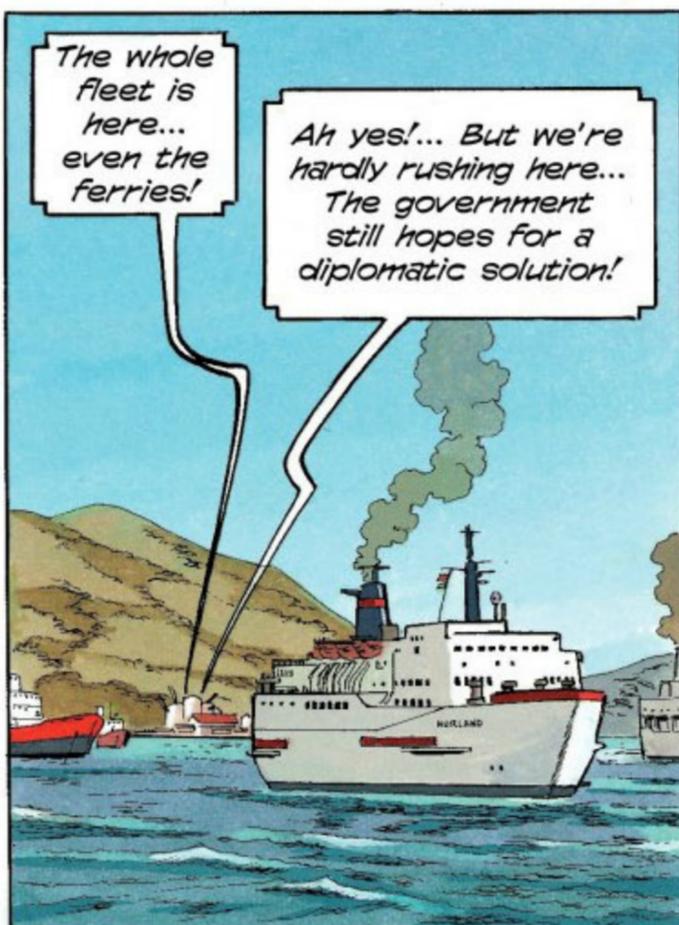
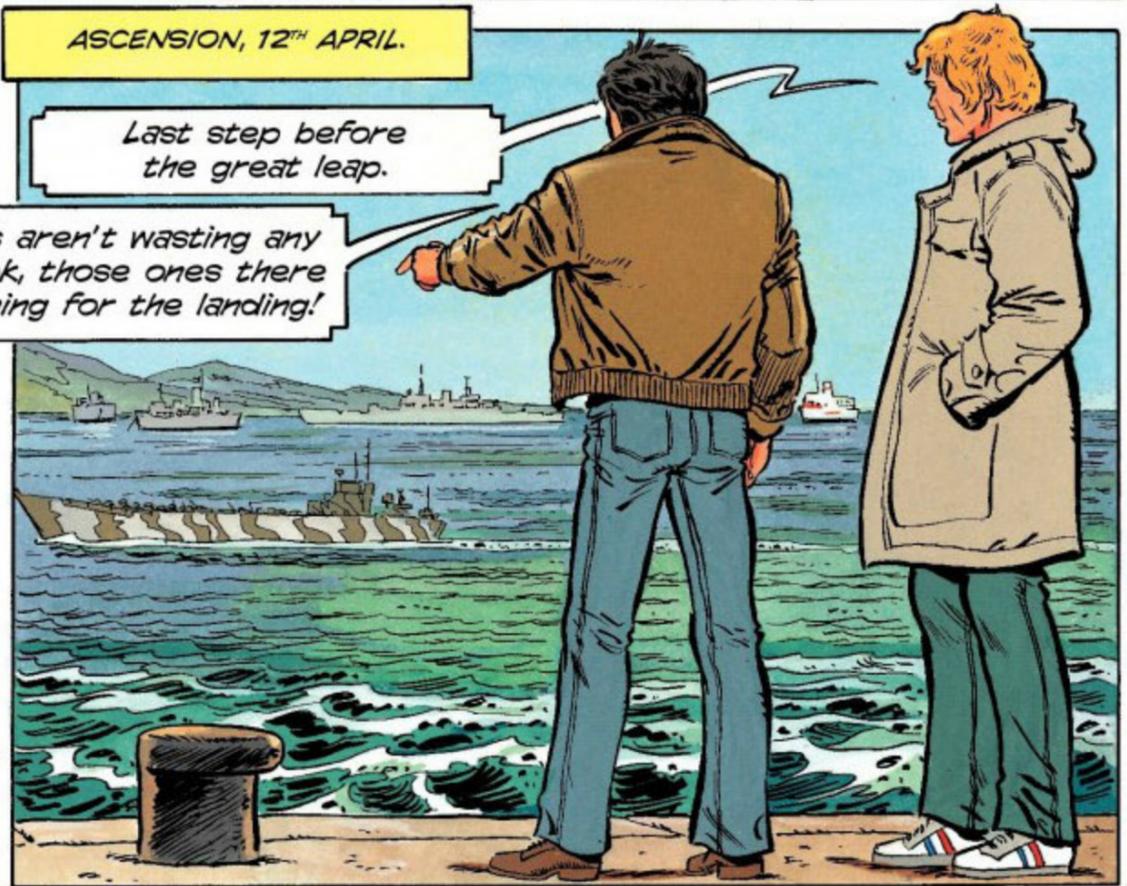
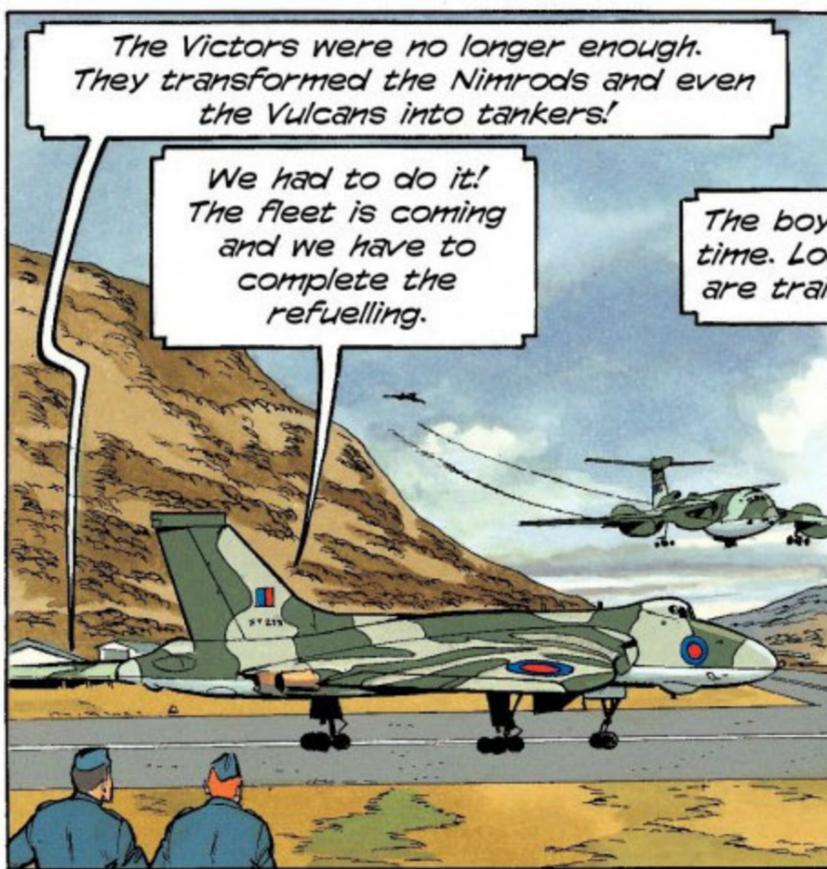
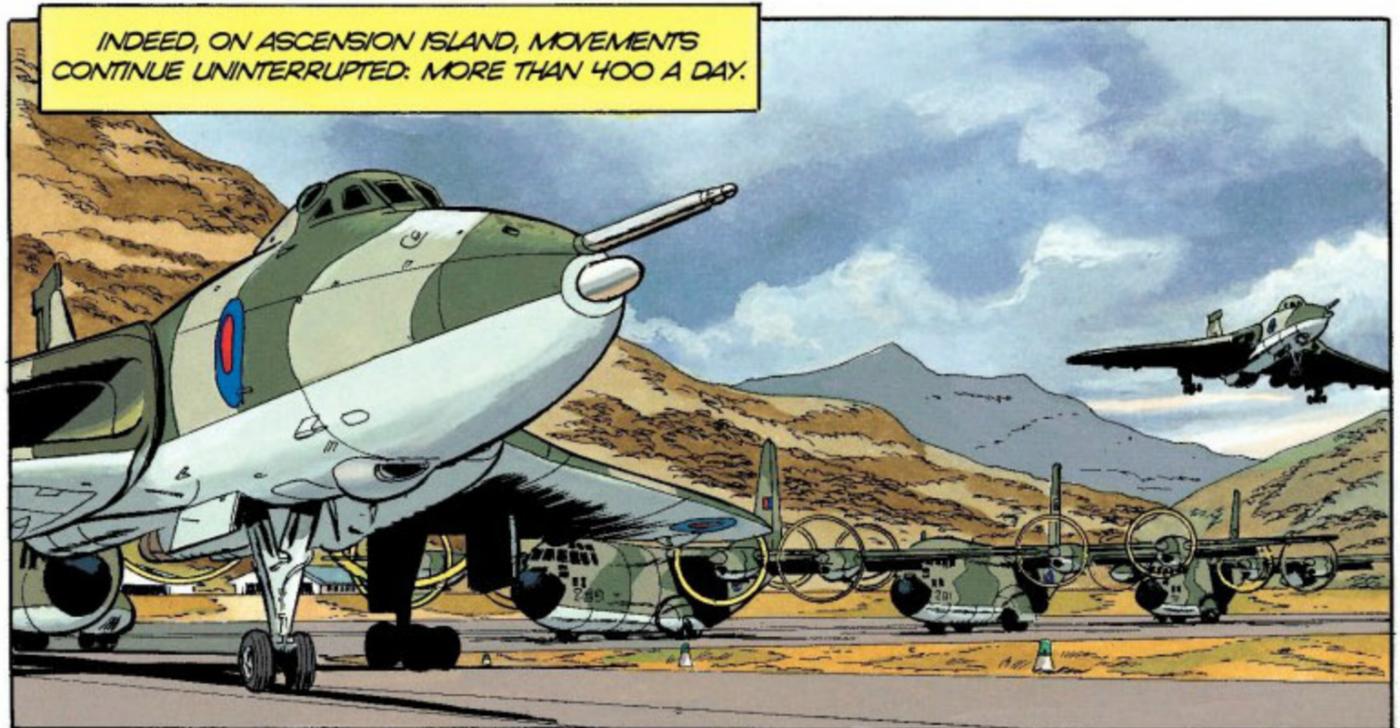
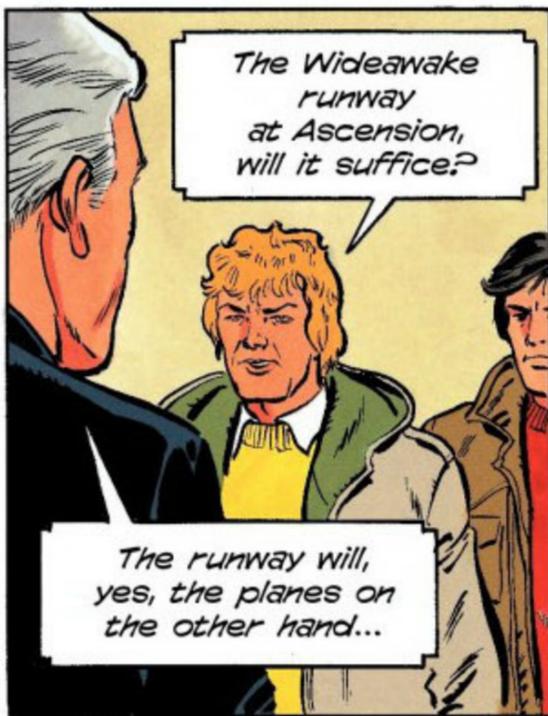
As you can see, our voyage will be watched by Soviet and American satellites. The latter do not worry us! We will arrive at Ascension soon... The rest of the fleet will join us there.



The flagship's standard will be transferred to the "Hermes."

○ US SATELLITE B'S BIRD
☒ RUSSIAN SATELLITE COSMOS





The government has given the go-ahead for a limited operation... It is waiting for the results of American diplomatic actions...

I wouldn't like to be in Admiral Woodward's shoes right now!



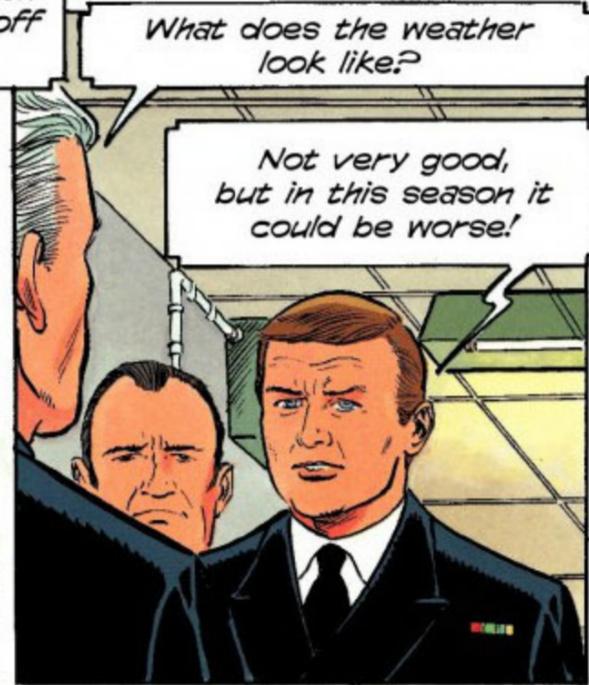
AND THE 19TH OF APRIL...

As Admiral Fieldhouse has confirmed, we will act slowly in order to let the negotiations continue... First South Georgia... A few ships will break off from the Task Force.

What does the weather look like?

Not very good, but in this season it could be worse!

Pass on this order: Submarines on surveillance... Total silence on the radio... Right, see you later!



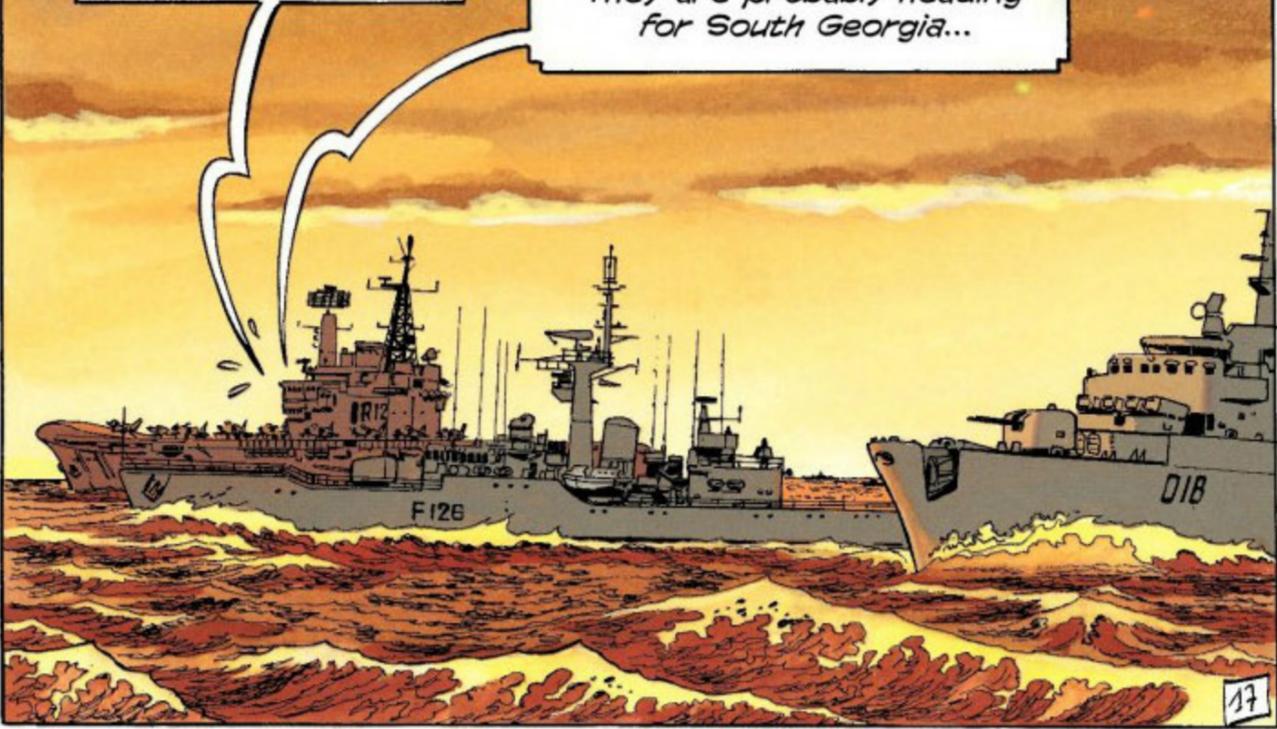
Look out for submarines... A periscope has been spotted!

Set the anti-aircraft radar to match!



HMS "Antrim" and "Plymouth" are leaving us!

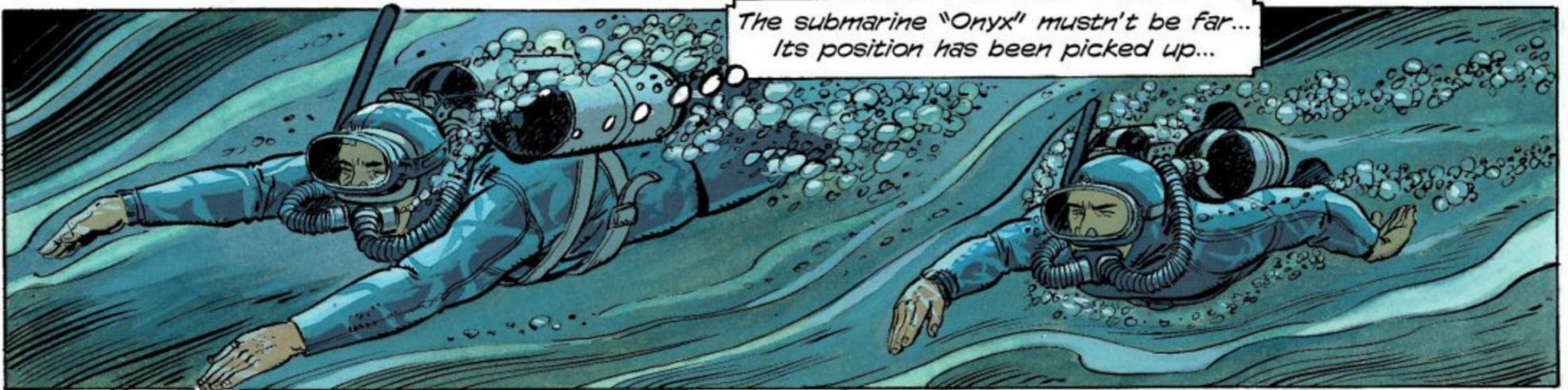
They are probably heading for South Georgia...



INDEED, THESE SHIPS AND THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY SHIPS "TIDESPRING", "HMS BRILLIANT" AND "FORT AUSTIN" WERE HEADING TOWARDS SOUTH GEORGIA WHERE THEY WOULD MEET THE "ENDURANCE," WHICH HAD PLAYED HIDE AND SEEK WITH THE ARGENTINES SINCE THE INVASION OF THE ISLANDS. ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 21ST, THE OPERATION AGAINST SOUTH GEORGIA BEGAN...



The submarine "Onyx" mustn't be far... Its position has been picked up...



22ND OF APRIL, ONBOARD "ANTRIM"...

Major Sheridan, are your reconnaissance Commandos ready to go?

We await your orders, Sir!



The "Onyx" has dropped off the first Commandos... The undersea rendezvous was a success!



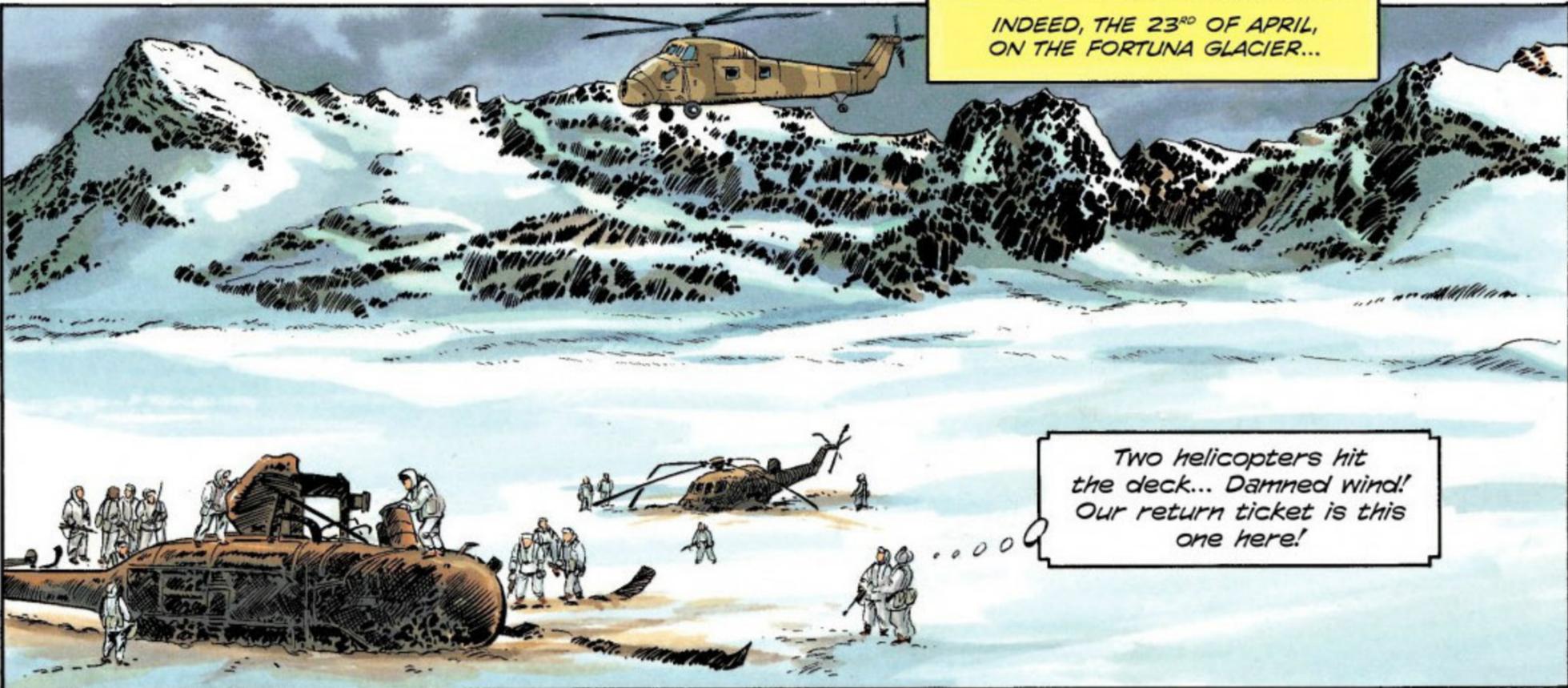
You'll be choppered onto the island... Don't get spotted and watch the Port of Leith! Good luck...



What a blizzard! Those choppers risk being dragged to the ground!



INDEED, THE 23RD OF APRIL,
ON THE FORTUNA GLACIER...



Two helicopters hit
the deck... Damned wind!
Our return ticket is this
one here!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE OVERLOADED
HELICOPTER STRUGGLED BACK...



What a pilot Ian Stanley is! Right,
what is the latest intelligence?

It seems that an Argentine
submarine is in port!
It's probably the "Santa Fe"!

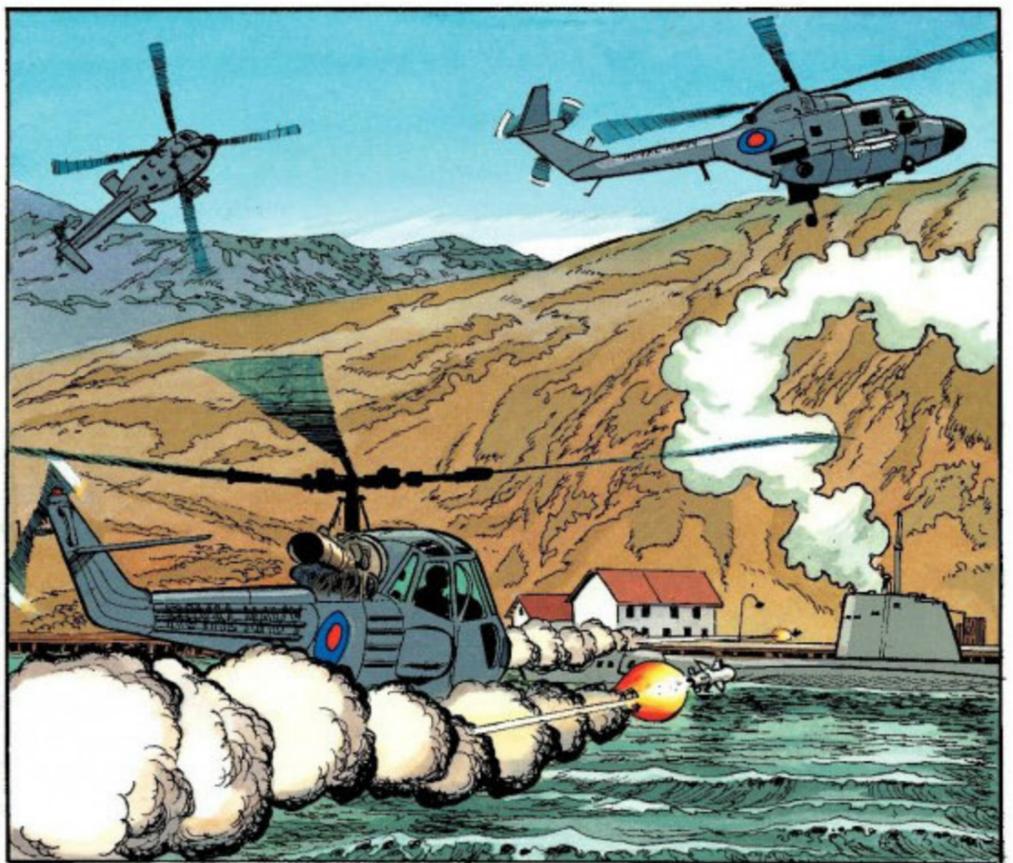
Right, send out
the choppers!

Hurrah! hurrah!



