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VISIT OF THE FLEET TO THE CLYDE

18th - 27th July.

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ENCLOSURES:-

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- (3) List of ships present - listed according to class.
- (4) " " " " - listed according to Command.
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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

(1) BRIEF OUTLINE OF FACILITY

As has been previously announced, the Fleet will be on the Clyde from July 18th to 27th and Their Majesties will spend July 22nd and 23rd with the Fleet.

It is obviously impossible for all Press representatives etc. to follow the Royal Party around as they visit the different ships (see programme of Royal Visit attached). It has been arranged therefore that the accredited Press Entourage shall accompany the Royal Party and that the remainder of the representatives will be accommodated in various ships in the Fleet and be concentrated during daylight hours on the 22nd and 23rd in those ships due to be visited by Their Majesties.

Representatives living on board one of H.M. Ships will be transferred as necessary. Those living on shore will be brought off on both mornings. Every step will be taken to ensure that representatives have as good a view as possible of the events on board their particular ship, but it is stressed that they must remain in the place allotted to them in the ship and not attempt to follow the Royal Party around. This will be done by the Press Entourage. It is intended that representatives will be put on shore as soon as possible after the Royal Party have left their ship.

Fleet Concert (in H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS (2030/23rd July))

In addition to the Press Entourage, 12 other representatives can be accommodated for this event. It is intended to allocate these 12 places at the Press Conference to be held in H.M.S. VENGEANCE (see para. 5).

Inspection of the Fleet by H.M. The King in an M.T.B. (1400/July 23rd)

It is regretted that the Press Entourage only can be allowed to follow the Royal Party. Other representatives will remain on board the ship to which they have been allocated.

(2) INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE REQUIRING CABIN ACCOMMODATION IN ONE OF H.M. SHIPS

(a) Cabin Accommodation. Cabin accommodation has been

reserved for you in H.M.S.

from.....July to.....,July.

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(b) How and when to join. You are requested to join your

ship from.....

which is the landing place for your ship's boats, and

to be on board by 10 p.m. on the 21st at the latest.

(c) Accommodation on July 22nd and 23rd. During

daylight hours on the 22nd you will be accommodated in

H.M.S. and on the 23rd in

H.M.S.

(3) INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE REQUIRING DAY ACCOMMODATION ONLY ON
JULY 22ND AND 23RD IN ONE OF H.M. SHIPS

Day accommodation has been reserved for you in

H.M.S.....on July 22nd and in H.M.S.....

on July 23rd.

An M.F.V. will leave.....

at 8.45 a.m. sharp on both days to take you to the ship to which

you have been allocated.

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(4) COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

- (a) Telephones on shore. Ten special telephone booths have been installed by the G.I.O. at the rear of the old Fleet Mail Office, Albert Harbour, Greenock, and five in the Harbour Master's Office, Cardwell Bay Jetty, Gourock. (See Berthing Plan attached).

A representative of Cable & Wireless will be in attendance at Albert Harbour, Greenock from 1200, the 21st, to 1200, the 24th.

- (b) Ships' radio. It will not be possible for representatives to make use of ships' radio.
- (c) Ship to shore telephone. H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK and H.M.S. MAIDSTONE are the only ships connected by telephone to the shore and it is regretted that it will not be possible for representatives to use these for the transmission of stories, etc.

(5) BOAT TRANSPORT

Two M.F.V.'s (Motor Fishing Vessels) have been allocated for the use of the Press by the C. in C. Home Fleet. Representatives are, however, advised to procure a boat from their own ships whenever possible for individual journeys.

(6) PRESS CONFERENCE AND TRIP ROUND ANCHORAGE

A Press Conference will be held on board H.M.S. VENGEANCE at 1330 on the 21st followed by a trip round the anchorage in the Press M.F.V.'s.

An M.F.V. can also be made available to take representatives around the anchorage a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, the 19th, if it is required.

