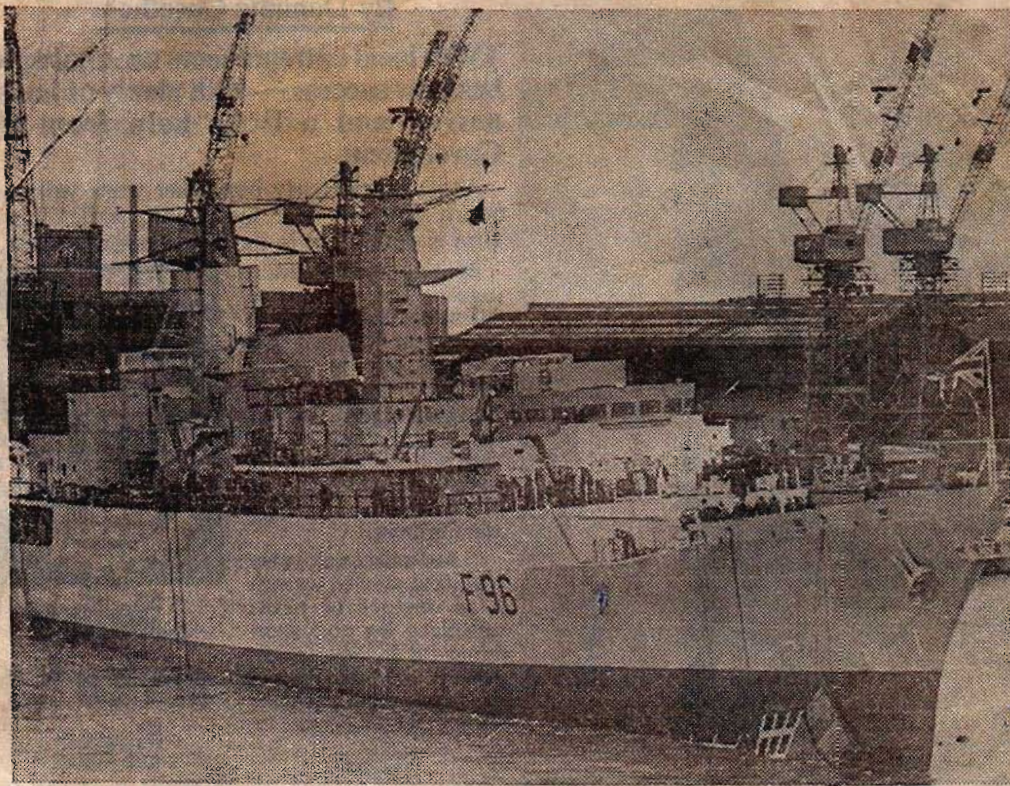


## Shipshape Sheffield puts out to sea to show its paces



Sailing out at last — the new Sheffield

HMS Sheffield sailed out into the North Sea at sunrise today for six more days of rigorous testing.

Setting out down river from her sheltered birthplace — Swan Hunter's Neptune shipyard, at Wallsend on Tyne — the warship hopes to uphold the tradition of her two predecessors.

The last HMS Sheffield, a Type 42 destroyer, was sunk by an Exocet missile during the Falklands War, with the death of 20 crewmen.

The first ship to bear the city's name was the Shiny Sheff — which was a 9,100-ton cruiser which won 12 battle honours during World War Two, before being scrapped in 1967.

The latest HMS

## 10-day trial for frigate

Sheffield, a lighter-weight 4,100 ton Type 22 frigate, has borne up well after four days of grueling runs back and forward along the North-East coast.

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Costing at least £100 million, she will join the Royal Navy as an anti-submarine frigate.

Last night she came back in to refuel after four days in which the

engines and weapon systems were minutely inspected for any faults.

"The trials have been very successful indeed so far," said Hugh Archbold, project manager for HMS Sheffield.

"Certain electrical equipment and weapons still have to be installed but, so far, she has stood up well to all the grueling tests we have been carrying out," he said.