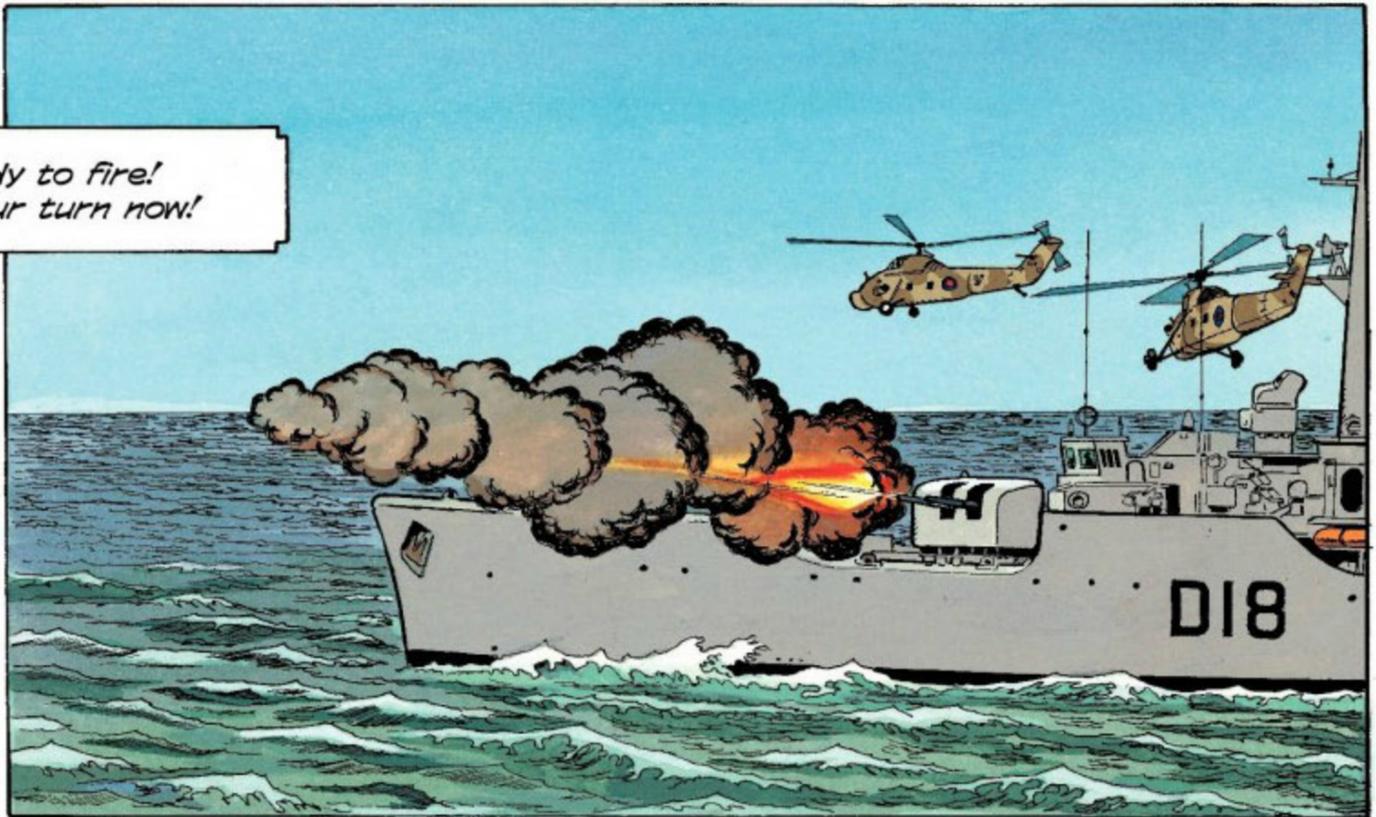
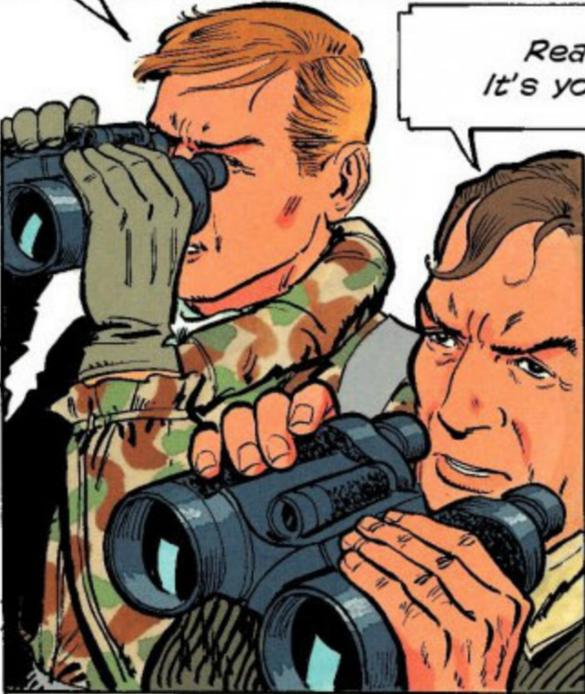
25TH APRIL...

The "Santa Fe"! I'll attack!

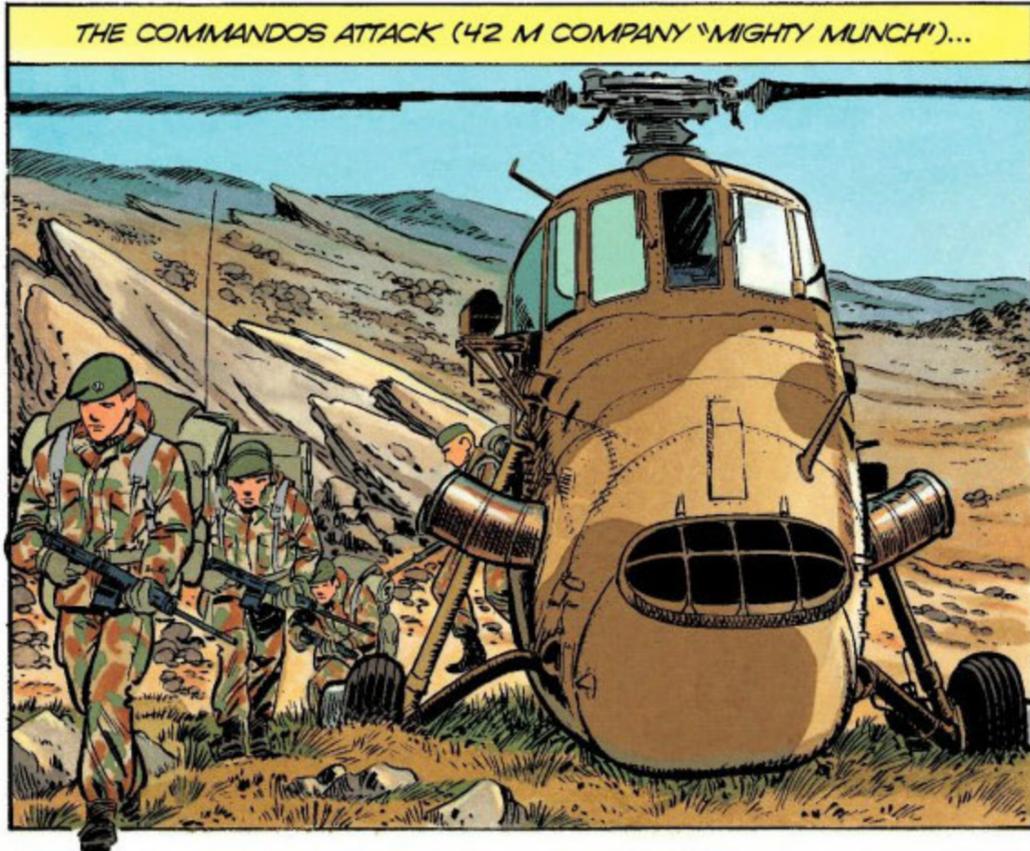


They are in disarray. We have to take advantage!

Ready to fire! It's your turn now!



THE COMMANDOS ATTACK (42 M COMPANY "MIGHTY MUNCH")...



Surrender!

Wow! You got through the minefield without a scratch?





Tell the Admiral:
"We have taken back
South Georgia!"



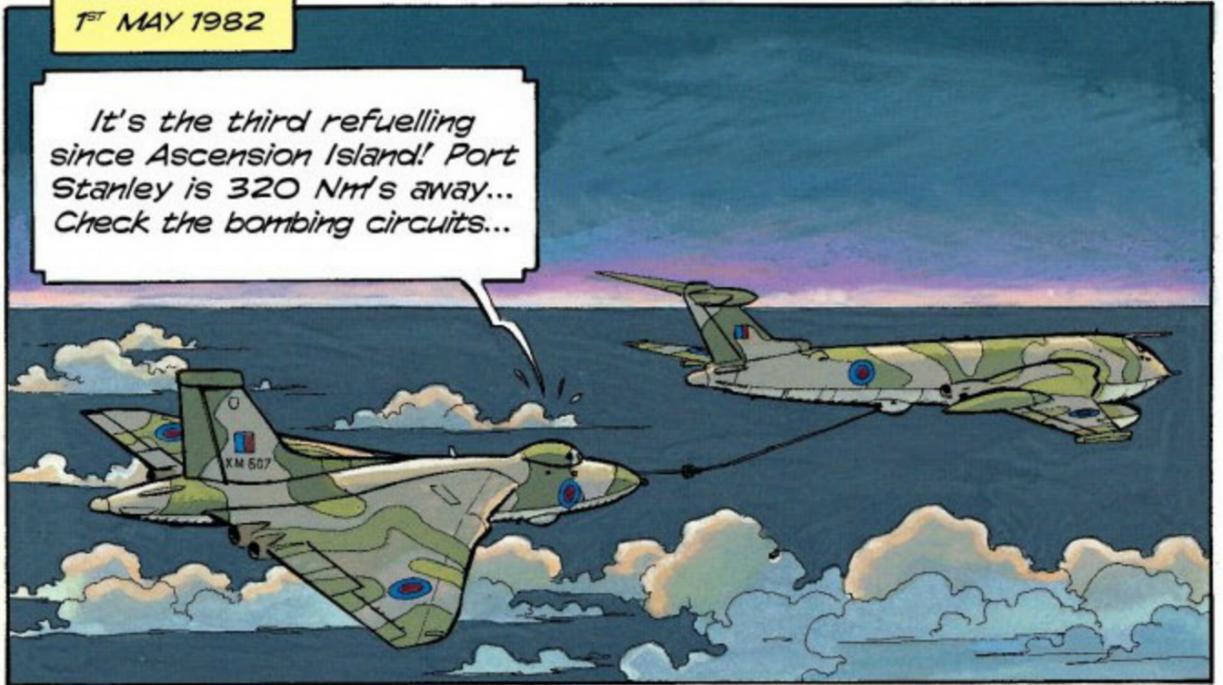
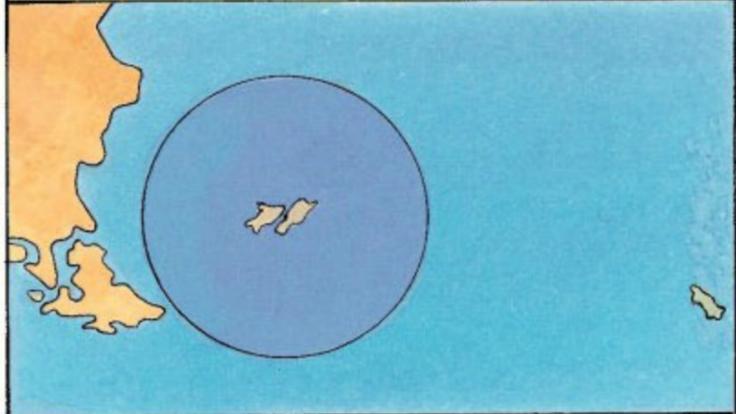
Gentlemen, our men have taken
back South Georgia. Spread the
word. The "Antrim" will join us.

Our compliments, Sir!



We are approaching the crucial
moment... It seems to me that
negotiations are breaking down...

28TH APRIL: PRESS RELEASE. FROM THE
30TH APRIL AT 11AM, A CIRCLE OF 200 MILES
AROUND THE FALKLANDS WILL BECOME
A TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE. EVERY SHIP
OR PLANE IN THE AREA WILL BE SEEN AS
HOSTILE AND WILL BE A POSSIBLE TARGET
OF ATTACK.



1ST MAY 1982

It's the third refuelling
since Ascension Island! Port
Stanley is 320 Nm's away...
Check the bombing circuits...

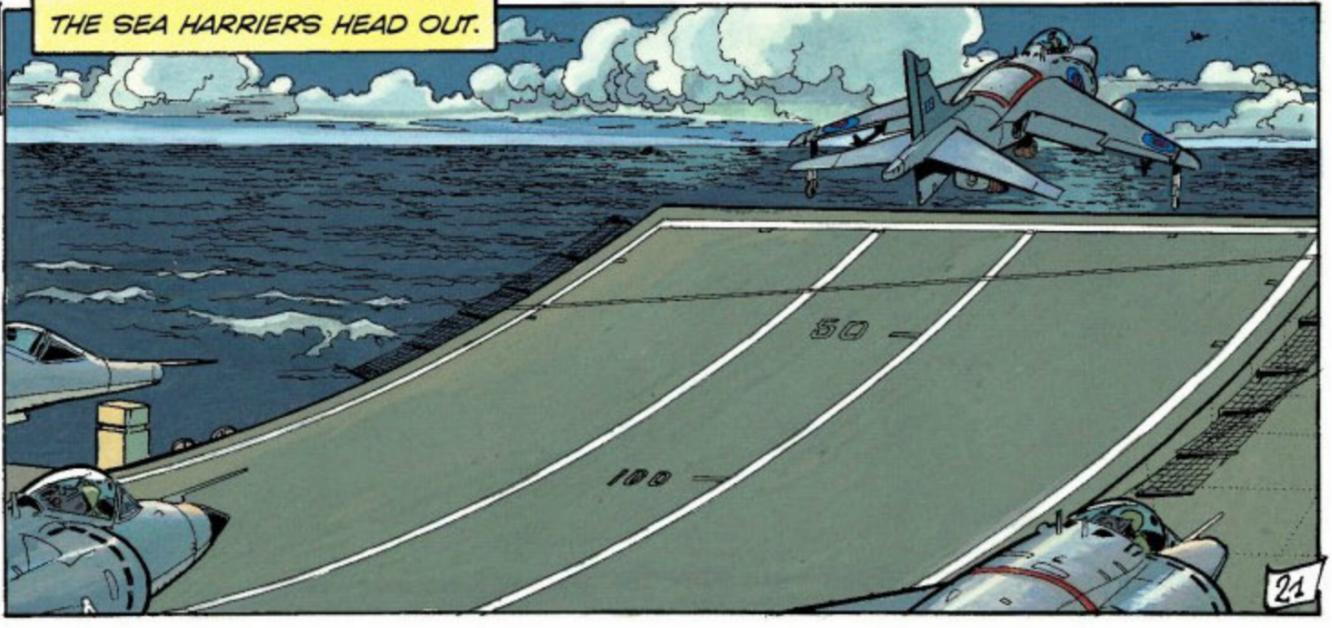


3:45AM, LOCAL TIME... BOMBING ON
THE RUNWAY... THE VULCAN RETURNS TO
ASCENSION ISLAND, 6280KM AWAY!

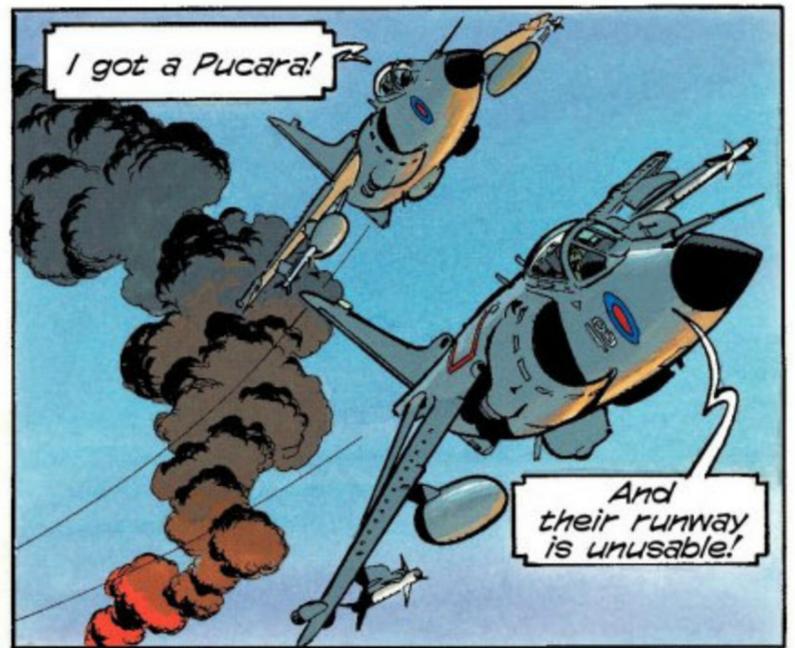
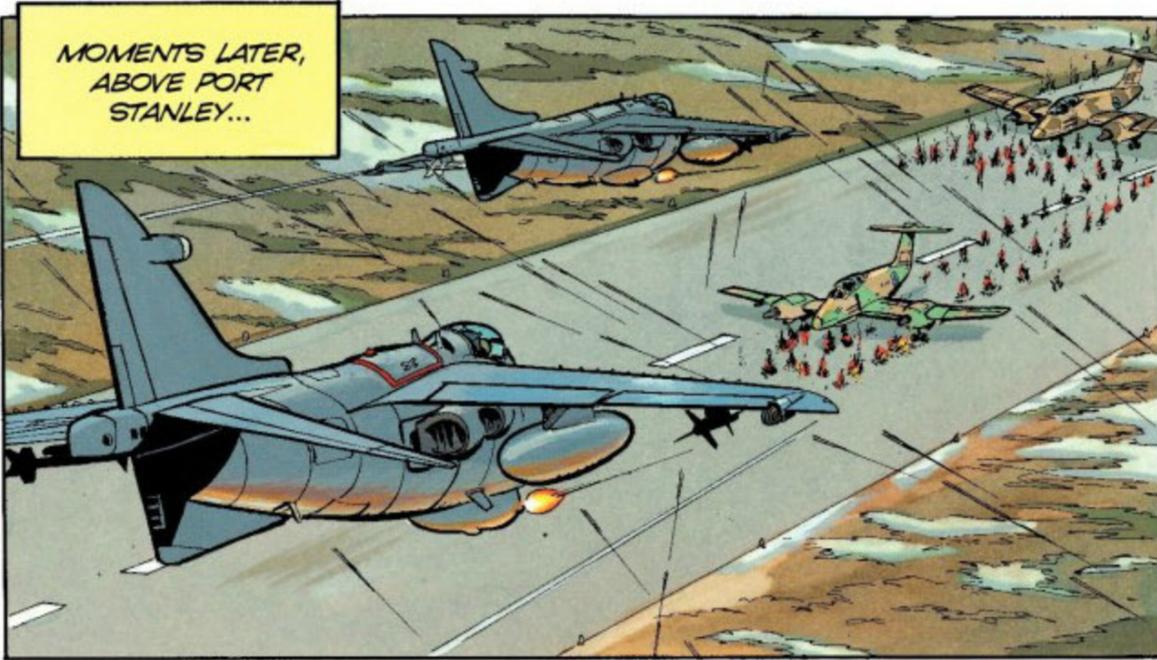


Admiral,
the Vulcan
hit the
runway!

Send out the Sea
Harriers for a
complementary attack.

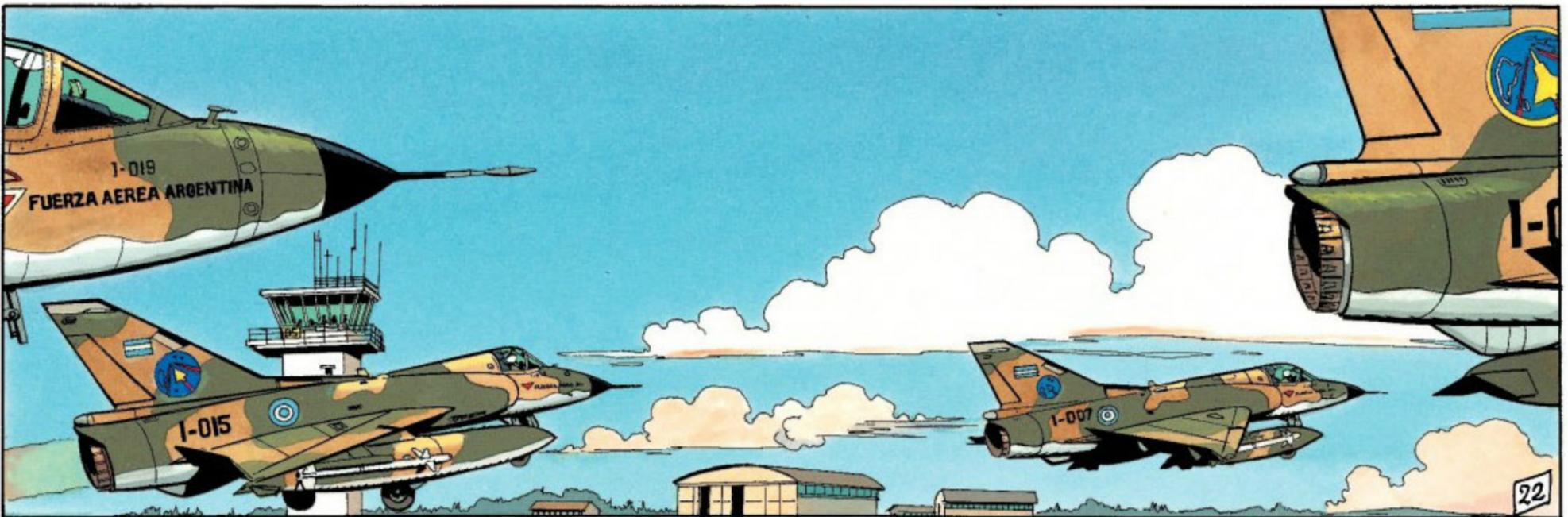


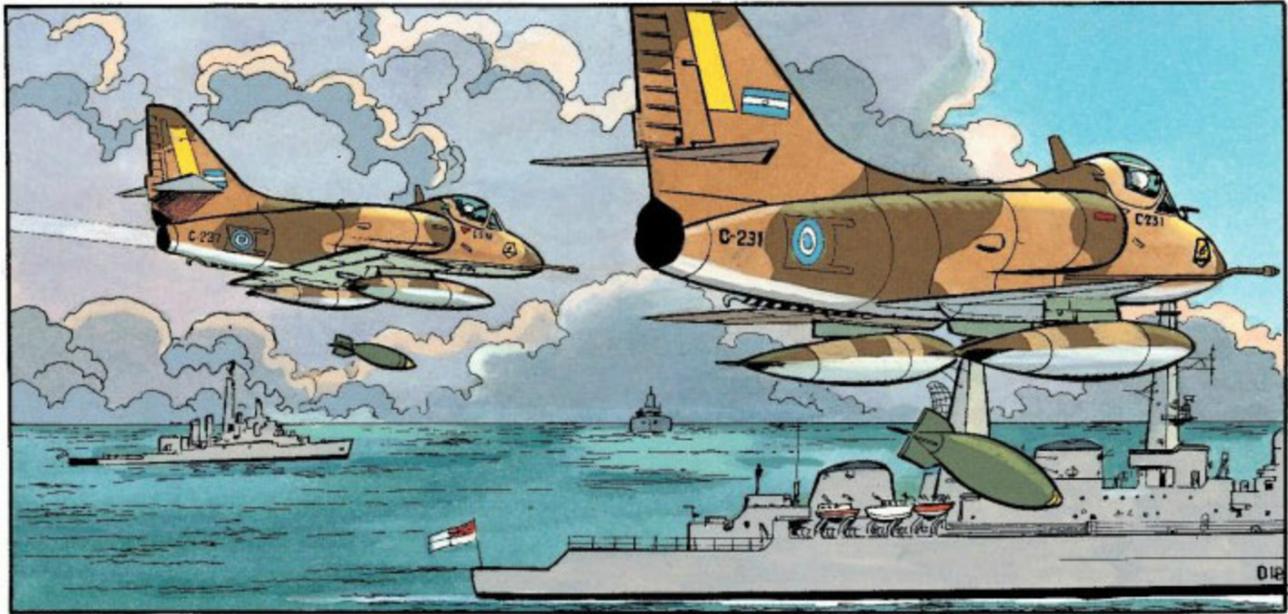
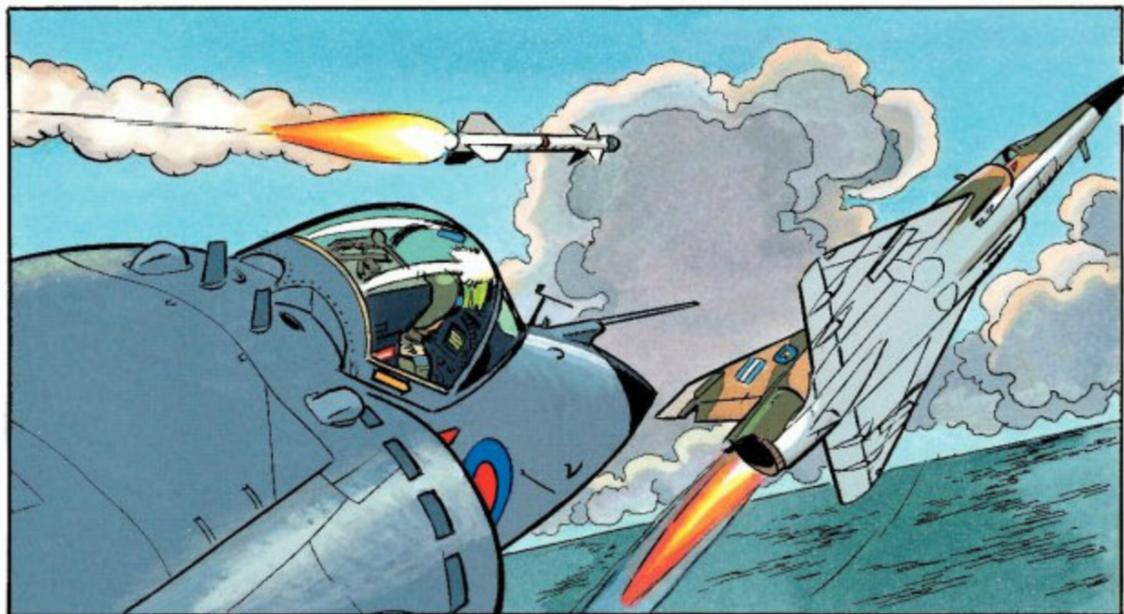
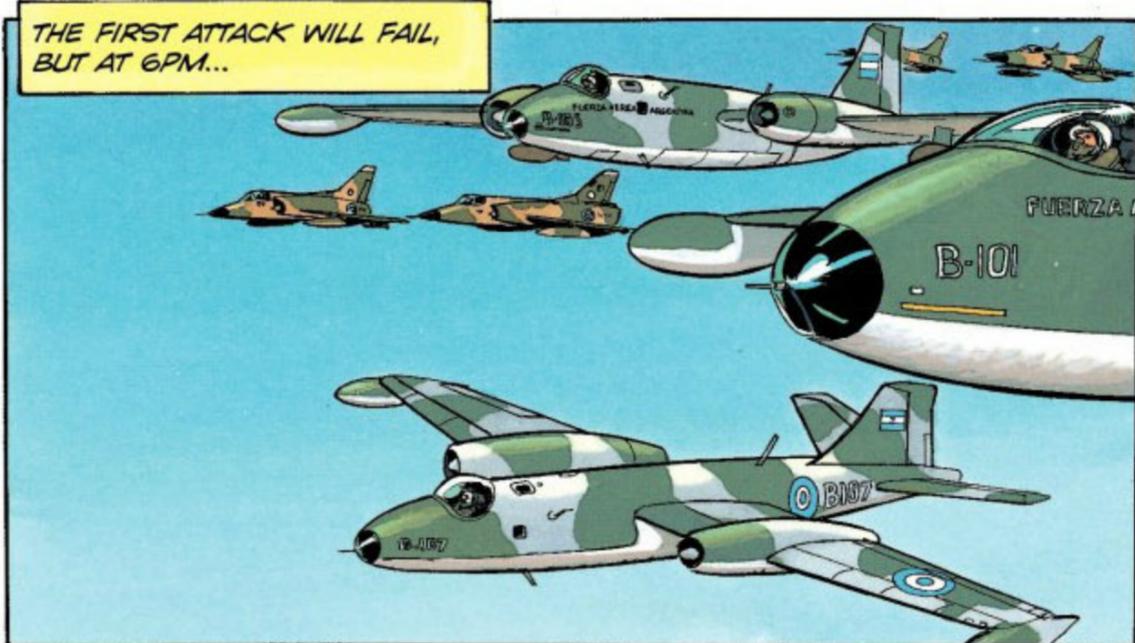
THE SEA HARRIERS HEAD OUT.