(7) SCRUTINY

There will be no scrutiny of 'stories' or photographs, but no photographs must be taken on board between decks without the permission of the Ship's Press Liaison Officer.

(8) ENQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS, etc.

Representatives whose queries or complaints cannot be dealt with by the Press Liaison Officer on board the ship to which they are allocated should get in touch with the Fleet Information Officer (Lt. Cdr. Bathurst, D.S.C., R.N.) or Mr. W. Hayes of the Department of Naval Information, Admiralty, both of whom will be on board the DUKE OF YORK.

(9) MOTOR TRANSPORT

It is regretted that the Admiralty is not able to provide motor transport for Press representatives.

(10) VISITS TO OTHER SHIPS

Representatives will be free to visit any ship* in the anchorage between 19th and 26th July inclusive (except on the 22nd and 23rd), irrespective of the fact whether they are open to the public or not.

* Except H.M.S. SUPERB on July 24th.

(11) DRESS

Representatives are requested to bring dinner jackets or a dark suit for evening wear. For those attending the Fleet Concert in H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS on the 23rd, dinner jackets are compulsory.

(12) MESS BILLS

All representatives are requested to settle their mess bill with the Mess Secretary before they finally leave their ship.

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(13) ADMIRALTY PASSES

An Admiralty Pass is enclosed, covering -

- (a) Cabin Accommodation (where applicable);
- (b) day accommodation on July 22nd and 23rd;
- (c) permission to visit any ship in the anchorage except on July 22nd and 23rd. (see para. 10)

(14) PRESS BADGE

A Press Badge is enclosed, which you are requested to wear whilst with the Fleet.

Department of Chief of Naval Information,
Admiralty, S.W. 1.

10th July, 1947.

LIST OF H.M. SHIPS DUE TO VISIT THE CLYDE
(Listed according to class)

BATTLESHIPS

DUKE OF YORK [Ⓜ] (Flagship of the Home Fleet)	} KING GEORGE V. Class
ANSON (Flagship of the Training Battleship Squadron)	
HOWE [Ⓜ]	

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ILLUSTRIOUS (Fleet Carrier)
VENGEANCE (Light Fleet Carrier)

CRUISERS

SUPERB (Flagship of the 2nd Cruiser
Squadron) (Tiger Class)
CLEOPATRA, DIADEM, DIDO, SIRIUS (Dido Class)

DESTROYERS

DUNKIRK[Ⓜ], AISNE, JUTLAND[Ⓜ], GABBARD, CADIZ[Ⓜ]
ST. JAMES[Ⓜ], ST. KITTS, SLUYS, SOLEBAY,
FINISTERRE[Ⓜ], CORUNNA, BAROSSA[Ⓜ] (Battle Class);
MYNGS, ZEPHYR, ZEST (Zambesi Class);
RAPID, ROCKET[Ⓜ], ROEBUCK[Ⓜ], (Rotherham Class);
BICESTER, BLEASDALE, FARNDALE, EASTON (Hunt Class);
CRISPIN, CREOLE, ("C" Class);
WAKEFUL[Ⓜ], WHIRLWIND, WRANGLER, WIZARD ("W" Class);
ONSLAUGHT[Ⓜ], OPPORTUNE, OFFA[Ⓜ] ("O" Class);
ULSTER ("U" Class)

SLOOPS

FLEETWOOD, STARLING[Ⓜ], STORK[Ⓜ].

FRIGATES

BURGHEAD BAY (Bay Class);
LOCH ARKAIG, LOCH FADA, LOCH TRALAIG,
LOCH VEYATIE (Loch Class).

SUBMARINE DEPOT SHIPS

MAIDSTONE[Ⓜ] (Flagship of Flag Officer Submarines)
MONTCLARE[Ⓜ].