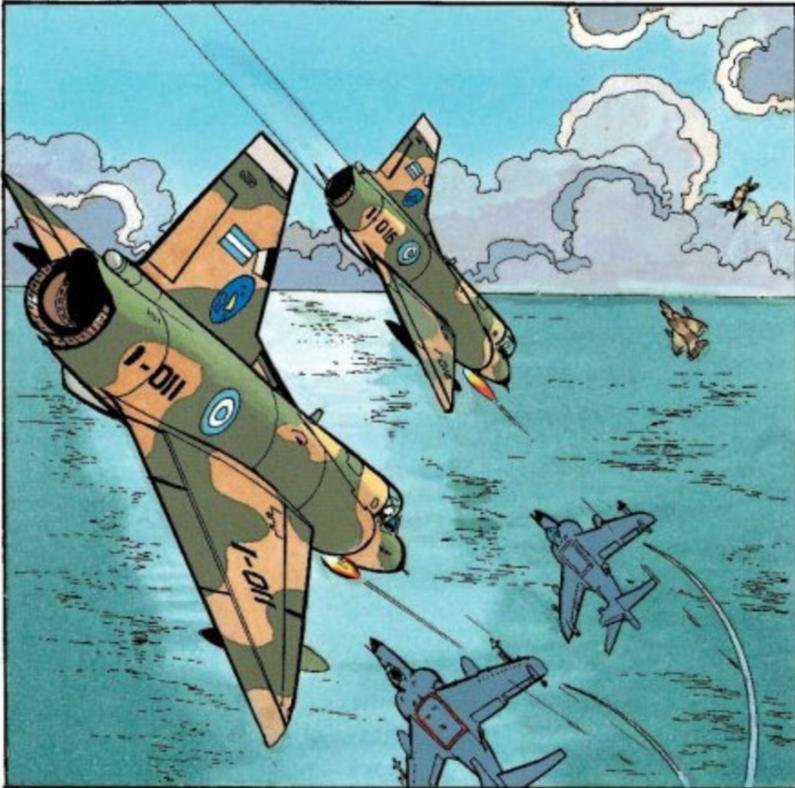


BUT THEY WERE WRONG...

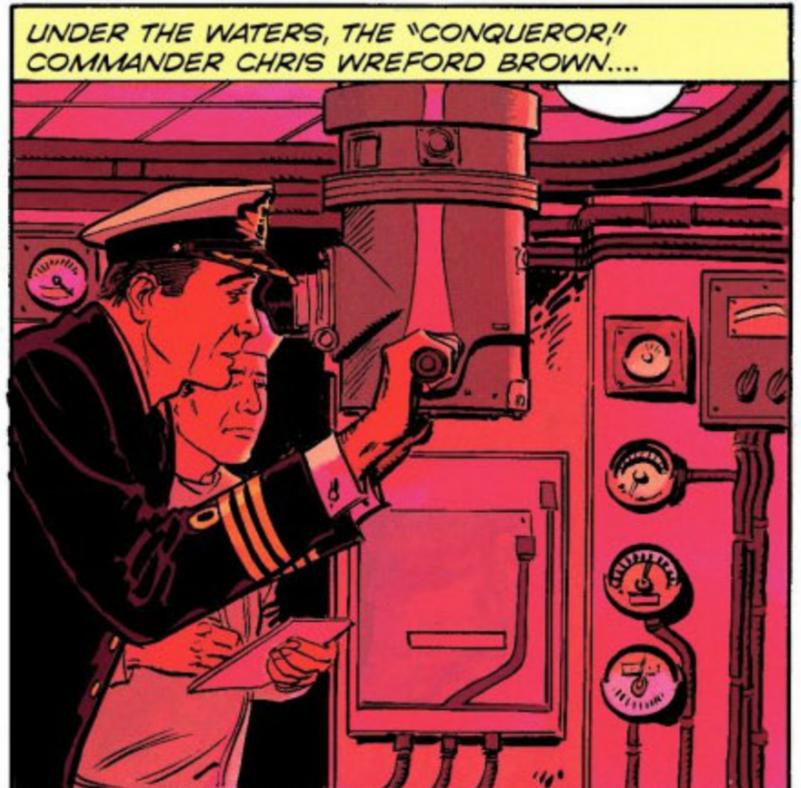
IN ARGENTINA, AT THE AIR FORCE BASE...



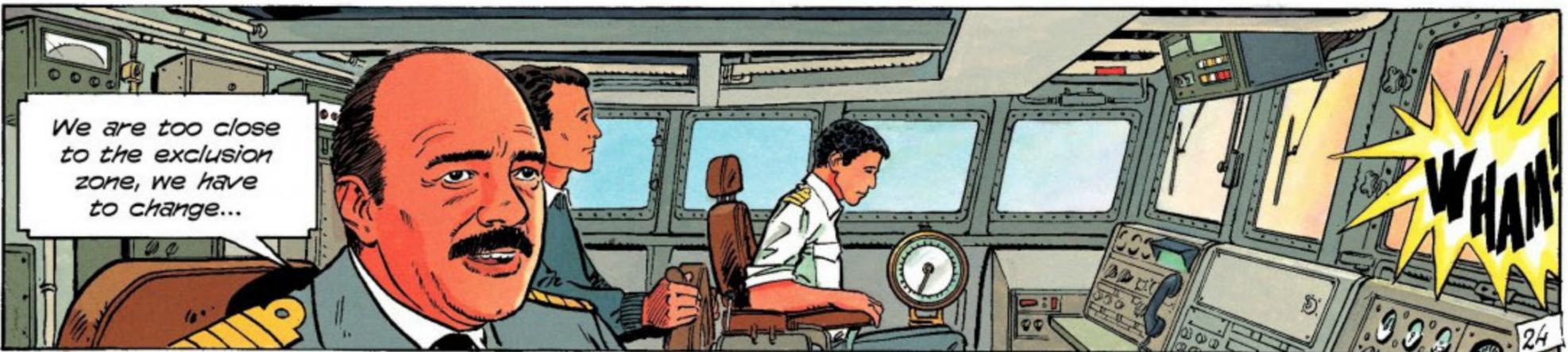
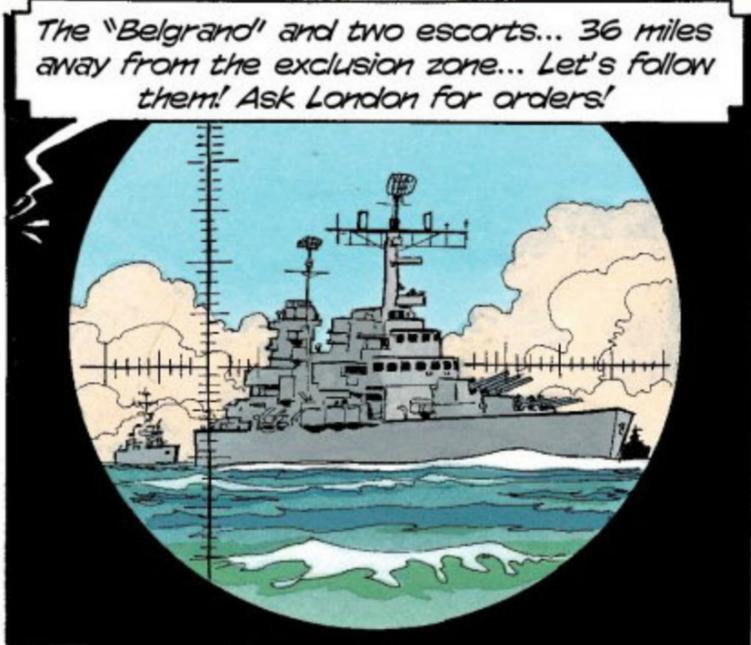


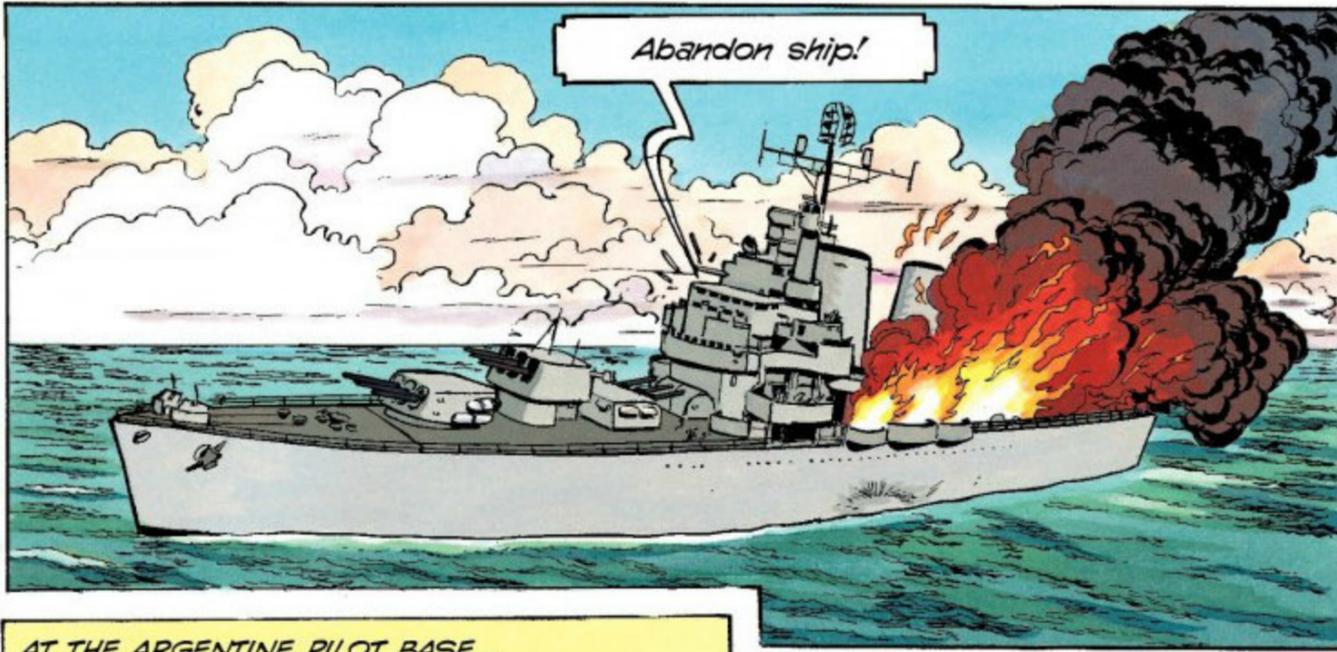


THESE FIRST ATTACKS SHOWED EACH SIDE THE DIFFICULTY OF FUTURE FIGHTS. DURING THESE FIRST ENGAGEMENTS, THE ARGENTINIANS LOST A DAGGER, TWO CANBERRAS AND TWO MIRAGES. NEVERTHELESS, AT THE EDGE OF THE WAR ZONE, A NAVAL CONFLICT SPARKS ON THE 2ND OF MAY.



UNDER THE WATERS, THE "CONQUEROR," COMMANDER CHRIS WREFORD BROWN...





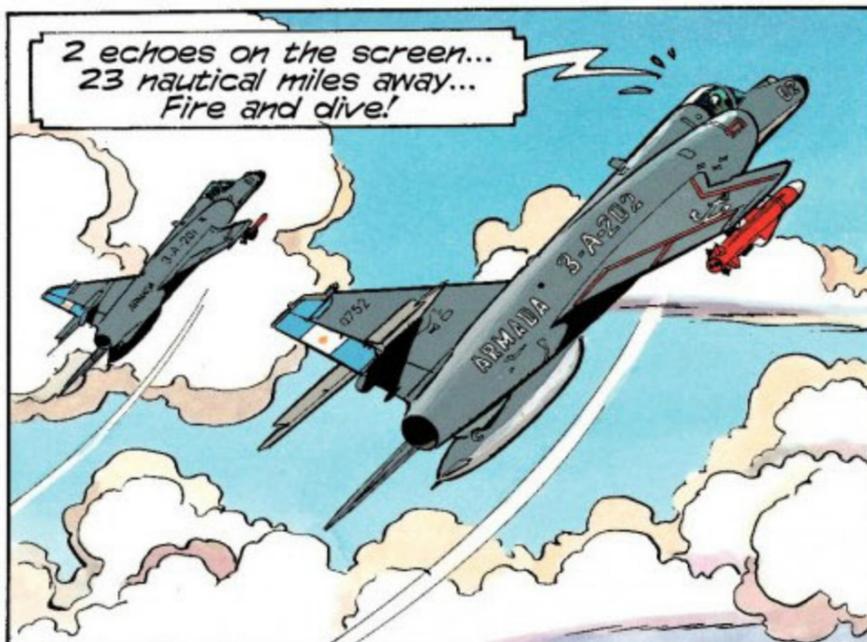
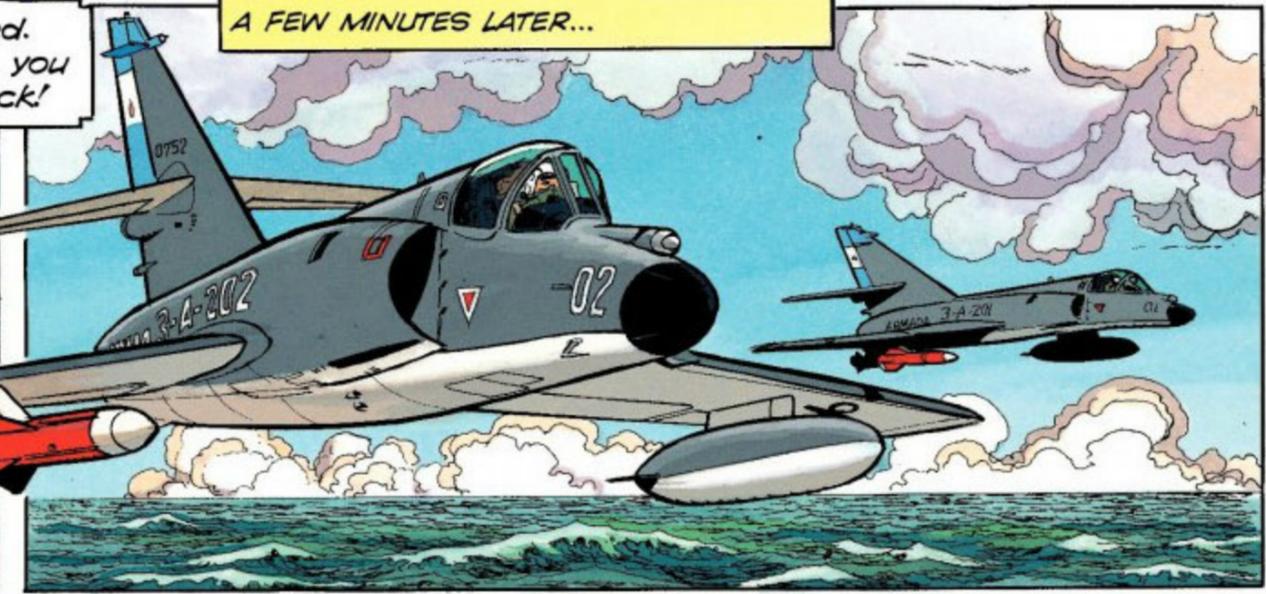
THE LOSS OF THE BELGRANO AND 358 OF MEN CREW MADE THE ARGENTINIAN FLEET MORE WARY. ON THE 2ND OF MAY, THE BRITISH SINK THE PATROLLER "RIO IGUAZA" AND DAMAGE THE "ISLAS MALVINAS." THE NEXT DAY, THEY REPEAT THE ATTACKS BY TARGETING THE TUG BOATS "COMODORO," "SOMELLARA" AND THE "SOBRAL." IN ARGENTINA, THEY CALL UP ALL OF THE AVIATION RESERVES... THE ARGENTINIANS NOW PUT ALL OF THEIR HOPES INTO THEIR AIR FORCES.

AT THE ARGENTINE PILOT BASE...

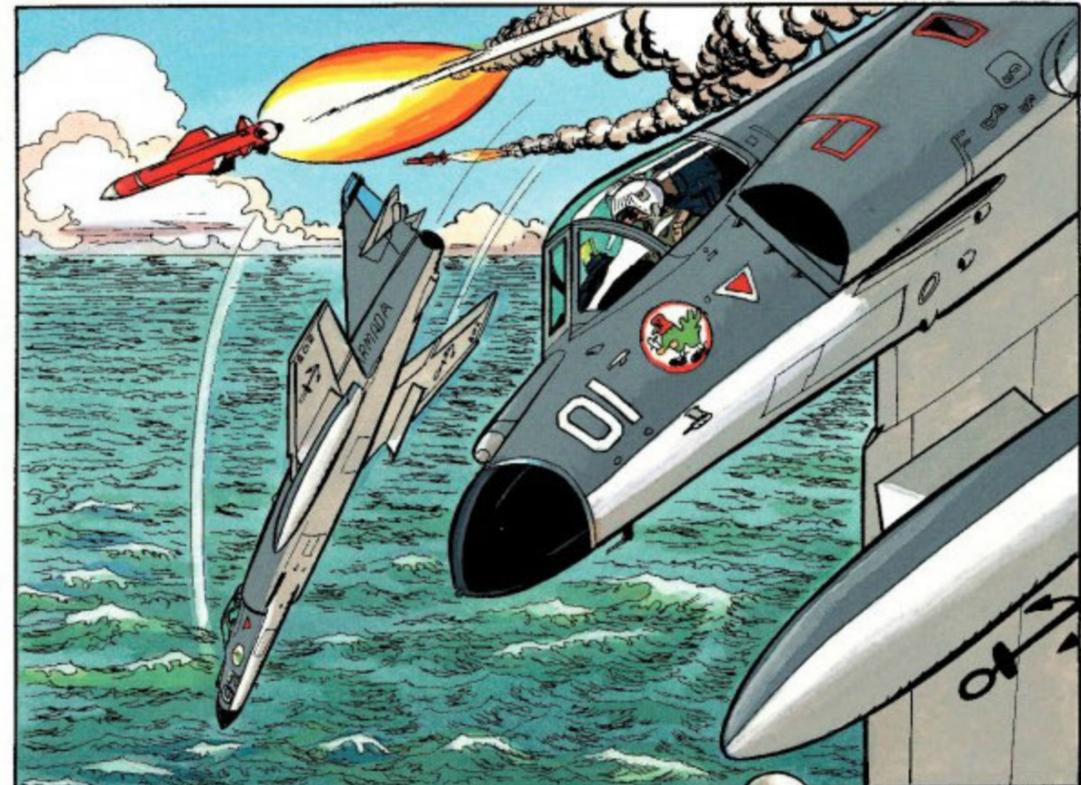
Several British ships have been spotted. Immediate takeoff... Captain Vedacarratz, you will be armed with the Exocet... Good luck!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...



2 echoes on the screen... 23 nautical miles away... Fire and dive!

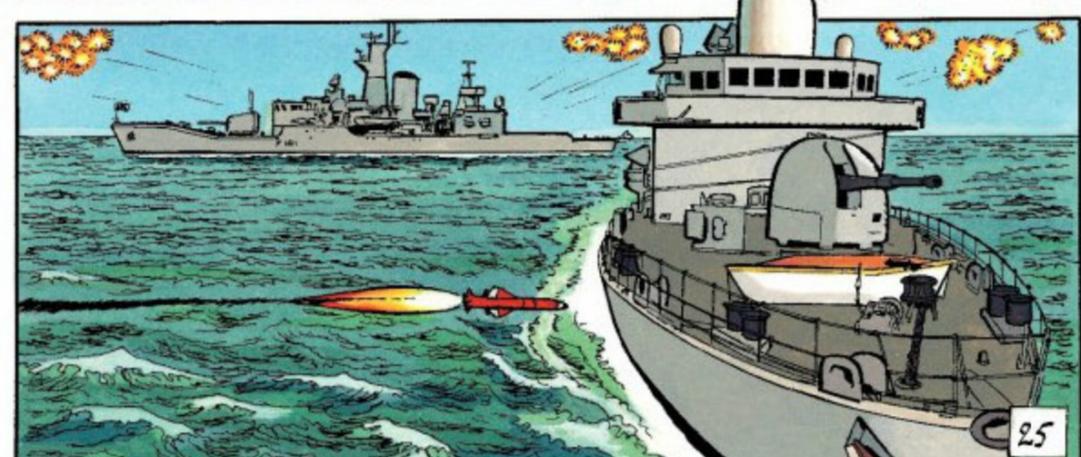


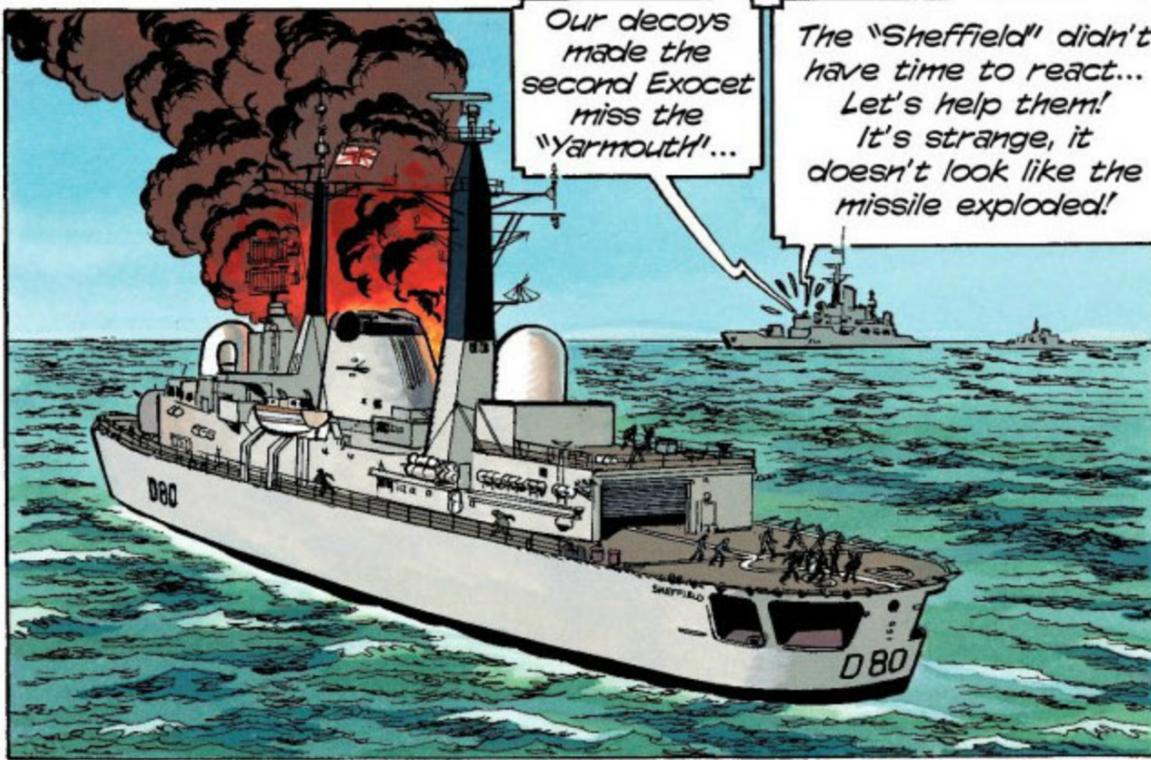
IN THE DESTROYER "SHEFFIELD," WITH CAPTAIN SAM SALT...



One echo!... He disappeared...

Increase surveillance!





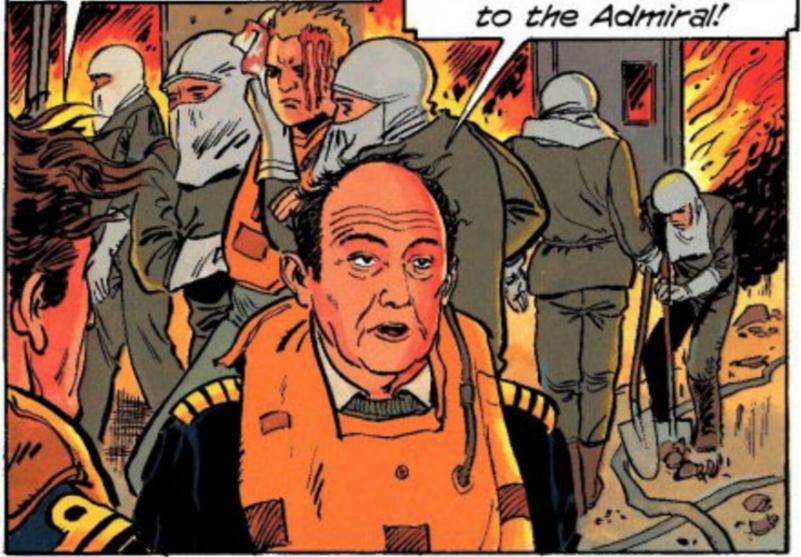
Our decoys made the second Exocet miss the "Yarmouth"...

The "Sheffield" didn't have time to react... Let's help them! It's strange, it doesn't look like the missile exploded!

THE "SHEFFIELD" CREW STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FIRE FOR 5 HOURS, BUT THE SHIP WILL BE ABANDONED.

There are submarines in the area!

Give the order to evacuate and send it to the Admiral!



ONBOARD "HERMES"...



The incident on the Sheffield shows our weakness in AEW*... The future of "Corporate"*** will depend on our antimissile defence.

*Airborne Early Warning
**Code name for the British operation

Only the "Broadsword" and "Brilliant" are equipped with Seawolfs... The Sea Darts and the Seacats aren't as effective against missiles on the water's surface... As for the AEW, we'll use the Sea Kings.



INDEED...

They've put radars on the Sea Kings... It's handiwork to make up for the lack of AEW.

Let's hope that it's worth making a specialised aircraft! The Nimrods won't be enough!

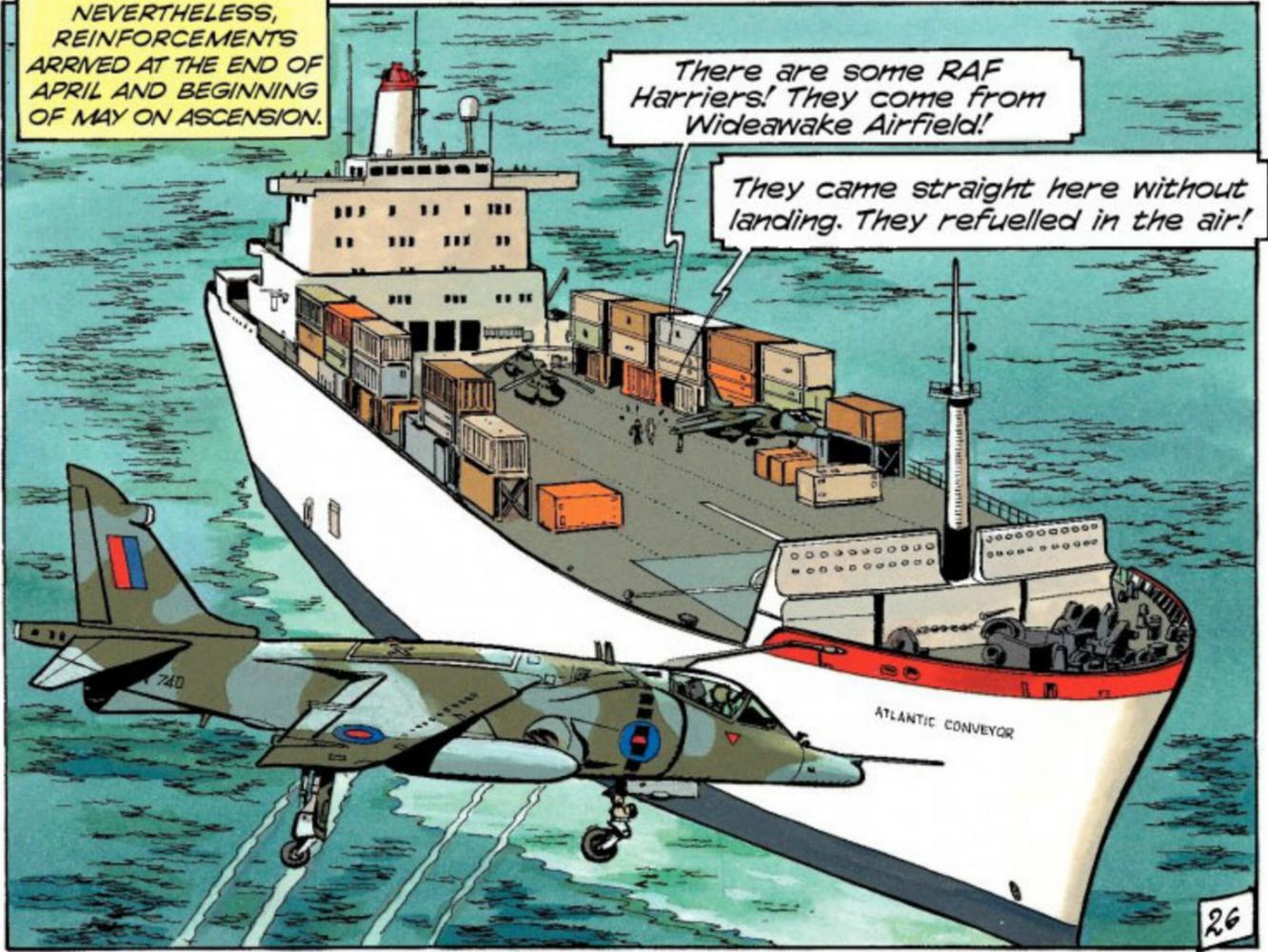


And what's more, we need an effective alert system... There won't be enough Sea Harriers to detect the attacks!

We need a real aircraft carrier... We've only got about thirty choppers!



NEVERTHELESS, REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED AT THE END OF APRIL AND BEGINNING OF MAY ON ASCENSION.



There are some RAF Harriers! They come from Wideawake Airfield!

They came straight here without landing. They refuelled in the air!

3 HARRIERS WILL BE KEPT AT ASCENSION TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE ISLAND... REPLACED THE 24TH OF MAY BY PHANTOMS, THEY WILL REJOIN THE FLEET AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES. INDEED, ON THE 4TH OF MAY, A SEA HARRIER WAS DOWNED OVER THE AIRPORT OF GOOSE GREEN BY THE D.C.A. ON THE 6TH OF MAY, 2 SEA HARRIERS CRASHED IN THE FOG. ON THE 7TH OF MAY THE NAVAL EXCLUSION ZONE IS EXTENDED TO 12 MILES FROM ARGENTINA.



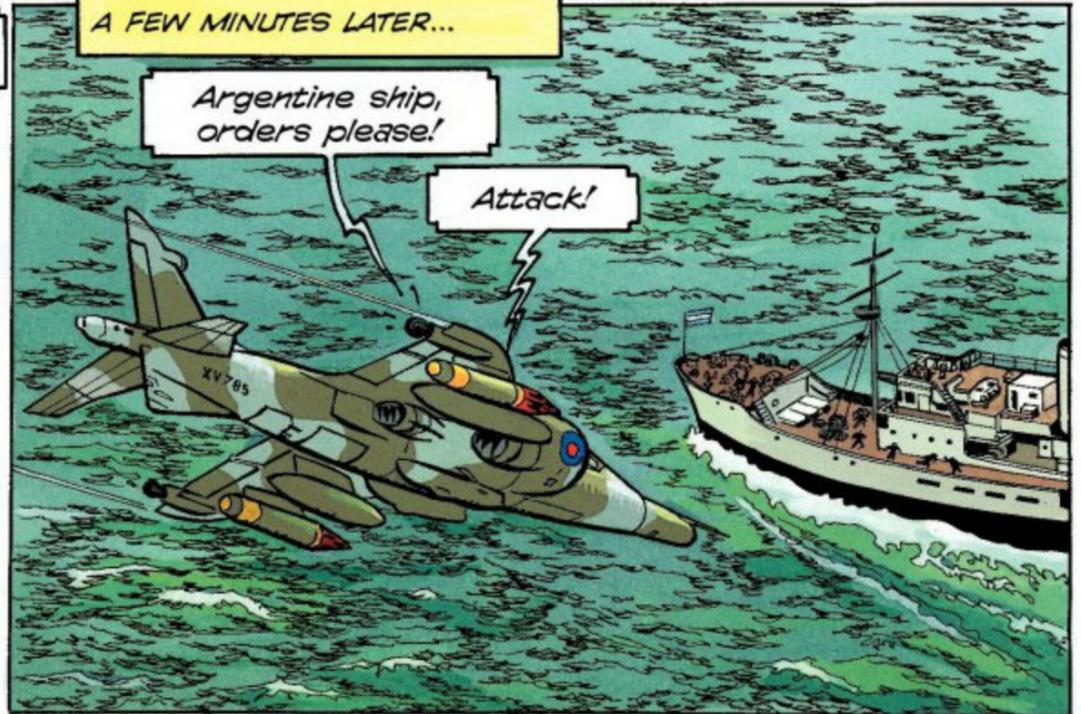
THE "INVINCIBLE," 9TH OF MAY...



Aye, aye, Sir!

You will attack the airport and the Argentinian patrollers. Keep your eyes peeled!

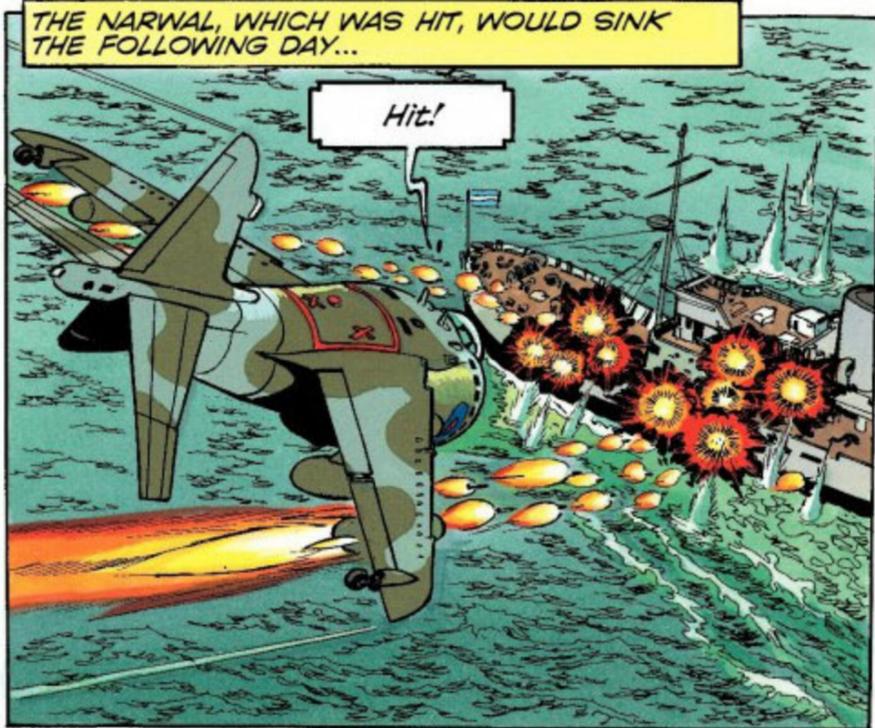
A FEW MINUTES LATER...



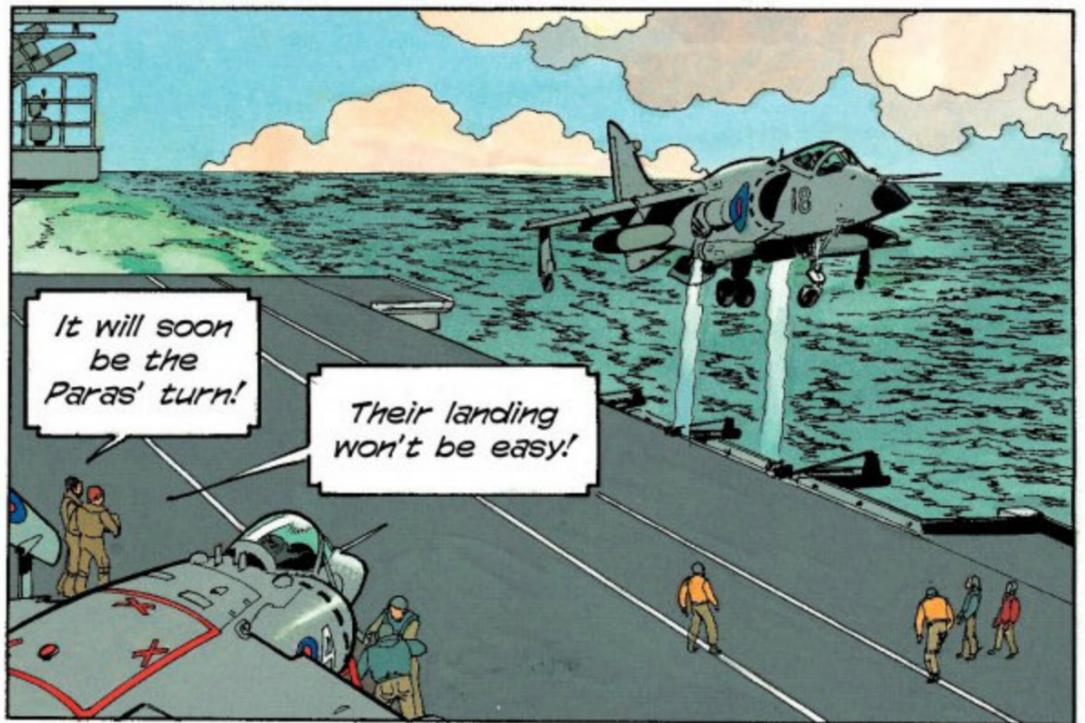
Argentine ship, orders please!

Attack!

THE NARWAL, WHICH WAS HIT, WOULD SINK THE FOLLOWING DAY...



Hit!



It will soon be the Paras' turn!

Their landing won't be easy!

ONBOARD "FEARLESS," GENERAL THOMPSON.

We have several possibilities for landing... Precisely, 5!



The Argentinians are waiting for us at Stanley but we have finally opted for San Carlos, 50 miles away from Stanley. We'll have to march.



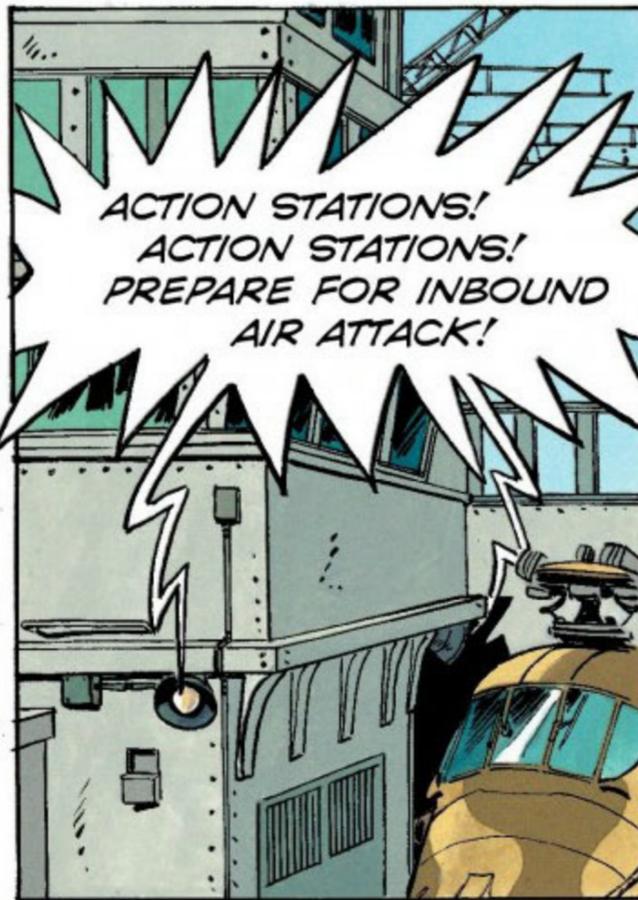
Here are your patrol territories... The date of the landing isn't yet fixed. We will wait for the "Canberra," which has left Ascension Island with the 3 Commando Brigade! While we wait, our ships will go into the Falkland Sound... The frigate "Alacrity" will lead!

12TH OF MAY...

Last night, the frigate "Alacrity" sank a commercial ship in the Sound!



The Argentinians are trying to force an embargo. Their merchant ships seem braver than their fleet!



ACTION STATIONS!
ACTION STATIONS!
PREPARE FOR INBOUND AIR ATTACK!

What's going on?...

Any damage?...

The Argentinians have attacked the "Broadsword" and the "Glasgow"!



LATER...

The Argentine Skyhawk attack immobilised the "Glasgow." Fortunately, the bomb that hit it did not explode!

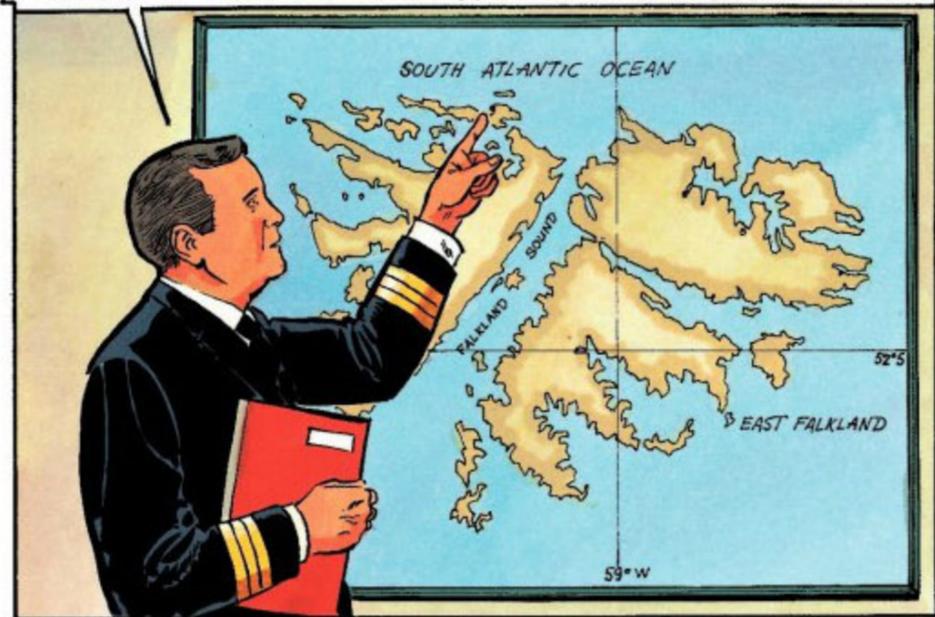


Nevertheless, this attack and the one from the Pucarás that followed have shown us the need for a Commando raid on the radar at Pebble Island... A reconnaissance mission was carried out on the 11th and 12th of May; here's the action zone...

NIGHT OF THE 14TH OF MAY...

Understood boys?... Move in silence to each target. Your comrades are already in place in dinghies and they have prepared the drop zone.

Aye, aye, Sir!





Cover group in place! The others, follow me, we'll take out the planes and the radar!...



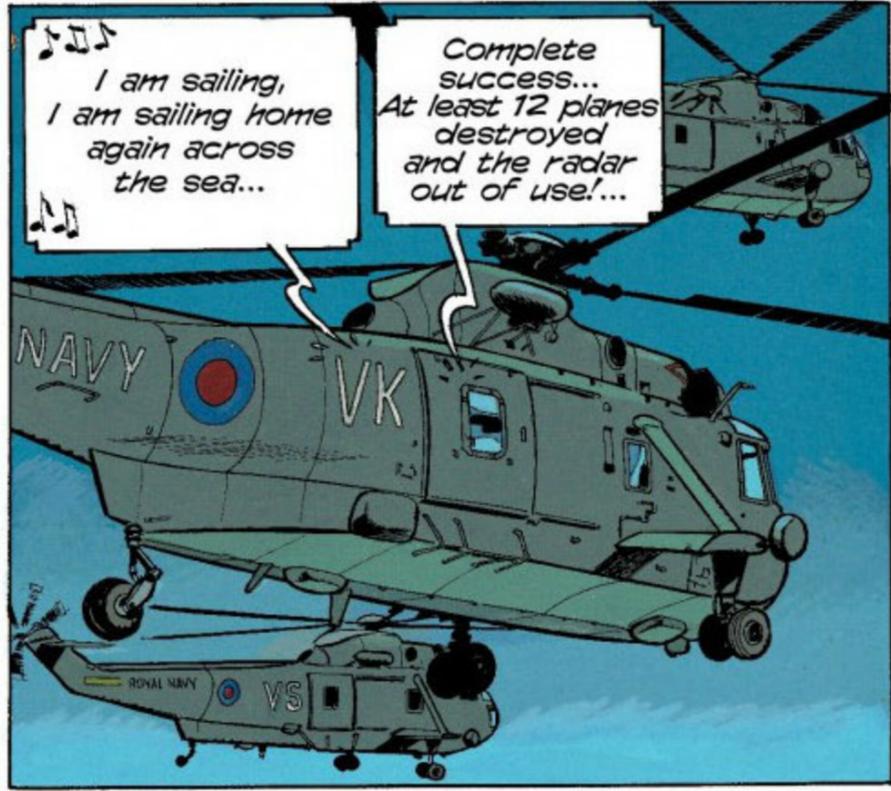


Let's get out of here before the Argies wake up!

ALERT, ALERT!



THE COVER GROUP RETURN FIRE...



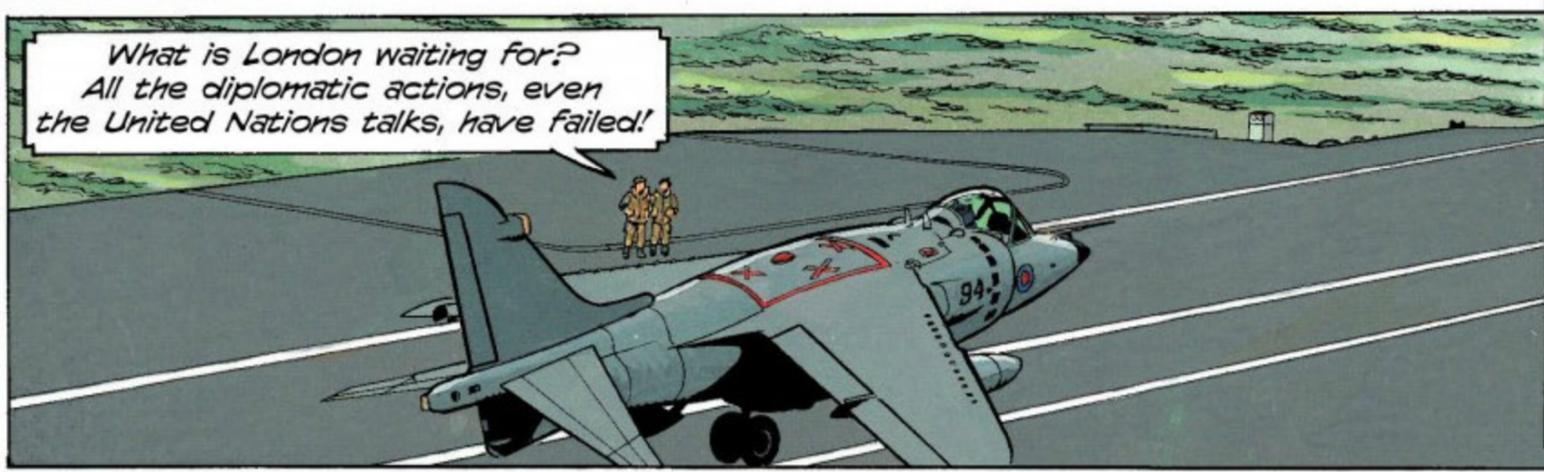
*I am sailing,
I am sailing home
again across
the sea...*

Complete
success...
At least 12 planes
destroyed
and the radar
out of use!...



THE 16TH OF MAY, THE SEA HARRIERS DESTROYED A TRANSPORTER AND DAMAGED A CARGO SHIP. THE 18TH OF MAY, A BRITISH HELICOPTER DISAPPEARED WITH 19 SAS ONBOARD.

20TH MAY, 11:25AM,
ONBOARD "FEARLESS,"
GENERAL THOMPSON.



What is London waiting for?
All the diplomatic actions, even
the United Nations talks, have failed!

London has
just sent us the
message "PALPAS".
Gentlemen, let's go!
It's landing time!...



AT THE SAME TIME, ON THE "HERMES"...

Here is the plan for Naval missions... Men, let's get to work!



ON THE NIGHT OF THE 20TH OF MAY, THE INVASION FORCE IS PUT INTO PLACE, HIDDEN BY THE FOG AND PROTECTED BY THE "ANTRIM" AND FIVE FRIGATES.



"FEARLESS," 4AM, COMMODORE MIKE CLAPP, CHIEF OF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS...

Landing craft ready... Let Commodore Clapp know!



Launch the landing craft!...



ON TRANSIT TO SAN CARLOS...



THE 2 PARA LANDS FIRST...

Good grief, what's this hat?

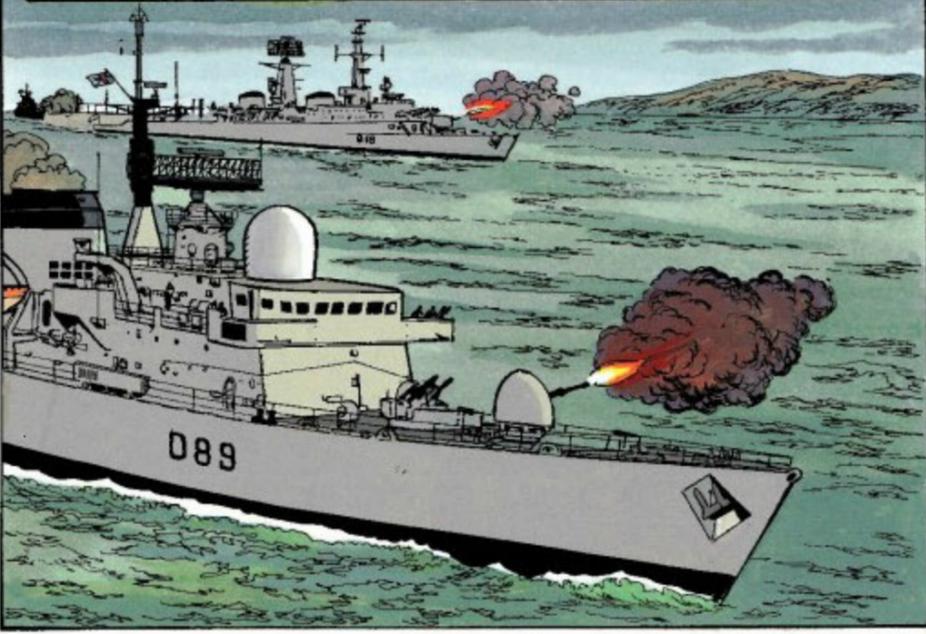
Shut up, it's our friends the SBS... You want to get hurt?



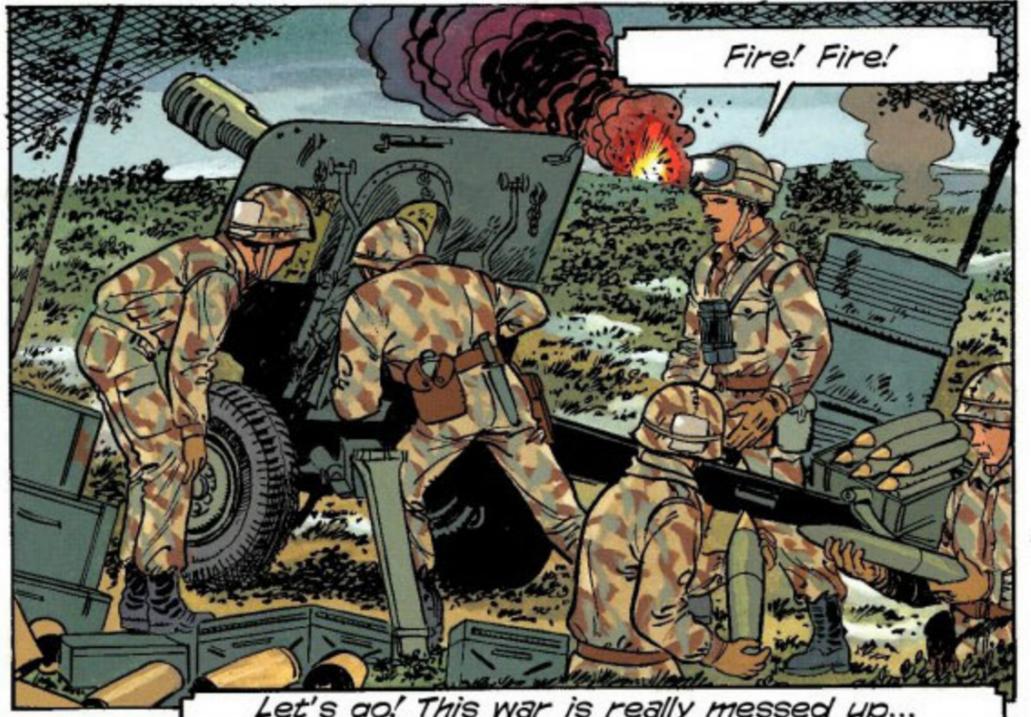
The Argies didn't want to give themselves up to Captain Bell... They're holding the high ground at Fanning Head! I'll take you there!



THE ROYAL NAVY POUNDS FANNING HEAD.



Fire! Fire!