SUBMARINES

ALCIDE, ALDERNEY, ALARIC, ALLIANCE ("A" Class)
SIRDAR[Ⓜ], SPIRIT, SPITEFUL[Ⓜ], STURDY, SATUR[Ⓜ],
SENESCHAL, ("S" Class);
TRESPASSER, TACITURN, TRUMP[Ⓜ], TACTICIAN, THOROUGH,
THULE, TURPIN, TRADEWIND, TIPTOE (Titon Class).

MINESWEEPERS

FANCY, PLUTO, SPANKER, ROSARIO, BRAMBLE, NERISSA,
LENNOX, MARMION, ROMOLA (Algerine Class);
Two Motor Minesweepers.

CORVETTE

FLINT CASTLE

MISCELLANEOUS

BOXER (Radar Training Ship);
MINNA (Scottish Protection Cruiser),
WOODBRIIDGE HAVEN (Submarine Target Vessel).

TANK LANDING SHIPS

ANZIO, SUVLA, NARVIK.

TANK LANDING CRAFT

6 L.C.T.

M.T.B.'s

6 M.T.B.

MOTOR LAUNCH

1 M.L.

FLEET TUGS

ENFORCER

ROYAL FLEET
AUXILIARIES

BLACK RANGER

PRESTOL

THORNOL

PETROBUS

} Tankers

FORT ROSALIE - Naval Stores Issuing Ship

FORT DUQUESNE - Victualling Stores Issuing Ship.

LIST OF H.M. SHIPS DUE TO VISIT THE CLYDE

(Listed according to Commands)

(a) HOME FLEET

Second Battle Squadron

DUKE OF YORK (C.-in-C.H.F.)

Training Battleships

ANSON (F.O.T.B.)
HOWE

Second Cruiser Squadron

SUPERB (C.S.2)
CLEOPATRA
DIADEM
DIDO
SIRIUS

Fourth Destroyer Flotilla

MYNGS (D.4)
DUNKIRK
AISNE
JUTLAND
CORUNNA
BAROSSA

Fleet Auxiliaries

FORT ROSALIE
FORT DUQUESNE
ENFORCER
BLACK RANGER
PRESTOL
PETROBUS
THORNOL

Fifth Destroyer Flotilla

SOLEBAY (D.5)
GABBARD
ST. JAMES
ST. KITTS
SLUYS
CADIZ

(b) PORTSMOUTH COMMAND

Destroyers

FINISTERRE
ZEST
ZEPHYR

Sloops

FLEETWOOD
STARLING

Minesweepers

FANCY
PLUTO

Third Escort Flotilla

EASTON
FLINT CASTLE

R.P. Training Ship

BOXER

6 M.T.B.'s

(c) NORE COMMAND

Destroyers

BICESTER (Cdr. (D))
BLEASDALE
FARNDALE

(d) PLYMOUTH COMMAND

Destroyers

WIZARD (Cdr. (D))
ROEBUCK

First Minesweeping Flotilla

BRAMBLE (S.O.)
NERISSA

Frigate

BURGHEAD BAY

(e) ROSYTH.....

(e) ROSYTH COMMAND

Fourth Escort Flotilla

CRISPIN (S.O.)
CREOLE

Training Flotilla

WAKEFUL (S.O.)
ULSTER
WHIRLWIND
WRANGLER

Destroyers

RAPID
ROCKET

Frigates

LOCH ARKAIG
LOCH FADA
LOCH TRALAIG
LOCH VEYATIE

Minesweepers

ROSARIO
SPANKER
2 M.M.S.
1 M.L.

Landing Ships and Craft

L.S.T.'s
NARVIK
SUVLA
ANZIO

6 L.C.T. (8)

(f) FLAG OFFICER (AIR) (HOME)

Aircraft Carriers

ILLUSTRIOUS
VENGEANCE

(g) SUBMARINE COMMAND

MAIDSTONE
MONTCLARE
19 SUBMARINES

Submarine Target Ships

ONSLAUGHT
OFFA
OPPORTUNE
WOODBIDGE HAVEN

(h) FISHERY PROTECTION FLOTILLA

STORK (S.O.F.P.)
LENNOX
ROMOLA
MARMION.