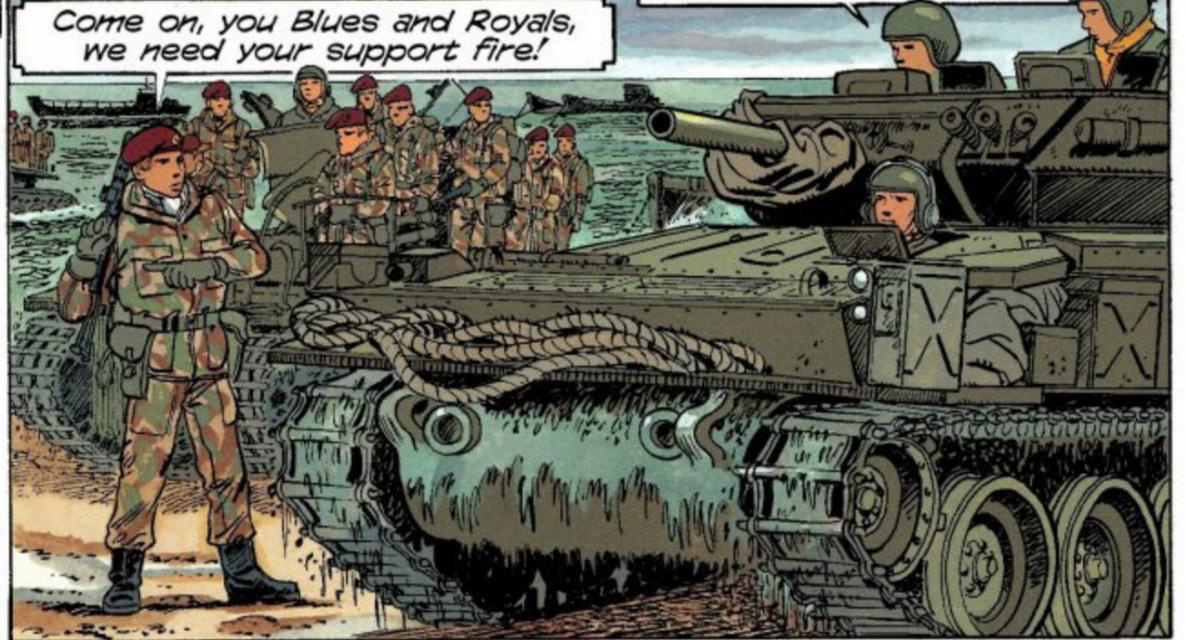


Let's go! This war is really messed up... Argentina supplies us with our best polo horses!

They're sending out the tanks!

INDEED...

Come on, you Blues and Royals, we need your support fire!

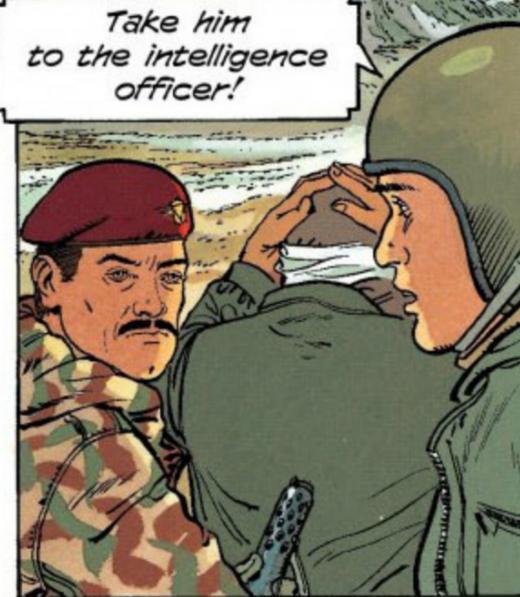


Here are some prisoners!

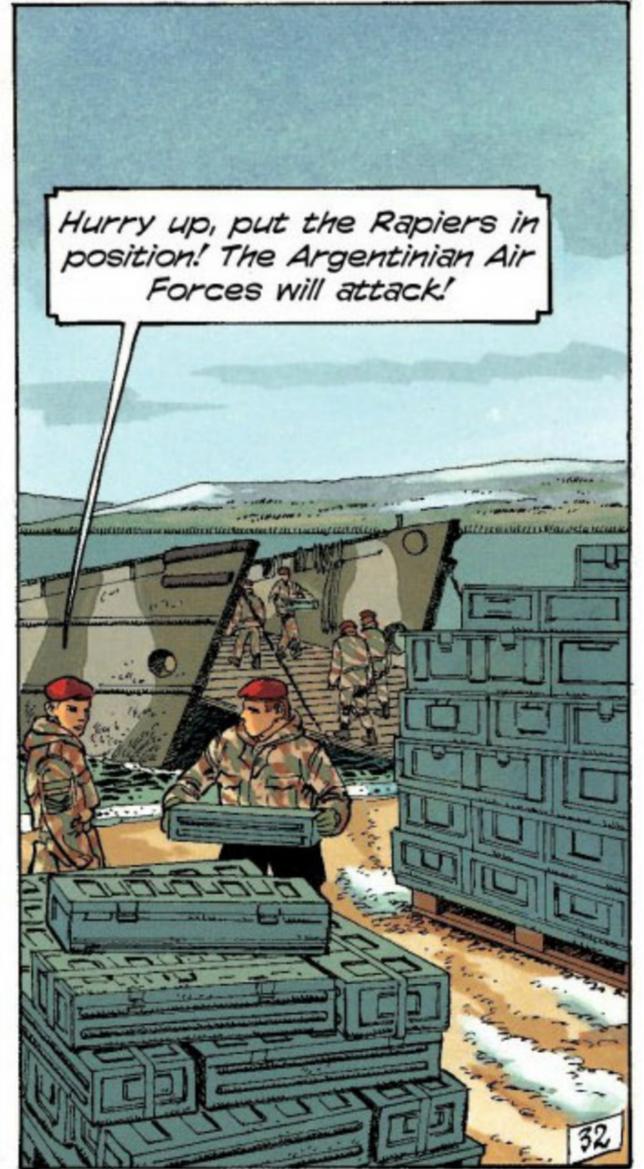
It's a Commando officer. His men have taken out two helicopters with missile launchers...

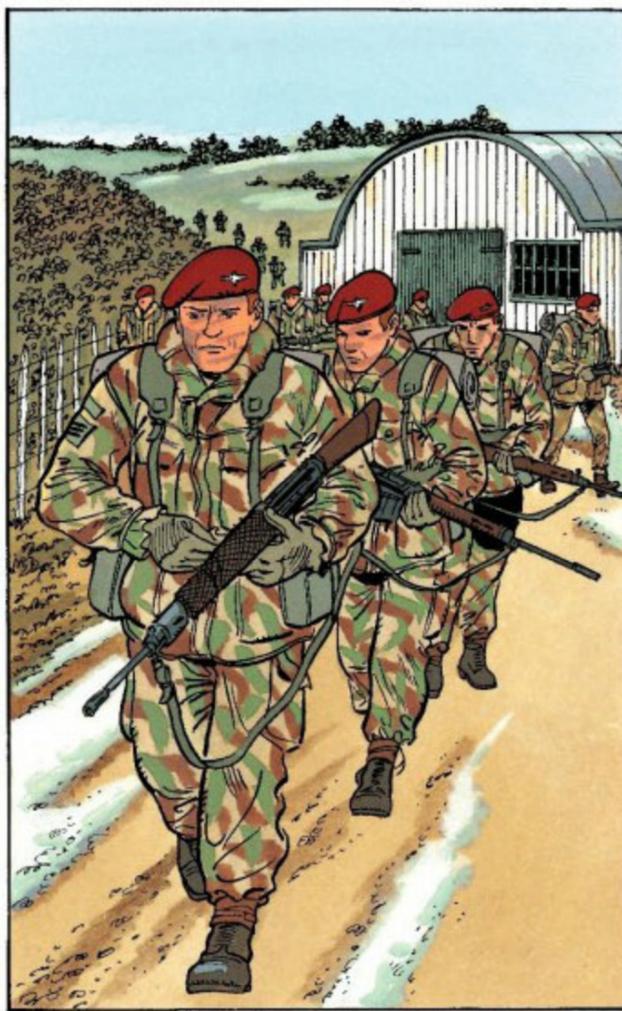


Take him to the intelligence officer!



Hurry up, put the Rapiers in position! The Argentinian Air Forces will attack!





MALCOLM HUNT MEETS THE FIRST KEEPLERS IN SAN CARLOS.

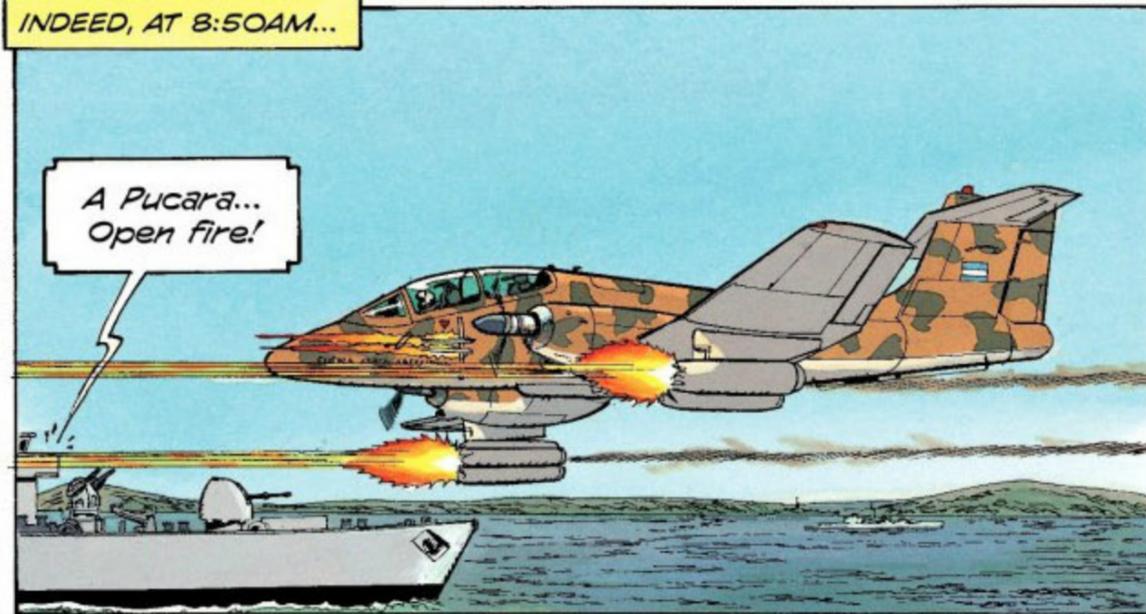
Here we are!

We've been expecting you!



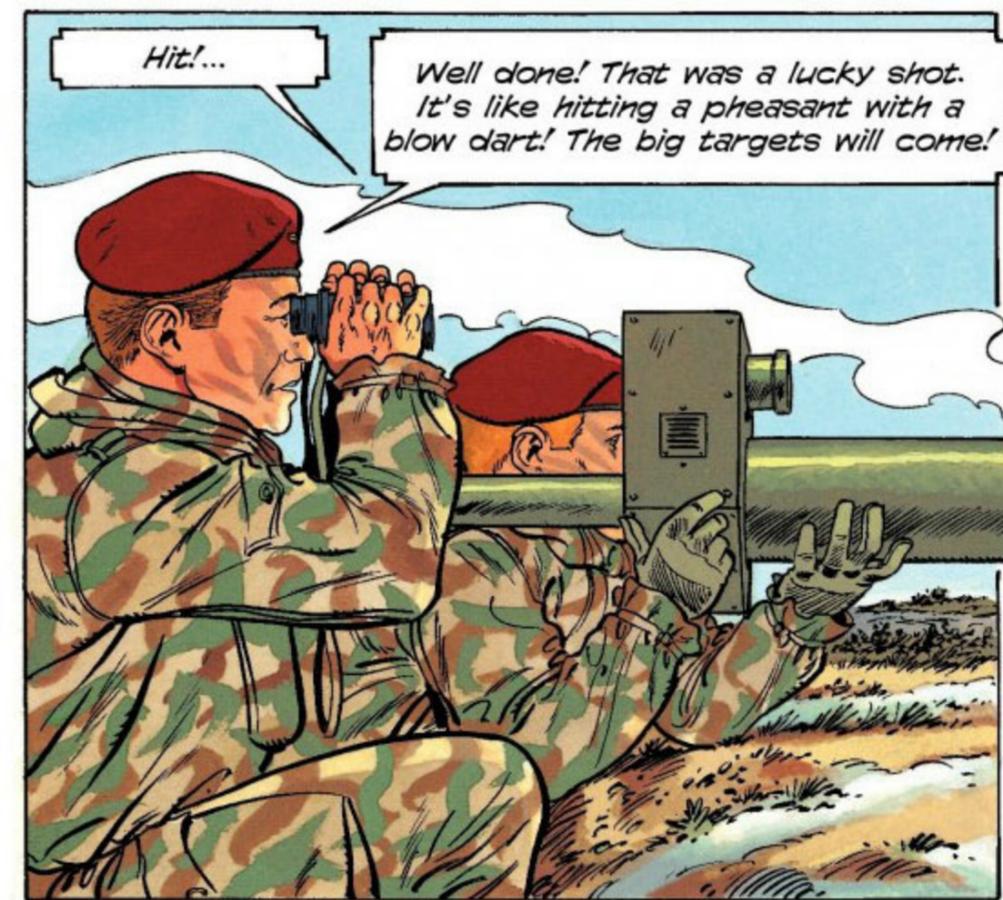
Can you tell us if Leeds have gone down to the 2nd Division?

Sir!
Air attack on the fleet!



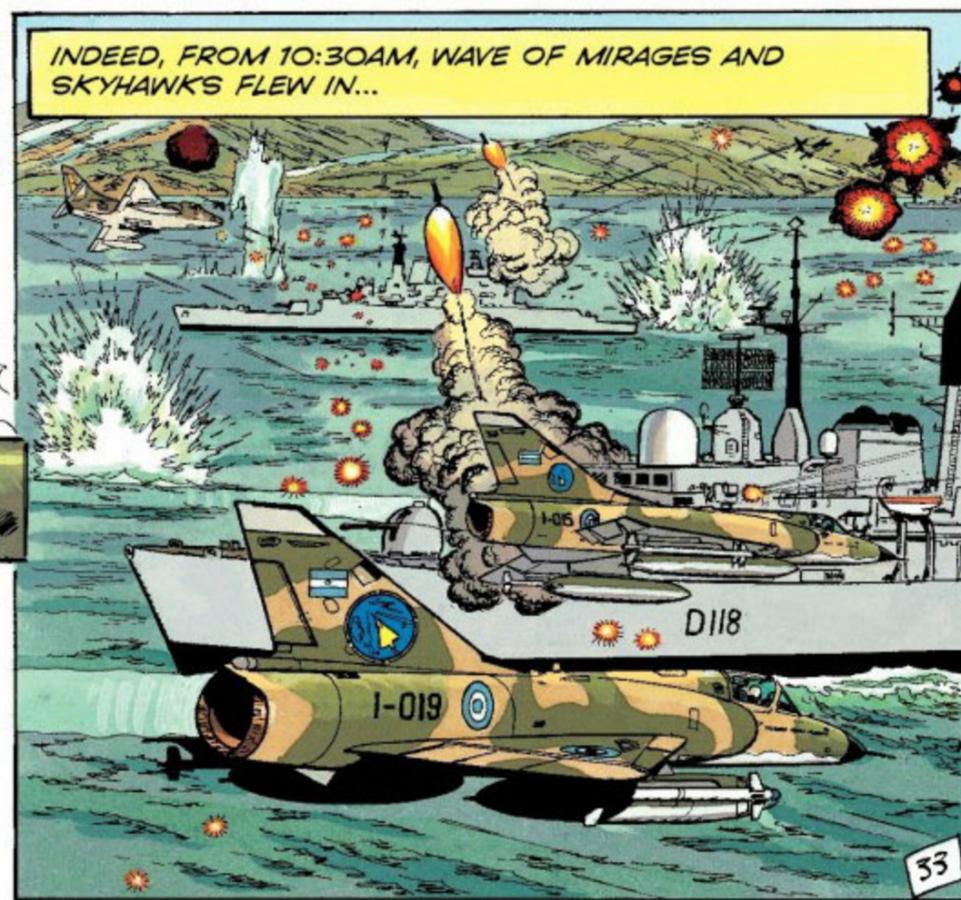
INDEED, AT 8:50AM...

A Pucara...
Open fire!



Hit!...

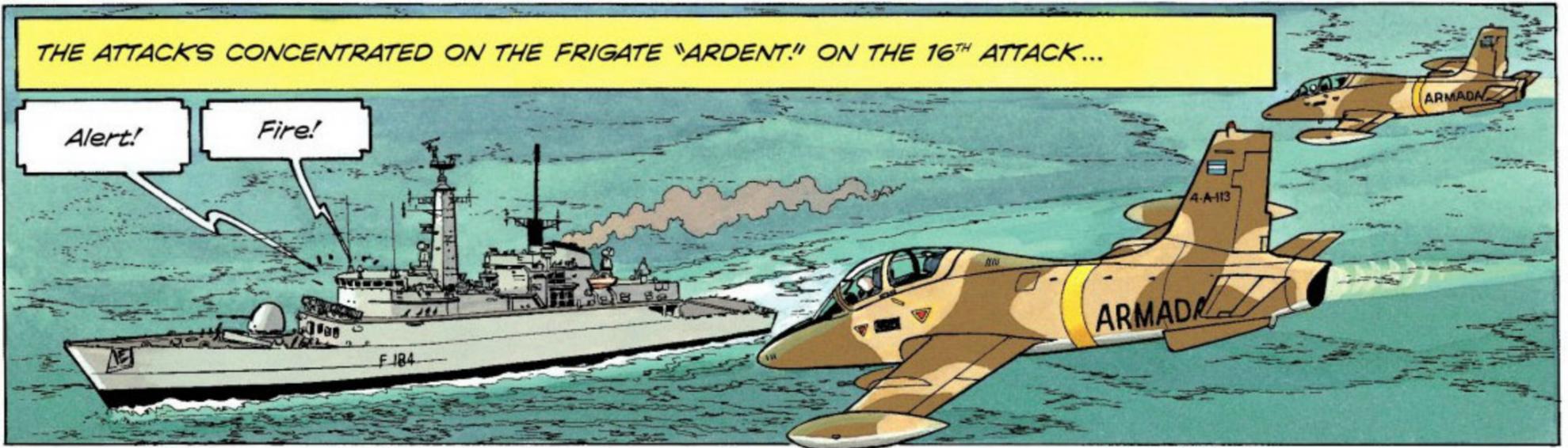
Well done! That was a lucky shot.
It's like hitting a pheasant with a blow dart! The big targets will come!



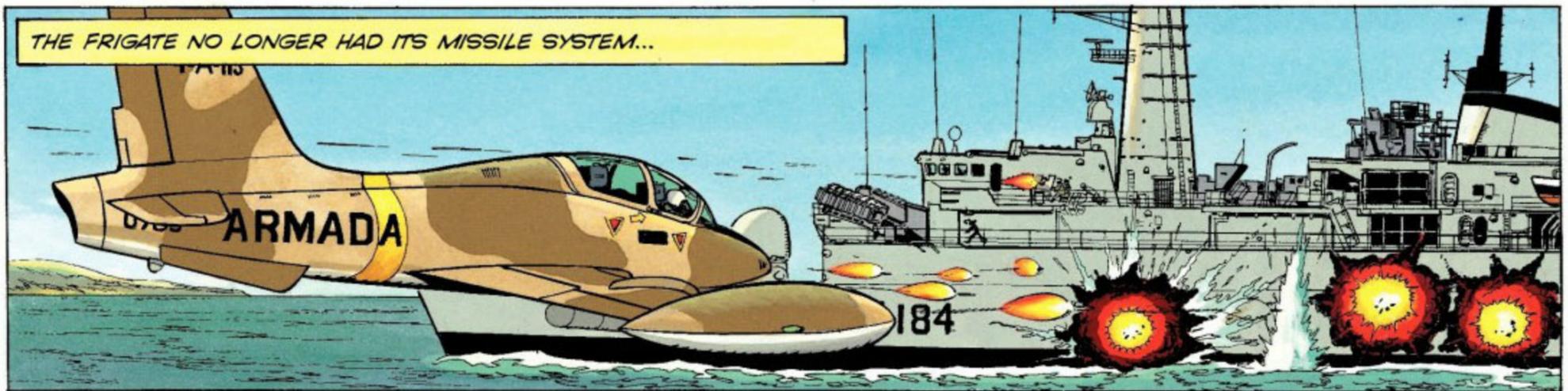
INDEED, FROM 10:30AM, WAVE OF MIRAGES AND SKYHAWKS FLEW IN...

THE ATTACKS CONCENTRATED ON THE FRIGATE "ARDENT!" ON THE 16TH ATTACK...

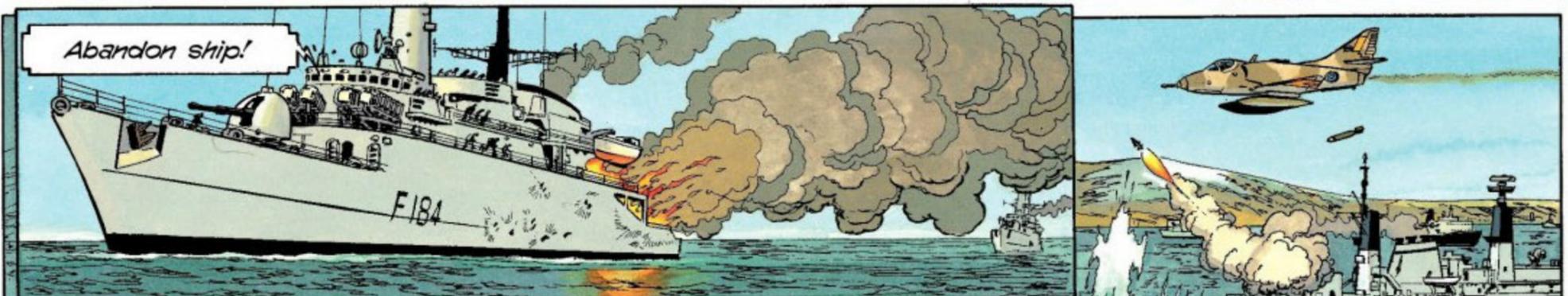
Alert!
Fire!



THE FRIGATE NO LONGER HAD ITS MISSILE SYSTEM...



Abandon ship!



THE "ANTRIM" TOOK A BOMB THAT DIDN'T EXPLODE... 5 OF THE 8 ESCORT SHIPS WERE DAMAGED ("ARDENT," "ANTRIM," "ARGONAUT," "BROADSWORD," "BRILLIANT.")



We landed 5000 men. Fortunately the Argentinians concentrated their attacks on the escort ships and not the transporters...



The Harriers were not at the party... Their Blue Fox radar didn't pick up the Argentinians flying just above the ground...

They still managed to take out 14 Mirages and some Pucarás...



23RD OF MAY, ARGENTINE BASE...

Yes! And one of our Harriers was taken down accidentally by a Blowpipe!... What headline will you give your article?

Bomb alley... while waiting for renewed attacks!

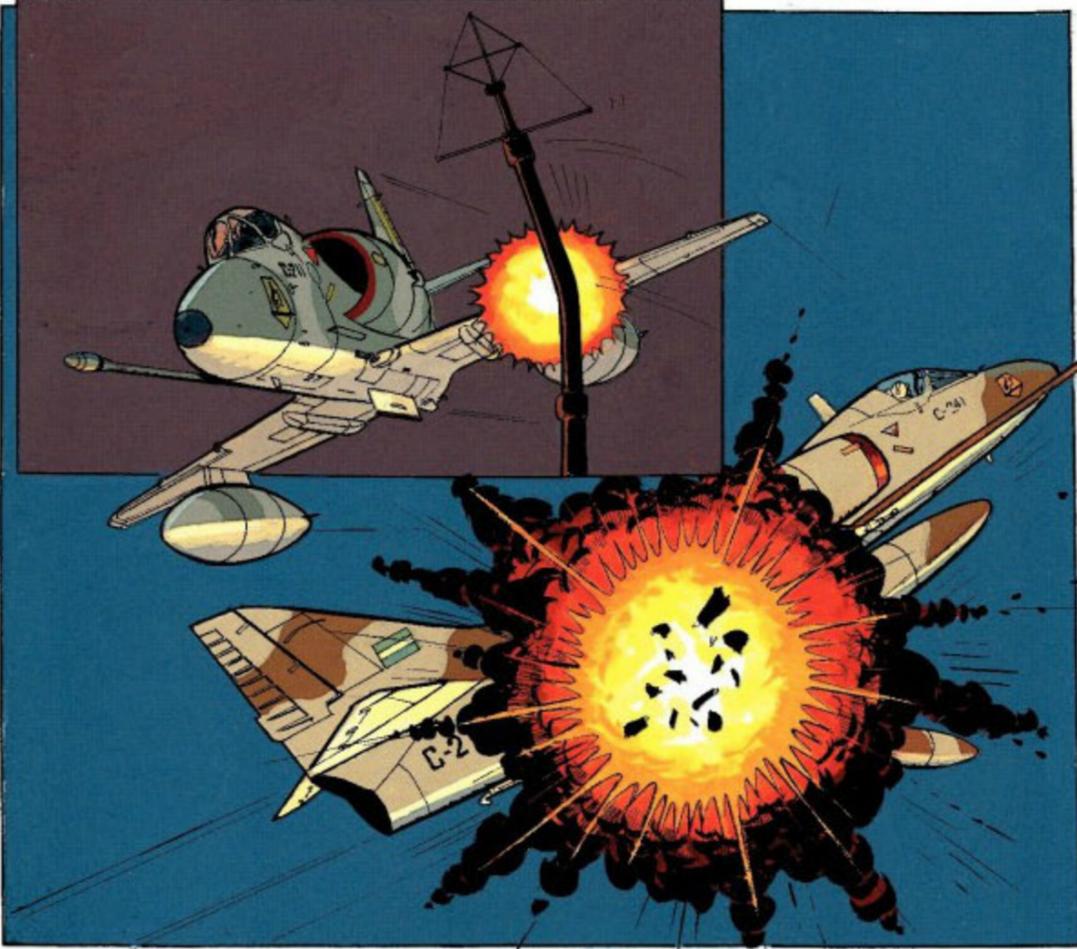
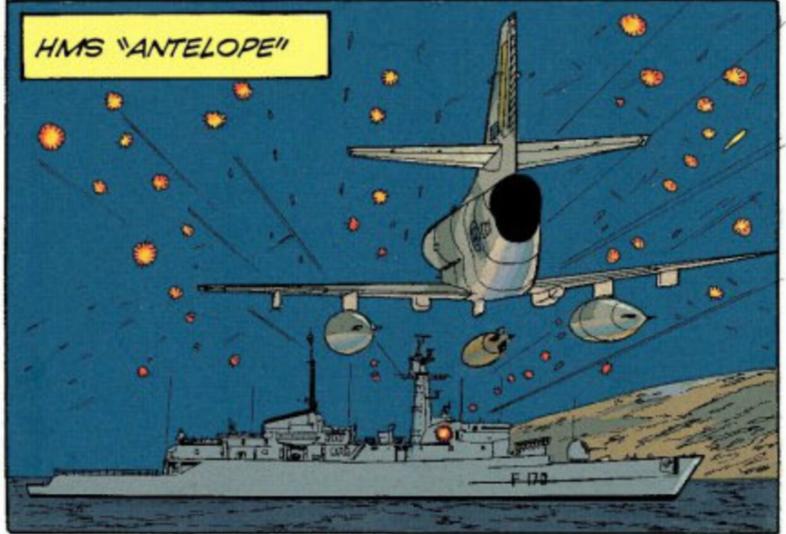


It will be even harder today! The Rapiers will be in place... We will move in as low as possible... We only have a short time... Attack in pairs!

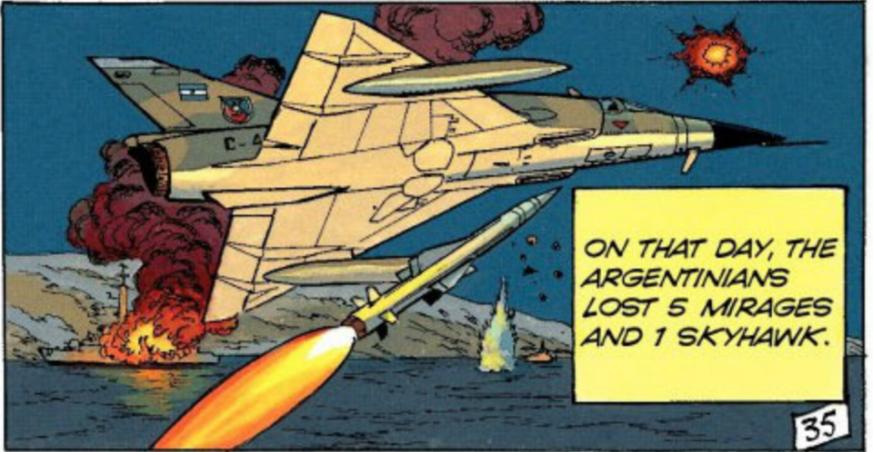
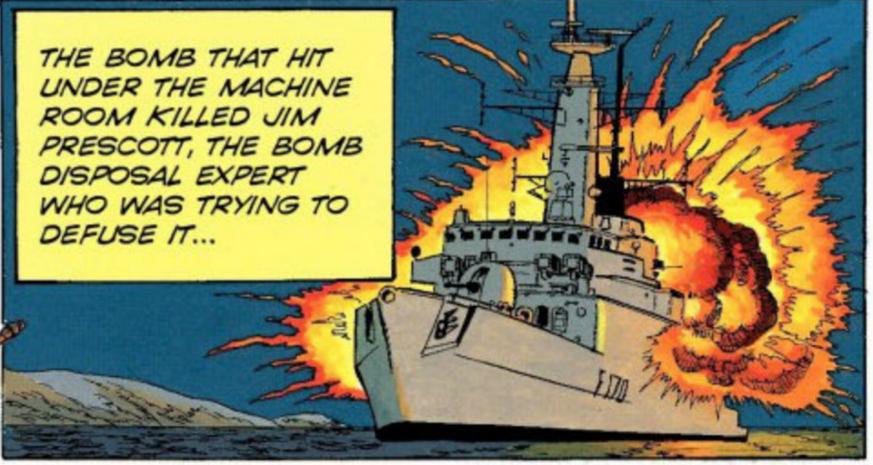


A LITTLE LATER...

I will bombard one of these cursed gringos!

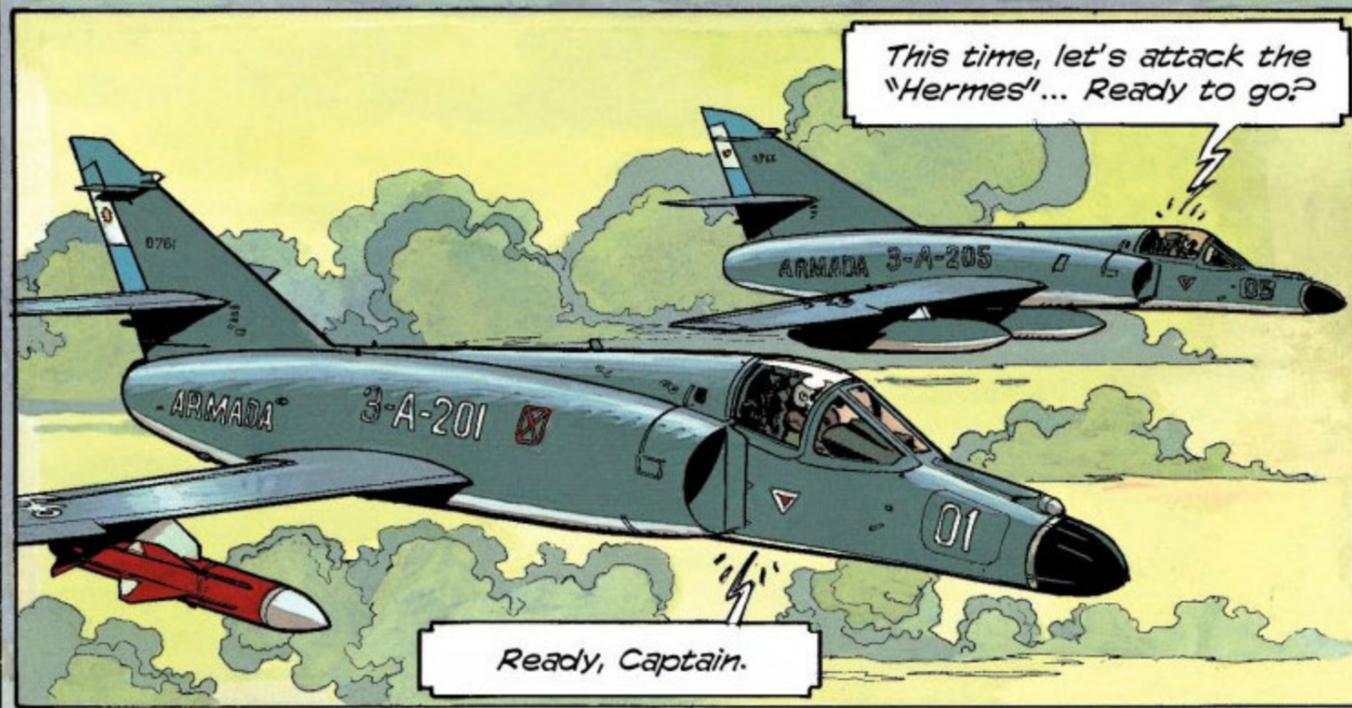


THE BOMB THAT HIT UNDER THE MACHINE ROOM KILLED JIM PRESCOTT, THE BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERT WHO WAS TRYING TO DEFUSE IT...



ON THAT DAY, THE ARGENTINIANS LOST 5 MIRAGES AND 1 SKYHAWK.

ON THE 23RD OF MAY, THE TASK FORCE RECEIVES REINFORCEMENTS OF 5 ESCORTS AND 3 AUXILIARY SHIPS, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 24 ESCORTS. ONE SEA HARRIER IS LOST WHILE TAKING OFF FROM THE "HERMES." ON MAY 24TH, THE ARGENTINES MAKE 24 ATTACKS AND LOSE 4 DAGGERS WITHOUT A NOTABLE RESULT. ON THE 25TH OF MAY, AN ARGENTINE NATIONAL HOLIDAY, CAPTAIN VEDACANAZ WILL LEAD A NEW MISSION FROM WHICH HE WILL NEVER RETURN...



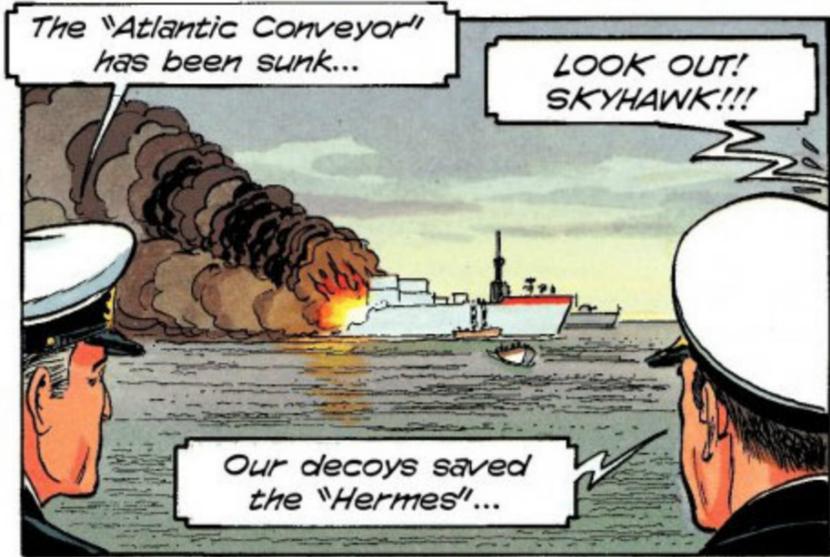
This time, let's attack the "Hermes"... Ready to go?

Ready, Captain.

ON THE "HERMES"...

Missiles locked, Captain... They are using Exocets!

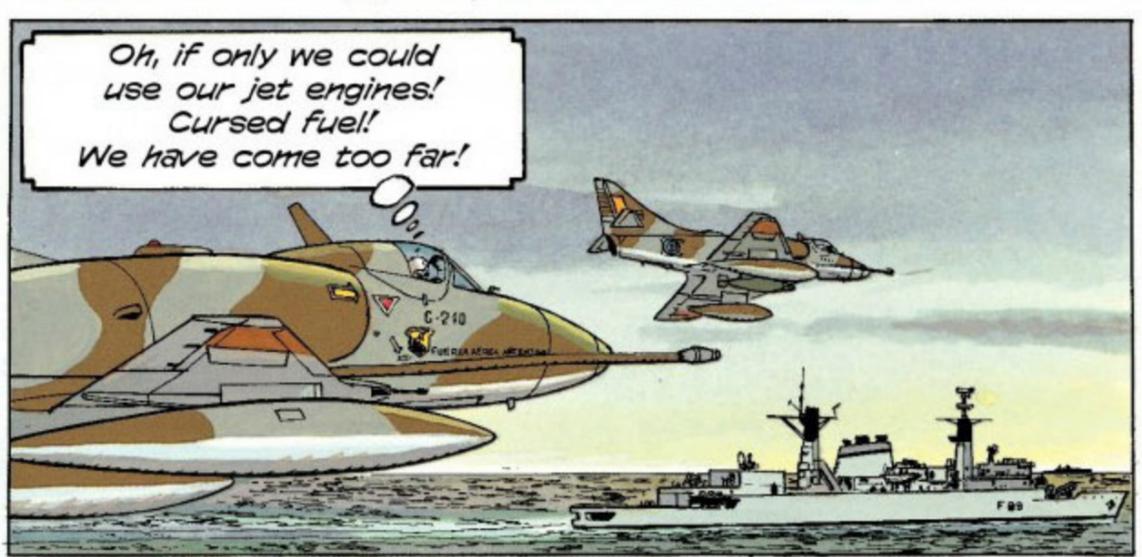
Launch the decoys and put the choppers into action!



The "Atlantic Conveyor" has been sunk...

LOOK OUT! SKYHAWK!!!

Our decoys saved the "Hermes"...



Oh, if only we could use our jet engines! Cursed fuel! We have come too far!



THE BOMB WON'T EXPLODE...

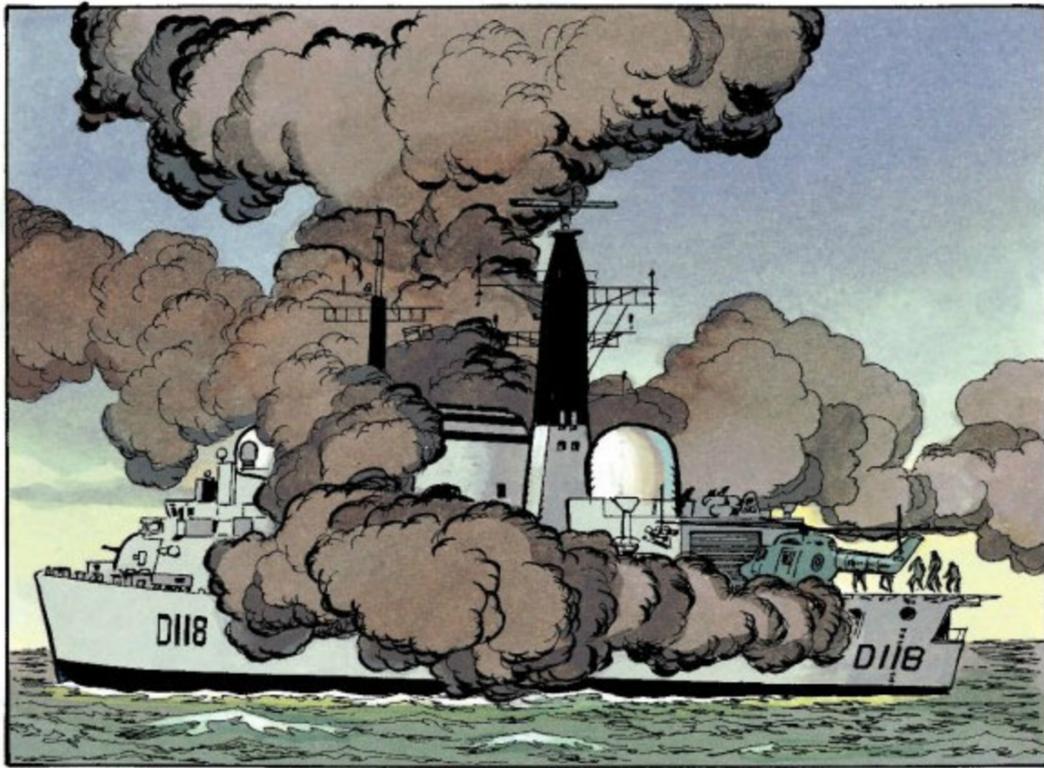
CAPTAIN DAVID HART DYKE OF THE "COVENTRY"...

Look out, a new aerial attack! Prepare the missiles!



There's a 20-second wait; the gyros on the Sea Darts are not yet warmed up!

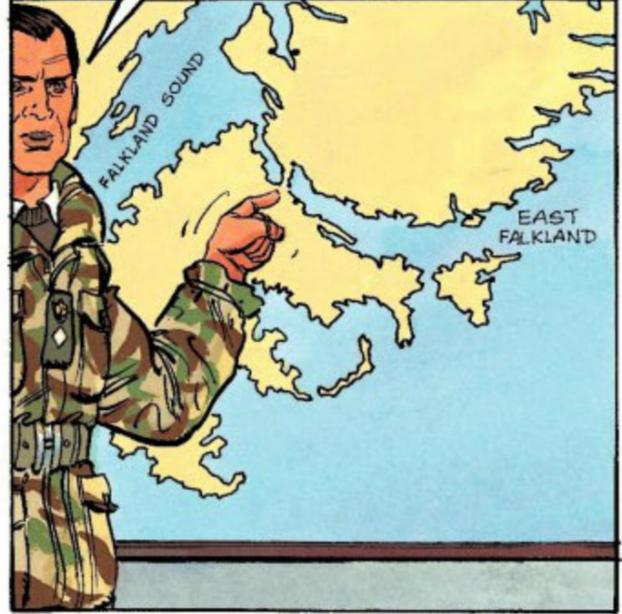




ONBOARD "HERMES"...

What a day! The "Coventry" sunk, the "Atlantic Conveyor" at the bottom of the sea with 4 Chinooks, 15 Wessex, and heavy machinery! We're going to miss those helicopters! How are the land operations going?

The 2 Para, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel H Jones, is heading towards Darwin and Goose Green. They confronted the 12th regiment, an elite troop.



Lieutenant Colonel Andy Whitehead is making his way to the Douglas Settlement. Colonel Pike and 3 Para are going to Teal Inlet... We are waiting for the green light from London to attack Goose Green!



THE 25TH OF MAY, THE GREEN LIGHT IS GIVEN. THE 27TH OF MAY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL H JONES...

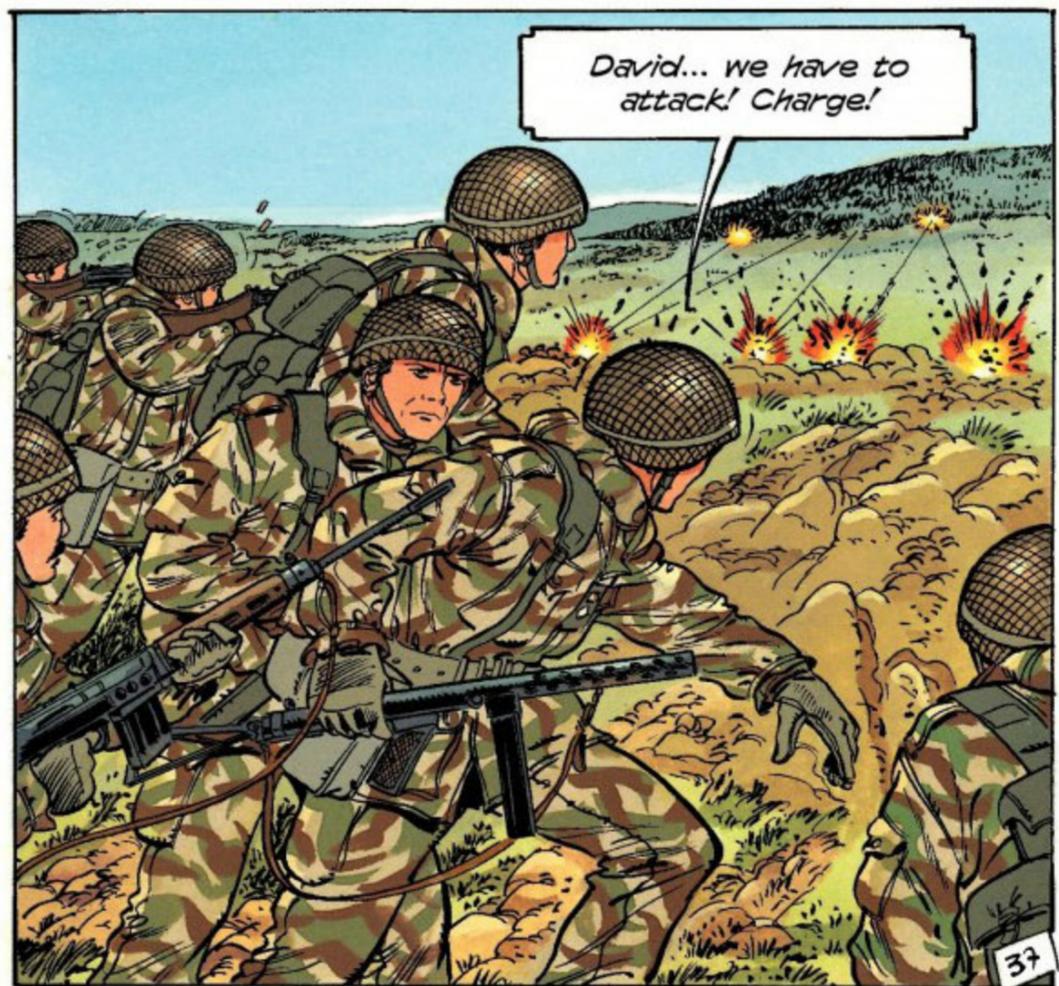
I will stay with A Company. We will have no choppers... The Frigate "Arrow" and our 105 will cover our assaults... Let's go!



28TH MAY, 1:30PM... AT THE FOOT OF DARWIN HILL...



Sir, some unmarked trenches are blocking the way...



David... we have to attack! Charge!



During the assault, Colonel Jones and Captain Wood have been killed.



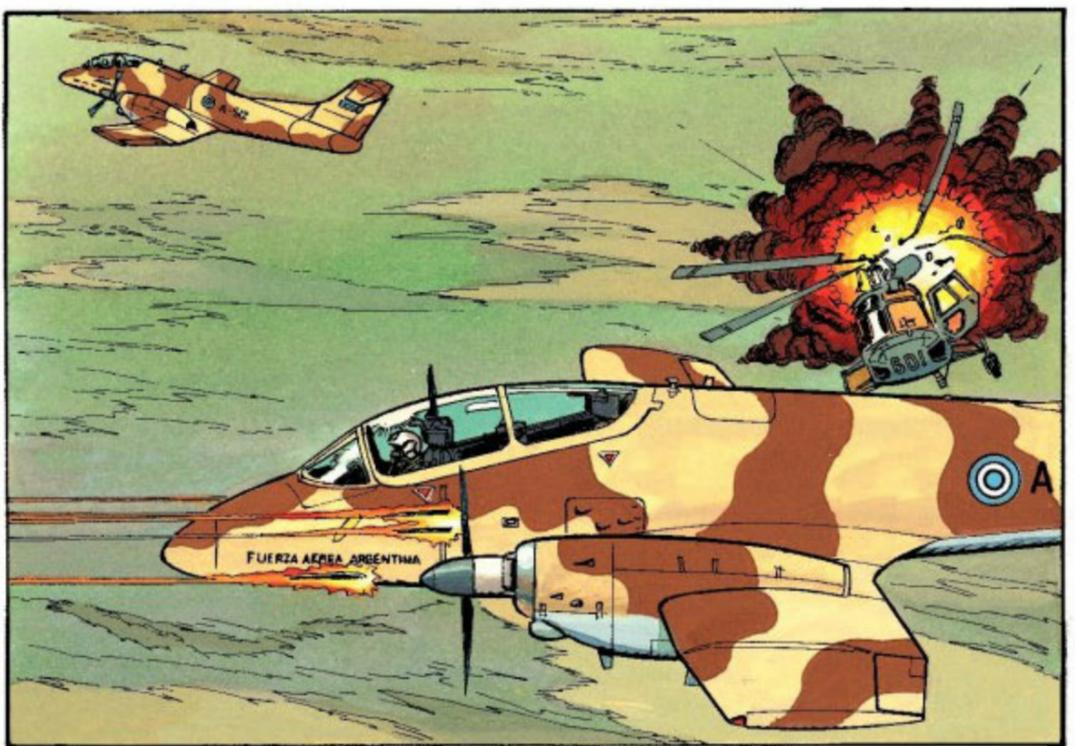
Tell Major Keeble... Darwin Hill is secure.

AT P.C., MAJOR KEEBLE...

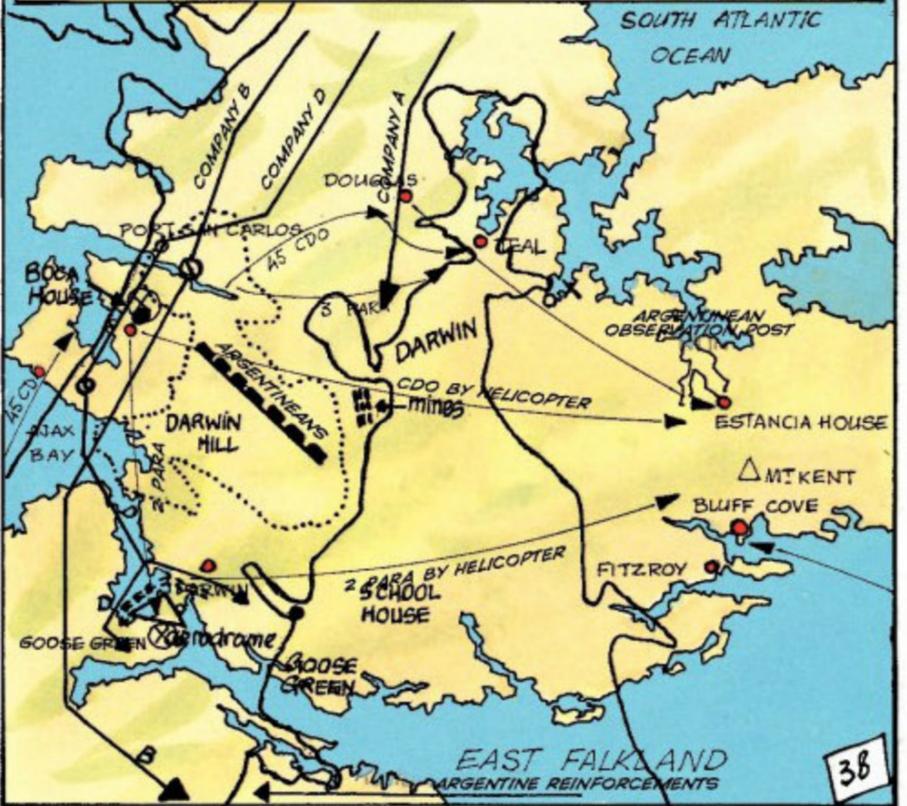
Send A Company to the assault on Darwin Hill... B Company will wait for D.

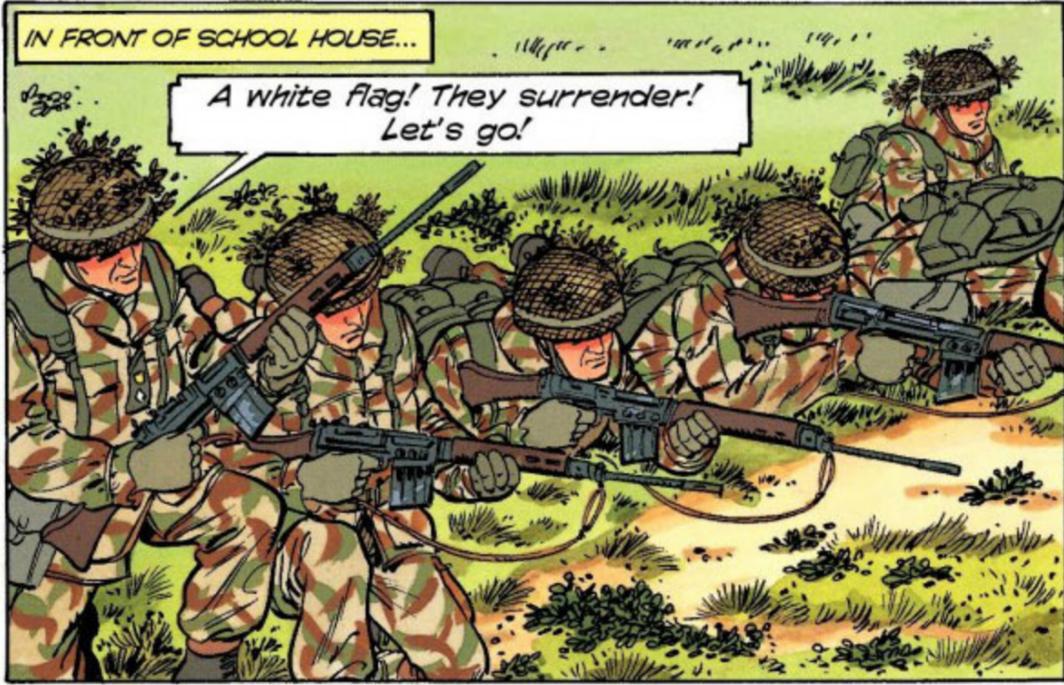


Look out! Pucara attack!...



EVENING OF MAY 28TH, D COMPANY ARRIVES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOOSE GREEN...





IN FRONT OF SCHOOL HOUSE...

A white flag! They surrender!
Let's go!



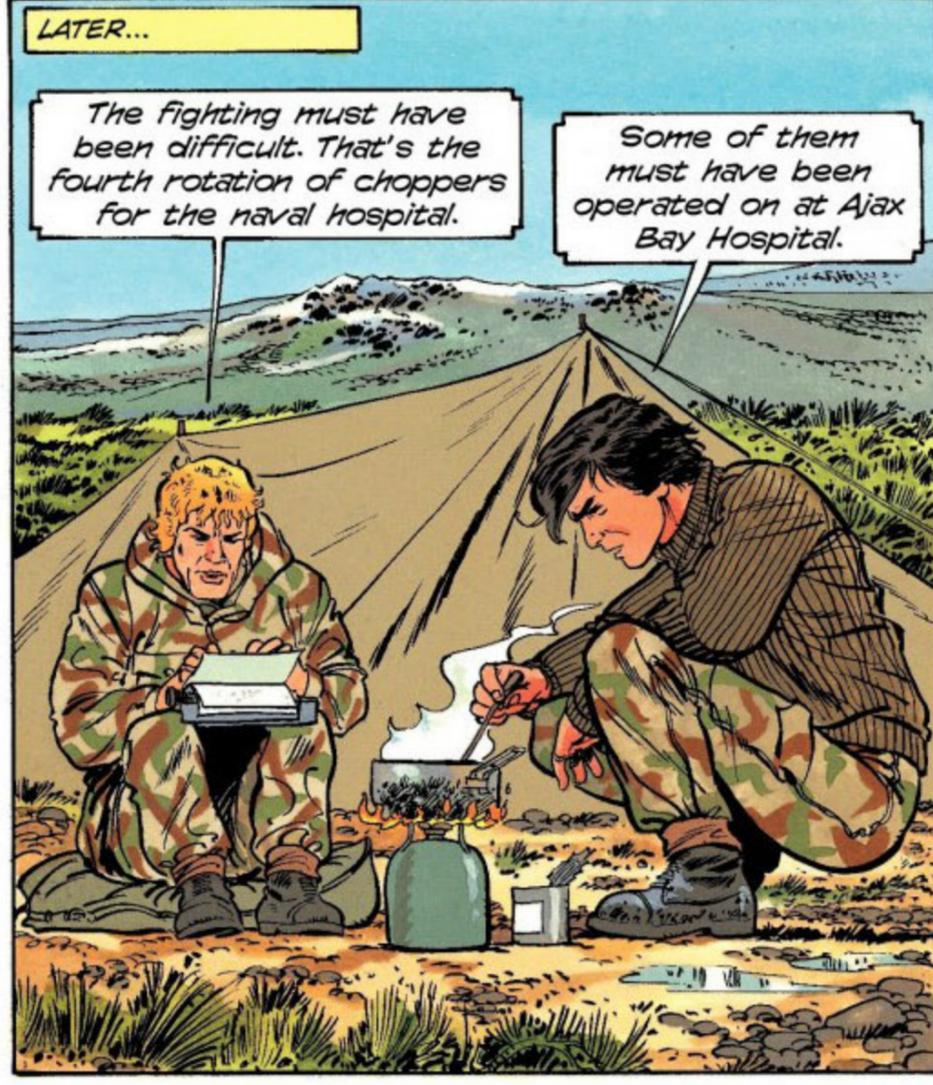
Dirty rats!!! Fire!...
Fire!...