(i) SCOTTISH PROTECTION CRUISER

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DETAILED PROGRAMME OF THE ROYAL VISIT TO THE FLEET

July 22nd and 23rd, 1947.

TUESDAY
22nd July

0800 Dress ship overall.

1000 Their Majesties accompanied by the Princesses and attended by the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in waiting arrive at Princes Pier, where they are received by the Provost of Greenock (D. Morris, Esquire), the Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire (A.A. Hagart Spiers, Esquire) and the Flag Officer Commanding Scotland and Northern Ireland (Vice Admiral Sir Frederick H.G. Dalrymple-Hamilton, K.C.B.)

Inspection of Royal Guard of Seamen from the Home Fleet.

1010 Their Majesties and the Princesses embark in the Royal Barge and proceed to H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK (Captain E.M. Evans-Lombe, C.B., R.N.), Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet, Admiral Sir Neville Syfret, K.C.B., K.B.E.

A Royal Salute will be fired from H.M. Ships as the Royal Barge leaves Princes Pier.

The Royal Standard will be broken in H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK and will remain flying in H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK until His Majesty finally disembarks on Wednesday, 23rd July.

1015 Arrive on board H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK, where Their Majesties will be received by the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet.

Inspection of Royal Marine Guard of Honour.

The Commander-in-Chief will present the Flag Officers, the Commanding Officers of ships to be visited, and his personal staff to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses.

Their Majesties will then walk round Divisions in H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK and witness from the boat deck a demonstration of action drills carried out in the "Battle Class" destroyer, H.M.S. AISNE (Commander G.L. Farnfield, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) alongside.

1115 Their Majesties visit H.M.S. MYNGS (Captain M.W. St. L. Searle, C.B.E., R.N.) and walk round Divisions, which will include representatives of all ships of the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla.

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- 1145 Visit H.M.S. ANSON (Captain M.H. Eveleigh, R.N.) (Flagship of Rear Admiral H. Hickling, C.B.E., D.S.O., Flag Officer, Training Battleships). Divisions, which will include representatives from H.M.S. HOWE (Captain R.M. Ellis, D.S.O., R.N.) will March Past.
- 1230 Luncheon in H.M.S. ANSON with Rear Admiral Hickling.
- 1400 Witness from H.M.S. ANSON the finish of a race by cutters manned by Ordinary Seamen.
- 1410 Visit H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS (Captain R.A.B. Edwards R.N.) Divisions, which will include representatives from the Rosyth Command ships, Reserve Fleet ships, H.M.S. ROSNEATH, Landing ships and craft, and Clyde Sea Cadets, will March Past.
- View the Fleet Handicrafts exhibition in the hangar.
- View latest types of Naval Aircraft and Equipment.
- 1510 Visit H.M.S. SOLEBAY (Captain R.L. Fisher, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.) and walk round Divisions which will include representatives of all ships of the Fifth Destroyer Flotilla.
- 1540 The Royal Party return in the Royal Barge to Princes Pier, Greenock.
- 1945 The Royal Party leaves Princes Pier in the Royal Barge to dine with the Commander-in-Chief in H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK.
- 2130 Reception for 500 officers on board H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK.
- 2247 Sunset - undress ship.
- Band and Drums in H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK.
- 2255 The Royal Party leaves H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK in the Royal Barge and returns to Princes Pier.

WEDNESDAY
23rd July

- 0800 Dress ship overall.
- 1000 Their Majesties and the Princesses arrive at Gamble Bridge Steps (?), Gourock, where they are received by the Provost of Gourock (Sloan MacMillan, Esquire), the Flag Officer Commanding Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet.
- 1005 Their Majesties embark in the Royal Barge and proceed to H.M.S. MAIDSTONE (Captain H.C. Browne, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.N.) (Flagship of Vice Admiral J.M. Mansfield, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., Flag Officer Submarines), where they will walk round Divisions which will include representatives of ships from the Submarine Command.