We hit
the ammunition
depot!

MORNING OF THE 29TH
OF MAY...

Goose Green
is under our
control!
The Argies
surrendered!
Send choppers
for the injured!...



LATER...

The fighting must have
been difficult. That's the
fourth rotation of choppers
for the naval hospital.

Some of them
must have been
operated on at Ajax
Bay Hospital.



Doctors certainly won't lack
patients... The "QE II" has
arrived in South Georgia
with 5 Brigade under orders
from General Wilson.

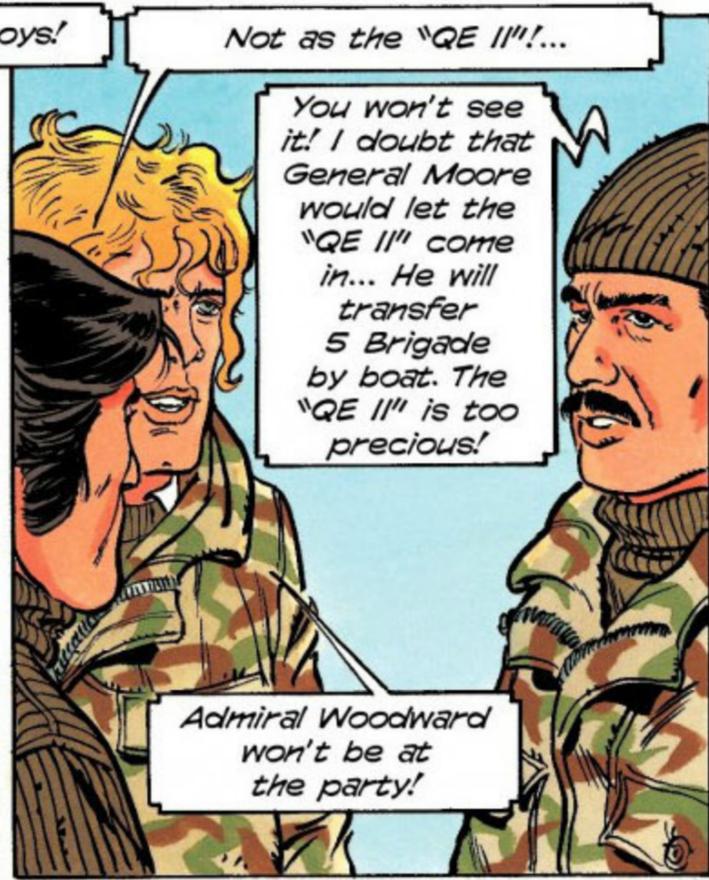
Enjoy your
breakfast!



I can't wait to photograph the Gurkhas from 5 Brigade...

Hi, boys!

Not as the "QE II"!...



You won't see it! I doubt that General Moore would let the "QE II" come in... He will transfer 5 Brigade by boat. The "QE II" is too precious!

Admiral Woodward won't be at the party!

That's not nice for the Welsh and Scots Guards... they look good too!

What's happening on land?

AT THE SAME TIME, ADMIRAL WOODWARD...

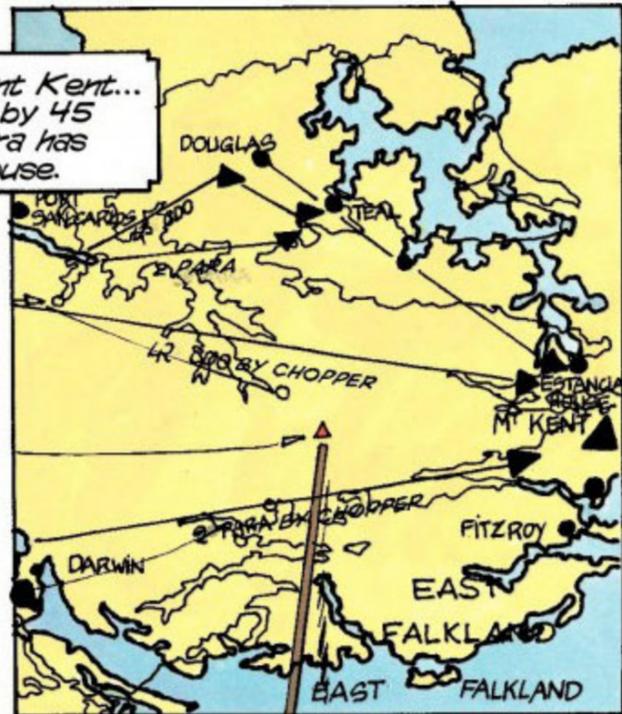


How are we doing?

Since the fruitless attack on the 30th of May against the "Invincible," the Argentinians haven't tried to approach aircraft carriers!



42 Commando is on Mount Kent... They have been joined by 45 Commando while 3 para has reached Estancia House.

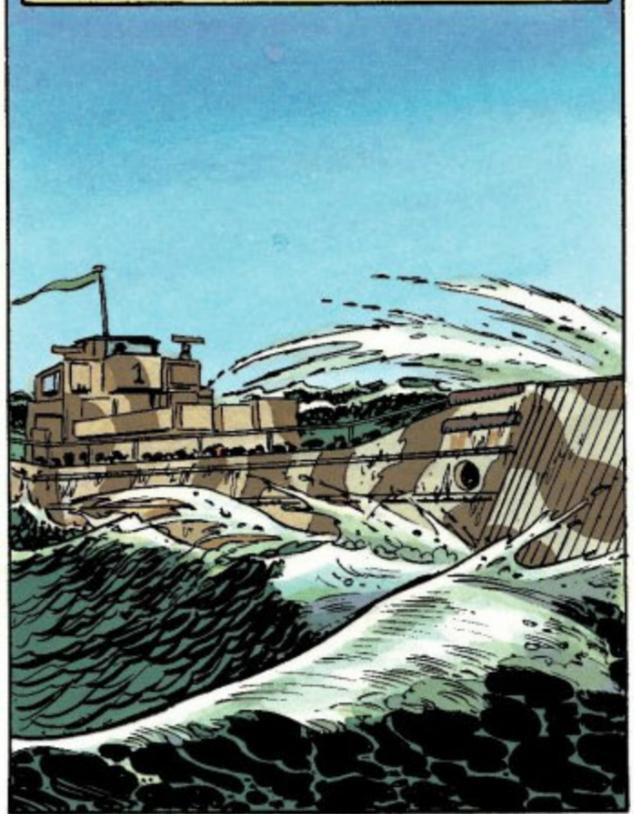


Our artillery shoots from Mount Kent at Stanley and is cleaning up Bluff Cove. The Gurkhas have relieved the Paras at Goose Green...

In that case, 5 brigade landing on Bluff Cove can begin.



5th OF JUNE, THE SCOTS GUARDS OF 5 BRIGADE APPROACH BLUFF COVE.



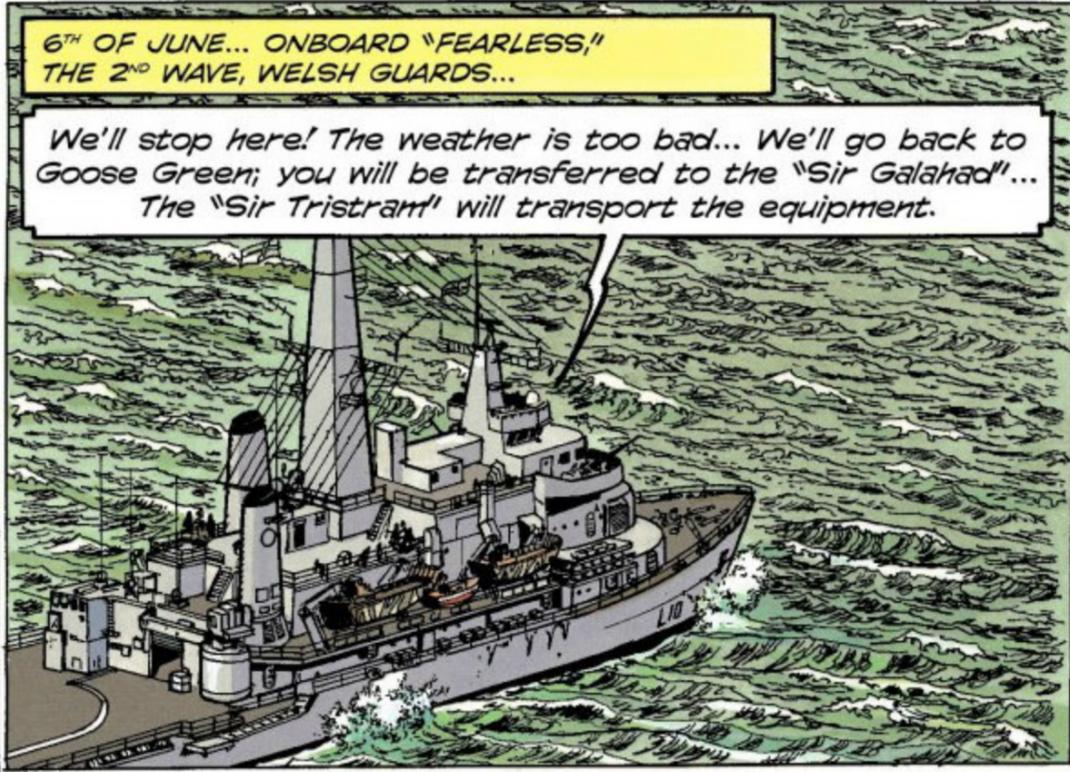
Here we are, the coast is in sight!

At last! We have been trying to reach Bluff Cove for 7 hours!





The boys from the second wave are going to love this!



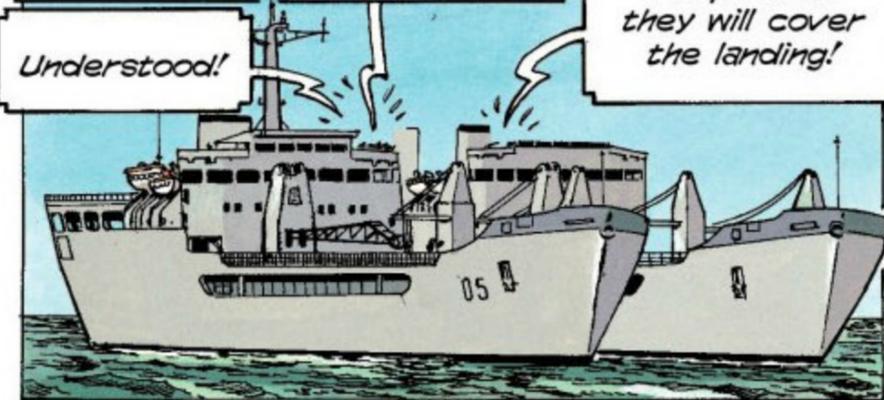
6TH OF JUNE... ONBOARD "FEARLESS," THE 2ND WAVE, WELSH GUARDS...

We'll stop here! The weather is too bad... We'll go back to Goose Green; you will be transferred to the "Sir Galahad"... The "Sir Tristram" will transport the equipment.

8TH OF JUNE, 350 WELSH GUARDS ARRIVE AT PORT PLEASANT.

We'll wait before landing these guards. The bridge that links Port Pleasant to Bluff Cove has gone down.

Some advanced troops are already on land... I hope that they will cover the landing!

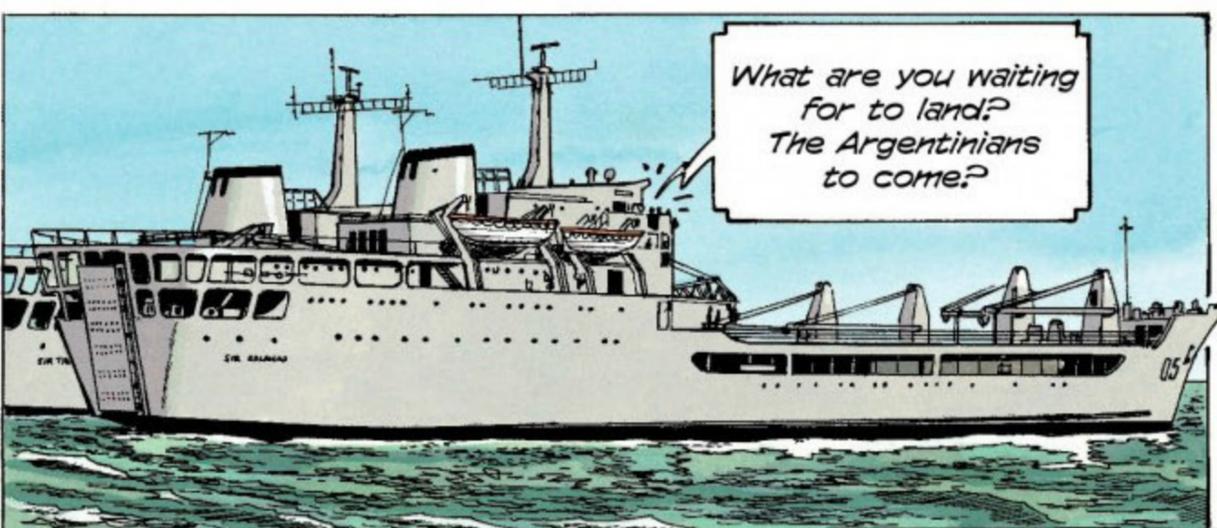


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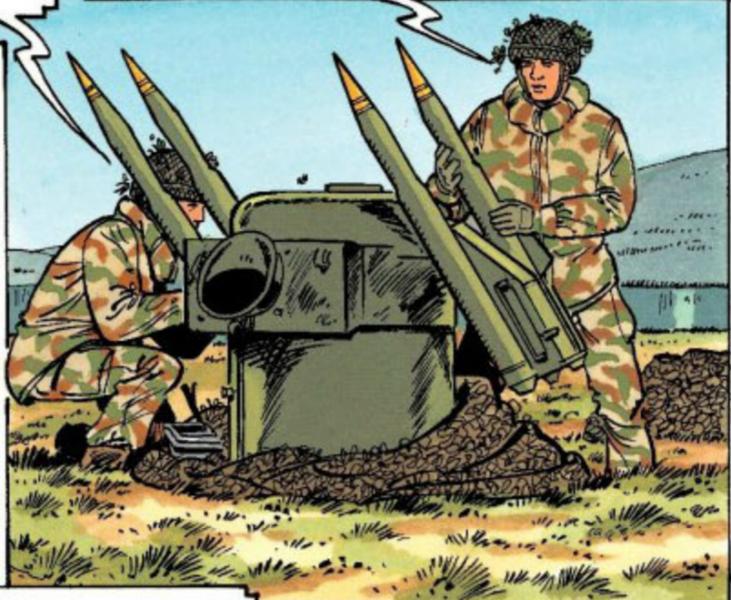
INDEED...

Damned machine! The electronics took a knock during transport!

Call the after-sales service! This is starting to get messy. We have to hurry up... Friends are waiting... We have no naval protection and the Argentinians are watching us!



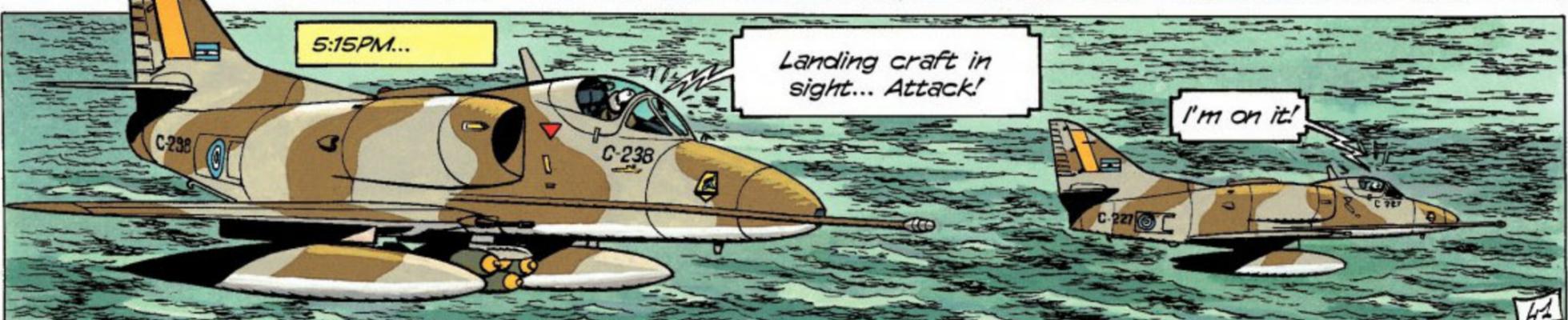
What are you waiting for to land? The Argentinians to come?



Get the landing craft ready!

AT 5PM, THE LANDING FINALLY BEGINS.

The Argies have spotted us... A spy plane has been seen!...

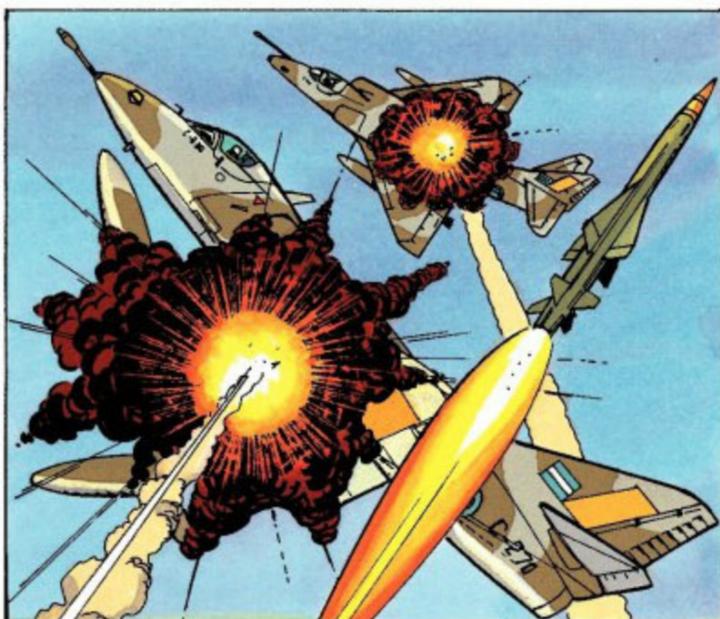
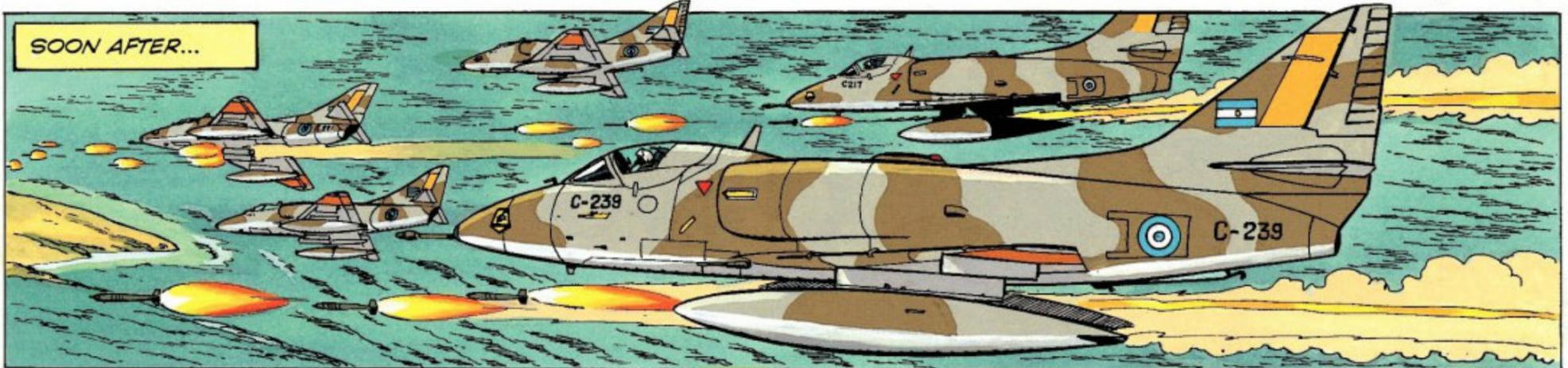
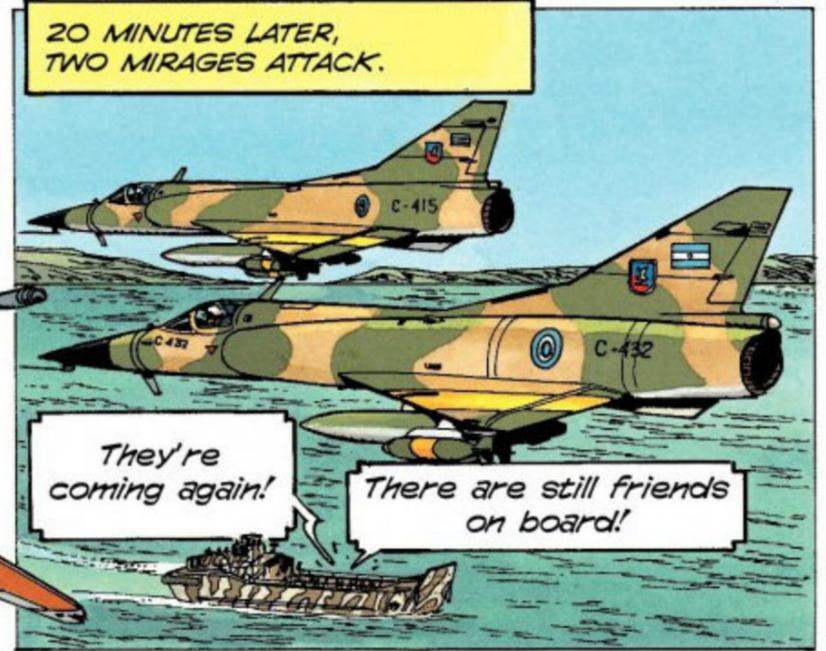
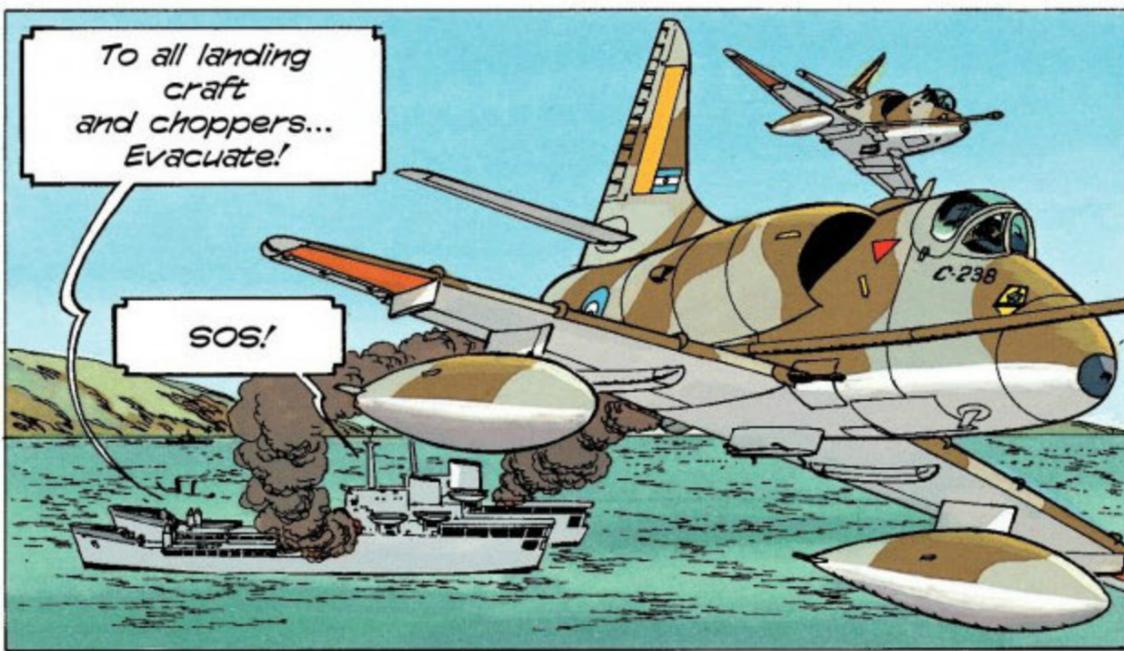


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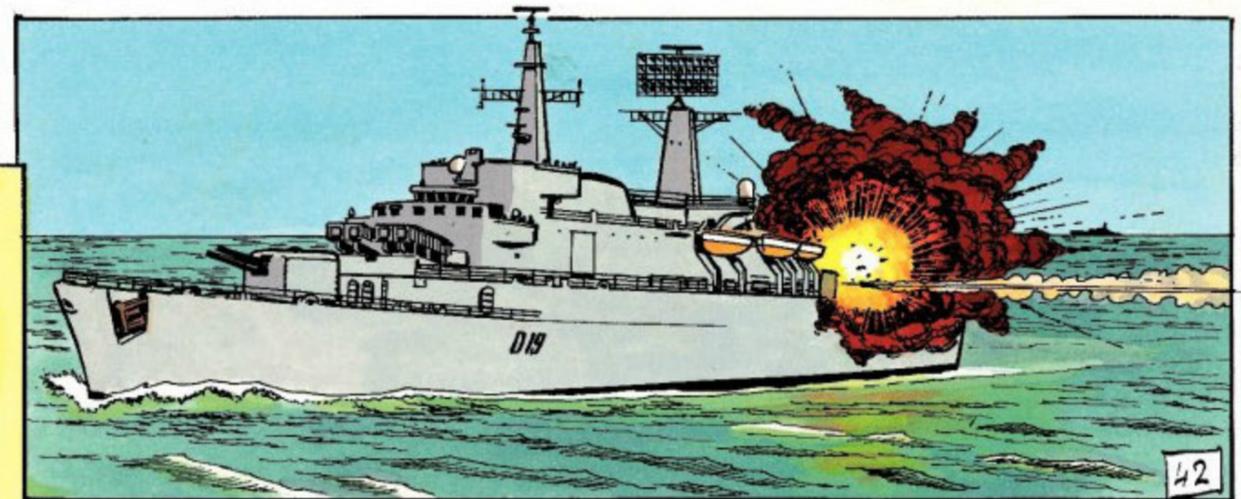
Landing craft in sight... Attack!

I'm on it!

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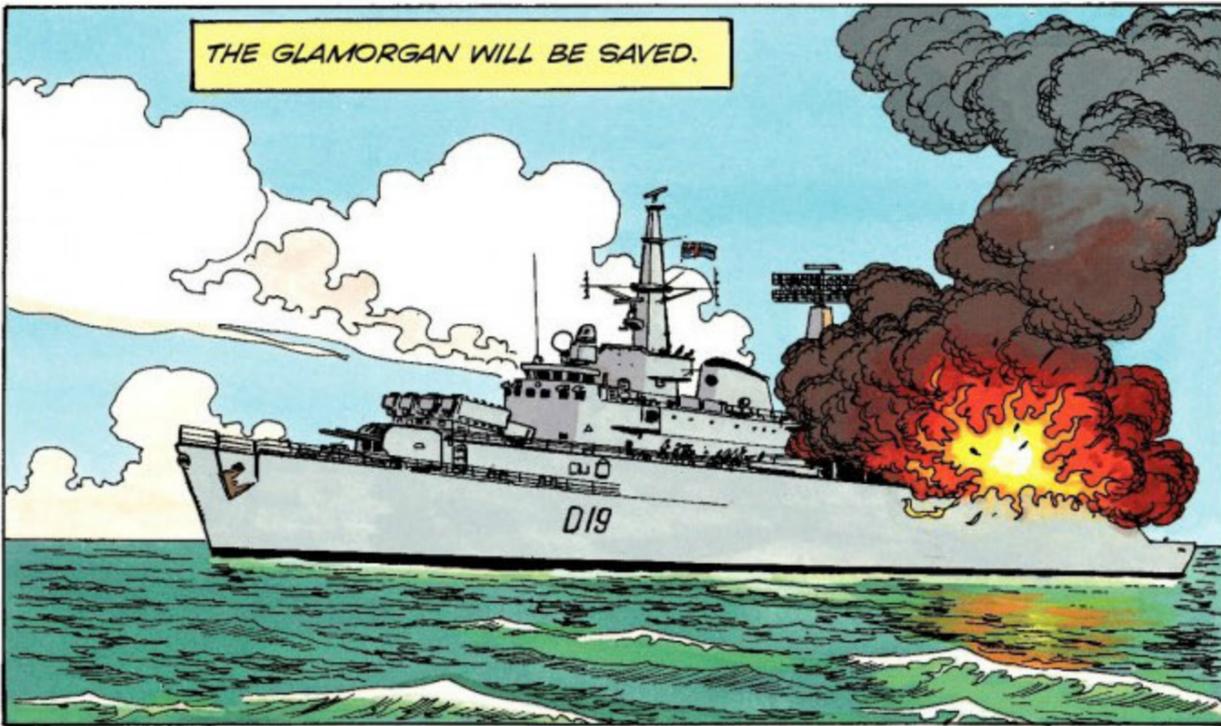


12TH OF JUNE, 6:36AM, THE GLAMORGAN SUPPORTS 45 CDO NEAR PORT STANLEY WITH ITS GUNS.



ON THE 8TH OF JUNE, THE "PLYMOUTH" IS ATTACKED NEAR SAN CARLOS BY 5 MIRAGES, 2 OF WHICH WILL BE DESTROYED. THE SHIP TAKES 3 HITS AND WILL BE RAVAGED BY FIRE. TO THE EAST OF STANLEY, THE NAVY, WORRIED BY THE AERIAL ATTACKS, PULLS BACK THE SURPLUS SHIPS IN THE TRALA ZONE* TO 370KM. ON LAND, THE ASSAULT ON STANLEY IS BEING PREPARED.

*NEUTRAL ZONE NORTHEAST OF THE FALKLANDS



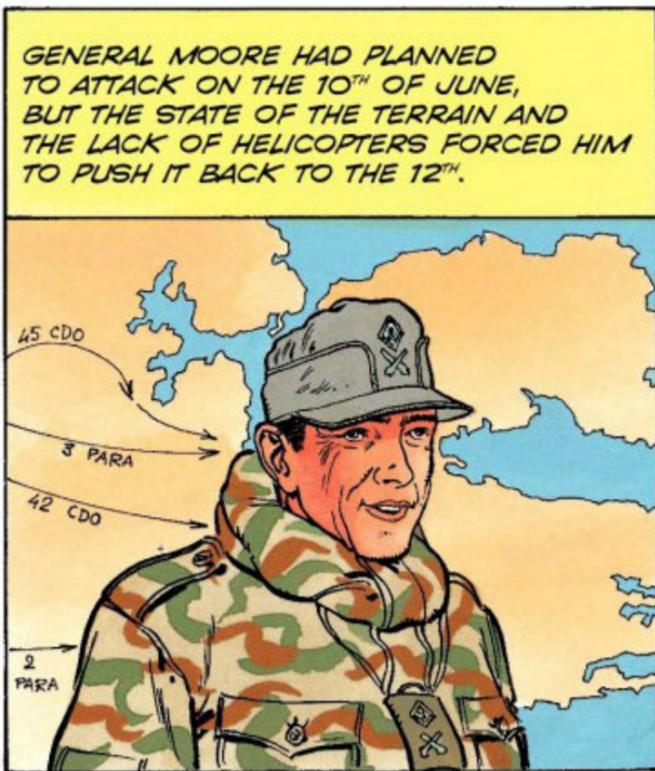
THE GLAMORGAN WILL BE SAVED.



ON LAND, THE MEN PREPARE THEMSELVES.

The Sea Harriers come from San Carlos...

The assault is imminent.

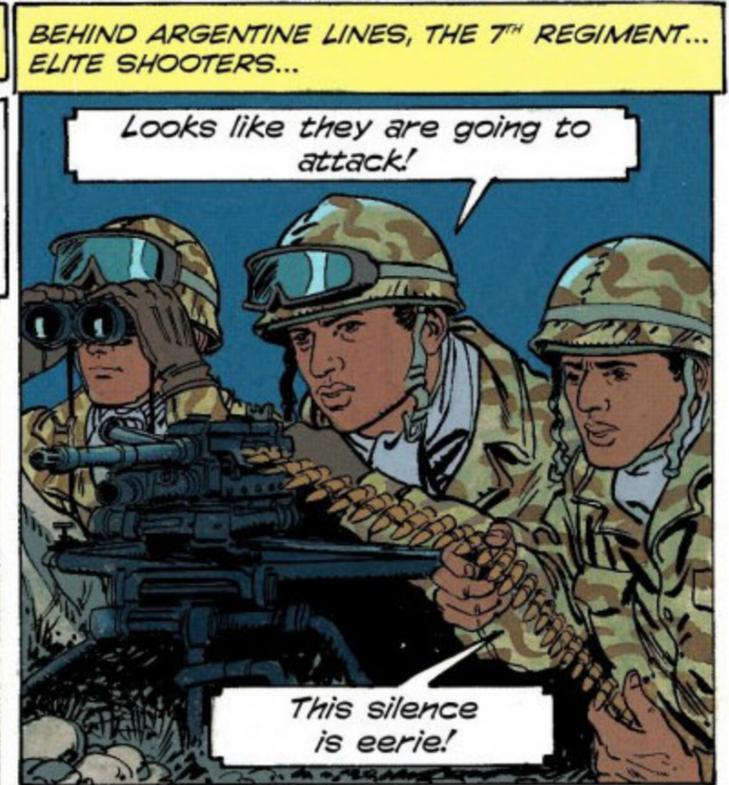


GENERAL MOORE HAD PLANNED TO ATTACK ON THE 10TH OF JUNE, BUT THE STATE OF THE TERRAIN AND THE LACK OF HELICOPTERS FORCED HIM TO PUSH IT BACK TO THE 12TH.



12TH OF JUNE, 2AM, COLONEL PIKE FROM 3 PARA.

We're 15 minutes late, direction Mount Longdon... 2 para is still in support.



BEHIND ARGENTINE LINES, THE 7TH REGIMENT... ELITE SHOOTERS...

Looks like they are going to attack!

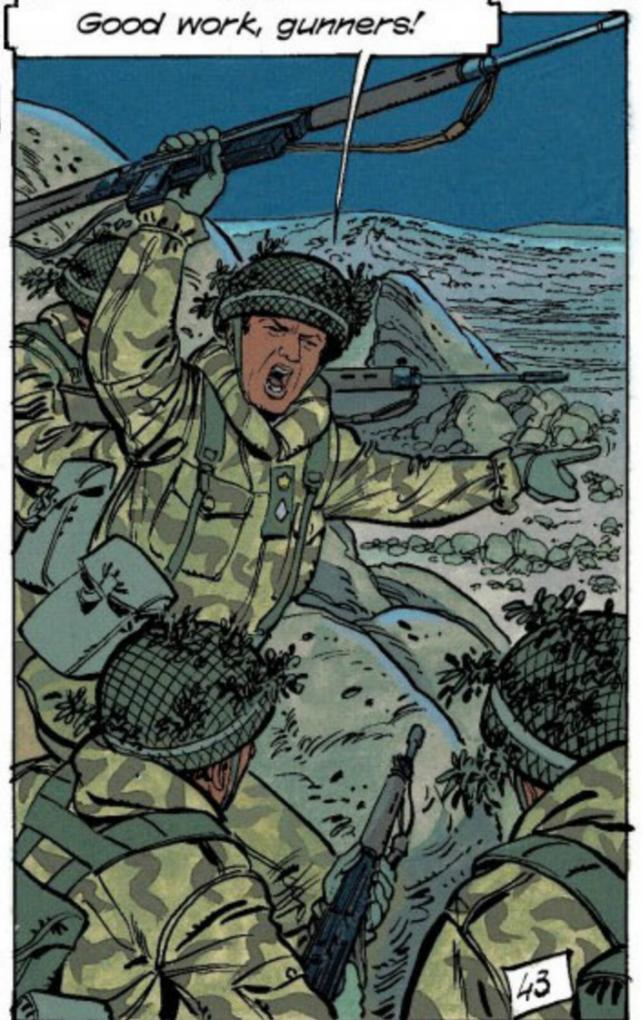
This silence is eerie!



Mines! They're here! Fire artillery! Fire!



Ask our men to fire back 50m in front of our positions... Same message for HMS "Avenger"!



Good work, gunners!



I'll assume command, 4 men with me!... Use the grenade on the machine gun!

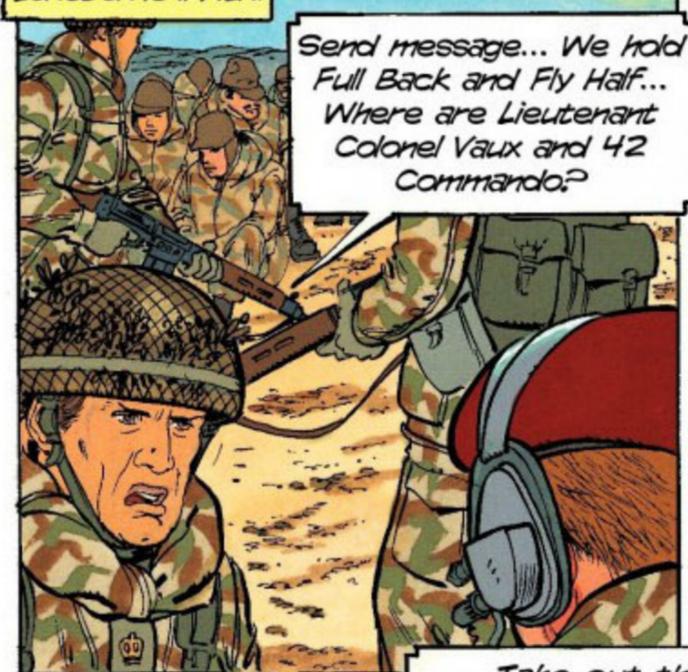
SGT. MACKAY IS KILLED... LIKE COL. H JONES, HE WILL BE AWARDED A POSTHUMOUS VICTORIA CROSS.



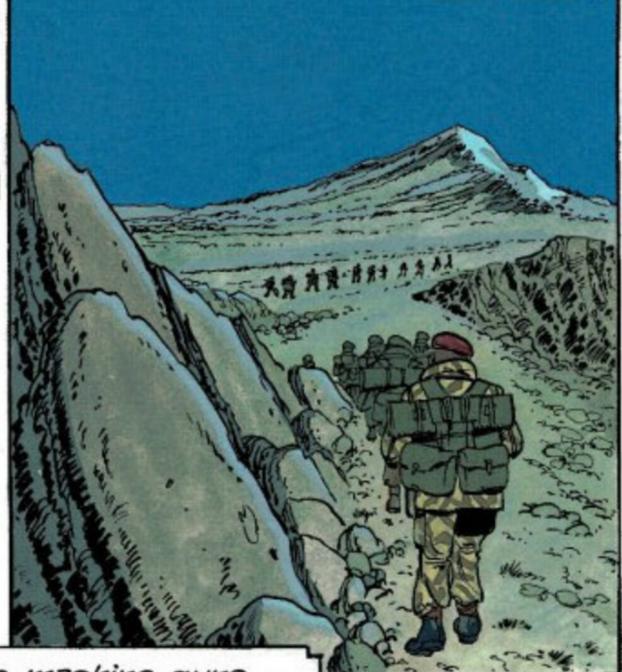
6 HOURS AFTER THE START OF THE FIGHTING, THE PARAS OCCUPY THE EASTERN PEAK, AND 10 HOURS LATER, THE WESTERN PEAK. MOUNT LONGDON IS TAKEN.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NICK VAUX AND 42 CDO MADE THEIR WAY TOWARDS MOUNT HARRIET.

AT THE SAME TIME... They are going by, on the road, open fire!



Send message... We hold Full Back and Fly Half... Where are Lieutenant Colonel Vaux and 42 Commando?



Take out the machine guns with Milans!



Take the machine guns and turn them around!



Good work, boys!

Sir, 45 commando has just taken Two Sisters!

All that's left to take is Wireless Ridge. 2 Para will meet some elite troops!



They are attacking from Goat Ridge; shower them!



WIRELESS RIDGE IS HELD BY THE 7TH REG. DE LA PLATA AND THE 1ST REG. OF PARAS.



The rocks are slippery. I'll block the gun with my foot.

You'll break your ankle...

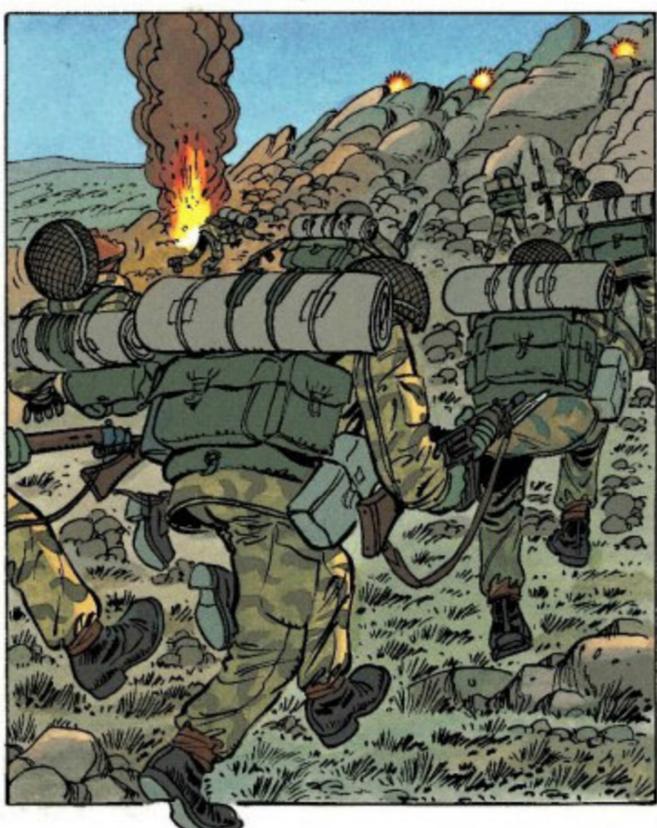
They're attacking! The British are attacking!

Tough! Our boys will replace us!

INDEED, THE SCOTS GUARDS WERE PREPARING... LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIKE SCOTT...



Do you understand, Jocks? If we are attacked, stay upright! If you lie down, you'll be too scared to get back up!



IT CAME TO BLOWS, MAN ON MAN.

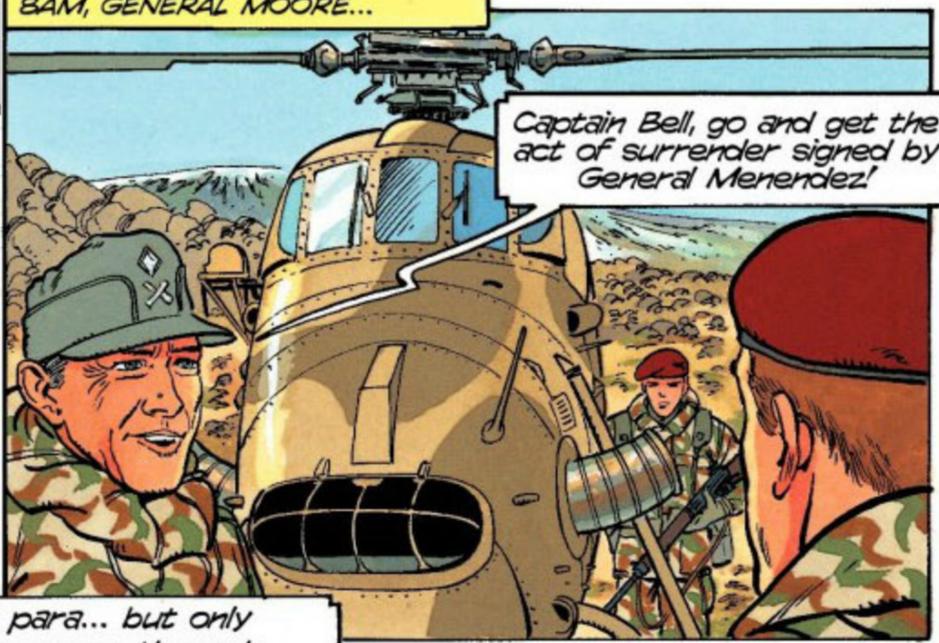


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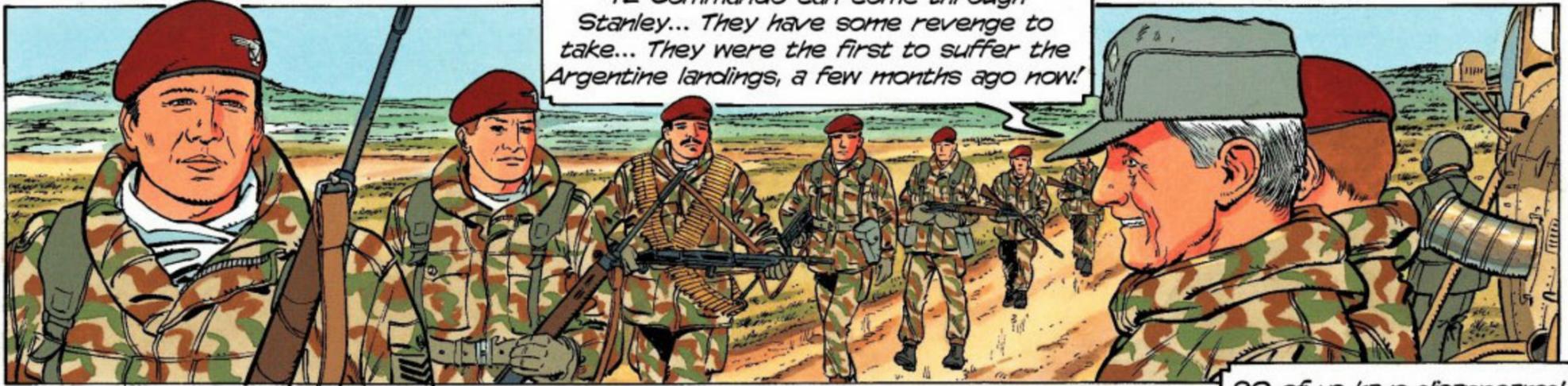
They have made contact with us! They will surrender! Helmets off and berets on!

Hip, hip, hooray!



BAM, GENERAL MOORE...

Captain Bell, go and get the act of surrender signed by General Menendez!



Sorry for you, 2 para... but only 42 Commando can come through Stanley... They have some revenge to take... They were the first to suffer the Argentine landings, a few months ago now!



It's a victory!

Of course, but this war cost us 255 deaths and 277 injuries. The Argentinians lost 1000 soldiers. We can't forget the lost lives and the families destroyed by this war...

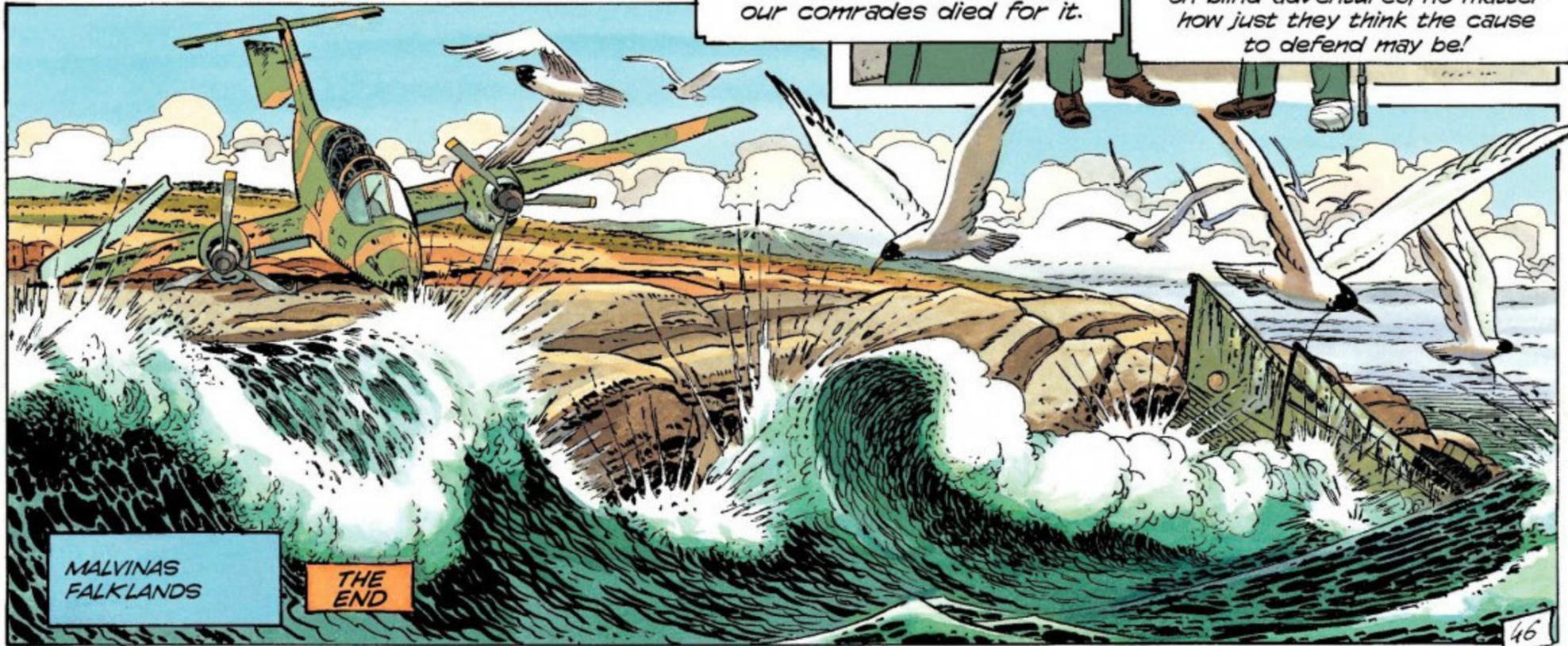


IN ARGENTINA...

90 of us have disappeared, Felipe, Arturo...

Let us hope for more responsible governments, who don't send us on blind adventures, no matter how just they think the cause to defend may be!

We kept our word and our comrades died for it.



MALVINAS FALKLANDS

THE END

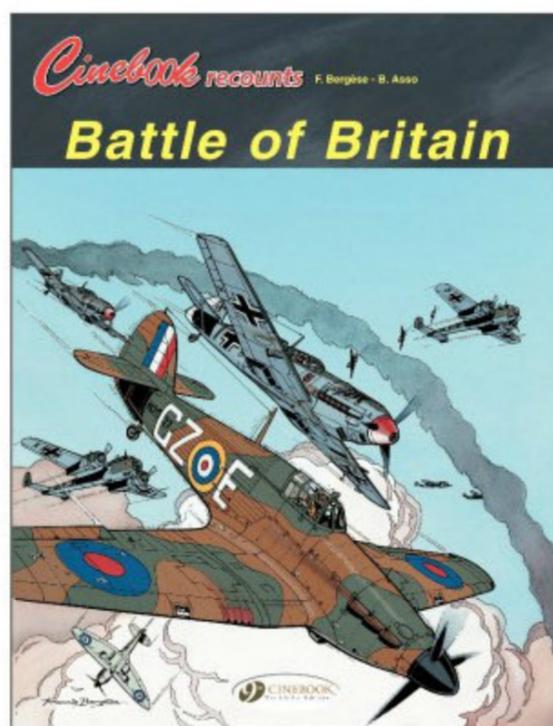
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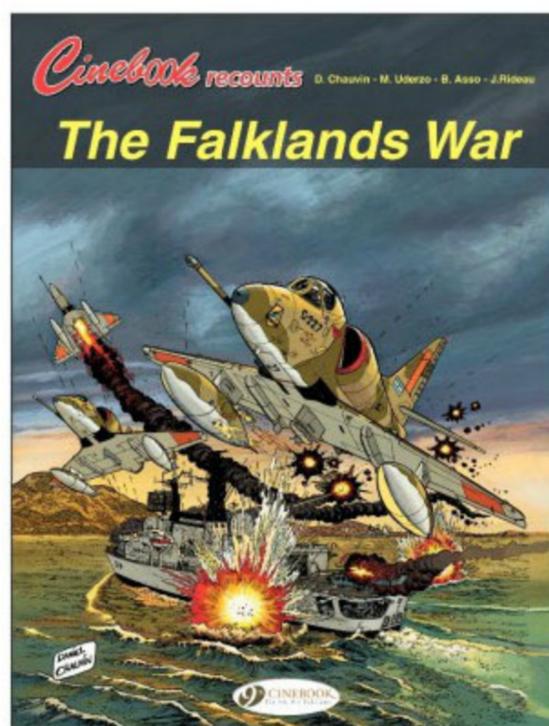


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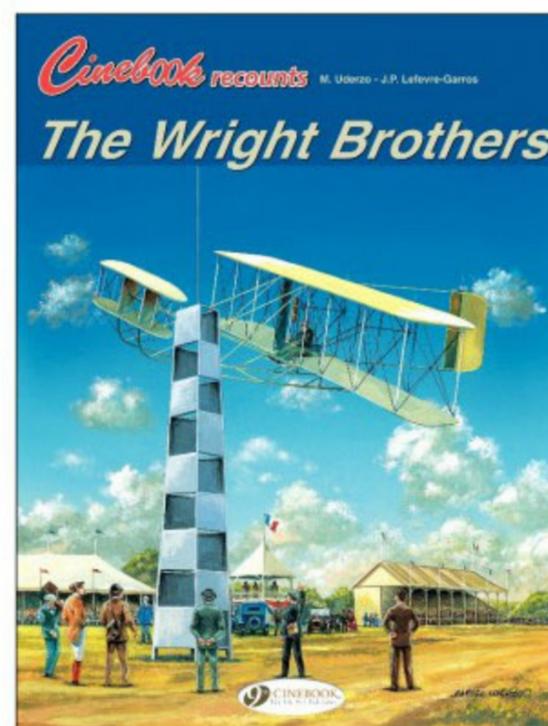
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