View.....

- View from H.M.S. MAIDSTONE a demonstration by a submarine alongside.
- 1045 Visit H.M.S. SUPERB (Captain R.M.T. Taylor, R.N.) (Flagship of Rear Admiral H.A. Packer, C.B., C.B.E., Flag Officer Second Cruiser Squadron), and walk round Divisions, which will include representatives from all the Cruisers and the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries.
- View from H.M.S. SUPERB a display by divers.
- 1130 Visit H.M.S. VENGEANCE (Captain J.H.F. Crombie, D.S.O., R.N.) Divisions, which will include representatives from Portsmouth, Plymouth and Nore Command ships, the First Minesweeping Flotilla and the Fishery Protection Flotilla, will March Past.
- 1215 Their Majesties proceed to H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK. Luncheon with the Commander-in-Chief.
- 1350 Witness a demonstration of amphibious vehicles disembarking from an L.C.T.(8), viewed from the quarterdeck of H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK.
- 1410 Their Majesties embark in a Motor Torpedo Boat for Royal Procession through the lines of the Fleet, while ships' companies man and cheer ship. The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in waiting follow in a second M.T.B.
- 1515 The Royal Party arrives at Princes Pier, Greenock.
- 1900 Their Majesties leave Princes Pier in the Royal Barge to dine with the Commander-in-Chief in H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS.
- 2030 Their Majesties attend a Fleet Concert in H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS.
- 2200 The Royal Party leaves H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS in the Royal Barge and returns to Princes Pier. A Royal Salute will be fired from H.M. Ships on the King landing. The Commander-in-Chief will take leave of Their Majesties at Princes Pier.
- 2245 Undress ship.

THURSDAY
24th July

The Royal Party will visit the Isle of Arran in H.M.S. SUPERB and lunch with the Duke of Montrose at Brodick Castle. Their Majesties will disembark at Wemyss Bay and leave by train for London during the evening.

LIST OF SHIPS OPEN TO VISITORS

Date	Battleships and Aircraft Carriers.	Cruisers and Depot Ships.	Destroyers and Frigates	Sloops, Minesweepers, Corvettes, and L.S.Ts.
Satur- day 19th July	DUKE OF YORK VENGEANCE	DIADEM SIRIUS MAIDSTONE	BLEASDALE BURGHREAD BAY DUNKIRK FINISTERRE GABBARD LOCH ARKAIG OPPORTUNE ZEPHYR ZEST	LENNOX MARMION ANZIO
Sunday 20th July	ANSON ILLUSTRIOUS	CLEOPATRA DIDO SUPERB MONTCLARE	AISNE BICESTER CREOLE EASTON FARNDALE LOCH FADA RAPID WIZARD	NARVIK ROMOLA STORK
Monday 21st July	HOWE VENGEANCE	DIADEM MAIDSTONE SIRIUS	CRISPIN LOCH TRALAI LOCH VEYATIE OFFA ONSLAUGHT	FLINT CASTLE
Thurs- day 24th July.	HOWE ILLUSTRIOUS	CLEOPATRA DIDO	MYNGS SLUYS ULSTER WHIRLWIND WRANGLER	FLEETWOOD PLUTO ROSARIO
Friday 25th July	ANSON ILLUSTRIOUS	DIADEM SIRIUS MAIDSTONE	CADIZ SOLEBAY ST. KITTS WAKEFUL	FANCY SPANKER SUVLA
Satur- day 26th July	DUKE OF YORK VENGEANCE	CLEOPATRA DIDO SUPERB	JUTLAND ROCKET ROEBUCK ST. JAMES	STARLING

Note: The Senior Flotilla Officer is to send two M.T.Bs. over to the Great Harbour on the above days. These M.T.Bs., and three of the submarines and half the craft already berthed there, are to be open to visitors each day.